# Collette WORLDWIDE TRAVEL GUIDE

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# **YOUR STORY starts here**

# 160 TOURS • 7 CONTINENTS • 5 TRAVEL STYLES

There's a whole world out there, full of moments you'll enjoy on the road...moments that enhance your story. In these pages are experiences – like staying overnight in an Irish castle and trekking the Sahara Desert via 4x4 – that our team excitedly creates because your happiness is our roadmap. Travel creates storytellers and the road is open and endless...it's full of possibilities. So...where will you go next?

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- River Cruise Explore the world's scenic waterways
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# TRAVEL WITH confidence

Every day, we have the privilege to connect travellers to this incredible world and we don't take that responsibility lightly. We've worked hard to earn your trust and we will always work hard to keep it. Because to us, you're a part of the Collette family.



# **Family First**

We've been family-owned for three generations. And at our core has been a family spirit that guides everything we do. Employees, guests, travel advisors, business partners – you're a part of this. We exist to make you happy, because you're *family*.

# **Social Responsibility**

We believe that travel should be a force for good. From an animal welfare program to carbon offsetting and local impact moments, we will always strive to make positive contributions in our local and global communities.







# **Collette's Travel Protection** Cancel & Get Your Money Back

Any reason, every tour. No blackout dates or restrictions. Our industry-leading plan allows you to cancel for any reason and receive a full money-back refund unlike many plans that only offer a voucher. This is our standard policy and has remained unchanged for decades.

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# **Flexible Tour Pacing**

We offer a careful selection of included features and free time to explore on your own. One-night stays are minimized and our pacing allows you to check all of the must-see boxes without feeling rushed. Built-in free time gives you the flexibility to experience the destination at your own perfect pace.

# **Private Sedan Service**

Leave the hassle of getting to and from the airport behind. Enjoy round-trip home to airport sedan service when you book air with us.

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# **Guaranteed Departures**

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





# **The Travelling Well Experience**

Our team consults with health and security experts all around the world because your well-being and happiness are – as always – our top priority.

Check out **collette.com/travellingwell** to see the most up-to-date wellness protocols.



# your happiness is our road map

160 tours to all 7 continents and 5 travel styles...that's a world of possibility. But no matter where you go, you can always rely on the Collette promise: **as lovers of travel**, **we will go the distance for you on every single tour**.

# WE HANDLE EVERYTHING



# Food, Must-Sees, and Local Interactions

From transportation to finding the most immersive experiences a destination has to offer, we create a seamless experience and take the hassle out of planning. You'll see all the must-sees, meet the locals, experience traditions, taste the local flavour through rich culinary experiences, and venture off the beaten path.



# 4-Star Accommodations in the Perfect Locations

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



# **Destination Experts Guiding You**

Tour Managers are by your side every step of the way, taking your travel experience to the next level. Part concierge, part friend, part host – these experts are the best at what they do, and they share the best of the world with you.

a. Savour Vietnamese favourites during a cooking demonstration. b. Look for the northern lights during your stay at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort in Finland. c. Tour Managers are ready to share the best of the world with you.

# go behind the scenes WITH THE COLLETTE TEAM

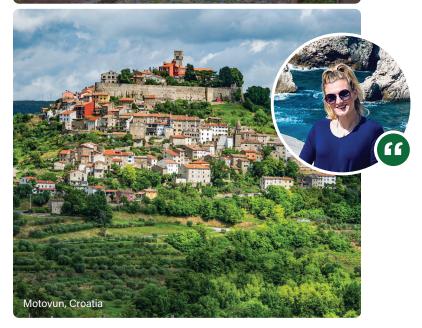
We have some truly amazing adventures sprawling across the USA, Canada and Costa Rica. Hear from some of the creators of these tours as well as longtime Tour Managers and get a sneak peek into what they're the most excited about this year.



Samantha K. TOUR DESIGNER

# What are you most excited about for this travel season?

We have a new **Spotlight on Boston** tour and I'm so excited for it. Last year, travellers embraced exploring in their own backyards. Boston is such a cool city – from the Salem Witch Trials to Lexington and Concord, we embrace the city's fascinating history. We meet the people (and their accents) and try the food (*New England clam chowder and a cannoli? Need I say more?*).



# Sanja K. TOUR DESIGNER

# Which new tour do you think travellers will fall in love with?

We have a small group Explorations tour to **the Balkans** that's so fun, visiting **Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia.** And it's so immersive – we meet a war survivor and learn from locals how to make Bosnian coffee. We join a third generation truffle hunt family on their grounds and get to watch some adorable pups in action!



# Mark G. TOUR MANAGER

## What are travellers on the road saying?

It's been so great to be back out on the road with our travellers. They're as excited to explore the world again as we are! And doing it together is what I love. A lot of people seem to be thrilled about our **brand-new Peaks** of Europe tour and I get it. They can experience France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Italy through the lens of the Alps and Dolomites these gorgeous mountain vistas tell a new kind of story of Europe and you know with a tour like that, the pictures will be postcard-perfect.



# Jaclyn L. PRESIDENT

# What can you tell us about the expansion of the Small Group Explorations travel style?

The reason we created our five Travel Styles is to offer tours that suit the diversified needs of our travellers. Everyone is different and we love being able to listen to what our travellers are asking for and creating, with their happiness in mind. Last year, as travel made its comeback, travellers wanted more small group touring. Our designers, who build and manage your favourite tours, added some exciting brand-new tours to the lineup, including many small group tours. There are some amazing Explorations tours you can find in these pages throughout Europe as well as in immersive destinations like **Morocco** and **Egypt**. This ever-growing Travel Style is one that just keeps growing more popular with our travellers so we will continue creating culturally rich journeys to expand it more for you.

Our **brand-new Montana** tour was created directly because travellers wanted to experience this destination and the gorgeous national parks located here. Our **African Safari: Kenya and Tanzania** tour offers such an immersion in the local culture, including interactions with local tribes and a balance of animal inclusions in addition to 12 game drives! On our **brandnew Costa del Sol and Portuguese Riviera** tour, travellers climb aboard a private tram for a city tour of Lisbon that is truly an experience you'd be hard-pressed to have on your own.

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Our team is on the road all year and they send us the best snapshots of their travels! Every photo is a story from the road and these moments definitely capture the magic of travel.



# Share your own travel snapshots with #gocollette and stay connected!



We love hearing your story and seeing these moments come to life!

# TRAVEL WITH flexibility so the journey is uniquely yours

It's a group tour, but the journey is uniquely **yours**. As you plan your trip, there are various choices you can make along the way so that it's as unique as you are. Choosing where you want to go is just the beginning.



Combine our new Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia tour with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



On <u>The Azores: Jewels of</u> <u>Portugal</u>, swim in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos or hike along lava fields.



FEATURED EXTENSION

On our new Japan: Past & Present tour, extend your journey to Seoul, South Korea with a 4-night post-tour extension.

# Multi-Tour - Combine Two Tours & Make the Most of Your Travels

We can help you seamlessly string together two of our tours, so you can have the Collette travel experience back-to-back. When you do a **Multi-Tour**, you'll save time and money. Not only will you save by only having one intercontinental flight, Collette now has a special multi-tour offer – save \$300 pp\*\* off the second tour you choose.

# It's Your Choice! 😯

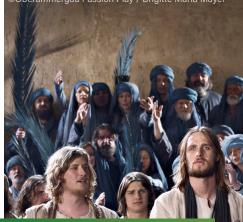
On select days during your tour, you'll see some excursions from our **It's Your Choice** program. Basically, read up on the included excursions offered and then choose the outing that truly excites you. Then, on the selected day, you set off for your preferred activity – making for a more personalized experience.

# Extensions

Take your trip to the next level when you add an extension to the start or end of a tour, and make even more unforgettable memories while exploring the world. Make the most of your airfare by adding more time in your destination. Extensions really are a wonderful way to begin or end your tour, giving so much more time for in-depth exploration.

# **Optional Excursions**

A sunset dinner in Santorini...ziplining in Costa Rica... a dog sled and helicopter flight in Alaska. Our team has created exciting optional tour excursions that travellers can purchase to personalize their trip even more. During built-in free time, travellers can opt to partake in experiences that deepen their perspective of the destination.





The Passion Play Theater in Oberammergau, Germany ©Oberammergau Passion Play 7 Kienberger Lechbruck



Almere in Amsterdam, the site of Floriade Expo 2022

FESTIVAL & WORLD **EVENTS** 

Want a truly unique experience? Choose a tour that features one of the world's most unique celebrations!

Like **Oberammergau's Passion Play** – it has been performed every ten years since 1634. Take your seat at the show and make your trip part of history.

The **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta** is one of the most photographed travel events in the world and it's so worth the trip!

And if you're thinking of taking a tour to the Netherlands in 2022, don't miss the once-in-a-decade **Floriade Expo** – a horticultural dream come true.



Hot air balloons fill up the sky at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

See all our tours that feature a special world event in our new brochure!

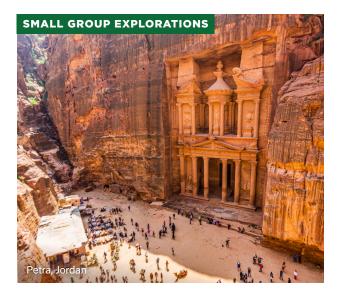
10 Can't-Miss Special World Events

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\*\*Offer valid on new multi tour bookings made between 02/08/2021 - 12/31/2022 for travel through 12/31/2023. \$300 per person savings is derived from earning \$150 per person loyalty credits to be applied to the second trip in the same reservation, plus a \$150 per person discount for booking two tours in the same reservation. Offers can expire earlier due to space or inventory availability. Space is on a first come, first served basis. Offers are not valid on group or existing bookings. Offers are not combinable with any other offers. Other restrictions may apply.

# what's your style?

At Collette, our tours all have one thing in common: they were crafted for your happiness. Our tour designers have collected some of our most popular types of tours and created **Travel Styles** to help you find the perfect tour.



# **SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS** A Connection to Culture

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



# **CLASSIC** Iconic Sights, Enriching Experiences

- $\, \odot \,$  Ideal for seeing the world's iconic destinations.
- 100+ globe-spanning tours: from close to home to a world away.
- Preferential access to sights means you'll skip the line and spend more time discovering.
- Hit all the highlights at a value-minded price.



# SPOTLIGHTS

# Go In Depth, Unpack Just Once

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



# **RIVER CRUISE** Explore the World's Scenic Waterways

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



# **FAITH** Spiritual Journeys

- Ideal for those who wish to connect with their faith on a deeper level.
- Reverent and reflective: from shrines & holy sites to included Mass on many tours.
- Take a personal pilgrimage: walk in the footsteps of your faith's forefathers.
- Modest 3-star accommodations capture the humble surroundings in which they sit.

# NATIONAL PARKS OF AMERICA

# 12 DAYS · 16 MEALS starting at \$5399

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

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

Memorial • Mount Rushmore



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

Y IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — In Zion National Park, delve into the area's native heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum -OR- venture off on your own to explore the park independently.

## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Experience a chuck wagon dinner and cowboy entertainment.
- Discover a world of colour and light on a breakfast cruise on Lake Powell.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ
- Day 2 Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ
- Day 3 Grand Canyon Lodges\* North Rim or South Rim, Grand Canyon, AZ
- Days 4, 5 Holiday Inn Express or Hampton Inn & Suites, Springdale, UT
- Day 6 Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown or Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek or Salt Lake City Marriott City Center, Salt Lake City, UT
- Days 7, 8 Snow King Resort, SpringHill Suites by Marriott or Continuum, Jackson Hole, WY
- Day 9 Yellowstone Lodges\*\*\*, Yellowstone National Park
- Day 10 Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY Day 11 Courtyard by Marriott, Rapid City, SD



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

**Day 1:** Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins Journey through five of America's most incredible national parks. Your tour opens in Arizona where you will enjoy a stay in the world-famous resort town of Scottsdale. This evening, join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### **Day 2:** Scottsdale - Sedona - Lake Powell Begin the day with a visit to the artists' colony of

Sedona and see the amazing rock formations that change hue with each turn in the road. Later today, arrive at Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views of the lake. (B, D)

## Day 3: Lake Powell - Grand Canyon

Embark on a delightful breakfast cruise on scenic Lake Powell. Head to the Carl Hayden Visitors Center and look out over Glen Canyon Dam to see the end of Lake Powell. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – the spectacular Grand Canyon.\* Upon arrival, relax at one of the many public seating areas overlooking the immense and colourful canyon. Take a moment to reflect as you stand in awe of this iconic natural treasure. Before dinner you may wish to take a short hike to explore the area. (B, D)

# **Day 4:** Grand Canyon - Bryce Canyon - Springdale, Utah

Today's journey takes you to Bryce Canyon National Park, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within the park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidizing within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that colour these formations. End your day in Springdale, the gateway to Zion National Park. (B, D)

## Day 5: Zion National Park 😵

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

**Day 6:** Springdale - Salt Lake City Enjoy a tour of Salt Lake City featuring the Great





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

# **Day 7:** Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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

#### Day 8: Jackson Hole

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

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

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

#### Day 10: Yellowstone - Cody -Sheridan

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

# **Day 11:** Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota

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

## Day 12: Rapid City - Tour Ends

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

#### ALSO AVAILABLE

#### America's National Parks & Denver

See more of the American West on this adventure that also includes Rocky Mountain National Park and the "Mile High City."

14 DAYS, 20 MEALS • STARTING AT \$6399

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## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Choose to add more time to your trip:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT SCOTTSDALE CALL FOR DETAILS

**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine National Parks of America with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on May 13, 2022 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

# May - October 2022

May 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23 May 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31 June 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 13 June 18, 20, 25, 27 July 2, 9, 16, 23 August 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 27 September 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 September 12, 13, 16, 17

September 19, 20, 22, 23 September 24, 27, 29 October 1, 3, 4, 6, 7

#### RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS + A FASTER PACE

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

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Explore the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to Buffalo Bill Cody.
- Meet Native Americans and discuss their unique and colourful culture.
- Make yourself at home with a 2-night stay in Denver, the "Mile High City."

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Delve into the area's native heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum -ORventure off on your own to explore the park independently.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Experience a chuck wagon dinner and cowboy entertainment.
- Discover a world of colour and light on a breakfast cruise on Lake Powell.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ
Day 2	Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ
Day 3	Grand Canyon Lodges* North Rim or South Rim, Grand Canyon, AZ
Days 4, 5	Holiday Inn Express, Springdale, UT
Day 6	Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown, Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City Marriott City Center, Salt Lake City, UT
Days 7, 8	Snow King Resort or SpringHil Suites by Marriott, Jackson Hole, WY
Day 9	Yellowstone Lodges***, Yellowstone National Park
Day 10	Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY
Day 11	Courtyard by Marriott, Rapid City, SD
Days 12, 13	Sheraton Denver Downtown



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

# Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins

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

# **Day 2:** Scottsdale - Sedona - Lake Powell Begin the day with a visit to the artists' colony of

Sedona and see the amazing rock formations that change hue with each turn in the road. Later today, arrive at Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views of the lake. (B, D)

# Day 3: Lake Powell - Grand Canyon

Embark on a delightful breakfast cruise on scenic Lake Powell. Head to the Carl Hayden Visitors Center and look out over Glen Canyon Dam to see to the end of Lake Powell. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World - the spectacular Grand Canyon.\* Upon arrival, relax at one of the many public seating areas overlooking the immense and colourful canyon. Take a moment to reflect as you stand in awe of this iconic natural treasure. Before dinner you may wish to take a short hike to explore the area. (B, D)

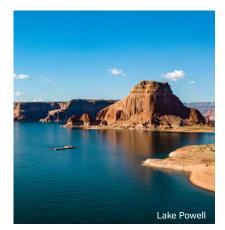
# **Day 4:** Grand Canyon - Bryce Canyon - Springdale, Utah

Today's journey takes you to Bryce Canyon National Park, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within the park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidizing within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that colour these formations. End your day in Springdale, the gateway to Zion National Park. (B, D)

# Day 5: Zion National Park 📀

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

Hotel, Denver, CO





#### Day 6: Springdale - Salt Lake City

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

# **Day 7:** Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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

## Day 8: Jackson Hole

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

# **Day 9:** Jackson Hole - Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks From Jackson Hole, pass through Grand

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

#### Day 10: Yellowstone - Cody -Sheridan

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

# **Day 11:** Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota

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

## Day 12: Rapid City - Denver, Colorado

Today's adventure takes you south into Wyoming and through Cheyenne, the state capital. Later, arrive in Denver, Colorado — the "Mile High City." Relax and make yourself at home for the next two nights. (B)

# **Day 13:** Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park - Denver

Set out for spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park. Here, the beauty of the West is preserved and the term "sweeping vistas" takes on a whole new meaning. Return to Denver and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

# Day 14: Denver - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# **AMERICA'S** COWBOY COUNTRY

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS STARTING AT \$3299

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Salt Lake City - Grand Teton National Park Yellowstone National Park • Buffalo Bill Center of the West • Deadwood • Custer State Park • Crazy Horse Memorial • Mt. Rushmore



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- · Watch Old Faithful geyser erupt, sending steam high in the air.
- · Let nature fill you with awe at Grand Teton National Park.
- Visit the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

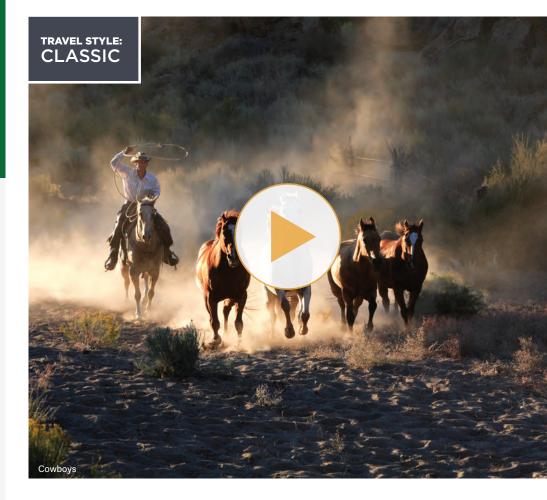
#### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

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

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Radisson Hotel, Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek or Salt Lake City Marriott City Center, Salt Lake City, UT
- Days 3, 4 SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Jackson, WY
- Buffalo Bill Village Holiday Day 5 Inn and Cabins, Cody, WY
- Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY Day 6
- Days 7, 8 Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, SD

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Salt Lake City, Utah - Tour Begins Welcome to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah with a small-town feel, surrounded by the often snowdusted Wasatch Mountains.

#### Day 2: Salt Lake City

Get to know Salt Lake City on a tour featuring the Great Salt Lake and the Utah State Capitol building. After you're acquainted with the city, spend the rest of the day relaxing or explore more on your own. Perhaps you will choose to explore Temple Square - a beautifully landscaped area set in the heart of downtown. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner with your new travel companions. (B, D)

## Day 3: Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Mile after mile of stunning scenery unfolds on your drive to Wyoming. Pastoral ranch lands and towering mountains like Bear Lake Summit serve up a feast for the eves as you make your way to the valley of Jackson Hole. (B)

#### Day 4: Jackson - Grand Teton National Park - Jackson

Wind through Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest peaks in the Rockies. Keep your

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

## Day 5: Jackson - Yellowstone National Park - Cody, Wyoming

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

#### Day 6: Cody - Sheridan

This morning, visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known





figures of the Old West. This afternoon, make your way through the Bighorn Mountains and cross through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation before turning in for the night in Sheridan. (B)

## **Day 7:** Sheridan - Deadwood -Rapid City, South Dakota

Stop in Deadwood, a rambling Western town and a National Historic Landmark. Recreations of turn-of-the-century street lamps light the way through the restored architecture. A local guide introduces you to the history of the city, where gold, gambling and gunpowder were once the order of the day. Visit Mount Moriah Cemetery, final resting place of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and other figures from the Wild West. Continue on to Kevin Costner's Tatanka: Story of the Bison. This interpretive centre features large, awe-inspiring sculptures depicting the relationship of bison and the Lakota Native Americans. Your day ends in Rapid City. (B)

#### **Day 8:** Rapid City - Custer State Park - Crazy Horse - Mt. Rushmore

Travel to Custer State Park and search for a herd of over 1,000 roaming bison. Your guide will fill you in on the park's wildlife history and facts. Next, prepare to be amazed by the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. The memorial includes the Indian Museum of North America, Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, an orientation centre and theaters. Many Native American artists and craftspeople practice their art at the memorial and are on hand to discuss the influence their culture has on their work. Later. see Mount Rushmore. one of the country's most famous landmarks. This evening, engage in a special conversation with a Lakota Native American to discuss his dedication to his community and the Native American way of life, past and present. Complete your day with a farewell dinner, where you'll toast to the end of your adventure through America's cowboy country. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Rapid City - Tour Ends

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



## **Optional 1-Night Badlands National Park Post-Tour** Starting at \$410 pp

#### **Day 9:** Rapid City - Badlands National Park - Rapid City

Welcome to rugged Badlands National Park, the lands where Teddy Roosevelt once declared "the romance of my life began." Start your discovery of this incredible park at the Visitor's Center, where you can get acquainted with the park through informative exhibits and displays. Follow the Badlands Loop Road, which boasts a land unchanged since Roosevelt's time there, with a wonder of rock formations and vibrant colours caused by mineral deposits. Step back in time at Wall Drug, a classic store from 1936, where you'll enjoy free time for lunch and browsing its cowboy themed stores. This evening is at your leisure in Rapid City.

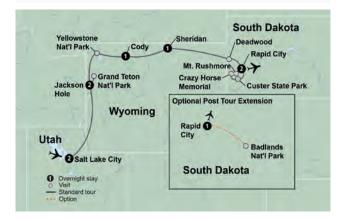
#### Day 10: Rapid City - Tour Ends

After breakfast, pack up your cowboy boots and bid farewell to South Dakota as you depart for home. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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September 3, 10, 17, 18, 24 October 1, 8

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This extension is led by a Tour Manager or local expert. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

**66** I would recommend Collette, the cost is reasonable, lots of experiences; selected great restaurants, hotels wonderful. Our Tour guide was a wealth of knowledge, very personable, flexible...safety of the travellers was always number one. **99** 

- Collette Traveller

# CANYON COUNTRY

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS starting at \$3799

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Scottsdale • Oak Creek Canyon • Kaibab National Forest • Grand Canyon • Lake Powell • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Las Vegas



## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy time in Sedona and take a scenic drive through Oak Creek Canyon.
- Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram with an expert guide.
- Experience the neon-lit Las Vegas strip.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- Be sure to choose your option before departure.
  Day 6 Delve into the area's native
- heritage at the Zion Human History Museum -**OR**- venture off on your own to explore Zion independently.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

• Experience dinner overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

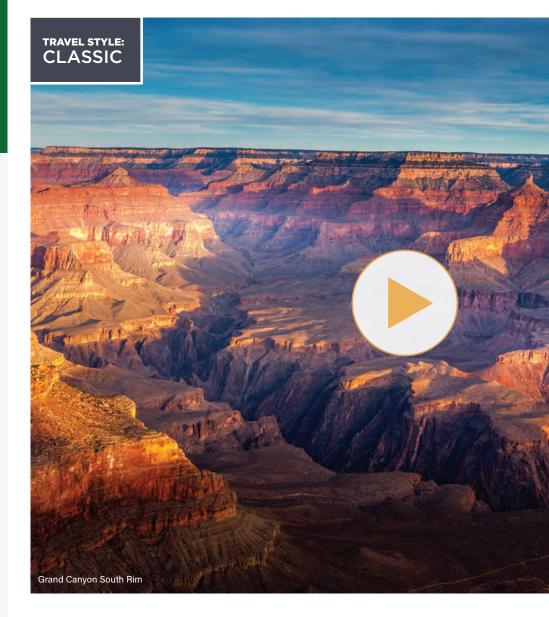
- Day 1 Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ
- Day 2 Grand Canyon area\* hotel, AZ
- Days 3, 4 Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

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

- Days 5, 6 Courtyard by Marriott, St. George, UT
- Day 7 Paris Hotel or Bally's Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV

Due to the seasonality of the parks, hotels are reflective of the landscape's rustic nature.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

#### Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 2: Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon Area

Start your day in Sedona, where the sun shines against stunning sandstone formations. Soak in the inviting atmosphere and colourful vistas while browsing the arts and crafts shops of the marketplace. Admire Oak Creek Canyon, where the rock formations seem to change hue with every turn in the road. Make your way through the Kaibab National Forest before reaching the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. (B, D)

**Day 3:** Grand Canyon Area - Lake Powell Follow the winding landscape along East Rim Drive, bringing you to Cameron Trading Post. For nearly a century, the post has acted as a haven for travellers, traders, and explorers. Continue north through the mesa-studded desert before arriving at your home for the next two evenings – overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell. Enjoy dinner and relax as you take in the picture-perfect canyon lake. (B, D)

## Day 4: Lake Powell –Horseshoe Bend – Lake Powell

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



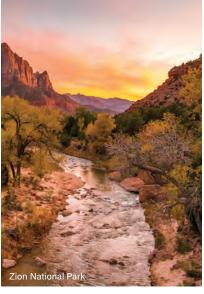
through Wahweap Bay to the Glen Canyon Dam and enjoy the breathtaking views on the lake. (B)

# **Day 5:** Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park – St. George, UT

Your journey continues at Bryce Canyon National Park, famous for its ethereal spires known as hoodoos. These rock formations, created over thousands of years by wind and water, display natural orange and red hues that contrast with the deep green forests in the park. Take in the sprawling vistas as you wander along Sunset Point, leading into Sunrise Point Rim Trail. Your day ends in St. George, Utah. (B)

# Day 6: St. George - Zion National Park – St. George ♥

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the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Delve into the area's Native American heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum -**OR**- venture off on your own to explore the park independently. (B)

## **Day 7:** St. George - Las Vegas, Nevada

Trade nature's beauty for the lights of the Vegas strip. This four-mile stretch of road features neon-lit resorts and around-theclock action. Make the most of your free time to experience the best that Vegas has to offer. Toast with your travel companions at a farewell lunch. Then, the evening is yours - spend your time along the neon-lit strip however you please. (B, L)

## Day 8: Las Vegas - Tour Ends

Depart for home with memories of colourful canyons and winding valleys.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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March - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) March 11, 25 April 1, 6, 20, 22, 27, 29 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022- April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 June 3, 10, 24 July 8, 22 August 5, 26 September 2, 7, 9, 13, 14

September 16, 20, 21 September 23, 27, 30 October 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13 October 14, 18, 19, 21 March 17, 31 April 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

# **REMOTE + RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

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# PAINTED CANYONS OF THE WEST

# 9 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>3999

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado National Monument • Moab • Arches National Park • Canyonlands National Park • Dead Horse Point State Park • Utah's Scenic Byway 24 • Capitol Reef National Park • Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Las Vegas

# **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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

## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

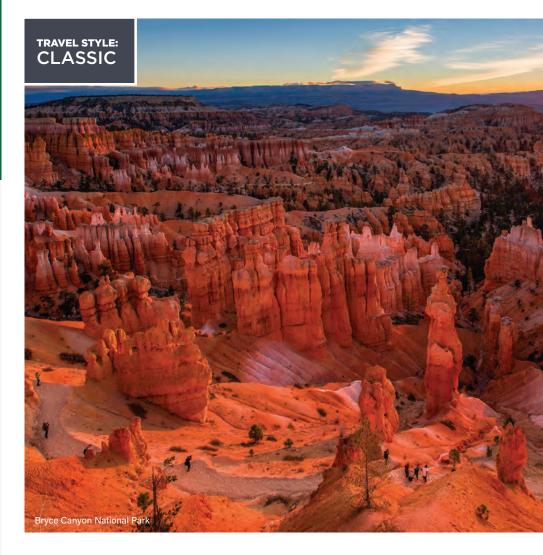
#### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 2 Dinners (D)

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

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver, CO
- Day 2 DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Junction, CO
- Days 3, 4 Red Cliffs Lodge, Moab, UT
- Day 5 Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel or Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn, Bryce, UT
- Days 6, 7 Holiday Inn Express or Hampton Inn & Suites, Springdale, UT
- Day 8 Paris Hotel or Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Trek across the Southwest and take in sienna-coloured canyons, towering spires, and desert landscapes in Utah's five national parks.

## Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 2: Denver - Grand Junction

The Rocky Mountains are your travelling companions on the drive to Grand Junction. Look out at the natural scenery as you pass by Glenwood Canyon, a product of the Colorado River, carved more than 3 million years ago. Dine together at a family-owned vineyard and enjoy a wine tasting in the midst of Colorado wine country. (B, D)

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

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

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

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

# **Day 5:** Moab - Capitol Reef National Park - Bryce

Travel through the dramatic Utah desert on Scenic Byway 24. Visit Capitol Reef National Park, named



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

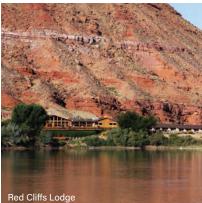
# **Day 6:** Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale (Zion)

Spend the day in Bryce Canyon National Park and see the famous hoodoos – vibrant rock formations likened to fairy chimneys. Perhaps you'll start your morning with a hike, getting up-close and personal with the graceful geology. Consider wandering along the Navajo Loop or Queens Garden trails for incomparable views of your surroundings. As the day draws to a close, settle into Springdale, a small town perched just outside of Zion National Park. (B)

# **Day 7:** Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale 😵

There are few places on earth that match the beauty of the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion. Make the most of an entire day exploring this rock-ridden paradise.





On Zion's open-air tram, wind along the Virgin River through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. Choose how you spend the afternoon because **it's your choice!** Hike independently **-OR**visit Zion's Human History Museum. (B)

#### Day 8: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada

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

# Day 9: Las Vegas - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Las Vegas and the painted canyons of the west as you depart for home.

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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**NEW TOUR** 

# MONTANA: EXPLORING BIG SKY COUNTRY

# 11 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>6649

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Bozeman • Yellowstone • Old Faithful • Gardiner • Yellowstone Grand Canyon • Mammoth Hot Springs • Paradise Valley • Helena • Gates of the Mountains • Great Falls • Glacier National Park • Goingto-the-Sun Road • Whitefish • White Water Rafting • Flathead Lake • Kootenai Traditions • Missoula • Smokejumper Visitor's Center

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience both the Northern and Southern Loops of Yellowstone National Park.
- Learn about native culture on the Flathead Reservation.
- Impact Moment: Visit River Pines Farm Horse Sanctuary.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 6 Visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center -OR- explore the exhibits of the C.M. Russell Art Museum.
- Day 8 Grab a paddle and get ready for a white-water rafting adventure
   -OR-take the calmer, scenic route on a float down the Flathead River.

## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Dig into a mouth-watering barbeque dinner.
- Sample traditional food of the Kootenai people.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman
Days 2, 3	Ridgeline Hotel at Yellowstone, Gardiner
Days 4, 5	DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown, Helena
Days 6	St. Mary Lodge, St. Mary Village
Day 7, 8	Firebrand Hotel, Whitefish
Days 9, 10	Holiday Inn Downtown, Missoula

# TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



Step outside, take a deep breath in, and look towards the mountains – you're in the big sky country of Montana.

#### Day 1: Bozeman, Montana - Tour Begins

Step outside, take a deep breath in, and look around you – you're in big sky country. Montana is wilderness, adventure, and beauty, and you're about to see what makes it unique, as well as its crown jewels. Today, arrive in Bozeman, the jumping off point to explore Yellowstone, America's first national park.

## **Day 2:** Bozeman – Yellowstone Southern Loop – Gardiner

This morning, pass through Yellowstone's western gate and venture into the Lower Loop, the road that encircles the entire lower half of the national park. Your first stop will be at the Grand Prismatic Spring, where steaming azure-blue waters clash brilliantly with the bright orange of the clay earth surrounding it. The best spot to take it all in is at the overlook, and you'll have enough time to take the 20-minute hike up if you choose. Afterwards, head to Old Faithful, the legendary geyser that you can "set your watch to." Enjoy lunch on your own and walk the boardwalk trails surrounding Old Faithful. After you've explored Old Faithful, pass by the massive and beautiful Yellowstone Lake. Bison, elk, bears, eagles, wolves, and antelope call this incredible slice of wilderness their home. (B, D)

## **Day 3:** Gardiner – Yellowstone Northern Loop – Gardiner

Today, explore Yellowstone's northern loop. Head to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone lookout first,

where you'll find yourself standing over the massive, 20-mile-long canyon. Its craggy walls are streaked with whites, pinks, and oranges from the volcanic minerals contained in the rocks. The Yellowstone River roars along at the bottom over three different waterfalls. Next, head to Mammoth Hot Springs. Here, bubbling pots of geothermal water trickle down the step-like rocks, creating incredible shapes and colours. Explore the boardwalks that wind through the steaming landscape before heading to your hotel in Gardiner, right outside Yellowstone's north gate. (B)

## **Day 4:** Gardiner – Paradise Valley – Helena

This morning, head through the sweeping vistas of Montana's Paradise Valley. You'll arrive in the capital of Montana, Helena, a city with rich gold rush history and beautiful Victorian era architecture. These days, the "Queen City of the Rockies" is less known for gold and more known for its great local restaurants and microbreweries, as well as a stunning trail system in the surrounding landscape. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** Helena – Gates of the Mountains – Helena

Start your day today with a local guide showing you around the beautiful mountain town of Helena. Delve into the history of the city's south side and get a view of its gritty past. This was where the rough-and-tumble elements of

Helena gathered, from bars filled with miners to the city's persecuted immigrant population in Chinatown. Learn about these oft-ignored communities as you make your way through these areas. You'll have time on your own to enjoy the charm of downtown Helena before heading to the Gates of the Mountains. Here, on the shores of the Missouri River, you'll follow in the footsteps of the most renowned explorers in American history - Lewis and Clark. Climb aboard a boat and cruise these storied waters, following the path Lewis and Clark took on their legendary journey across this vast wilderness. Meriwether Lewis himself named the stunning canyon the Gates of the Mountains. Tonight, return to Helena for an evening at leisure. (B)

# **Day 6:** Helena – Great Falls – St. Mary Village, Glacier National Park 😵

Today, venture to Great Falls, where the mighty Missouri River thunders down from the Rocky Mountains over five waterfalls to the great plains below. This was a massive obstacle for Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1805. They had to carry their boats over land for a month to make it from the lower falls to the upper falls. You will not have to work that hard, because It's Your Choice! Visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center where you can learn about the trials and travails of the legendary expedition, followed by hiking along the Missouri River -OR- explore the exhibits at the C.M. Russell Art Museum during a guided tour. See the art of Charles Russell, a cowboy-turned-artist from the turn of the century, as well as his original home and log studio. Afterwards, continue to St. Mary Village, the eastern entryway to Glacier National Park. (B, D)

## Day 7: Glacier National Park -

Going-to-the-Sun Road – Whitefish Head into Glacier National Park to board one of the 1930s vintage red buses and venture down one of the most breathtaking roads in North America, Going-to-the-Sun Road. Sit back and admire the views of the valley as your "jammer", one of the experienced guides, drives you through this natural landscape. Relax and take in all the majestic sights, before heading to the town of Whitefish. (B)

#### Day 8: Whitefish 😵

This morning, enjoy some leisure time in the picturesque town of Whitefish. Always listed as one of America's 25 prettiest towns, enjoy a stroll around, do some shopping, or just relax. Perhaps you'll stop for lunch at one of the great restaurants found along Central Avenue or buy some Huckleberry jam from a local shop. Your morning leads into an adventurous afternoon, because **it's your choice!** Grab a paddle and get ready for a white-water rafting adventure **-OR-** take the calmer, scenic route on a float down the Flathead River. No matter which style river journey you choose, the awe-inspiring views of Glacier National Park await. Tonight, sit down for a mouth-watering barbeque dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Whitefish – Flathead Lake – Missoula

Depart Whitefish and drive south, journeying along the western edge of beautiful Flathead Lake. Carved by the ancient glaciers that give Glacier National Park its name, Flathead Lake stretches almost 200 square miles. You might even spot some orchards, growing Flathead cherries. Encompassing most of the lake is the Flathead Reservation, home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. At one point, these tribes had territories that stretched out of Montana and into Idaho, British Columbia, and Wyoming. The Hellgate Treaty of 1855 set aside Flathead Lake for the tribes, reducing their lands to a fraction of what it once was. Tribal land was once again shrunk in 1904 by over half a million acres. Despite all of this, the Tribal way of life continues on to this day, passed down from elders to children though a rich oral and spiritual tradition. Get a glimpse into these traditions when you meet a descendant of the last Kootenai chief, and learn about the importance of the land in native life. Afterwards, head to the eclectic city of Missoula, where you can enjoy a relaxing evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 10: Missoula

Your day in Missoula starts off with a visit to the Smokejumper Visitor Center, Learn how and why these legendary firefighters do what they do - jump out of planes and parachute into dangerous wildfires. Missoula is home to the largest smokejumper base in the United States, and you'll visit the ready room, smokejumper loft, the National Smokejumper Memorial, and a fire lookout tower originally built in 1930. Later, experience an Impact Moment when you visit River Pines Farm Horse Sanctuary, a non-profit dedicated to providing a forever home to horses in need. This evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow travellers, where you can raise a glass and toast to a wildly fun Montana adventure. (B, D)

## Day 11: Missoula - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Big Sky Country and its beautiful sights as you head home. (B)

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTH DAKOTA

# 7 DAYS · 9 MEALS STARTING AT \$2549

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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

Devils Tower National Monument

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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



# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 6 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

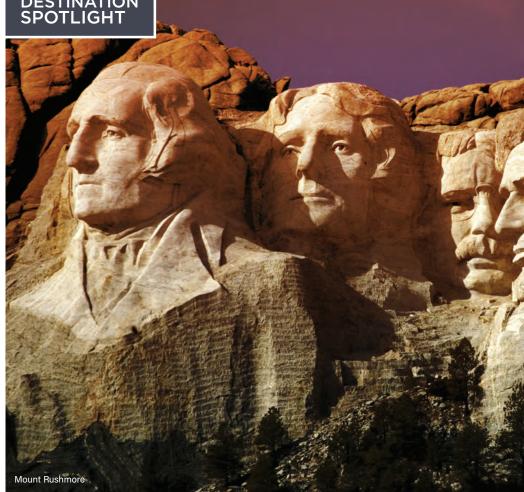
· Delight in local flavours during a Western dinner show.



Days 1 - 6 Residence Inn Marriott, Rapid City, SD

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# TRAVEL STYLE: DESTINATION



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

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

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

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

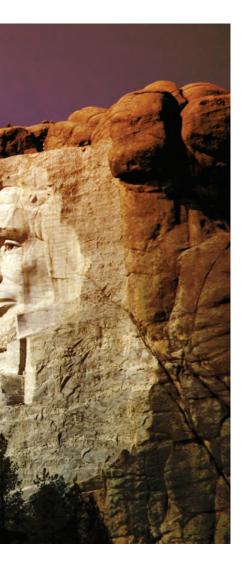
Learn the history of enterprising Westerners at the Chapel in the Hills. Visit Crazy Horse Memorial and delve into the story of the largest, still-in-progress mountain sculpture. Visit the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, orientation centre and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

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

Embrace the allure of wide-open spaces and explore the larger-than-life Badlands National Park. At the visitor centre, the stage is set for your adventure, with informative exhibits, displays and video to introduce you to the area. Travel the Badlands Loop Road, home to vibrant colours and rock formations created by mineral deposits. Visit the legendary Wall Drug, a store barely changed since 1936. Do a little browsing, have a seat at the soda fountain, and perhaps grab a bite for lunch. (B)

# Day 4: Rapid City - Deadwood - Rapid City 😗

Get ready for Deadwood, where gold, gambling, and gunpowder were once the order of the day. This National Historic Landmark comes alive as if you've stepped onto the set of an old-fashioned Western. A local guide shows you to the city, including where Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried. Enjoy free time



**Badlands National Park** 

US. Cross into Wyoming and view the first

national monument - Devils Tower. Stand

in awe before this lofty monolith, perhaps

hiking the 1.3 mile Tower Trail around the

base. Although famous as the backdrop

in Close Encounters of the Third Kind, the

tower is also sacred to many local tribes.

This evening, join your fellow travellers for

dinner as the end of your South Dakota

Day 7: Rapid City - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Rapid City as your tour

adventure draws near. (B, D)

comes to a close today. (B)

before it's your choice! Take a guided tour of the Adams Museum, dedicated to preserving Deadwood's history -OR- visit Kevin Costner's Tatanka: Story of the Bison, sculptures depicting the relationship between bison and the Lakota. This evening, enjoy a dinner and Western show at the High Plains Heritage Center. (B, D)

# Day 5: Rapid City - Custer - Rapid City

Head to Custer State Park and keep your eyes peeled for bighorn sheep or wandering elk. Take in the lush landscape, rocky outcrops, and grazing animals as you make your way through South Dakota's first state park. Venture off road with an exciting Buffalo Safari, cruising deep into the park in an open-air jeep and searching for herds of roaming buffalo. (B)

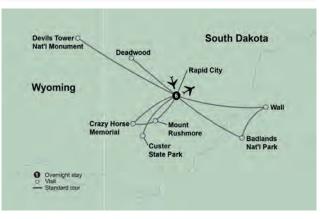
# Day 6: Rapid City - Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming -**Rapid City**

Get your bearings at the Geographic Center of the Nation, marking the middle of the

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# THE COLORADO ROCKIES

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>3499

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Denver • Rocky Mountain National Park • Colorado National Monument • Grand Junction • Canyonlands National Park • Dead Horse Point State Park • Arches National Park • Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad • Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO) • Pikes Peak Cog Railway • Garden of the Gods

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two nights in Durango, a fun-filled cowboy town where you can relive the excitement of the Old West.
- Journey aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway to the top of Pikes Peak.
- At Arches National Park, see the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches.

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

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 Day 6 — Drive through Mesa Verde National Park with a local guide
 -OR- hike to a cliff dwelling with a National Park Ranger.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

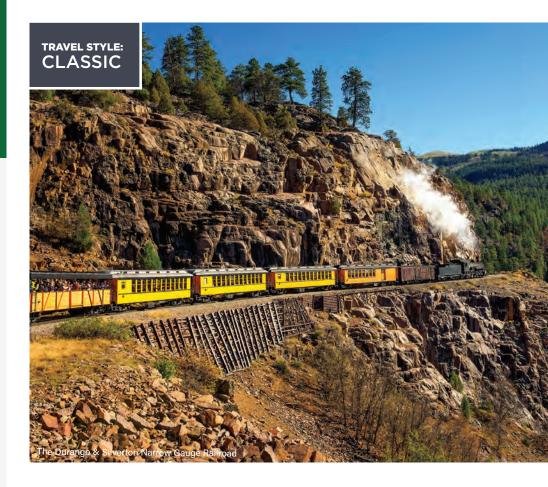
#### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

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



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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

**Day 1:** Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins Adventure awaits as you explore the towering peaks and rolling meadows of Colorado and Utah. This tour (which features four national parks) opens in the "Mile High City" of Denver where you will gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (D)

# **Day 2:** Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park - Denver

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

# Day 3: Denver - Colorado National

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

# **Day 4:** Canyonlands National Park, Utah-Arches National Park-Grand Junction

Today, one amazing park follows another! In Canyonlands National Park, marvel at the vast landscape of gorges carved by the mighty Colorado River. From the Island in the Sky mesa – sandstone cliffs that soar 1,000 feet above the surrounding canyons – take in the seemingly endless views. Then, enjoy awe-inspiring views at Dead Horse Point State Park. Legend says the point was used as a corral for wild mustangs that roamed the mesa top. In Arches National Park, see the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches before returning to Grand Junction. (B)

# **Day 5:** Grand Junction - Silverton - Durango 😵

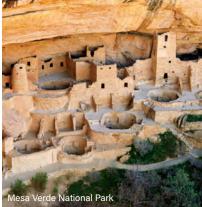
Head south to Silverton, a former silver mining

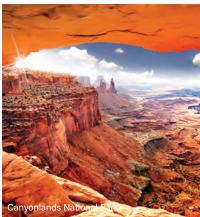


town and now a National Historic Landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town blends spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture. Then it's "all aboard" the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This 1881 coal-fired, steampowered locomotive made its name hauling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

# **Day 6:** Durango - Mesa Verde National Park - Durango

An incredible day awaits in Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO), home of the ancient Ancestral Puebloan civilization. Today, it's your choice! Join a local guide on a drive through the park making several photo stops including views of the famous Spruce Tree House, one of Mesa Verde's best preserved cliff dwellings and Cliff Palace, the largest in the park -OR- if you are feeling more adventurous, join a National Park Ranger on a short hike down the canyon to one of the cliff dwellings; as you walk, soak in views of the valley along with some of the 600 homes carved along the cliffs. This evening, experience a farmto-table dinner on a family-owned ranch surrounded by red mountain peaks and lush green pastures. (B, D)





#### Day 7: Durango - Colorado Springs

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

# **Day 8:** Colorado Springs - Manitou Springs - Colorado Springs

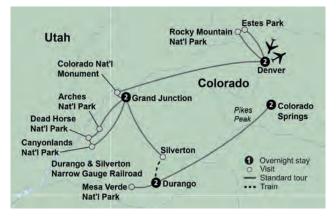
Depart for Manitou Springs, home of Pike's Peak – the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush. Embark on a journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad, for an 8.9 mile trip to the top of Pike's Peak. During the journey you will see magnificent views and perhaps animals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

**Day 9:** Colorado Springs - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Colorado Springs.

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# A FASTER PACE

On this tour, see four incredible national parks in a 9-day period. The parks and canyonlands are stunning, and to see them all, we must cover a lot of ground, but the natural, awe-inspiring beauty is well-worth the travels.

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# ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

# 6 DAYS · 7 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2799

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Balloon Fiesta • Old Town Albuquerque • National Museum of Nuclear Science & History • Indian Pueblo Cultural Center • Turquoise Trail • Santa Fe • Open-Air Tram Tour • Loretto Chapel • Santa Fe School of Cooking



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Embark on a bucket-list drive along the eclectic Route 66.
- Enjoy a docent-led tour of the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History.
- See the ever-changing art galleries at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 5 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

 Your favorite cooking show comes to life at the Santa Fe School of Cooking.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1-3 Albuquerque Marriott, Albuquerque, NM
- Days 4, 5 Drury Plaza Hotel or Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza, Santa Fe, NM

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Up, up, and away. Witness one of the world's most spectacular airborne events and be enriched by the diverse cultures of New Mexico.

## **Day 1:** Albuquerque, New Mexico -Tour Begins

Welcome to a true "land of enchantment." As we explore Albuquerque and Santa Fe, a rich blend of multiculturalism, natural beauty and profound history await. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Albuquerque

Today is sure to be one of the highlights of your trip...Albuquerque's International Balloon Fiesta. Join in the excitement of this annual hot air ballooning extravaganza. This is your chance to experience one of the world's most photographed events. Watch as the balloons launch in one of the most spectacular displays of sound and colour in all of aviation. After your early morning, enjoy some time to relax. This afternoon, visit Old Town Albuquerque. Savour the unique fusion of Mexican, Native American and Spanish heritages. Experience a "must-do" as you embark on a bucket-list ride along the eclectic Route 66. Then enjoy some time in Old Town to explore the wonderful shops and restaurants. Tonight, return to the fiesta grounds to experience the grandeur of the Balloon Fiesta by moonlight. The breathtaking event of balloons lit from within at night is known as "Balloon Glow." There will be plenty of time to stroll the grounds, shop for a memorable Balloon Fiesta souvenir or grab a bite to eat. (B)

#### Day 3: Albuquerque

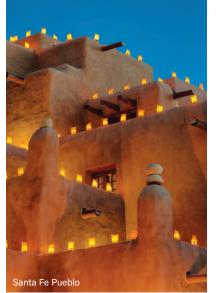
Since before the Cold War, New Mexico has been known as a hub for covert military projects. Today, this fascinating history unfolds at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History where a



docent takes you on an intriguing journey that includes details of the Manhattan Project. Later this afternoon, visit the gateway to the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. See the ever-changing galleries that highlight local and national Native American artists. With a focus on Pueblo artists, the centre strives to preserve their culture. (B)

## Day 4: Albuquerque - Santa Fe

Today we set out for Santa Fe. Travelling via the historic Turquoise Trail, you are sure to enjoy the stunning views. Prehistoric peoples made their homes here, Spanish missionaries explored the area, and many battles were fought over this land. Once in Santa Fe, a local guide joins us on an open-air tram as we tour the renowned Santa Fe Plaza and the surrounding city, including the Miraculous Staircase at the Loretto Chapel. Enjoy time to discover the many shops and numerous art museums that Santa Fe is known for. Tonight, enjoy a reception at the hotel. (B)





Day 5: Santa Fe

Today is yours to explore Santa Fe

independently. With so much to see and

do in this Southwestern city, perhaps you

will visit a museum or one of the many art

galleries on Canvon Road, A special treat

awaits at the Santa Fe School of Cooking. It's your favourite cooking show come to

life as you watch an expert chef create a

is made with a Southwest theme and is

Your tour comes to a close with wonderful

Day 6: Santa Fe - Tour Ends

memories of the spectacular Balloon

simply delightful. (B, D)

Fiesta, (B)

delicious meal before your eyes. Everything

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**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

<b>DOUBLE</b> Starting a <b>SOLO</b> Starting a		y is per person, land only, varies by departure date.	
Prices based on October 1, 2022 departure.			
September – October 2022	September 28, 29, 30	October 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Albuquerque. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should be booked after 10:00 a.m. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. Due to weather conditions the order of the Balloon Fiesta events may change. This tour involves travelling at high altitudes (approximately 2,133 meters) and may not be suitable for some travellers. We suggest that you consult your doctor if you have any concerns. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

66 The sightseeing was excellent. I enjoyed the food, cultural experiences and the people in New Mexico. The hot air balloon was magnificent and fun – I felt like I was a kid again. ??
– Collette Traveller

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SANTA FE

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2249

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

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 5 — Visit some of Santa Fe's chocolate shops for delicious tastings -OR- opt for a tour featuring Santa Fe's major spy hangouts.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

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



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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# TRAVEL STYLE: DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT



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

## Day 1: Santa Fe, New Mexico - Tour Begins

Welcome to New Mexico, the "land of enchantment." Here you'll explore Santa Fe, a city with a rich blend of multiculturalism, natural beauty and profound history. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome reception at your hotel, located mere steps away from Santa Fe's iconic Plaza.

#### Day 2: Santa Fe

This morning starts with a locally guided walking tour of Santa Fe's Plaza, the historic heart of the city and gathering place for Santa Feans for nearly 400 years. As you amble through the plaza, enjoy stops at some of the city's landmark sites like the Santa Fe Indian Market, Palace of the Governors and Palace Avenue. Later, embark on an open-air tram tour of Santa Fe and learn more about the history, architecture, and art of the oldest capital city in North America. Continue on with a visit to the Loretto Chapel, a former Roman Catholic church turned wedding chapel and museum. Here, you'll find the "miraculous staircase," a structure with origins as legendary as its spiral shape. Tonight, try your hand at making a tamale at the Santa Fe School of Cooking and savour Santa Fe's fusion of Native American, Spanish and Mexican flavours. (B, D)

# Day 3: Santa Fe - Madrid - Santa Fe

Today, travel the scenic Turquoise Trail to the village of Madrid, a charming hamlet stitched into the landscape of the Ortiz Mountains. Once a major coal-mining town, the village is now revered for its thriving artistic community. Then, visit the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden to view 80 works by the prolific artist who's been lauded as one of the most renowned Native American painters and Modernist sculptors of the 20th century. (B, L)

**Day 4:** Santa Fe - Bandelier National Monument - Chimayo - Santa Fe Today's adventure takes us to Bandelier National Monument, a natural site where the native



Pueblo Indians settled in the sculpted canyons and mesa tops west of Santa Fe. The volcanic landscape holds cliff dwellings and ruins of Pueblo villages dating back to the 1500s. On a guided elective walk, you'll have the opportunity to discover more of the park's ancient ruins and thriving wildlife. Afterwards, savour an authentic New Mexican lunch before visiting El Santuario de Chimayo. Known for the miraculous healing powers of its Tierra Bendita (or Holy Dirt), the chapel is regarded as the most important Catholic pilgrimage site in the United States. Later you'll visit a Chimayo weaver and learn the fascinating process behind this intricate traditional art. The remainder of the day is yours to further explore this intriguing Spanish village. Dinner is on your own tonight. Perhaps you'll use your included Uber voucher and dine at a restaurant on Canyon Road. (B, L)

# Day 5: Santa Fe 😵

Today **it's your choice!** Use your interest in confectionery creations or in the history of espionage to help you decide. If you have a sweet tooth, visit some of



Santa Fe's chocolate shops for delicious tastings of chocolate treats infused with local ingredients like chilies, pinon nuts and lavender **-OR-** channel your inner James Bond and opt for a tour featuring Santa Fe's major spy hangouts; discover drop-off points where KGB spies exchanged top-secret information during the Manhattan Project. This afternoon, enjoy free time to further uncover Santa Fe on your own. Perhaps you'll visit some of the colourful art galleries sprinkled throughout the downtown area. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

TOURISM Santa

#### Day 6: Santa Fe - Tour Ends

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

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on November 6, 2022 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

February - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) February 20 March 13, 27 April 3, 24 \*Itinerary featured is for

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 – April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 8 June 12 July 10 August 21

September 4.18.25

October 23, 30

November 6 ★ November 27 ★ December 4, 11 February 26 March 20 April 16, 30

# ALSO AVAILABLE



#### Spotlight on Santa Fe Holiday

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

★ NOVEMBER 27 & DECEMBER 4, 11, 2022

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from Albuquerque. All of our transfers will arrive to and depart from Santa Fe. Flights should not arrive or depart earlier than 10am. As an added feature on this program, each guest will receive an Uber e-voucher (valued for \$20 US Dollars) to use when you want, while on this tour. The open-air tram operates mid-March through October 31st. Departures outside of this time frame will have an included visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. While there is an opportunity to hike at Bandelier National Monument, all hiking is elective and should only be undertaken by people who are physically fit and have prior hiking experience, especially at high elevations. If weather is a concern, this tour will be replaced. All rates in Canadian dollars.

 Collette provided really great accommodations for this trip. Tour manager and local guides were excellent. Truly memorable visit to Santa Fe. ??
 Collette Traveller

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO

# 5 DAYS · 5 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>1999

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

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 3 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Dinners (D)

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

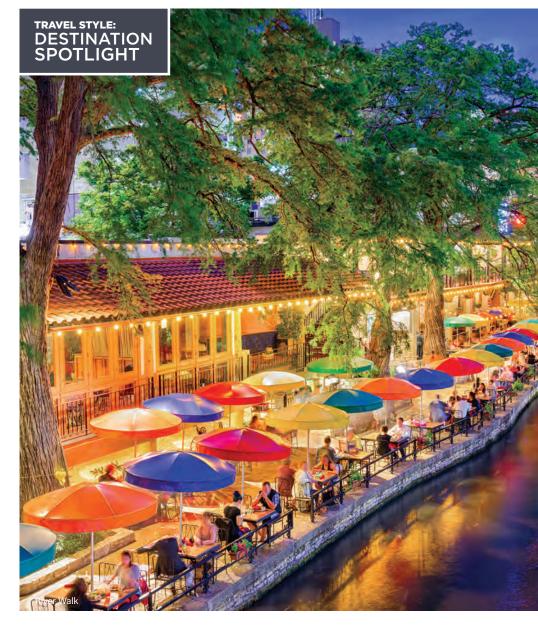


# ACCOMMODATIONS

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

> ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Westin Riverwalk, you may choose to upgrade to a River View Room. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

## Day 1: San Antonio, Texas - Tour Begins

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

## Day 2: San Antonio

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

## Day 3: San Antonio - Fredericksburg -San Antonio

Journey to the German settlement of Fredericksburg for a visit to the National Museum



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

#### Day 4: San Antonio 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** Visit the South Texas Heritage Center at the Witte Museum, an interactive museum dedicated to sharing the stories of San Antonio's people and the land that has shaped their lives **-OR-** explore the 33-acre grounds of the San Antonio Botanical Gardens with expansive rose gardens, conservatory with tropical vegetation, and the Texas Native Trail showcasing ecosystems from the diverse regions of the state. Next, browse





for one-of-a-kind goods at El Mercado, the Mexican Marketplace. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with your travel companions at a local restaurant. (B, D)

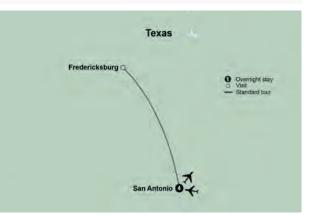
### Day 5: San Antonio - Tour Ends

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at \$1999 \$2699 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on September 25, 2022 departure. Prices based on September 25, 2022 departure.

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January - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 30 February 13, 20 March 20, 27 April 3, 10, 24 \*/tinerary featured is for May 2022 - April 2023 tour

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May 1, 8, 22

September 11, 25

October 2, 9, 23

November 6 ★ November 25, 26, 30 ★ December 1, 2, 15, 16 January 29 February 19, 26 March 12, 26 April 2, 3, 16, 17

#### ALSO AVAILABLE



Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday

Enjoy the holiday spirit Texas-style on this Southwestern getaway.

★ NOV 25, 26 & 30; DEC 1, 2, 15 & 16, 2022

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> 66 Amazing tour. Loved the variety of attractions. Hard to pick a favourite, but loved the Alamo. - Collette Traveller

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**NEW TOUR** 

# CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

8 DAYS · 12 MEALS starting at \$3349

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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

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### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Choose from a "menu" of Sacramento's great restaurants with Diner's Choice.
- Sample local vintages during a winery tour and tasting in Napa Valley.
- Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch and locally produced wine.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1, 2 Monterey Marriott, Monterey, CA
- Days 3, 4 The Hotel at Black Oak Casino Resort (Yosemite), Tuolumne, CA
- Days 5, 6 Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, CA
- Day 7 Hotel RIU Plaza Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

#### Day 1: Monterey, California - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 2: Monterey

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

# **Day 3:** Monterey – Oakdale – Tuolomne (Yosemite)

Travel east through California's Central Valley and along the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Stop in Oakdale, where almond and walnut orchards dot the landscape. Meet up with a local farmer, who will show you around town and bring you to his small farm where you'll enjoy a taste of central California. Continue on to historic Tuolumne, a gateway to Yosemite National Park and your home for the next two nights. (B, L, D)

# **Day 4:** Tuolumne – Yosemite National Park - Tuolumne

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

#### Day 5: Tuolumne - Sacramento 😵

Arrive in Sacramento, enjoying time on your own for lunch in Old Sacramento – a historic Gold Rush-era neighbourhood filled with over 60 restored buildings, wooden sidewalks, and antique gas lamps. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the California State Railroad Museum and explore the detailed exhibits with a guide **-OR-** peruse a collection of Californian art and European master drawings on a guided tour of the Crocker



Art Museum. Personalize your dinner experience with Diner's Choice, deciding where you want to eat from an included "menu" of Sacramento's great restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Sacramento - Lake Tahoe -Sacramento

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

#### **Day 7:** Sacramento – Napa Valley – San Francisco

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

### Day 8: San Francisco - Tour Ends

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





# Featured Tour Extension



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

Day 8: San Francisco – Extension Begins Continue your California adventure and independently explore San Francisco's iconic sights.

#### Day 9: San Francisco

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

### Day 10: San Francisco -

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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# DOUBLE<br/>SOLOStarting at \$3349<br/>Starting at \$4349Pricing is per person, land only,<br/>and varies by departure date.Prices based on May 23, 2022 departure

March - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) March 7, 28 April 4, 11, 18, 25

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May 2022 - April 2023 tour

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May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 9, 16, 23 June 6, 13 July 11, 18 August 8, 22, 29

September 5, 12, 19, 26 October 3, 10 March 13, 27 April 10, 17, 30

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into San Jose and depart from San Francisco. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to chance. All rates in Canadian dollars.

#### Optional 2-Night San Francisco Post Tour

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. If you would like to visit Alcatraz, arrangements must be made on your own in advance. Please note, this extension is not hosted or guided.

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST & CALIFORNIA

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS starting at \$3349

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — In Portland, explore the city on foot and by streetcar -OR- visit the International Rose Test Garden.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Enjoy a farewell lunch in one of San Francisco's delightful restaurants.
- Savour a wine-tasting while gazing at views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Thompson Hotel, Seattle, WA
- Days 2, 3 Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, OR
- Day 4 The Mill Casino, North Bend, OR
- Day 5
   Blue Lake Casino & Hotel, Blue Lake, CA

   Days 6, 7
   The Park Central, San
- Francisco, CA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

**Day 1:** Seattle, Washington - Tour Begins Your tour opens with an overnight stay in Seattle, dubbed the "Emerald City" for its lush green surroundings. Get to know your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

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

Explore Seattle's colourful waterfront area and historic Pioneer Square with a local guide. Mingle with artisans at the lively Pike Place Market, a famous fish and vegetable market dotted with restaurants and shops. Travel south through Olympia, stopping at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center. Learn about its 1980 volcanic eruption as well as the history and geology of the state park. Continue to Portland, Oregon for a two-night stay in the picturesque "City of Roses." (B)

# **Day 3:** Portland – Columbia River Gorge - Portland 😵

Drive along the Mt. Hood route to the lush Columbia River Gorge. Take in the unforgettable views of Mt. Hood as you leave the valley and enter the Cascade Mountains. Discover the awe-inspiring landscapes of the magnificent Columbia River and Multnomah Falls, a 611-foot-tall roaring cascade. Later, enjoy a wine-tasting at a local vineyard followed by a visit to a lavender farm. Upon returning to Portland **it's your choice!** Explore Portland by foot and streetcar with a local guide **-OR-** visit the International Rose Test Garden and walk among the thousands of roses. Afterwards, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

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

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

# Day 5: North Bend - Bandon Natural Area - Redwood National Park, CA - Blue Lake

Drive to Bandon State Natural Area. Take in the breathtaking scenery as we travel along the striking Beach Loop. See Bandon Rocks and Face Rock, famous for their American Indian legends. Stop to enjoy a cruise up the spectacular Rogue



River, taking you into Oregon's rugged wilderness for a chance to see bald eagles, cormorants, seals and blue heron. Continuing south to California's redwood country, travel through Redwood National Park, home to trees that can reach nearly 300 feet. See for yourself why the sun seldom hits the ground. (B)

#### Day 6: Blue Lake - San Francisco

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

#### Day 7: San Francisco

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

#### Day 8: San Francisco - Tour Ends

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





#### Featured Tour Extension



#### **Optional 1-Night Seattle Pre-Tour** Starting at \$480 pp

#### Day 1: Seattle, Washington

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

#### Day 2: Seattle

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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#### 1-2 NIGHTS

POST NIGHT SAN FRANCISCO CALL FOR DETAILS

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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at \$3349 Starting at \$4449 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on July 17, 2022 departure.

May 2022 - April 2023

March - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) March 27 April 3, 24, 25

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(featured itinerary) May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 July 3, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 31 August 1, 7, 8, 14, 21 August 28, 29 September 3, 4, 5, 11, 12 September 18, 19, 24 September 25, 26 October 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 March 26 April 10, 16, 23, 30

### A FASTER PACE

There is abundant beauty to be found between Seattle and San Francisco and you'll see it all, which does necessitate some longer drives as well as two consecutive one-night hotel stays.

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

#### **Optional 1-Night Seattle Pre-Tour**

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

# MACKINAC ISLAND

### 9 DAYS · 12 MEALS STARTING AT \$3899

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Chicago • Millennium Park • Charlevoix Mushroom Houses • Mackinac Island • Grand Hotel • Frankenmuth • Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village



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

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

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



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL
- Day 3 Canopy by Hilton Grand Rapids Downtown, Grand Rapids, MI
- Days 4, 5 Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI
- Day 6 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City – Riverfront, Bay City, MI
- Days 7, 8 Westin Hotel Southfield Detroit, Southfield or DoubleTree by Hilton Detroit-Dearborn, Detroit, MI

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

#### Day 1: Chicago, Illinois - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 2: Chicago

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

#### Day 3: Chicago - Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

#### Day 4: Grand Rapids - Charlevoix -Mackinac Island

Today's first stop is the historic city of Charlevoix, surrounded by four bodies of water, including Lake Michigan. A local guide will take you through the intriguing history of the area, and you'll view the fairy-tale mushroom houses built by famous architect Earl Young. Then, enjoy a scenic drive before boarding the ferry that will take you back to a simpler time on Mackinac Island. Upon arrival, listen for how the neighs of horses replace the roar of engines. Your home for the next two nights is the glorious Victorian-era resort, the Grand Hotel. Both vour hotel and the island itself are National Historic Landmarks. The island is a natural gem with over eighty percent of its land preserved by Mackinac State Park, a woodland paradise accented with limestone formations and ringed by Lake Huron. After dinner at your hotel, the evening is yours to enjoy. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the quaint village or relax on the Grand Hotel's famous porch. (B, D)





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#### Day 5: Mackinac Island

Climb aboard your horse-drawn carriage for an island tour that includes stops at the Surrey Hills Carriage Museum and Arch Rock. Following your tour, savour some time to enjoy all of Mackinac Island's quiet pleasures. Enjoy brilliant views while sitting on the front porch of the Grand Hotel or take a walk downtown to visit the shops and buy some fudge, a favourite item on the island. Later, choose from a menu of tasty delicacies when you dine at the elegant Salle à Manger. After dinner, enjoy a cup of coffee while listening to the refined sounds of the Grand Hotel's orchestra. If you crave a secluded hideaway, retreat to the charming Cupola Bar. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Mackinac Island – Bay City

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

# **Day 7:** Bay City - Frankenmuth - Dearborn - Southfield

Today, explore the architectural artistry of Alden B. Dow's home & studio during a guided tour. This legendary 20th century architect designed his home to be the

#### peak of Mid-Twentieth Century Modern Architecture, and its construction has been declared a National Historic Landmark. This afternoon, visit the quaint town of Frankenmuth, or as the locals call it, "Little Bavaria," because of its Franconian-style architecture. Upon arrival, visit the largest Christmas store in the world – Bronner's. (B)

#### Day 8: Southfield – Dearborn – Southfield

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

#### Day 9: Southfield - Tour Ends

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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#### ALSO AVAILABLE



Holland Tulip Festival

Experience the beautiful Tulip Festival of Holland, Michigan.

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dress is acceptable at any time. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 Our tour to Mackinac Island and the Chicago area was fantastic! It was the best tour we have taken so far! ?? - Collette Traveller

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# **AUTUMN IN** VERMONT

### 7 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$2999

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Woodstock - Quechee Gorae - Burlington Shelburne Museum - Fort Ticonderoga -Lake Champlain Ferry - Adirondacks Farm & Apple Orchard - Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory - Vermont's Scenic Route 100 - Mad River Valley -Hildene - The Lincoln Family Home

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Connect with Vermont locals in the Mad River Valley.
- · Choose how you discover the history of Fort Ticonderoga.
- See the vibrant foliage of the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks from both sides of Lake Champlain.

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 4 — At Fort Ticonderoga, see the 18th-century artillery collection lining the outer walls and visit the costumed British soldiers that participate in musket maintenance, carpentry, tailoring, and other daily routine tasks -OR- take a leisurely hike on the Carillon Battlefield Trail, a loop that offers stunning views of Lake Champlain, Vermont's Green Mountains and Mount Defiance.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Treat your taste buds with an apple cider tasting and freshly baked donuts at a family-owned orchard.
- Visit Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory and sample this sweet treat.
- Dig in to a local lunch at the Original American Flatbread Company at Lareau Farm Inn.
- Enjoy a "Flavours of Vermont" dinner.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 **Renaissance Boston** Waterfront Hotel, Boston, MA Days 2 - 4 DoubleTree by Hilton,
- Burlington, VT Days 5, 6
  - Jackson Gore Inn Okemo Mountain Resort, Ludlow,
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ΔΔ



# Discover Vermont's winding roads lined with autumn foliage and cozy towns with an eclectic spirit.

#### Day 1: Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Begins

From winding roads in deep valleys and idyllic country homesteads, to a visual symphony of vibrant autumn leaves, there's no better place to experience a slice of classic New England life than in Vermont. Overnight in Boston, one of America's oldest cities, before heading north to Vermont - a microcosm of New England at its finest, without the long bus rides.

#### Day 2: Boston - Woodstock, Vermont -Burlington

Start your morning with a colourful drive to Vermont, making your way past rolling hills, climbing mountains, and flowing waterways. Quaint villages, old fashioned steeples, local boutiques and country farms adorned with historic barns are the guintessential staples of the "Green Mountain State," providing a nostalgic yet welcoming environment. In Woodstock, admire the town's iconic covered bridge, a perfect pairing to the restored Georgian houses lining the central square. Stand in awe before the mile-long Quechee Gorge, created by the water's slow and constant carving during the Ice Age era. Continue on to Burlington, your home for the next three nights. Located on the shores of Lake Champlain, Burlington is an eclectic college town that

maintains a young and art-friendly vibe. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your travel companions as you settle in. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Burlington - Shelburne -Burlinaton

Step into history at the Shelburne Museum with a local guide; then discover its historic buildings, gardens and galleries on your own. Spread out over 39 buildings, the inimitable museum not only pays homage to New England architecture but also houses a world-renowned collection of art and whimsical Americana including the steamboat Ticonderoga. Enjoy time in the heart of Burlington at Church Street Marketplace, an award-winning open-air centre that features street performers, local shops, and up-andcoming musicians. Tonight, get a true taste of local flavour with a unique Vermont-inspired menu where you'll savour harvest vegetables, local cheeses and crisp cider. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Burlington - Fort Ticonderoga, New York - Burlington, Vermont 😯

Venture to the western side of Lake Champlain as you head into the Adirondack region of New York. Nearly a mile high, the mountains stretch over a stunning nature preserve full of twisting ravines, rocky cliffs, and green forests. Feel history come alive at Fort Ticonderoga, a battleground from



the 1700s. Decide how you discover the site because it's your choice! See the 18th-century artillery collection lining the outer walls and visit the costumed British soldiers that participate in musket maintenance, carpentry, tailoring, and other daily routine tasks -OR- take a leisurely hike on the Carillon Battlefield Trail, a loop that offers stunning views of Lake Champlain, Vermont's Green Mountains and Mount Defiance. Continue through a series of autumn colours as you depart Ticonderoga and pass through cozy towns on your way to Rulfs Orchard, a familyowned farm. Opened in 1952, the farm provides tasty treats to satisfy your sweet tooth, including freshly baked cider donuts. Cross back into Vermont by means of a Lake Champlain ferry, giving you a different view of the mountains surrounding the freshwater lake. (B)

#### **Day 5:** Burlington - Waterbury -Mad River Valley - Ludlow

Get a taste of a national favourite at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, where a guide will teach you about this dairy delight before you sample this sweet treat. Head south on Route 100, where tree-lined mountains and gently rolling hills create one of the most scenic routes in New England. Stop at the Lareau Farm Inn, home to the original American Flatbread Company; for lunch you'll enjoy a taste of their famous pizza featuring ingredients





from nearby farms and wash it down with a local Vermont brew. After your meal, meet the Vermonters who call the Mad River Valley home. From fiber mills to sculpture galleries and covered bridges, you'll get a true slice of Vermont life. Settle in Ludlow and take in the striking landscape as you relax at the Jackson Gore Inn at Okemo Mountain, your home for the next two nights. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Ludlow - Manchester -Ludlow

Make your way to Hildene - The Lincoln Family Home and the former residence of Robert Todd Lincoln, past Chairman of the Pullman Company and son of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. Discover the 412-acre estate on your own, taking in the impressive home, winding gardens, and the vintage Pullman car. Enjoy leisure time in Manchester and take advantage of the town's popular outlet stores and boutique shops. Get a taste of a Vermont icon when you stop in at the Vermont Country Store, a general store from yesteryear owned and operated by 7th and 8th generation Vermonters. Wish the colourful autumn landscapes goodbye as you join your travel companions for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Ludlow - Boston,

Massachusetts - Tour Ends Your tour of the "Green Mountain State" and the Adirondacks draws to a close. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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1-2 NIGHTS

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# ISLANDS OF NEW ENGLAND

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>3099

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Providence • Newport • Block Island • Cranberry Bog • Plymouth Rock • Cape Cod • Lobster Dinner • Martha's Vineyard • Provincetown • Hyannis • Nantucket



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Step back in time and see Plymouth Rock, the Pilgrims' landing spot in 1620.
- Visit a working New England cranberry bog, a thriving crop of Cape Cod.
- Experience the charming, oncefamous whaling port - "the Vineyard."

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2 Explore the stunning Marble House -OR- the elegant Rosecliff mansion in Newport.
- Day 6 Search for whales on a cruise to Cape Cod Bay -OR- head out on a scenic adventure through the sand dunes.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Learn to cook like a New Englander during a chef-led demonstration.
- Celebrate the taste of Cape Cod with a traditional New England seafood and lobster dinner.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 3 Hilton Providence, Providence, RI
- Days 4 7 Sea Crest Beach Hotel, Falmouth, MA

#### ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

While staying at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel, you can choose to upgrade to a Oceanview Room with a balcony or patio. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

travel style: CLASSIC



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

# **Day 1:** Providence, Rhode Island - Tour Begins

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

# Day 2: Providence - Newport - Providence 😯

Tour Providence, "America's Renaissance City." See prestigious Brown University and learn about the city's vibrant art, cultural, and culinary scenes. Head to Newport and travel along Bellevue Avenue. Lined with extraordinary 19th-century summer "cottages," this road is home to 7 mansions designated National Historic Landmarks. **It's your choice!** Explore Marble House, built by the Vanderbilts and modeled after the Petit Trianon at Versailles **-OR-** tour Rosecliff, the opulent former residence of silver heiress Theresa Fair Oelrichs, known for her lavish parties. (B, D)

# **Day 3:** Providence - Block Island - Providence

Start your day with a ferry ride to Block Island, a quaint isle smaller than 10-square miles. Get a taste of the local flavours at a restaurant before touring the island. Visit a micro-yarn mill, learning about the process before you meet the animals. Ferry back to the mainland and enjoy an evening at leisure in Providence. (B, L)

#### **Day 4:** Providence - Plymouth, Massachusetts - Cape Cod

Delve into rural life as you tour a New England cranberry bog and learn about dry harvesting. Step back in time with a stop in the celebrated town of Plymouth where the Pilgrims landed in 1620, and see legendary Plymouth Rock. Later, arrive at your beachfront hotel for a 4-night stay. Enjoy a traditional New England experience as you indulge in a seafood and lobster feast. (B, D)



#### Day 7: Cape Cod - Hyannis -Nantucket - Cape Cod

Catch a glimpse of the Camelot era in Hyannisport, home of the Kennedy compound, and visit the poignant Kennedy Memorial. Next, set off via ferry to explore the idyllic island of Nantucket. From its cobblestone Main Street to its beaches and lighthouses, this place lives up to its reputation. During time at leisure, meander the waterfront where sailboats and yachts sway in the harbour or shop for a famous Nantucket basket. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner and chef-led demonstration highlighting a local specialty. (B, D)

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

Featured Tour Extension



#### Day 5: Cape Cod - Martha's Vineyard - Cape Cod

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

#### Day 6: Cape Cod - Provincetown -Cape Cod 🚱

Travel to Provincetown, located on the tip of the Cape. This lively artist colony remains famous for its crafts and bright seagoing flair. Then, it's your choice! Set out on a whale watch cruise to Cape Cod Bay in search of these magnificent creatures -OR- enjoy a scenic adventure through the iconic sand dunes of the Cape. (B)

# **Optional 2-Night Boston**

# Post-Tour Starting at \$755 pp

Day 8: Cape Cod - Boston Extend your stay in New England with 2 nights in Boston – Massachusetts's historic capital city. As the site of the famous "tea party," Boston has a long history of fighting for independence since the time of the Revolutionary War. Explore the city on your own, perhaps grabbing a bite of some renowned seafood or a cup of famous clam chowder. Consider venturing to the North End for some authentic Italian food, keeping an eye out for a fresh cannoli.

#### Day 9: Boston

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

#### Day 10: Boston - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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June 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 24 July 8, 22, 29

October 6, 7, 13, 14

### **RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

In Cape Cod, you'll stay right on the beautiful Silver Beach in a seasonal and more remote accommodation for several nights. Though the location is not at our usual standards, this remote hub highlights the guintessential beauty of Cape Cod.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Providence, RI and depart from Boston, MA. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to itinerary scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 12:00 noon. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. All rates in Canadian dollars.

#### **Optional 2-Night Boston Post Tour**

Please note that this extension is not hosted or guided. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate.



# COLOURS OF NEW ENGLAND

#### 8 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$3899

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Boston • Woodstock • Quechee Gorge • Stowe • Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory • Rocks Estate • North Conway • Kancamagus Highway • Lake Winnipesaukee Cruise • Portland • Lobster Dinner

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• **Day 2** — Walk along the Freedom Trail with a local guide **-OR-** ride with a local guide to see Boston's iconic treasures.

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### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Taste the essence of New England at a dinner featuring succulent fresh lobster.
- Visit Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, learn about their ice cream and sample the sweet treat.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 The Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA
- Days 3, 4 Golden Eagle Resort, Stowe, VT
- Day 5 White Mountain Hotel, North Conway, NH
- Days 6, 7 AC Hotel by Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, ME
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

# **Day 1:** Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Begins

Welcome to Massachusetts, where your journey through charming and vibrant New England begins. Relax during a 2-night stay in the heart of Boston.

#### Day 2: Boston 😵

Today, **the choice is yours!** Walk the Freedom Trail with a local guide following in the footsteps of those who shaped America during the Revolutionary War **-OR-** ride with your local guide to see Boston's iconic treasures, including the Old South Meeting House, Public Gardens, and Beacon Hill. Either way, you'll make a stop at the famed Faneuil Hall Marketplace, where colourful kiosks of local handiwork mix with bustling crowds and street performers. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Boston - Woodstock, Vermont -Stowe

Set out for Vermont, the "Green Mountain State," where tree-covered mountainsides dot a charming

landscape of quaint villages with traditional, white steeple churches. Arrive in Woodstock, "the quintessential New England village" with its beautifully restored Georgian homes, a covered bridge, and even a town green. Visit the impressive 165-foot deep, mile-long Quechee Gorge before continuing to your resort in Stowe, nestled in the tranguil Green Mountains. (B)

#### Day 4: Stowe

We're off to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. In this historic mill, watch – and learn – how fresh cider is produced the old-fashioned way, via rack and cloth press; a process that's been passed down for generations. A tour of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory fills you in on the process of making ice cream and ends with a sample of their worldfamous scoops. This afternoon, enjoy some leisure time discovering Stowe. Or, take an optional tour of the Trapp Family Lodge, where you'll learn the fascinating history of this local treasure before heading to the von Trapp brewery for a traditional beer flight tasting followed by dinner. (B)





# **Day 5:** Stowe - North Conway, New Hampshire

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

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

Journey to New Hampshire's picturesque lakes region, a popular vacation spot for visitors year-round. Board the M/S *Mount Washington* and spend the next hour cruising stunning Lake Winnipesaukee, New Hampshire's largest lake. Then, visit the charming town of Wolfeboro, the "oldest summer resort in America." Later, travel southeast to Maine's seacoast. Arrive in Portland, once home to sea captains and now known as one of "America's coolest cities." (B)

#### Day 7: Portland

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

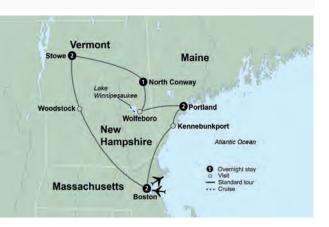
#### **Day 8:** Portland - Kennebunkport -Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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September - October 2022 September 12, 15, 16, 19, 22 September 23, 26, 29, 30 October 3, 6, 7, 10

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

#### 7 DAYS · 9 MEALS STARTING AT \$3249

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park, either by bicycle or scenic drive.
- · Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.
- Sample the vintages during a wine tasting at Cellardoor Winery.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide OR- traverse Acadia's winding pathways on a guided bicycle tour of the famous Carriage Roads.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 6 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 2 Dinners (D)

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

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 AC Hotel Portland Downtown Waterfront, Portland
- Days 3, 4 Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor
- Days 5, 6 Ocean Gate Resort, Southport

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

#### Day 1: Portland, Maine - Tour Begins

Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat. Tonight, connect with your new travel companions and prepare for the start of an unforgettable sojourn.

#### Day 2: Portland

Discover the essence of this vibrant harbour city by means of a true New England classic - a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. Get a chance to delve into the culture of Portland

with free time to explore this seafaring city on your own. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Portland - Bar Harbor

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

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

This is Acadia National Park. Breathe in the crisp, fresh air and allow the nature around you to captivate your senses. Choose how to explore Acadia because today, it's your choice! Admire



the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide **-OR**traverse Acadia's winding pathways on a guided bicycle tour of the famous Carriage Roads. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. (B)

# **Day 5:** Bar Harbor - Camden - Southport

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





# **Day 6:** Southport - Boothbay - Southport

Today, enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Enjoy some free time in Boothbay browsing this quaint, seaside town's cute shops and restaurants. Tonight, toast to the end of your seaside sojourn and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

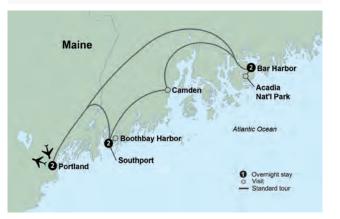
# **Day 7:** Southport - Portland - Tour Ends

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT PORTLAND CALL FOR DETAILS

**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine Roaming Coastal Maine with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

	Starting at <b>\$3249</b> Starting at <b>\$4049</b> Prices based on June 5, 2	Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
<b>May - October 2</b> May 29 June 5, 12, 19		September 4, 11, 18, 20 October 2, 4

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

# NEW TOUR SPOTLIGHT ON BOSTON

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS starting at \$2499

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Faneuil Hall • Beacon Hill • Lexington & Concord • Buckman's Tavern • Harvard University • Salem



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Walk the grounds of Harvard University on a student-led tour.
- Use your Uber voucher to explore Boston your way.
- Visit the JFK Presidential Library or take a photo tour of historic neighbourhoods.

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 4 Venture through Salem on a historical tour -OR- visit the sites of the Salem Witch Trials.
- Day 5 Visit the JFK Presidential Library& Museum -OR- take a photo walking tour of Boston.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 5 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

• Experience Boston's dynamic food scene with included meals at local favourites.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 5 Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston, MA

#### ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

During your stay at the Renaissance Boston, you may choose to upgrade to a Harbour View Room. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

# **Day 1:** Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Begins

Get ready for a wicked good time in Boston, a city steeped in history and bursting with character. Incredibly charming and walkable, Boston is ready to greet you with cobblestone streets, stately brownstone buildings, distinct neighbourhoods, art museums, shopping, and more. This is the Cradle of the Revolution, and you'll feel that energy is as strong now as it was in 1773.

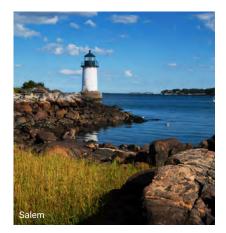
#### Day 2: Boston

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

with your fellow travellers and toast to new friends met in the old city of Boston. (B, D)

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

This morning, leave the bustle of Boston behind for the quiet of Lexington and Concord. These two towns were key in the start of the American Revolution, and your first stop will be Minute Man National Historic Park. Named for the militiamen who could be "ready in a minute's notice," the park will show an in-depth multi-media presentation on the spark of liberty that was struck here, setting the whole nation aflame. Afterwards, head to the exact spot where the "shot heard 'round the world" was fired, the Old North Bridge. Then, you're off for nearby Lexington to visit Buckman's Tavern and the Lexington Battle Green. See the place where colonial militiamen readied themselves to fight against the "redcoats," and learn what life was like in the early days of America. Enjoy free time for lunch in the timeless atmosphere of downtown Lexington before departing to Cambridge. Arrive in Harvard Square for a tour of one of the most storied institutions of learning in the world - Harvard University. Get an insider's perspective of the campus straight from a student as they lead you on a tour of the university,





highlighting the history, culture, and famous figures of the school. After the tour, head back into Boston for an evening at leisure, or add-on a Boston Harbor sunset cruise to end your day watching the sun set behind the Boston skyline. (B)

#### Day 4: Boston - Salem - Boston 😵

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

#### Day 5: Boston 😵

Start the day your way: **it's your choice!** Choose to visit the Presidential Library & Museum of John F. Kennedy, built by legendary architect I.M. Pei, with exhibits dedicated to Kennedy's illustrious career -**OR**- discover the highlights and hidden gems of Boston with a photo walking tour that will take you through Copley Square, the Public Garden, Beacon Hill, and some off-the-beaten-path stops too. This afternoon, you'll have free reign to explore Boston on your own. Perhaps you'll visit the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, a mansion-turned-museum with a lush inner courtyard, infamous for a legendary art heist. Or, maybe you'll wander up and down the best shopping blocks in the city on Newbury Street. Afterwards, gather for a dinner with your fellow travellers to laugh, dine, and bid farewell to the city of Boston. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Boston - Tour Ends

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



**Optional 2-Night Newport, RI Post-Tour** Starting at \$820 pp

#### **Day 6:** Boston – Newport, Rhode Island - Extension Begins

Venture down the coast from Boston to the beautiful city of Newport, Rhode Island. Here, grand mansions sit on cliffs overlooking the rocky shores of Narragansett Bay, built in the Gilded Age by rich turn-of-the-century families like the Vanderbilts and Astors. Nearby, the city itself is rich with colonial architecture, offbeat eateries, small seaside galleries, and more. (B)

#### Day 7: Newport

Today, experience the charm of Newport's historic buildings and jaw dropping coastline on a scenic narrated trolley tour. Enjoy an included visit to one of the city's stately mansions. The afternoon is yours to experience Newport to its fullest. Perhaps you'll rent a bicycle and pedal down the gorgeous Ocean Drive or spend the day relaxing at the beach. You could choose to shop and dine around Thames Street, where the restaurants have a reputation for incredible and fresh seafood. (B)

#### Day 8: Newport - Extension Ends

Wave goodbye to Newport as your tour comes to a close. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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<b>May - October 2</b> May 12, 26 June 2, 9, 23	<b>022</b> July 7, 21 August 4, 18, 25	September 8, 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13	

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#### **Optional 2-Night Newport Post Tour**

Please note this extension is not guided. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Flights on the last day of extension should be scheduled after 11:00am.

# SPOTLIGHT ON NEW YORK CITY

### 5 DAYS · 5 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2699

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Greenwich Village • Wall Street • Two Broadway Shows • Statue of Liberty • Ellis Island • 9/11 Memorial • 9/11 Museum

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum.
- Experience the streets of New York like a native when you walk to your dine-around dinner and a Broadway show.
- Embark on a voyage to experience "Lady Liberty" up-close.

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#### 3 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

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



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From Lady Liberty to Greenwich Village, New York City never sleeps. The Apple is big; enjoy every bite.

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

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

#### Day 2: New York City

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

#### Day 3: New York City

Prepare for another exhilarating day with a fun-filled breakfast at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner, a 50s-themed restaurant featuring a singing wait staff. Board a ferry for a cruise of New York Harbor. Take in the incredible views of the towering Statue of Liberty. Dock and



get up-close to "Lady Liberty." She has welcomed immigrants and visitors to New York Harbor since 1886. Created as a token of friendship between the U.S. and France, the Statue of Liberty has become a global symbol of freedom. Then it's on to Ellis Island. Step back in time on a self-quided tour of the museum. Come to know the personal stories of the immigration boom of 1892-1924 when 12 million people passed through this station on their journey to America. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore "the city that never sleeps." Tonight, choose to join an optional walking tour of Greenwich Village including dinner. (B)

#### Day 4: New York City

Enjoy breakfast at a local diner. Reflect at the 9/11 Memorial and take a self-guided tour at the 9/11 Museum - two poignant tributes to the lives lost. This afternoon, the







curtains rise for your second Broadway show. You'll choose from a selection of Broadway's biggest hits. Say farewell to this extraordinary city tonight as we gather for your final taste of New York with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 5: New York City - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

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March - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) March 23, 24, 25, 31 April 7, 20, 21, 22, 28 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - April 2023 tour

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May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 5, 12, 19, 25, 26 June 2, 9, 16, 23 July 7, 14, 21, 28 August 11, 25 September 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 September 22, 28, 29 confirm at time of reservation.

October 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 October 20, 27 November 3 ★ November 21, 28 ★ December 5, 12 March 23, 30 April 13, 20, 27

#### ALSO AVAILABLE

#### Spotlight on New York City Holiday

Experience the "the Big Apple" alive with the holiday spirit. New York City shines even brighter during the holiday season NOVEMBER 21 & 28; DECEMBER 5 & 12, 2022

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from New York City. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. Day of the Broadway show and performance selections are subject to change. Some Broadway performances may not be suitable for children: please inquire at time of reservation. For the matinee Broadway performance, guests will be provided with a selection of shows to choose from. Selection of shows is subject to change based upon availability. Actual shows available for choices will be advised approximately 80 days prior to departure and must be finalized at 50 days prior to departure. Once guests choose show of preference, changes are not permitted. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON WASHINGTON, D.C.

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS STARTING AT \$2699

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Visit the National Air and Space Museum -OR- visit the National Museum of American History.

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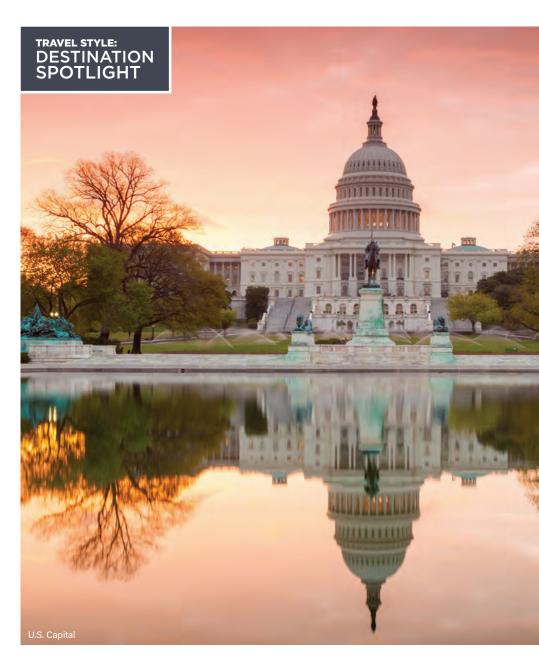
#### 5 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Experience international cuisine in local restaurants throughout the city.
- Dine by candlelight at historic Gadsby's Tavern in Old Town Alexandria.



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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

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

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

#### Day 2: Washington, D.C.

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

#### Day 3: Washington, D.C.

Tour the Washington National Cathedral, which hosted state funerals, Presidential inaugural masses, and MLK's last sermon. After some free time, continue to Ford's Theatre where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. Tour the theatre and hear about the events that transpired as John Wilkes Booth's plan unfolded. Finish at the neighbouring Petersen House, where the fatally injured Lincoln took his final breaths. The evening is yours. You may choose to join an optional twilight tour of D.C. with dinner. (B)

**Day 4:** Arlington National Cemetery -Mount Vernon, Virginia - Alexandria Visit Arlington National Cemetery for a narrated tour that takes you to the Tomb of the Unknowns







and the Kennedy gravesites. Continue to Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. Wander the grounds and tour the home filled with 18th-century artifacts. Head to Old Town Alexandria, nestled along the Potomac, and enjoy time to stroll the cobblestone streets on your own. This evening, dine at Gadsby's Tavern, famous for hosting George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other founding fathers. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Washington, D.C. 😵

Spend time in the White House Visitor Center and see artifacts from the White House collection. Then, **it's your choice!** Uncover some of the treasures of the Smithsonian at the National Air and Space Museum, home of the famous Wright 1903 Flyer and the Apollo 11 command module **-OR-** visit the National Museum of American History and see gowns of First Ladies along with the Star-Spangled Banner. Enjoy free time to continue exploring on your own. Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner commemorating the end of your historical journey. (B, D)

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

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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#### SPECIAL EVENT



#### **Cherry Blossom Season**

Enjoy the festivities during this beautiful herald of spring. Please note: Blooming varies slightly every year. Dates are to be determined.

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

### **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**

# HERITAGE OF AMERICA

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS STARTING AT \$3349

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Philadelphia • Gettysburg • Harpers Ferry • Shenandoah National Park • Charlottesville • Monticello • Colonial Williamsburg • Arlington National Cemetery • Washington, D.C. • Smithsonian Institution • Mount Vernon

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Gettysburg, one of the most important battle sites of the Civil War.
- Stroll the grounds of historic Colonial Williamsburg.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Choose from a visit to President Eisenhower's National Historic Site home and farm -OR- a walking tour of historic Gettysburg.
- Day 7 Visit the Smithsonian Institution where you will have the chance to visit either the National Air & Space Museum-OR- the National Museum of American History.



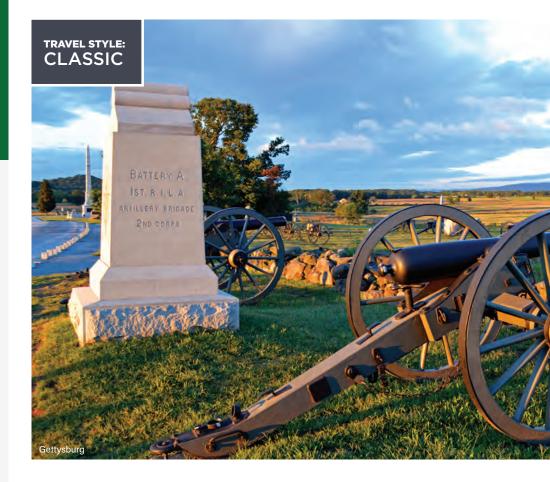
#### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

• Relish dinner in a beautifully restored barn at a family-owned farm.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 The Notary Hotel, Autograph Collection, Philadelphia, PA
- Days 2, 3 Wyndham Hotel or Courtyard by Marriott, Gettysburg, PA
- Day 4 The Draftsman, Autograph Collection, Charlottesville, VA
- Days 5, 6 DoubleTree by Hilton, Williamsburg, VA
- Days 7, 8 The Westin Washington, D.C. City Center, Washington, D.C.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Retrace the events that shaped American history, journeying along a storied trail from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C.

# **Day 1:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Tour Begins

Celebrate America's rich and varied heritage on an in-depth tour of the eastern United States featuring essential landmarks and incredible vistas. First stop, Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. You'll have a bird's-eye view atop One Liberty Observation Deck overlooking the city.

#### Day 2: Philadelphia - Gettysburg

This morning, embark on a tour of "the Birthplace of a New Nation." See the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, the location of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the drafting of the Constitution. We'll stop in Amish country on our way to Gettysburg, site of the Union victory and a turning point in the Civil War. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a historic Gettysburg tavern. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Gettysburg 😵

Visit the Gettysburg National Military Park and Museum. Begin your tour with the film *A New Birth of Freedom.* Then lose yourself in Paul Philippoteaux's *Cyclorama* from 1884, a breathtaking 360° cylindrical painting depicting Pickett's Charge. Explore the Museum of the American Civil War and its galleries. Step onto the battlefield with a guided tour of the site illuminating those three historic days in 1863 and the decisive battle that changed the course of American history forever. This afternoon **it's your choice!** Visit President Eisenhower's home and farm (a National Historic Site); this site served as the President's weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders during the Cold War-era tensions **-OR-** embark on a guided walking tour of historic downtown Gettysburg with a local expert dressed in period clothing. Tonight, enjoy a home-cooked family-style meal in a historic barn (dating back to 1764) and experience life on a third generation family-owned farm. (B, D)

#### **Day 4:** Harpers Ferry, West Virginia -Shenandoah Valley, VA - Charlottesville

Stop in West Virginia to visit the quaint, historic community of Harpers Ferry, where the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers meet. Then we pass through Shenandoah National Park via Skyline Drive. Travel along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where the scenic wilderness extends in all directions. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own in downtown Charlottesville. (B)

#### Day 5: Charlottesville - Williamsburg

Visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence. Learn about him during a



tour of the main house before exploring on your own or choosing between a guided tour focusing on the experiences of the enslaved people of Monticello or a guided tour of the gardens and grounds. This afternoon we arrive in historic Williamsburg. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Colonial Williamsburg

Step back in time. The short film, "Story of a Patriot," is your introduction to Colonial Williamsburg where costumed re-enactors populate the streets and buildings, bringing 1770 to life. Tour the Governor's Palace and Gardens; then feel free to wander the cobblestone streets and explore some of the 88 historic buildings during an afternoon at leisure. (B)

# Day 7: Williamsburg - Washington, D.C. ♥

Depart for Arlington National Cemetery to view the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites. Then travel to Washington, D.C. Explore the world-famous Smithsonian Institution's countless treasures where **it's your choice!** Visit the National Air and Space Museum **-OR-** the National Museum of American History. Among the National Air and Space Museum's collection are the Wright 1903 Flyer, the Spirit of St. Louis, and the Apollo 11 command module. The National Museum of American History features the flag that





inspired Francis Scott Key to compose the national anthem, the First Ladies Hall containing many ball gowns worn by America's First Ladies, and more. The evening is free to explore on your own. (B)

#### Day 8: Washington, D.C.

Take a guided tour of America's capital featuring wonderful views of the Capitol building, the White House, monuments and museums. Our first stop is the White House Visitor Center where you retrace the story of the historic residence. Continue with a stop at the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. Finally, make a photo stop at the U.S. Capitol building. This afternoon, visit Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. Wander the lush plantation grounds and tour the home filled with 18th-century artifacts. Toast the end of a wonderful trip this evening at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

# Day 9: Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends

Bid farewell to Washington, D.C. this morning. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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66 The itinerary was wonderful. Hit all the points on my bucket list for an overview of heritage sites & history. As always, the tour director was helpful and extremely knowledgeable. 
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# AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES

### 8 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$3649

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of Memphis where local musicians share the story of the city's musical heritage and history.
- Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry, the "home of American music."

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2 In New Orleans, enjoy a walking tour of the French Quarter -OR- set out on a panoramic motor coach tour through the city with a local guide.
- Day 5 In Memphis, visit Graceland and tour Elvis' 14-acre estate -ORembark on a Civil Rights tour and follow the route of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's last march by coach.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy Creole delights at a favourite French Quarter restaurant in New Orleans.
- Stop to taste a New Orleans favourite — beignets at Café Du Monde.
- Create your own Goo Goo Cluster Candy at a chocolate-making lesson.
- Indulge in a king cake tasting at Mardi Gras World.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 3 Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans, LA

- Days 4, 5 The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, TN
- Days 6,7 Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

#### ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

During your stay at the Gaylord Opryland Resort, you can choose to upgrade your room to a Premium Garden View room. CALLFOR DETAILS



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

# **Day 1:** New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins

Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack.

#### Day 2: French Quarter 😵

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#### Day 3: New Orleans

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#### Day 4: New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee

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

#### Day 5: Memphis 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** Jive along to "Jailhouse Rock" as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the "King" himself, and tour Elvis' 14-acre estate, home, private jets and Meditation Garden **-OR-** embark on a Civil Rights tour and follow the route of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march by coach, stopping at Mason Temple where he gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. Enjoy free time to grab lunch on your own before hopping back on the coach with some local musicians, who explain why Memphis embraces



its title as the "Home of the Blues." The remainder of the day is yours. You may opt to join a Memphis Musical History Tour with included dinner, or simply absorb the city's vibrancy at your own pace! (B)

#### Day 6: Memphis - Nashville

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

#### Day 7: Nashville

Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the world's largest museum of popular music, and check out the vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings, and instruments. Tour RCA Studio B and gain an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Charley Pride





once recorded classic hits. You may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Then, test your culinary skills at a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends

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

### ALSO AVAILABLE



### America's Music Cities Holiday

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# AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES HOLIDAY

### 8 DAYS · 11 MEALS starting at \$3899

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

French Quarter • Swamp Tour • Mardi Gras World • Jazz Revue • Graceland • Ryman Auditorium • Hands-on Chocolatemaking Lesson • Grand Ole Opry Show • Historic RCA Studio B • Country Music Hall of Fame • Gaylord Opryland Resort Dinner & Holiday Show

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a of Memphis where local musicians share the story of the city's musical heritage and history.
- Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry, the "home of American music."
- Experience the Gaylord Opryland Resort's magical holiday displays with over 2 million lights and unique Music City-inspired décor.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2 In New Orleans, enjoy a walking tour of the French Quarter
   -OR- set out on a panoramic motor coach tour through the city with a local guide.
- Day 7 In Nashville, embark on a cozy horse-drawn carriage ride -ORtake in your resort's amazing lights and décor on a relaxing river cruise.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy Creole delights at a favourite French Quarter restaurant in New Orleans.
- Stop to taste a true New Orleans favourite — beignets at Café Du Monde.
- Create your own Goo Goo Cluster Candy at a chocolate-making lesson.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 3 Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans, LA
- Day 4 The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, TN
- Days 5 7 Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Gaylord Opryland Resort, you can

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Gaylord Opryland Hotel

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This morning, head out on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. You may be tempted to sing along as local musicians board the coach to tell the stories of Memphis' musical



heritage and its rich history. Put on your blue suede shoes and get ready to visit Graceland, the opulent home of the King himself, Elvis Presley. Enter Elvis' 14-acre estate, decorated in its holiday best with impressive poinsettia displays, and visit his home, original business office, trophy building with exhibits depicting Elvis' life at Graceland, racquetball building, and the Meditation Garden, as well as his private jets. Then, journey along Music Highway to the "Music Capital of the World" - Nashville - and the glorious Gaylord Opryland Resort. This impressive property is a year-round wonderland but during the holidays it truly sparkles even brighter! (B, D)

#### Day 6: Nashville

Your day begins with a tour of the historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. Test your culinary skills at a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry. (B)

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of memorabilia, costumes, recordings

the world. The museum's vast collections

and instruments are artfully presented in

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dinner and holiday show at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Then, **it's your choice!** 

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Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends

Your rockin' holiday journey comes to a

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# SOUTHERN CHARM

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS STARTING AT \$3249

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Historic Charleston • Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens • Savannah • St. Simons Island • Jekyll Island • Golden Isles Cruise



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens just outside of Charleston.
- Spend time at quaint St. Simons Island and marvel at its stunning 106-foot tall lighthouse.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 2 — Stroll through Charleston's historic centre with a local guide
 -OR- take a harbour cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

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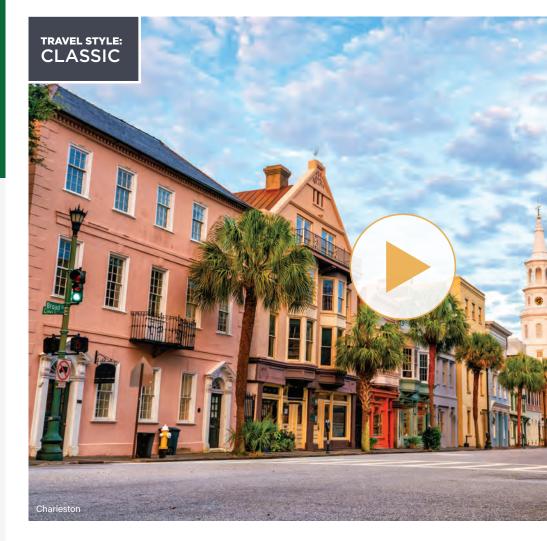
#### 6 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

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

### ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

# **Day 1:** Charleston, South Carolina - Tour Begins

Experience warm Southern hospitality in America's southeast. Come to know its rich history and deep traditions on this tour highlighted by stays in Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island. Begin your journey in Charleston, a city that has defied all odds. Charleston has survived the Civil War, major fires, an earthquake, and hurricanes – and still exudes elegance, charm, and grace.

#### Day 2: Charleston 😵

Decide how to see the city because **it's your choice!** Stroll through Charleston's historic centre with a local guide, exploring hidden alleys and quaint areas that are only accessible by foot **-OR-** take a harbour cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first fired shots of the Civil War were fired, and chat with a ranger before exploring on your own. Later, make your way to bustling City Market, one of the country's oldest public markets and the central hub for Gullah sweetgrass basketry  an intricate handicraft of African origin. Explore Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens, where you'll experience Southern living as you come to know one of America's oldest plantations. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Charleston - Savannah, Georgia

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

#### Day 4: Savannah

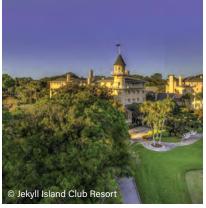
Take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with a trolley tour highlighting Savannah's sprawling Historic District. Lively, informative commentary brings the city to life as you travel along the



cobblestone-paved streets and beneath moss-draped oaks. Allow the stately mansions, beautiful squares and romantic riverfront promenades to capture your heart. The rest of the afternoon is yours to do as you wish. Perhaps you will join an optional walking tour and lunch to get a closer look at some of Savannah's elegant gates and secret gardens. Tonight, gather at a popular local restaurant on Savannah's famous River Street for a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional specialties. (B, D)

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

Journey to Georgia's legendary Gold Coast and visit the quaint St. Simons Island. See its stunning, 106-foot tall lighthouse before stepping into the past at the Museum of Coastal History. Enjoy time to explore the area on your own, meandering along the unique shops and restaurants in the village. Continue on to the exclusive Jekyll Island Club hotel, your home for the next two nights. (B)





#### Dav 6: Jekvll Island

Situated grandly in the middle of the Golden Isles, Jekyll Island was once the beloved vacation spot for prominent families, including the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan. With a morning at leisure, enjoy the old-world atmosphere of this iconic resort. Gather for a tram ride that brings you on a tour of the island and the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District - one of the nation's largest restoration projects. Then, cruise the waters around Jekyll Island, keeping your eyes peeled for dolphins, manatees and bird life. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at the Jekyll Island Club hotel. (B, D)

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

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

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(featured itinerary) May 1, 8, 22, 30 September 11, 25

#### ALSO AVAILABLE

Southern Charm Holiday In South Carolina and Georgia, experience the unique charm of America's "Low Country" decked out for the holiday season. 7 DAYS, 9 MEALS

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\_\_\_\_\_ 66 The experience at Jekyll Island was a highlight. Loved the hotel and the surroundings. 99 - Collette Traveller

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# BLUEGRASS COUNTRY & THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>3649

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy a visit to a private horse farm in Lexington, Kentucky.
- Stop in Berea, the arts and crafts capital of the state of Kentucky.
- Take in the vibrant and artistic downtown of Asheville, North Carolina during a walking tour.

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Sip on samples of Kentucky's homegrown spirit during a tasting at Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery.
- Enjoy Southern fare at historic Boone Tavern in the centre of Berea, Kentucky.
- Dine at Anakeesta with panoramic views of Smoky Mountains National Park.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Courtyard Louisville Downtown or Galt House, Louisville, KY
- Days 3, 4 DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, Lexington, KY
- Days 5, 6 Margaritaville Resort, Gatlinburg, TN
- Days 7, 8 Cambria Hotel Downtown or Hyatt Place Asheville/ Downtown, Asheville, NC



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

**Day 1:** Louisville, Kentucky - Tour Begins Your tour starts in Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and baseball. Settle in for a 2-night stay at your hotel, ideally situated in downtown Louisville.

#### Day 2: Louisville 😯

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

#### Day 3: Louisville - Lexington

Visit Buffalo Trace, the oldest continuously operating Bourbon distillery in America. Learn

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

#### Day 4: Lexington - Berea - Lexington

Travel to Berea, the historic college town known as the arts-and-crafts center of Kentucky. Meet a few artisans while they demonstrate their craft. Enjoy lunch at Boone Tavern, where bluegrass country meets the rolling hills of Appalachia. Tonight, personalize your evening with Diner's Choice, deciding where you want to eat from an included "menu" of Lexington's great restaurants. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 5:** Lexington – Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest. Extending across the western plateau region of the Appalachian Mountains, it's named for the larger-than-life American pioneer who once



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

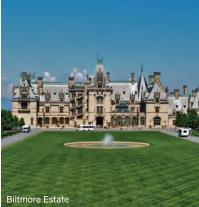
#### **Day 6:** Gatlinburg - Great Smoky Mountains National Park -Gatlinburg

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

# **Day 7:** Gatlinburg - Asheville, North Carolina

This morning, depart for Asheville, North





Carolina, your Blue Ridge Mountains home for 2 nights. Upon arrival in Asheville, embark on an orientation walking tour with a local guide and discover the neighbourhood around your downtown hotel. (B)

#### Day 8: Asheville

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

# **Day 9:** Asheville - Charlotte - Tour Ends

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

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66 Our tour guide was friendly and knowledgeable of every tour site, the bus and driver were excellent & our excursions were well planned. The best way to sum up is to just say we had a great time! ??

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Collette Traveller

# SPOTLIGHT ON NASHVILLE

5 DAYS · 7 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2399

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Country Music Hall of Fame • RCA Studio B • George Jones Museum • Ryman Auditorium • Wildhorse Saloon • Grand Ole Opry Show • Historic Town of Franklin

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take your reserved seat at a performance at the Grand Ole Opry.
- Step to the beat at a line-dancing lesson at Wildhorse Saloon.
- Make the most of your included ticket for the city's hop-on hop-off trolley.

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Tour Carnton Plantation, a makeshift hospital during the Civil War -OR- enjoy an expert-led tour and tasting at Lieper's Fork Whiskey Distillery.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 4 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

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

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 4 Drury Plaza Downtown, Nashville, TN

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

#### Day 1: Nashville, Tennessee - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 2: Strike a Chord

Start the day by tracing Nashville's country roots at the Country Music Hall of Fame, home to all things country, from steel guitars to trendsetting costumes. Peruse the mosaic of photos, film, fiddles, and fan letters. Continue exploring Nashville's musical heritage at RCA

Studio B, where an expert insider will give you a comprehensive look at the city's oldest remaining recording studio. Here, the voices of Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and other world-renowned vocalists practically echo through these venerable rooms. See where artists recorded their chart-topping music and get the chance to record your own hit! Then, coast through the streets of Nashville on a narrated hop-on hop-off trolley tour and see the main sights of the city, hopping off wherever you'd like to make the most of your free time. This evening, visit the George Jones Museum. Here you'll be immersed in the life and legacy of George Jones, who has more Top 40 hits than any other country music artist. Then, enjoy a welcome dinner at the museum's on-site restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Grand Ole Time

Doris Day. Johnny Cash. Louis Armstrong. Neil Diamond. These are but a few of the legends that



left their mark on the historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. Practically feel the beat of yesteryear as you walk past the vintage concert posters and memorabilia. Enjoy an immersive special effects experience at the "Soul of Nashville" theater experience. Then, grapevine your way over to the iconic Wildhorse Saloon for a line-dancing lesson, a fun musical performance, and a hearty Southern lunch. Take advantage of free time to explore, perhaps using your included Uber voucher, before taking a seat at one of country music's most celebrated venues. Tonight, enjoy a live performance as the Grand Ole Opry family welcomes you into their home. (B, L)

# **Day 4:** A Small Town with a Story to Tell

Head south to Franklin, where the past blends seamlessly with the contemporary. Choose how you explore because **it's** 





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

#### Day 5: Nashville - Tour Ends

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# SPOTLIGHT ON NEW ORLEANS

### 5 DAYS · 6 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>1999

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience a spirited jazz revue at a jazz club in the French Quarter.
- Soak in the ambiance of the old South with a drive along St. Charles Avenue.
- Journey through Louisiana's swamp country on a narrated cruise.

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2 Explore the National WWII Museum -OR- experience Mardi Gras World, where artisans create floats for the parades.
- Day 3 Join a local guide for a walking tour of the French Quarter
   -OR- visit the Historic New Orleans Collection and the Bevolo Gaslight Museum and Workshop.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

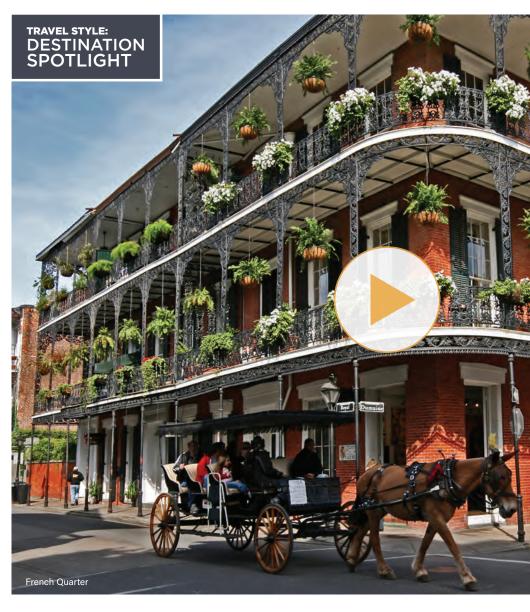
#### 4 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a taste of a New Orleans favourite — beignets at Café Du Monde.
- Enjoy dinner at The Court of Two Sisters.
- Learn to cook New Orleans-style at the New Orleans School of Cooking.



Days 1 - 4 Royal Sonesta Hotel or Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, New Orleans, LA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

# **Day 1:** New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins

Step into a cultural melting pot in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! Experience this soulful city abound with rich history, mouth-watering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack.

#### Day 2: French Quarter 😵

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

#### Day 3: French Quarter 😵

**It's your choice!** Introduce yourself to the city's famous French Quarter on a walking tour that features such sights as the majestic St. Louis Cathedral and the bustling French Marketplace, where you'll explore Pirates Alley and view the Pontalba **-OR-** explore the exhibitions and



galleries at the Historic New Orleans Collection followed by a visit to the Bevolo Gaslight Museum and Workshop. Then, head to Café Du Monde for a taste of a true New Orleans favourite – beignets! This afternoon, explore more of New Orleans on your own, or you may choose an optional excursion to Oak Alley Plantation to explore the rich history of the Antebellum South. (B)

#### Day 4: New Orleans

Set out on a drive along New Orleans' historic Esplanade Avenue. Then, journey through the Louisiana swamp on a cruise narrated by your captain. Learn about the ecosystem's history and ecology while keeping an eye out for wildlife, from bald eagles to herons, turtles and alligators. Return to the city and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to discover more of New Orleans your way. You may opt to take a riverboat cruise on the mighty Mississippi. Tonight, immerse yourself in the flavours of traditional New Orleans during dinner at The Court of Two Sisters in the French







Quarter. After dinner, discover for yourself why New Orleans is the "Birthplace of Jazz" during a roaring jazz revue at a local club in the French Quarter. (B, D)

#### Day 5: New Orleans - Tour Ends

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

### ALSO AVAILABLE



Spotlight on New Orleans Holiday Step into "The Big Easy" all decked out for the holidays. ★ DECEMBER 4 & 11, 2022

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We were able to see and experience all of New Orleans.
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#### **NEW TOUR**



5 DAYS · 6 MEALS STARTING AT \$1999

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Historic District Trolley Tour • City Market • Dessert Tour • Pin Point • Tybee Island • Dolphin Cruise



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Relax on Tybee Island before leaving by boat to search for playful pods of dolphins along the coast.
- Use your Uber voucher to explore Savannah your way.
- Learn about the Gullah-Geechee culture at Pin Point Heritage Museum.

### Y IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — Discover the history and the spirit of the First African Baptist Church -OR- learn how to carve scrimshaw at the Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 4 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

 Savour Savannah's sweetness at local shops in City Market, sampling cookies, pralines, and ice cream along the way.



**Days 1 – 5** The DeSoto, Savannah, GA\* *On some dates alternate hotels may be used.* 



Get a taste of that sweet southern life in Savannah, Georgia, where moss-draped oaks line charming cobblestone streets.

#### Day 1: Savannah, Georgia - Tour Begins

Welcome to Savannah, a coastal city built on southern hospitality and charm. Here, you're invited to step out of the warmth of the sun, duck into the shade beneath the hanging Spanish moss, and sip on a cold sweet tea. There are friendly people to meet, incredible restaurants to try, historic architecture to take in, and time to relax and enjoy yourself.

#### Day 2: Savannah

This morning, take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with a trolley tour highlighting Savannah's sprawling Historic District, where your guide will narrate the history and culture of your surroundings. The stately mansions, beautiful squares and romantic riverfront promenade will capture your heart as you travel along the cobblestone-paved streets and beneath mossdraped oaks. Afterwards, you'll have time on your own in City Market for lunch. A hub of Savannah since the 1700s, City Market is a place to stroll, dine, and shop. Save room for dessert after lunch, because you'll get a taste of Savannah's sweet side. You'll stop for delicious, locally made sweets, including fresh-baked cookies, a family-owned confectioner, and finally an ice cream shop that uses a recipe perfected over generations. How's that for some southern charm? (B, D)

#### Day 3: Savannah 😯

Start your day off your way, because this morning **it's your choice!** Discover the strength and spirit of the First African Baptist Church during a guided tour. Part of the community of Savannah since 1773, you'll see the beauty of the Sanctuary, originally built in 1859, and learn about the storied history of the Church and its congregation, from the Civil War to Segregation to today – **OR** – visit the Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum, displaying scrimshaw art, models, and objects of the Era of the Atlantic Trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. In a hands-on scrimshaw





class, you'll carve your own piece to take home. The afternoon is yours to explore Savannah's charismatic streets as you'd like. Use your included Uber voucher to head over to the scenic and beautiful Forsyth Park for an afternoon stroll. This evening, perhaps you'll choose an optional tour to dine at a local restaurant followed by a musical variety show at the historic Savannah Theatre. (B)

### Day 4: Savannah

Today, head to the Pin Point Heritage Museum located in the Moon River District in Savannah's low country. From today's residents, hear the cultural story of the Gullah-Geechee community founded in 1890 by freed slaves and what it was like to grow up here, the importance of the surrounding marshes and rivers and what the future holds. Afterwards, set out for nearby Tybee Island, one of Georgia's barrier islands and a favourite vacation spot since the late 1800s. You'll have time to relax, enjoy the coast and the vibrant downtown. You'll leave Tybee Island by boat, taking a scenic cruise past lighthouses and the imposing Fort Pulaski. Keep your eyes on the water, because you'll be looking for pods of dolphins. They love diving and playing in the wake of the boat, so be sure to have your camera ready. Tonight, you'll sit down with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, to swap stories of your time in Savannah. (B, D)

**Day 5:** Savannah - Tour Ends Bid farewell to the southern charm of Savannah. (B)

### Featured Tour Extension



### Optional 3-Night Charleston Post-Tour

### **Day 5:** Savannah – Beaufort, South Carolina – Charleston – Extension Begins

Set out for Charleston, South Carolina. Along the way, you'll stop in Beaufort, a charming South Carolina town with a captivating historic district. Relax and take in the sights of the Chambers Waterfront Park and watch the sailboats on the bay, or maybe you'll walk the downtown area and sit down at one of the many great restaurants. Afterwards, head to Charleston where you'll have an entire evening at leisure.

### Day 6: Charleston

This morning, you'll stroll through Charleston's historic centre with a local guide, exploring the hidden alleyways and quaint spots that only the locals know. After, make your way to the bustling City Market, one of the country's oldest public markets and the central hub for Gullah sweetgrass basketry – an intricate handicraft of West African origin. (B)

### Day 7: Charleston

Today is completely at leisure, and you can explore Charleston however you'd like. Perhaps you'll take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the charming streets, or hop on a harbour cruise out to Fort Sumter. Be sure to explore the nearby restaurants, because Charleston is truly a foodie paradise. (B)

# **Day 8:** Charleston – Depart for Home

Wave goodbye to Charleston as you make your way back home. (B)

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### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at \$1999 \$2699 Pricing is per person, land only and varies by departure date Prices based on September 19, 2022 departure. Prices based on September 19, 2022 departure.

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November 7 December 5 January 30

February 27 March 27 April 24

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### **Optional 3-Night Charleston Post Tour**

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two as well as time on your own to explore independently.

# HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE

### 10 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>4999

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Waikiki Beach • Pearl Harbor • Oahu's North Shore • Volcanoes National Park • Kona Highlights • Fern Grotto • Iao Valley • Lahaina • Polynesian Luau

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a traditional Hawaiian floral lei welcome.
- In the town of Haleiwa, learn why surfers from around the world gather here.
- Stroll through the streets of the royal capital, Lahaina, Maui.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

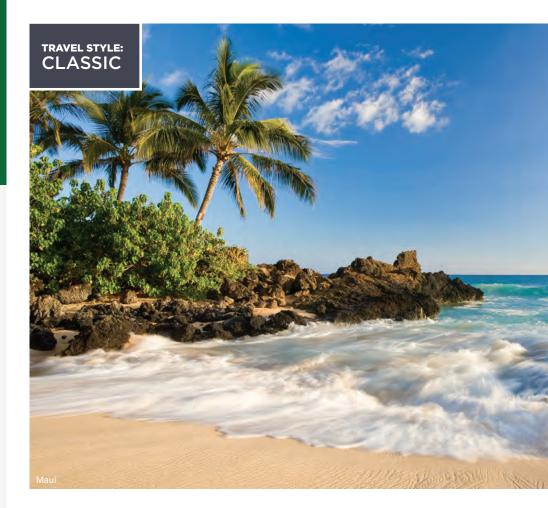
### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

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

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1-3 Prince Waikiki, Oahu, HI
- Days 4-6 Sheraton Kona at Keauhou Bay, Big Island, HI
- Days 7-9 Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa, Maui, HI

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

### Day 1: Honolulu, Oahu - Tour Begins

*Aloha!* Your adventure in the sun-drenched Hawaiian Islands begins in Oahu. Upon arrival you'll be welcomed with a traditional Hawaiian floral lei before transferring to your Waikiki Beach hotel. Relax and "hang loose" — you are in Hawaii!

### Day 2: Honolulu

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

### Day 3: North Shore - Waikiki

Start your journey along Oahu's famous North Shore, known for its big wave surfing. Several television series and movies were filmed in this area. A stop in the surfing town of Haleiwa will surely be a highlight as you learn why surfers gather from all over the world to ride these waves ranging from 2 to 40 feet! You may find surfers fueling up at the town's food trucks or restaurants in plantation-era buildings before hitting the famous beaches of Waimea Bay, Ehukai (Banzai Pipeline) and Sunset Beach. Return to Waikiki and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

### Day 4: Honolulu - Kona, Big Island

Board your flight to the "Big Island" of Hawaii. True to its name, the island itself is larger than all of the other Hawaiian Islands combined. Although the island's official name is the archipelago's namesake, the Big Island is also famous for its volcanoes. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B, D)

### **Day 5:** Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park -Kona

Tour the South Coast and see the crystal clear waters of Kealakekua Bay. See the iconic black sand beaches and then discover Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to learn about Kilauea – the world's most active volcano. Make your way along steam bluffs, a fern tree jungle, and the Thurston Lava Tube. Pass waterfalls on the Hamakua Coast, pausing at the iridescent mist of Rainbow Falls. End your day with a visit to the Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Factory. (B)

### Day 6: Kona - Honaunau Bay - Kona

Start the day at Bay View Farm, which has been harvesting coffee beans since 1984. Tour the farm



with a local before enjoying a tasting of the local brew. Visit St. Benedict's Painted Church, built in the 1800s and adorned with vibrant frescos. Continue to Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park on the rugged coast, once the place of refuge for those that broke the *Kapu* (sacred law) in old Hawaii. (B)

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

Board an inter-island flight to the "Valley Isle" of Maui, one of the most beautiful and popular outer islands. Visit the stunning lao Valley and view the 2,000-foot-high lao Needle, one of Maui's famous natural landforms. Visit the old royal capital of Lahaina, once home to the world's largest whaling fleets, where you can stroll through historic streets. Travel through sugarcane fields to the resort area of Ka'anapali and arrive at your beachfront hotel. (B, D)

### Day 8: Maui

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



Pearl Harbor

Waimea Canyon

Enjoy another day in paradise. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to view the sunrise from the summit of Haleakala. Tonight, complete your wonderful trip with a farewell dinner, Hawaiian-style, at a traditional Polynesian luau featuring endless tropical drinks and a sumptuous feast. (B, D)

### Day 10: Maui - Tour Ends

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

### ALSO AVAILABLE

### Grand Hawaiian Adventure

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

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### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

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66 Our trip to Hawaii was fun, interesting, and everything went smoothly. Our tour guide knew the history well. He went out of his way to make sure everyone enjoyed their trip. - Collette Traveller

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# ALASKA DISCOVERY LAND & CRUISE

### 12 DAYS · 26 MEALS starting at \$4899

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Fairbanks • Sternwheeler Discovery • Fannie Q's Saloon • Denali National Park • Tundra Wilderness Tour • Luxury Domed Rail • Anchorage • Hubbard Glacier • Glacier Bay • Skagway • Juneau • Ketchikan • Inside Passage

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy an unforgettable rail journey from Denali to Talkeetna in a luxury domed railcar.
- Enjoy an expert guided Tundra Wilderness Tour in Denali National Park.
- Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in historic Skagway.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

 In a modern saloon, enjoy dishes inspired by Fannie Q, the Alaskan pioneer.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Fairbanks hotel, Fairbanks
Days 2, 3	Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, Denali National Park
Day 4	Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, Denali
Days 5 - 11	Princess Cruises' <i>Majestic,</i> Sapphire or Grand

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Traverse the Pacific coast by land and sea on this breathtaking journey through Alaska.

**Day 1:** Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Fairbanks, in the great state of Alaska, on an adventure that brings together the best of both land and sea.

### Day 2: Fairbanks - Denali National Park

Step aboard an amazing cruise on the popular Sternwheeler Discovery, an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. Make stops along the way to meet the people and get a taste of local life. Take a scenic motorcoach ride to Denali National Park. Tonight, enjoy an authentic meal at Fannie Q's Saloon, where you'll dig into dishes inspired by the Alaskan mining pioneer Fannie "Q" Quigley. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Denali National Park

This morning, travel deep into Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness Tour which affords the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. Learn about the history of the park and see why Denali is one of the top three reasons that people visit Alaska. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

# Day 4: Denali National Park - Talkeetna - Denali

Your day begins with a scenic train ride to Talkeetna. Savour every moment inside your

luxury domed railcar. View the incredible landscape from glass-ceiling railcars and open-air observation platforms as rail guides provide expert commentary. Head to Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge where, from the moment you arrive, you'll know you are somewhere special. This comfy Alaskan lodge invites the ultimate experience, overlooking Denali and the Alaskan Range with one of the most inspirational views of the mountain found anywhere. There will be plenty of time to explore the area or enjoy a host of recreational activities. (B)

### **Day 5:** Denali - Anchorage - Whittier -Board Cruise Ship

Depart for your ship, stopping en route in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Continue with a scenic drive along the Alaska Range. Drive along the Turnagain Arm to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. With a local guide, discover where orphaned or injured bears, wolves, porcupines, and moose are cared for in a 200-acre rehabilitation site. Arrive in the port of Whittier where you'll embark on your 7-night Princess cruise aboard a fabulous floating resort designed to make your stay on board truly memorable. You will be dazzled by the entertainment in the state-of-the-art lounges



and a myriad of dining options. While on board, breakfast, lunch, dinner and nightly entertainment are included. (B, D)

**Day 6:** Cruising - Hubbard Glacier Your ship cruises past the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska's largest glaciers. Have your camera ready and take in the natural beauty of the glacier's stunning surface. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Cruising - Glacier Bay

Cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve that is a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands. Its rich world of marine life and large concentration of tidewater glaciers is Alaska at its best. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Cruising - Skagway

Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in this "Gateway to the Klondike" and home of the famed Chilkoot Trail. In historic Skagway, Alaska's past lives on in a spectacular natural setting and cries of "gold in the Yukon!" can still be heard. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Cruising - Juneau

From massive scenic mountains to historic buildings, there is so much to explore in Alaska's capital city of Juneau. (B, L, D)



### Day 10: Cruising - Ketchikan

Denali National Park

Your port of call today is Ketchikan, known as the "Salmon Capital of the World" and the "City of Totems." Located on the tranquil Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan is home to the world's largest collection of totem poles. (B, L, D)

### Day 11: Cruising - Inside Passage

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as your ship sails along the amazing Inside Passage. (B, L, D)

### **Day 12:** Vancouver, B.C. -Disembark Cruise - Tour Ends

Your cruise ends this morning in the vibrant Canadian city of Vancouver, leaving you with many wonderful memories of your tour to the last of the great frontiers. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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**NEW TOUR** 

# ALASKA: AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIER

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS starting at <sup>\$</sup>5199

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Fairbanks • Gold Mining • Trans-Alaska Pipeline • Dog Mushing • Denali National Park • Tundra Wilderness Tour • Talkeetna • Musk Ox Farm • Anchorage • Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Dine on the grounds of the champion owned Trail Breaker Kennel.
- Sample beers and local fare at an Alaskan brewery dinner.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 3 Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks
- Days 4, 5 Grande Denali Lodge, Denali Day 6 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge,
- Talkeetna Days 7, 8 Hilton Anchorage,
- Anchorage

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

### Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins

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

### Day 2: Fairbanks

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

### Day 3: Fairbanks

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax and explore the diverse options the city has to offer. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage cars sit between timely artifacts and fashionable designer dresses from times gone by, or take a ride on the Riverboat Discovery to get a glimpse into everyday life along Alaska's rivers. (B)

### Day 4: Fairbanks - Denali 😵

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

### Day 5: Denali National Park

Bring your binoculars and camera as you head deep into Denali National Park on a full-day Tundra Wilderness Tour. Travel over 50 miles into the heart of the park and enjoy a wide range of



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

### Day 6: Denali - Talkeetna

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

### Day 7: Talkeetna - Anchorage

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

### Day 8: Anchorage

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

### Day 9: Anchorage - Tour Ends

Your Alaskan adventure comes to a close today. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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### Choose to add more time to your trip:

	1-2 NIGHTS
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**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine Alaska: America's Last Frontier with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

DOUBLE Startin SOLO Startin		Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices ba	sed on September	1, 2022 departure.
<b>May - September 2022</b> May 26 June 9, 16, 23	July 14, 21 August 4, 11, 18, 25 September 1	;

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# **ALASKA'S** NORTHERN LIGHTS

### 7 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$4349

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
- · Dine at one of Alaska's most popular micro-breweries.
- · Learn all about the Iditarod as you dine on the property of a legendary racing kennel.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Hilton, Anchorage
Day 3	Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna
Days 4 - 6	Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



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

Day 1: Anchorage, Alaska - Tour Begins Your journey starts in Anchorage, a city on the edge of the snowcapped Chugach Mountains and 60 sparkling glaciers. This is your gateway to wilderness and adventure.

### Day 2: Anchorage - Winter Glacier Cruise - Anchorage

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

### Day 3: Anchorage - Palmer - Talkeetna

Take a step into the past when you visit Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project - a sustainable domestication effort that has worked

to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these wooly creatures since 1954. Continue on to Talkeetna as Denali, North America's tallest mountain, looms large over the landscape. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and experience a breathtaking perspective of Denali. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. Tonight, enjoy dinner and beer at one of Alaska's most popular micro-brewers - the Denali Brewing Company. Later, perhaps you will spend some time on the Lodge's expansive deck; a great place to search for the Northern Lights, or just enjoy some hot cocoa by the roaring fireplace in the great room. (B, D)

### Day 4: Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad -Fairbanks

Begin your day with a lecture on the down-toearth Alaskan lifestyle before hopping on Alaska Railroad's Aurora Winter Train for a full-day journey to Fairbanks. Sit back and relax as you



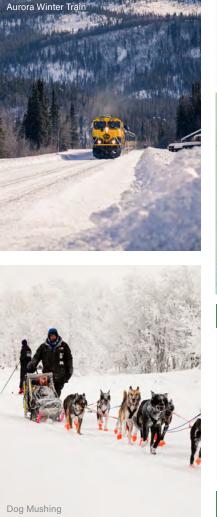
are whisked away, through snow-covered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready – the train conductor will point out wildlife as you pass by. Dinner is included in the train's dining car. This evening you arrive in Fairbanks, your home for the next three nights and one of the best places in Alaska to see the northern lights. (B, D)

### Day 5: Fairbanks

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

### Day 6: Fairbanks

Feel the brisk air and discover Fairbanks, the perfect combination of nature and civilization. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage



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

### Day 7: Fairbanks - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

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### 1-2 NIGHTS

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### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at \$4349 Starting at \$5549 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on March 16, 2023 departure.

**February - March 2022** (*different itinerary - see note\**) February 27, 28 March 6. 7, 9, 12, 13 March 14, 17, 19, 20, 21 \*Itinerary featured is for February - March 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. February - March 2023 (featured itinerary) February 22, 23 ★ March 1 March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 March 22, 23, 29, 30

### SPECIAL EVENT

# TRAVEL STYLE:



### The Iditarod and Alaska's Northern Lights

Take a snowy peek into Alaska. Visit the friendly local towns of the last frontier and witness the world-renowned Iditarod. Please note this is not a small group Explorations tour.

★ MARCH 1, 2023 - \$5399 • 10 DAYS, 14 MEALS

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive in Anchorage and depart from Fairbanks. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should not be booked prior to 3:00 pm. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. Temperatures in February and March can be quite cold. Anchorage averages a high of 20 degrees Fahrenheit (-7 degrees Celsius) / low of 11 degrees Fahrenheit (-12 degrees Celsius.) Talkeetna and Fairbanks average a high of 12 degrees Fahrenheit (-12 degrees Celsius.) / low of -13 degrees Fahrenheit (-25 degrees Celsius.) It is strongly recommended that guests dress appropriately for Arctic weather. The best time to see the northern lights is from late August through April and this itinerary was designed with a multiple-night stay in Fairbanks to enhance this opportunity. However, this is weather dependent, and sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Beach landings are weather dependent. The lunch on Day 6 will be a boxed lunch so you can enjoy it on your Glacier Cruise. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

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# THE IDITAROD AND ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS starting at \$5399

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Anchorage - Turnagain Arm - Iditarod Race - Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad -Fairbanks - Dog Mushing - Northern Lights Excursions

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Search for the northern lights in Fairbanks' star-filled sky.
- Hop in a sled and experience dog mushing like a local.
- Spend two nights at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, taking in unparalleled views of Denali and the Alaskan Range.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
- Dine at one of Alaska's most popular micro-breweries.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 4 Day 5, 6	Hilton, Anchorage Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge,
2	Talkeetna
Days 7 - 9	Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Take a snowy peek into Alaska. Visit the friendly local towns of the last frontier and witness the world-renowned Iditarod.

### Day 1: Anchorage, Alaska - Tour Begins

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

### Day 2: Anchorage

Get acquainted with Anchorage on a panoramic city tour before heading to the Anchorage Museum, Alaska's largest museum, which tells the story of Alaska and the North. Explore the full diversity of Alaska Native cultures. Tonight, get into the spirit of the Iditarod at the exclusive Musher's Banquet dinner. Chat with the stars of the race, enjoy local entertainment, and watch the mushers draw their starting positions from a mukluk (Arctic boot). (B, D)

# **Day 3:** Anchorage - Wildlife Conservation Center - Anchorage

Drive along the Turnagain Arm to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. With a local guide, discover where orphaned or injured bears, wolves, porcupines, and moose are cared for in a 200-acre rehabilitation site. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore Anchorage on your own. (B)

# **Day 4:** Anchorage - Iditarod Ceremonial Start

Welcome to the ceremonial start of the legendary Iditarod. Cheer on mushers, take photos of the energetic dogs, and peruse the local food vendors lining the streets. Perhaps you'll try a bite of reindeer sausage. After the excitement of the day, relax with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** Anchorage - Willow - Iditarod Official Start - Talkeetna

Venture to Willow and feel the adrenaline in the air as the Iditarod mushers line up at the starting line for the official start of the race. Mushers leave in 2-minute intervals, starting their 1,049mile journey to the finish line in Nome. Cheer amongst the locals for your favourite dogs at this bucket-list event. Continue on to Talkeetna as Denali, North America's tallest mountain, looms large over the landscape. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. (B)

### Day 6: Talkeetna

Begin your day with a lecture from a local expert on Alaska's unique flora and fauna, as well as



the state's down-to-earth lifestyle. This afternoon is yours to spend as you choose. Perhaps you will relax at your hotel, enjoying unparalleled views of Denali and the Alaskan Range, or venture out for an exploratory walk through the surrounding winter wonderland. Tonight, enjoy dinner and beer at one of Alaska's most popular micro-brewers – the Denali Brewing Company. (B, D)

### **Day 7:** Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad -Fairbanks

Hop on Alaska Railroad's Aurora Winter Train for a full-day journey to Fairbanks. Sit back and relax as you are whisked away, through snow-covered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready – the train conductor will point out wildlife as you pass by. Dinner is included in the train's dining car. This evening you arrive in Fairbanks, your home for the next three nights and one of the best places in Alaska to see the northern lights. (B, D)

### Day 8: Fairbanks

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### Day 9: Fairbanks

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax or flex your sense of adventure with optional excursions: consider flightseeing to the Arctic. Toast to your Alaskan adventure at a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. Later in the evening, enjoy a final chance to spot the northern lights. (B, D)

### Day 10: Fairbanks - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# WESTERN CANADA'S ROCKIES, LAKES & WINE COUNTRY

### 9 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$3649

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

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

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue.
- Taste the wines of the Okanagan Valley during dinner at a local vineyard.
- Get your fill with stunning views during lunch at the Lake Louise Ski Lodge.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Hyatt Regency, Calgary, AB
- Days 2, 3 Banff Inn , Banff, AB Day 4 Sutton Place Hotel,
- Days 5, 6 Grand Okanagan Resort,
- Days 5, 8 Grand Okanagari Resolt, Kelowna, BC Days 7, 8 Sheraton Vancouver Wall
- Centre, Vancouver, BC On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

### Day 1: Calgary, Alberta - Tour Begins

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

### Day 2: Calgary - Banff

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

### Day 3: Banff

A scenic drive through Banff reveals powerful Bow Falls and picture-perfect Surprise Corner. Learn about Banff National Park at Cave and Basin National Historic Site, where a short tunnel brings you to the hot springs that sparked the creation of Canada's first national park. You'll then meet with a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare colourful version of the gemstone found only in Alberta. Enjoy some free time to explore downtown Banff this afternoon, or opt for a thrilling helicopter tour up to Mt. Assiniboine. Tonight, meet up with your travel companions for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

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

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

### Day 5: Revelstoke – Kelowna

All aboard for a visit to the Revelstoke Railway Museum – an interactive museum that connects you to the history of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Continue on to fertile lands of the Okanagan



Valley, British Columbia's most celebrated wine region. Taste the sweet fruits of the land with a visit to an Okanagan orchard, where you'll meet up with a local farmer for a tour and a tasting of their seasonal produce. Arrive in Kelowna where you'll settle in for a 2-night stay by waters of Lake Okanagan. (B)

### Day 6: Kelowna 😯

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

### Day 7: Kelowna - Vancouver

Head west for the dynamic seaport city of Vancouver. This diverse city features incredible food and a thriving arts scene,





surrounded by the North Shore Mountains. This evening is yours to taste your way around the city and get to know your new destination. Perhaps you'll join an optional Chinatown tour with a local Chinese Canadian who will guide you around the neighbourhood's iconic landmarks and herbal stores all while sharing the history of their community. End this tour with a traditional roasted Peking duck dinner. (B)

### Day 8: Vancouver

A city tour of Vancouver begins this morning at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Continue onto Chinatown and Gastown – a turn-of-the-century neighbourhood comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques, and a world-famous steam-powered clock. Spend the evening on Granville Island, exploring this artistic hub full of unique markets before toasting to the end of your journey at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 9: Vancouver - Tour Ends

Your tour through Western Canada comes to a close today. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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<b>May - October 20</b> May 21, 28 June 4, 18, 25	22 July 2, 30 ★ July 15 August 6, 13, 2	September 3, 10, 24 October 8 27

### ALSO AVAILABLE



### Calgary Stampede

Grab your cowboy boots and celebrate western heritage and culture at this world-renowned rodeo and festival.

LICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

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

# CANADIAN ROCKIES & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

### 7 DAYS · 10 MEALS starting at \$3599

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

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

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

• Enjoy lunch at Ski Lake Louise Lodge.

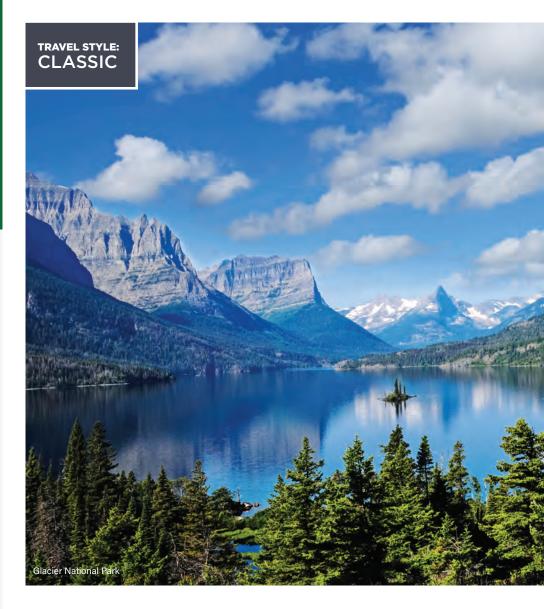
### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Hyatt Regency, Calgary, AB

- Days 2, 3 Bayshore Inn Resort and Spa, Waterton Lakes National Park, AB
- Days 4, 5 Banff Inn, Banff, AB

Day 6 Hyatt Regency, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

# **Day 1:** Calgary, Alberta, Canada - Tour Begins

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

# **Day 2:** Calgary - Waterton Lakes National Park

This morning, journey south to the prairie lands while enjoying the distant views of the spectacular Rockies. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world's oldest, best preserved buffalo jumps. Head-Smashed-In, in the foothills of the Rockies, has been used continuously by Aboriginal people for over 5,500 years. A Blackfoot guide brings to life the culture of the Plains people, the Buffalo Hunt, and the many secrets uncovered in archaeological digs. Continue travelling south to Waterton Lakes National Park. En route, pass through quaint villages and travel along roads sometimes traversed by grizzly bears, black bears, mountain goats, cougars, wolves, moose and elk. You'll even get to view and photograph the famous Prince of Wales Hotel. Tonight, enjoy dinner overlooking Waterton Lake. (B, D)

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

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



# Jammers



**Day 4:** Waterton Lakes National Park - Banff

Relax during your journey to Banff and soak in a backdrop of wonderful wildlife and the majestic Canadian Rockies. This afternoon, arrive in Banff and enjoy stops at the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner known for its picture perfect panoramic views. (B, D)

### Day 5: Banff - Icefields Parkway -Banff 𝕎

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

### Day 6: Banff - Lake Louise -Calgary

The famous glacier-fed, turquoise waters of Lake Louise are yours for admiring this morning. Perhaps you will choose to hike along the lakeshore or simply relax in the majesty of your surroundings. Enjoy lunch at the Ski Lake Louise Lodge before boarding the gondola, which ascends the mountain in fourteen minutes to a height of 6,850 feet above sea level. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies while en route to Calgary. Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Calgary - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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June 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 ★ July 3, 5, 7, 9, 12 July 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 30 S August 2, 6, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27

September 3, 6, 10, 13, 17

### SPECIAL EVENT



### Calgary Stampede

Grab your cowboy boots and celebrate western heritage and culture at this world-renowned rodeo and festival.

★ JULY 3, 5, 7, 9 & 12, 2022

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Calgary. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Some attractions, including Going-to-the-Sun Road, may not be available during the "off-season" months due to weather and typically opens the first week of July. Please note this is an all day excursion and lunch is not included, but there will be time for a break and lunch may be purchased during one of the stops. Glacier Experience is weather permitting throughout the travel season. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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

- Collette Traveller

### **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**

# CANADIAN ROCKIES BY TRAIN

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS starting at \$5949

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

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



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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



### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

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

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC
- Day 2 VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, Vancouver, BC
- Days 3, 4 Chateau Jasper, Sawridge Inn, or The Crimson, Jasper, AB
- Day 5 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise or Lake Louise Inn, Lake Louise, AB
- Days 6, 7 Fairmont Banff Springs or Caribou Lodge, Banff, AB
- Day 8 Hyatt Regency, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

# **Day 1:** Vancouver, British Columbia - Tour Begins

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

### Day 2: Vancouver - VIA Rail

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

### Day 3: VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta

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

### Day 4: Jasper

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

# Day 5: Jasper - Icefields Parkway - Lake Louise 😵

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



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

### Day 6: Lake Louise - Banff

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

### Day 7: Banff

Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its pictureperfect panoramic views. Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During leisure time, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's delightful downtown. (B)







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

### Day 8: Banff - Calgary

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

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

<sup>66</sup> This was our first time on tour. For us, it was a trip of a lifetime. Beautiful trip, great accommodations and great food. 99

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 Collette Traveller 

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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### DOUBLE Starting at \$5949 ng is per person, land only, d varies by departure date. Starting at \$7749 SOLO based on May 12, 2022 de

April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) April 21, 24, 28 \*Itinerary featured is for

confirm at time of reservation.

May 2022 - April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please

May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 5, 12, 19, 26 June 2, 9, 16, 20, 23 ★ July 3, 4, 10 July 17, 24, 28, 31

August 4, 7, 11, 15, 21, 28 September 1, 5, 19, 22 September 26, 29 October 2, 6, 9, 13 April 20, 23, 27

### ALSO AVAILABLE



**Calgary Stampede** 

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★ JULY 3, 4, & 10, 2022

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# CANADIAN ROCKIES FEATURING ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

### 8 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>6799

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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



### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

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

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC
- Day 3 Kamloops hotel
- Day 4 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise or Lake Louise Inn, Lake Louise, AB
- Days 5, 6 The Rimrock Resort, Banff, AB
- Day 7 Hyatt Regency, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

# **Day 1:** Vancouver, British Columbia - Tour Begins

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

### Day 2: Vancouver

Begin your Vancouver sightseeing tour at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Follow the park's famous seawall and discover views of the mountains along trails, beaches, historical landmarks and colourful gardens. This evening, board a ferry for a two-minute trip across the water to picturesque Granville Island Public Market. Stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers before enjoying dinner with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant. (B, D)

# Day 3: Vancouver - Rocky Mountaineer - Kamloops

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

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

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



Lake Louise



stunning property nestled along the banks of the lake. This evening it's Diner's Choice... choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise's great restaurants. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Lake Louise - Banff

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

### Day 6: Banff - Icefields Parkway -Banff ♥

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

### Day 7: Banff - Calgary

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

### Day 8: Calgary - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL





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### ALSO AVAILABLE



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

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# THE BEST OF EASTERN CANADA

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS starting at \$3449

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Toronto • Niagara Falls • Niagara-on-the-Lake • Thousand Islands National Park • Ottawa • Quebec City • Montmorency Falls • Maple Sugar Shack • Montreal



- Discover Niagara-on-the-Lake with quaint local shops and a charming atmosphere.
- Admire some of the 1864 islands of the Thousand Islands National Park with a boat tour along St. Lawrence River.
- Witness the incredible power of Mother Nature at breathtaking Niagara Falls.

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

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

### ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

**Day 1:** Toronto, Ontario - Tour Begins Your tour opens in cosmopolitan Toronto, capital of Ontario and Canada's largest city. Enjoy time to discover the area as you settle in.

**Day 2:** Toronto - Niagara Falls - Toronto This morning travel to Niagara Falls, home to the awe-inspiring set of waterfalls nestled along the border between the United States and Canada. Embark on a boat cruise to the base of the Falls and witness the thundering water from upclose. Continue on to Niagara-on-the-Lake and take advantage of some free time to discover the "loveliest town in Canada." This evening, experience Toronto's culinary scene as you linger with your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

### Day 3: Toronto - Ottawa

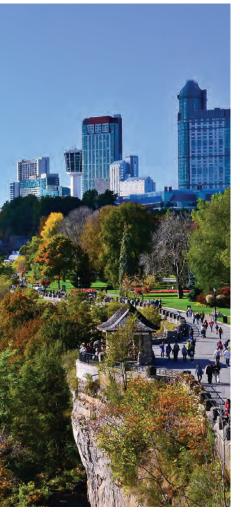
This morning stop in Rockport, gateway to the spectacular Thousand Islands National Park. Enjoy a memorable cruise through this unspoiled region, located along the St. Lawrence River. Then, take in the surrounding landscape of Ontario as you set off for Ottawa, Canada's culturally rich capital. A seamless blend of French and Canadian customs, the city's dynamic energy will capture your spirit. (B)

### Day 4: Ottawa

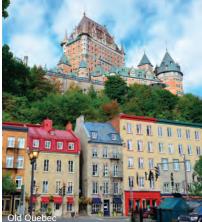
Get acquainted with Ottawa as you explore the city. Venture past the Prime Minister's residence, multiple embassies, and the impressive National Art Gallery. You'll also see the gothic parliament buildings and the Rideau Canal - which becomes the world's largest skating rink in wintertime. The remainder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

### Day 5: Ottawa - Quebec City, Quebec

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







### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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### Day 6: Quebec City 😵

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

### Day 7: Quebec City - Montreal

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

### Day 8: Montreal

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

### Day 9: Montreal - Tour Ends

Your journey draws to a close today. (B)

### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on March 24, 2023 departure. Pricing is per person, land onl and varies by departure date

June 3, 10, 17, 24

July 1, 15, 22, 29

August 5, 12, 19, 26

March - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) March 25 April 22, 29 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 6, 13, 27

September 2, 9, 16, 22 September 23, 30 October 6, 7, 14, 21 March 24 April 21, 28

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

Collette did an outstanding job putting this trip together.
 The tour guide was awesome. ??
 Collette Traveller

# MARITIMES COASTAL WONDERS

### 11 DAYS · 16 MEALS starting at <sup>\$</sup>4199

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax • Peggy's Cove • Mahone Bay • Lunenburg • Cape Breton Island • Cabot Trail • Prince Edward Island • Anne of Green Gables Museum • Hopewell Rocks • Fundy Trail • Grand Pre National Historic Site

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

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



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

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

### ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

**Day 1:** Halifax, Nova Scotia - Tour Begins Explore the picture-perfect region known as Canada's Maritimes. Venture along its rugged and pristine beauty, all while getting to know its funloving Acadian and Gaelic culture.

Day 2: Halifax - Peggy's Cove - Halifax Stunning landscapes await. Head to one of the most picturesque spots in all of Canada - Peggy's Cove. Set along the Atlantic coast, the cove is home to a historic lighthouse that offers incredible views of the surrounding area. Continue to Halifax, exploring its charming downtown on a tour highlighting the waterfront, Public Gardens, Spring Garden Road, and the famous Citadel. (B, D)

### Day 3: Halifax - Mahone Bay - Lunenburg - Halifax ◊

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

### Day 4: Halifax - Cape Breton Island -Baddeck

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

### Day 5: Baddeck - Cabot Trail - Baddeck

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

### Day 6: Baddeck - Prince Edward Island

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



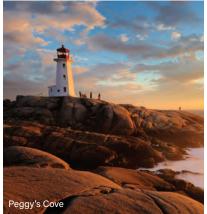
Tonight, roll up your sleeves and get ready for the ultimate island culinary experience in Charlottetown. Attend culinary "boot camp" where you'll compete for bragging rights to determine who cooks the best PEI mussels. (B, D)

### Day 7: Prince Edward Island

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

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

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





### Day 9: Saint John

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

### Day 10: Saint John - Halifax, Nova Scotia

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

### Day 11: Halifax - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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### REMOTE + RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS

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

Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Halifax. Airport transfers are available for purchase. During your visit to Hopewell Rocks, the walk on the ocean floor may not be available based on the timing of the tides. Please note, if you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate tour. Our travel counsellors can help determine the perfect tour for you. **All rates in Canadian dollars**.

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Venice • Gondola Ride & Boatyard Visit • Classical Music Concert • Po River Delta Wetlands Sailing • Republic of San Marino • Impact Moment: Culinary Arts & Agriculture Vocational School Visit • Florence • Chiusi Etruscan Museum • Labyrinth of Porsenna • Rome • Trastevere Food Tour Dinner

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Discover the craftsmanship behind the Venetian gondolas during a visit to a local boatyard.
- Let classical music transport you back in time during a concert of Vivaldi's famous Four Seasons.
- Explore the Po River Delta during a pontoon boat sailing of this UNESCO wetland region.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 Relax at your wine resort hotel and enjoy an organic wineinfused mud treatment -OR- spend the day in Ravenna, for a guided tour of its dazzling mosaics (UNESCO).
- Day 10 Explore Rome on a walking tour of its Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces -OR- enjoy a panoramic tour featuring the Catacombs
   -OR- discover Rome's recently restored antiquities: the Ara Pacis & Mausoleum of Emperor Augustus.

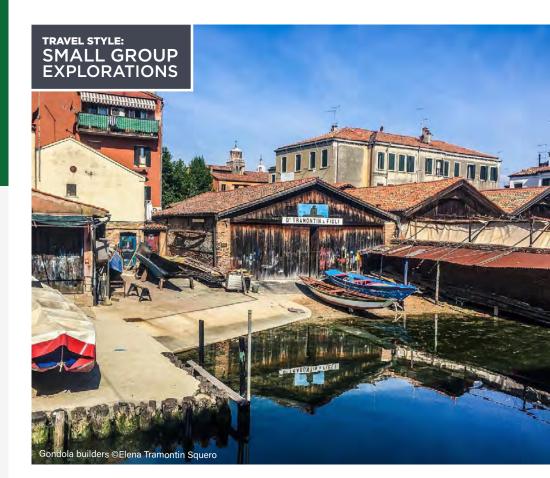
### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

10 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Participate in a hands-on cooking class dedicated to Romagna's garganelli and strozzapreti pastas.
- Taste traditionally made Parmigiano cheese and Balsamic vinegar at a Culinary Arts vocational school.
- Experience the flavours of Trastevere – Rome's medieval district – during a food tour dinner.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Maison Venezia UNA Esperienze, Venice
Days 4 - 6	Borgo Condé Wine Resort, Romagna Countryside, Forli
Days 7, 8	Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence
Days 9 - 11	Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome



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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure featuring the magic of Venice, Florence and Rome. Journey to the wine-producing Romagna countryside for a 3-night stay in a wine resort, and visit the Republic of San Marino, an enclave state of Italy. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country.

### Day 2: Venice, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to enchanting Venice (UNESCO) with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

# **Day 3:** Venice - Gondola Boatyard & Ride - Classical Music Concert

This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind one of the city's symbols: the sleek, iconic gondola boats. Visit a local boatyard, one of only two still active in the city, and glide along the canals during a gondola ride. Afterwards, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in the floating city. Perhaps you'll follow the advice of the locals who say the best way to discover Venice is to "get lost." Or, you could explore St. Mark's Square adorned with marbled palaces and seek out the perfect view over the Bridge of Sighs. This evening, delve into Venice's classical music heritage while you enjoy a live performance of the Four Seasons composed by the great Venetian Antonio Vivaldi. (B)

### **Day 4:** Venice - Po River Sailing -Romagna Countryside

Say "Ciao" to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its joie de vivre. Along the way, visit the Po Delta (UNESCO). Since ancient times, this delta has been the border between the Venice and the Ravenna regions, once two independent states. These wetlands will give you a glimpse into what Venice and Ravenna looked like to ancient Roman settlers making their way here from the south. You'll explore these wetlands by pontoon boat, learning about how the ecosystem here actually aided the Romans in escaping the barbarians that harried them. You'll also learn about the lives of fishermen and farmers whose lives have changed very little over the last 1000 years. Take in the tranquil scenery before stopping for lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, continue to your hotel nestled among vineyards in the Romagna countryside and settle in for your 3-night stay. (B, L, D)

# **Day 5:** Romagna Countryside - Choice on Tour 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Bask in the bucolic landscape at your wine resort hotel and pamper yourself with an organic wine-infused mud treatment in the onsite spa **-OR-** spend the day exploring Ravenna (UNESCO). During the darkness that enveloped the last days of the Roman Empire, Ravenna emerged as a centre of power thanks to its strategic position. The city's rulers – the Byzantines, the Goths – adorned its churches with dazzling mosaics. During a guided walking tour, discover the city's most illustrious monuments including the mosaics that inspired Cole Porter's "Night and Day." This evening, join the local chef for a hands-on cooking class centred on Romagna's most typical pasta dishes with colourful names such as *garganelli* or *strozzapreti* (prieststranglers), and enjoy the results of your work for dinner. (B, D)

### **Day 6:** Romagna Countryside - San Marino - Romagna Countryside

Grab your passport and journey to the landlocked Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched at the top of Mount Titano, the old town of San Marino (UNESCO) gives visitors sweeping views over the Adriatic Riviera and the gentle rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Explore the Old Town's intricate system of fortification towers, walls, gates and bastions during time at leisure. This evening, wrap up your stay in the Romagna Countryside with a winepairing dinner at your wine resort hotel. (B, D)

### **Day 7:** Romagna Countryside -Emilia Food Valley - Florence

Today, travel to the Emilia region, Italy's foodie haven. Meet students and teachers at a vocational high school for an Impact Moment dedicated to the Culinary Arts and Agriculture. Here, Italy's future chefs and farmers learn how to make Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese according to traditional codes, dating back to the 1300s. Students also try their hand aging Balsamic vinegar, a generational process taking anything from 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a farm-to-table light lunch prepared by the culinary students using ingredients from the School's farm, Later, continue to Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

### Day 8: Florence

This morning, meet a local expert for a walking tour of a city that is a work of art all on its own. Your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. You'll also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Florence's cultural riches independently. Perhaps you'll visit to one of the city's many museums, such as the Uffizi or Academy Gallery, where Michelangelo's *David* is kept. (B)

### Day 9: Florence - Chiusi - Rome

This morning traverse southern Tuscany, the ancient land of the Etruscans. This mysterious civilization predated the Romans, who assimilated them, erasing most of their way of life, even though many early kings of Rome were Etruscans. By all accounts, they were an advanced society and culture. On a guided walking tour of Chiusi, once part of the Etruscan Dodecapolis, you explore the town's underground water system - which has so many twists and turns that it was nicknamed Labyrinth of King Porsenna. You'll also visit the small archeological museum housing some of the most interesting artifacts archeologists found in the surrounding hills. Arrive in Rome (UNESCO) in the afternoon and settle in for a 3-night stay. (B)

### Day 10: Rome 😵

This morning, it's your choice! Explore Rome in 1 of 3 ways: delve into Rome's second Golden Age on a walking tour exploring its Renaissance and Baroque heritage and featuring Caravaggio's paintings, alongside the Pantheon and Navona Square -OR- explore Rome's Christian heritage on a panoramic tour featuring the Catacombs and the medieval basilica of St. Sabina on the Aventine Hill -OR- uncover Rome's most recent archeological discoveries on a tour of the Ara Pacis, the Mausoleum of Emperor Augustus and the Spanish Steps. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Italy's capital city. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour for an in depth visit of the Colosseum and the Capitol Hill with its monumental piazza designed by Michelangelo. (B)

### Day 11: Rome

Make the most of a free day in the Eternal City. Perhaps you'll stroll through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or join an early morning "Breakfast with Michelangelo" option to the Vatican Museums. Your visit begins with a buffet breakfast in the Pinecone Courtyard with views of Michelangelo's cupola - the dome sheltering St. Peter's Basilica. Then, 1 hour ahead of the Vatican Museums' opening to the general public, enjoy the ability to roam freely through one of the world's greatest Art collections. With the aid of an audio guide, you'll be able to independently explore the Museums' highlights, including Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure during a food tour in Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B, D)

### Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# ITALIAN VISTAS

### 13 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$4349

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum.
- Enjoy the magic of the Italian lakes in the captivating resort town of Stresa.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 6 Sail to the Isle of Capri. Enjoy a panoramic cruise, then explore Capri town -OR- journey along the Amalfi Coast to colourful Positano -OR- linger in Sorrento and experience a hands-on cooking class.
- Day 12 Take a boat to Isola Bella and join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace -OR- cross into Switzerland and drive up the Simplon Pass for a taste of the Swiss Alps.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Savour *la dolce vita* during a gelato tasting in Rome.
- Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.
- Sample balsamic vinegar, olive oil and local wines at a family-run wine shop in Stresa.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2-4Mediterraneo Hotel or<br/>Kolbe Hotel, RomeDays 5, 6Hotel Michelangelo, SorrentoDays 7, 8Grand Hotel Baglioni or<br/>Starhotels Michelangelo,<br/>FlorenceDays 9, 10NH Venezia Santa Lucia, VeniceDays 11, 12Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa



### Day 1: Overnight Flight Ciao, Italy!

TRAVEL STYLE:

CLASSIC

**Day 2:** Rome, Italy - Tour Begins Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. (D)

### Day 3: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour

Discover the city on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Meander through Rome's Renaissance district and visit the mythic Pantheon and Piazza Navona before getting a taste of gelato at a local ice-cream parlour. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local folk songs. (B)

### Day 4: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Consider an optional trip to Vatican City to tour the Vatican Museums\* and St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens or meander through Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. (B)

### Day 5: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento

Journey to the brilliant Bay of Naples, where charming villages are built into hillsides above the blue sea. Soak in 2,000 years of history at the excavated ruins of Pompeii with a local guide. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento, your home for the next 2 nights. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous local Sorrento craft. (B)

### Day 6: Sorrento - Choice on Tour -Sorrento 😯

Today, it's your choice! You have three tantalizing options today. Sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Upon arrival, admire the island's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise, passing by the steep cliffs, endless small caves, and the famous Faraglioni rocks, jutting out of the water. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés -OR- journey along the Amalfi Coast for a morning at leisure in the colourful village of Positano, a maze of streets and stairways winding around pastel houses and draped in lush flowers. Perhaps you'll make your way to Positano's famous pebble beach, Marina Grande, offering a sweeping 'bottom to top' view of Positano village -OR- linger in Sorrento and put your inner chef to work during a hands-on cooking class where you'll learn to cook Sorrento-style gnocchi and other Neapolitan specialties before enjoying the fruits of your labour for lunch. (B)

### Day 7: Sorrento - Florence

Head through Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Experience Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Home to Italy's best art and architecture, here you'll visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's renowned sculpture of *David*. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)





### Day 8: Florence

Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria and stand in awe before the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. The rest of the day is yours. Consider an optional excursion to the 14th century Certosa monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant. (B)

### Day 9: Florence - Pisa - Venice

Visit the Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo (Cathedral), and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialties. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

# Day 10: Venice - Murano Island - Venice

Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. Upon return, step off the beaten path and see for yourself how the locals live. Explore the Castello district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets to St. Mark's Square. Admire the stunning Basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. (B)

### Day 11: Venice - Verona - Stresa, Lake Maggiore

Depart Venice for Verona, and stroll

the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore. (B, D)

### Day 12: Stresa - Choice on Tour -Isola Dei Pescatori 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Take a boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll join an expert guide and tour the Borromeo Palace **-OR-** cross into Switzerland as your motorcoach climbs up the Simplon Pass for a taste of the Swiss Alps, admiring the Simplon Hospice dominating the landscape. Tonight, travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

### Day 13: Stresa - Tour Ends

Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (B)



### **Optional 2-Night Milan Post-Tour** Starting at \$685 pp

Day 13: Stresa - Milan Transfer to Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion. Upon arrival, receive your 2-day public transportation pass. Then take in some of the city's iconic sights on a locally guided walking tour: view the La Scala Opera House and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, and visit the Duomo, Milan's magnificent Gothic cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this bustling city at your own pace.

### Day 14: Milan

This morning, explore Milan's contemporary architecture during a locally guided walking tour of its CityLife district. Feel the buzz of this financial and residential hub as you tour the Piazza delle Torri, surrounded by skyscrapers nicknamed the Straight, the Crooked and the Curved. The entire neighbourhood is enveloped by an extensive urban park, populated by striking contemporary sculptures. The afternoon is at your leisure. You may choose to visit the Sforza Castle, Sant'Ambrogio Cathedral, Parco delle Basiliche or the Brera Academy of Fine Arts. (B)

**Day 15:** Milan - Depart for Home Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# REFLECTIONS OF ITALY

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome • Colosseum • Assisi • Perugia • Cortona • Florence • Chianti Winery & Cooking Class • Venice • Murano Island • Milan

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 6 Embark on a Florence city tour, passing by legendary sites -ORvisit the WWII Florence American Cemetery, the Rodolfo Siviero House Museum, and the Ponte Vecchio.
- Day 9 In Milan, take in some of the city's iconic sights on a walking tour
   OR- join a local guide for a tour of the Quadrilatero della Moda, Milan's high-fashion district, including visits to some of the city's best ateliers and fashion stores.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

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

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Hotel
- Days 2, 3 Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome
- Day 4Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
- Days 5, 6 Hotel Albani, Florence
- Days 7, 8
   Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal or Hotel NH Venezia Rio Novo, Venice

   Days 9
   UNAHOTELS Scandinavia
- Milano, Milan
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

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

### Day 3: Rome - Optional Excursion

On a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, wander along the Roman Forum and the Via Sacra, traversed by the likes of Julius Caesar and Marc Anthony. View the Arch of Titus, depicting the emperor's conquests in its elaborate carvings. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

### Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia

Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the oldworld atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. With free time to explore, consider wandering along the Piazza IV Novembre or visiting medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. (B)

### Day 5: Perugia - Cortona - Florence

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

### Day 6: Florence - Optional Excursion 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** Experience Florence's cultural treasures on a walking tour, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria **-OR-** visit the Rodolfo Siviero House Museum – the former



home of a WWII "Monuments Man" – as well as the Ponte Vecchio and the Florence American Cemetery. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll join an after-hours tour of the 14th century Certosa monastery, followed by dinner featuring local wines, Tuscan food, and live entertainment. (B)

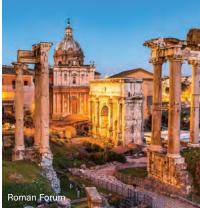
### Day 7: Florence - Venice

Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of its 12th-century castle, learn about the winery's Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back and savour regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the wooded Apennine Mountains toward the Valley of the Po. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L, D)

### **Day 8:** Venice - Murano Island -Venice - Optional Excursion

See Venice from the water and take a boat to Murano Island. At a glass-blowing demonstration, discover the secrets of this ancient art up-close and marvel at the one-of-a-kind designs. Make your way to the historic centre of Venice and see the





Castello district with a local expert. End in St. Mark's Square, taking in the basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is yours. Consider an optional tour featuring Venice's most famous pastime – a gondola ride. (B)

### Day 9: Venice - Milan 😵

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

### Day 10: Milan - Tour Ends

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

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# ITALY'S TREASURES

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$4549

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Italian Lakes Region - Stresa - Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion - Tuscan Countryside - Florence - Siena - Wine Tasting - Italian Cooking Class - San Gimignano - Bologna - Venice

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Discover colourful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Explore the marble quarries of Carrara aboard off-road vehicles.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Journey by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a lovely welcome dinner.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a cooking lesson with an expert chef.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour in San Gimignano.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1
   Overnight Flight

   Days 2, 3
   Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

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   Days 4, 5
   Grand Hotel dei Castelli,
- Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera
- Days 6 9 Villa Lecchi or Villa San Paolo, Tuscany Days 10, 11 Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

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Vineyards, olive groves, and cities that float. Incredible history, indelible culture, and unforgettable cuisine. This is *l'Italia* at its most iconic.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel along breathtaking landscapes and venture into metropolitan meccas ripe with culture and history. Discover Italy on an unforgettable journey that delves into its most cherished treasures.

### Day 2: Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins

Begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some antipasto snacks. Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

### Day 3: Stresa

In an ancient village nestled in the mountains, a local family welcomes you to sample their very own artisanal cheeses, paired with the region's best wines. The remainder of the day in Stresa is at your leisure. Explore the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets, and lakeside promenades. Or, perhaps relax and enjoy the breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise of this scenic lake region. (B)

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

Witness picture-perfect views from Lake Orta, an ancient glacial lake in the Alpine foothills. A

boat delivers you to the island of San Giulio, dominated by its working convent. Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Italian Riviera

Travel by rail today as you discover the colourful Cinque Terre (UNESCO), a string of medieval villages perched on the edge of the sea. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards. Spend an afternoon independently exploring this awe-inspiring landscape. (B)

# **Day 6:** Italian Riviera - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany

Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's great natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. During an off-road drive in the Apuane Mountains, you'll follow the roads the *cavatori* (quarrymen) carved into the mountains while extracting the precious stone. Over the centuries, Carrara marble was used by artists such as Michelangelo to carve his *Pietà* in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica, as well as his legendary *Statue of David.* Enjoy some free time to explore Carrara's old town on your own; view the town's cathedral,





the Duomo, built in white marble, or search for Michelangelo's bust marking his former home. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay. (B, D)

### Day 7: Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany

Welcome to Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments, including the glittering storefronts on the Ponte Vecchio ("Old Bridge"), the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. You'll also wander past the Palazzo Vecchio, the Piazza della Signoria, and Santa Croce. Enjoy time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa. (B)

### Day 8: Tuscany - Siena - Tuscany

Travel south to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site where stunning Romanesque and Gothic architecture can be found on every corner. Walk the narrow medieval streets on a guided tour. Get to know the local lifestyle of a *contrada* (neighbourhood) whose community Museum is centred around the colourful Palio horse race. Retreat to your Tuscan villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

### **Day 9:** Tuscany - San Gimignano -Tuscany

This morning, journey into the heart of the Tuscan countryside, where a family-owned wine estate welcomes you. After a tour of the wine cellar, the estate, the vineyards, and the olive groves, you'll engage in a cooking lesson with the estate's own chef. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan lunch and toast with wines produced on-site. Later, take in Tuscany's landscape, a spectrum of verdant vinevards and endless groves en route to San Gimignano. Nicknamed the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, San Gimignano's 14 towers soar distinctively over the landscape making this iconic Tuscan hilltop village stand out against the rolling hills. Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlor while you wander the cobbled streets and gaze up at the imposing towers during time at leisure in this Tuscan gem. (B, L)

### Day 10: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

On a walking tour, discover the culture of Bologna, a city barely changed since the time of the Renaissance and Italy's food capital. Browse the city's specialty food shops and sample local delicacies such as parmigiano cheese, mortadella - the Italian progenitor of baloney - and Iasagna. Arrive later in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," and settle in for a 2-night stay in one of the most romantic cities in the world. (B, L)

### Day 11: Venice

Spend the day in *Venezia*, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondola-laden canals. Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glassblowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. Journey back to St. Mark's Square, Venice's iconic main square. A local guide takes you on a tour of its incredible sites, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Bell tower, and St. Mark's Basilica. Say *arrivederci* to Italy at a savoury farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 12: Venice - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

### 11 DAYS · 16 MEALS starting at \$3599

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Orvieto • Spoleto • Olive Oil Mill • Cooking Class • Assisi • Home-Hosted Lunch • Winery • Pienza • Orcia Valley • Bagno Vignoni • Pecorino Cheese Farm • Siena • Florence • San Gimignano

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take a hands-on cooking class in a 12th-century abbey.
- Behold the unique water-filled piazza in the village of Bagno Vignoni.
- Enjoy 3 nights in a restored Tuscan villa.

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 10 — Join a local truffle hunter on a hunt for mushrooms and sample the goods yourself -ORtake to the countryside on an ATV adventure, followed with a taste of truffle bruschetta.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Experience a home-cooked meal in one of Umbria's country homes.
- Enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at a Tuscan winery.
- Sample pecorino sheep-milk cheese at a local farm in the Orcia Valley.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 Hotel Kolbe, Rome Days 3 - 5 Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, Umbria or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto,
- Umbria Days 6, 7 Hotel Corsignano, Pienza, Tuscany
- Days 8 10 Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS

**TRAVEL STYLE:** 



On a journey through the less-travelled country roads of Umbria and Tuscany, discover another side to the Italy you love.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

On a journey through Italy's roads less travelled, discover its endless treasures from Rome to Umbria to Tuscany, and the marvels of wine, cuisine, culture, and history in between.

### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. Get a taste of the local culture and start your journey at a delicious welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Rome - Orvieto - Umbria

Olive and cypress trees accent the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto. Stroll the historic streets with a local expert and visit the prominent Gothic cathedral to gaze at a remarkable Signorelli fresco. Continue to discover Orvieto on your own this afternoon. Eat, drink, and disappear into the local scene before taking in the splendours of country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town, your home for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

### Day 4: Umbria - Spoleto - Olive Oil Mill -Umbria

Medieval palaces command the foreground of ancient Spoleto. In the shadow of the Apennines, embark on a walking tour to see centuries of architectural history, from the Ponte delle Torri aqueduct to the gilded of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Explore more of Spoleto on your own before learning about olive oil at a familyrun *frantoio* (olive presser). Venture into a local restaurant in the Nera Valley, where you'll enjoy a cooking class in a former 12th-century abbey. Dig in to your handcrafted meal for dinner. (B, D)

### **Day 5:** Umbria - Assisi - Home-Hosted Lunch - Umbria

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets. Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home for lunch as their honoured guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

### Day 6: Umbria - Winery - Pienza

Leave Umbria for the villages of Tuscany, nestled among the vineyards and olive groves of the Val d'Orcia region (UNESCO). Tour a winery's estate and cellar before indulging in an authentic Tuscan lunch. Created by the on-site chef, this meal is expertly paired with the vineyard's very own wines. End your day in Pienza (UNESCO), a Renaissance village where flowers and plants adorn the cobblestone streets. (B, L)

# **Day 7:** Pienza - Orcia Valley - Bagno Vignoni - Pienza

Journey through the Orcia Valley's rolling hills on your way to the 12th-century Abbey of Sant'Antimo. Continue on to the unique hamlet of Bagno Vignoni, whose central piazza is filled with thermal water. Taste the flavours of the region at a local pecorino cheese farm. Snack on some of the cheesemaker's creations before returning to





Pienza for an afternoon at leisure. Maybe you'll explore the countryside along one of the many white roads that cut through the farmland. (B, L)

# **Day 8:** Pienza - Siena - Chianti Region

Take a guided walking tour through Siena, delving into the local history as you learn about the world-renowned Palio Horse Race. Enjoy free time to explore more of this hilly town, perhaps visiting its cathedral or the town hall's frescoes. An afternoon drive through Tuscany's Chianti Region takes you to the restored Tuscan villa where your hotel is located. (B)

### Day 9: Chianti Region - Florence -Chianti Region

Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance," with a local expert on foot. Wander along the storefronts on the Ponte Vecchio, where gold shops adorn the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. You'll also take in the Palazzo Vecchio, the Piazza della Signoria, and Santa Croce. Take some time on your own to explore the city's seemingly endless treasures. Return to your Tuscan villa in the evening. (B)

### Day 10: Chianti Region - San Gimignano - Chianti Region 😵

Choose how to explore Tuscan landscape because **it's your choice!** Join a local truffle hunter in search of the elusive mushroom and sample the goods yourself **-OR-** take to the countryside on an ATV adventure along winding dirt roads, followed with a taste of truffle bruschetta. Spend your afternoon in San Gimignano, whose beautiful 13th-century medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner of Tuscan specialties. (B, D)

### Day 11: Chianti Region - Tour Ends

Your journey through Tuscany and Umbria comes to a close today in your restored Tuscan villa. (B)



**Optional 2-Night Rome Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1095 pp

**Day 1:** Overnight Flight You are on your way to the eternal city of Rome.

# **Day 2:** Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Enjoy time to get settled into your hotel and acquaint yourself with the area on your own. Perhaps you'll explore the nearby neighbourhood of Trastevere, Rome's medieval heart.

### **Day 3:** Rome - Market Tour and Cooking Class - Vatican Museums

Start your morning with a stroll through the Piazza Navona and peruse the stalls of Campo de' Fiori, one of the oldest farmer's markets in the city. Continue your discovery of local Roman delicacies at a chef-led cooking class, where you'll learn to prepare a typical Roman lunch. After some time to experience Rome on your own, you'll join special 'after hours' visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, including a welcome drink in the Vatican Museums. With significantly less crowds, this time of day allows for a far more relaxed and enjoyable experience. (B, L)

# **Day 4:** Rome - Optional Excursion

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's streets to the top of the Spanish Steps for a view over the rooftops. Perhaps you'll set out to delve into Rome's classical heritage with an optional tour to the Colosseum and Roman Forum, or wander to the Trevi Fountain and toss in a coin for good luck. In the early evening, meet with your fellow travellers to start off your exploration of the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside. (B)

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# TUSCANY & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

### 9 DAYS · 11 MEALS starting at \$2949

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### HIGHLIGHTS

Turin • La Morra • Langhe Wine Country • Barolo Winery • Sestri Levante • Italian Riviera • Cinque Terre • Lucca • Tuscan Estate • Florence • San Gimignano

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Langhe wine country (UNESCO) and its most refined wines on a vineyard tour.
- Uncover the walled city of Lucca before enjoying free time on your own.
- Spend 3 nights in a beautiful Tuscan estate.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Experience the food culture of northern Italy during a traditional welcome dinner.
- Partake in an interactive pastamaking demonstration.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour in San Gimignano.

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- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 NH Santo Stefano, Turin
- Days 4, 5 Grande Albergo Sestri
- Levante, Italian Riviera
- Days 6 8 Hotel Paggeria Medicea or Villa Casagrande, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the rolling hills of Tuscany to the sun-soaked coast of the Italian Riviera, a romantic rendezvous with *Italia* awaits.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Experience the romance of travel among the elegant palazzos of regal Turin, the rolling hills of Tuscany and along the colourful coast of the Italian Riviera.

### Day 2: Turin, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Italy. You'll make your way to Turin, Italy's first capital in the 1800s. Settle in for a 2-night stay, admiring the alpine peaks towering in the distance. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional specialties. (D)

### Day 3: Turin

Walk through Turin with an expert guide, uncovering a blend of French and Italian heritage. Wrap up the tour by trying a *bicerin* – a mix of espresso and chocolate – in one of the city's cafés, reminiscent of Parisian coffee spots. After getting acquainted with the city, the rest of the day is yours to further explore Turin on your own. This evening, consider an optional excursion to a historic palace after hours, where you will enjoy an aperitif with a local guide. (B)

### **Day 4:** Turin - La Morra - Langhe Wine Country - Italian Riviera

Head to Italy's picturesque Riviera, weaving through the Langhe wine country (UNESCO) along the way. Stop at the hilltop village of La Morra on your way to a local winery, where you will enjoy a tour and tasting. After a light lunch continue to Sestri Levante, perched along the Mediterranean Sea. Enjoy an evening on your own to acquaint yourself with the Italian Riviera and perhaps get a bite of the local cuisine. (B, L)

### **Day 5:** Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre -Italian Riviera

Spend the day exploring the colourful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre with a local guide. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail.



Make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

### **Day 6:** Italian Riviera - Lucca -Tuscan Estate

Discover the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Wander with a local guide, delving into the city's Roman heritage and storied past. Enjoy some free time to explore the Piazza Napoleone and the rest of the city on your own. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany for a 3-night stay at a traditional Italian estate. Try your hand at the local culture with an interactive pasta-making demonstration by your villa's on-site chef. (B, D)

### **Day 7:** Tuscan Estate - Florence -Tuscan Estate

Explore Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" during a locally guided walking tour of the city's iconic sites. Walk along the glittering storefronts on the Ponte





Vecchio ("Old Bridge"), the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. You'll also wander past the Palazzo Vecchio, the Piazza della Signoria, and Santa Croce. Enjoy time to explore more on your own before returning to your Tuscan estate in the evening. (B)

### **Day 8:** Tuscan Estate - San Gimignano - Tuscan Estate

Journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills to San Gimignano (UNESCO), overlooking the Chianti region. Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour while you wander the cobbled streets and gaze up at the imposing towers during time at leisure in this Tuscan gem. Cap off an unforgettable journey at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

### Day 9: Tuscan Estate - Tour Ends

Say *arriverderci* to Italy as your journey comes to a close. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Milan and depart from Florence. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Travel to Cinque Terre is by rail and boat. Boat trip is seasonal and operates on a weather permitting basis. When a boat is not available, travel will be by rail only.Note that villas and country estates in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region and we use different properties on this program. Some may be located in the countryside, removed from a city center. Still others may be closer to the hustle and bustle of the region. Each one is unique, full of history, with many amenities, and brimming with true Tuscan flavor. Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi, as are other state museums. Most state museums in Florence require reservations to access. We suggest you book a ticket online if you plan to visit the Academy or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence. Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. **All rates in Canadian dollars**.

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Naples • Impact Moment • Pompeii • Wine Tasting • Minori • Amalfi • Positano • Ravello • Eboli • Matera • Grottaglie • Lecce • Tarantella Folk Music & Dance Performance • Ostuni • Ape Calessino Tour • Monopoli • Alberobello

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Zoom through Ostuni like a local in the backseat of a 3-wheeled Ape Calessino car.
- Experience the Italian landscape like never before and spend 2 nights in a unique cave-dwelling accommodation.
- Impact Moment: Discover traditional Neapolitan songs and music during a private performance at a local social enterprise.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Work with your hands at a bread-making class -OR- explore Matera's prehistoric heritage on a hike through the countryside and rock churches.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

12 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample wines just outside of Pompeii, created from the fertile volcanic countryside.
- Make your way through Lecce's city centre with a multi-stop dinner.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 **Overnight Flight** Days 2, 3 Royal Continental Hotel, Naples ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at Hotel Royal Continental, you may choose to upgrade to a Sea View Room. CALL FOR DETAILS Days 4 - 7 Hotel Villa Romana, Minori, Amalfi Coast Days 8, 9 Locanda di San Martino Hotel, Matera Days 10, 11 Santa Chiara Suite Hotel, Lecce, Puglia Days 12, 13 Albergo Diffuso Hotel, Monopoli or Trulli
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Stray off the beaten path and explore a new side to the Italy you know and love.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

In a country of renowned cuisine, iconic coastlines, and ancient roots, stray off the beaten path and explore a new side of the Italy you know and love. Make your way through southern Italy and experience the Amalfi Coast and the Puglia region.

### Day 2: Naples, Italy - Tour Begins

Begin in Naples, a vibrant mecca for locals and travellers alike. Volcanic landscapes give way to medieval architecture and Grecian lanes, creating a unique culture exclusive to Naples. Settle into your new home for the next 2 nights and admire the view of crashing waves and bobbing boats. Toast to the start of your Italian getaway over dinner, looking out over the deep blue Bay of Naples to Mt. Vesuvius looming in the distance. (D)

### Day 3: Naples

Explore Naples' exhuberant historic city centre (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. Visit the Sansevero Chapel, home to the Veiled Christ statue, rumoured to be created by alchemy due to its carved flowing cloth. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii. Tonight's **Impact Moment** comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the Napulitanata social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. (B)

### Day 4: Naples - Pompeii - Minori

Feel the ghosts of the past as you wander through Pompeii with a guide. After you've explored the public baths and private villas, get a new perspective on the volcanic countryside with a visit to a nearby winery. Layers of ash have transformed the timeworn soil into a fertile vineyard. Enjoy a wine tasting with lunch before continuing to the beloved Amalfi Coast. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next 4 nights. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Minori - Maiori - Minori

A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential *Amalfitana* vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about *sfusato* lemons, used in limoncello. Sample this fragrant liqueur in a pastry shop before hiking along the coast. You'll trek the rugged Path of Lemons - an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

### Day 6: Minori - Amalfi - Positano -Minori

Journey by boat to Amalfi, the rocky coast's namesake town. Formerly a maritime republic, Amalfi puts a historic spin on the seaside hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas and towering mosaicked cathedrals. After a few hours on your own, ferry past tumbling cliffs and pastel-coloured





houses on your way to Positano. Enjoy a free afternoon in this resort town, perhaps browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach. Return to Minori by ferry. (B)

# Dav 7: Minori - Ravello - Minori

Look down upon the Amalfi Coast from Ravello, a picturesque village with the best vantage point of the winding coastline. Visit the gardens of Villa Rufolo, making your way through a latticework of hedges and flowers to gaze out at the azure waves below. Take advantage of free time on your own. Perhaps you'll hike the half-mile trail down to the gardens of Villa Cimbrone before returning to Minori in the afternoon. (B, D)

# Day 8: Minori - Eboli - Matera

Start your morning in Eboli and glimpse into the area's war-stricken past at the Museum of Operation Avalanche. Continue south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Walk in the footsteps of ancient ancestors and experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next 2 nights. Each cave is unique, halfexcavated and half-carved from the land. In these unparalleled accommodations, connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B)

### Day 9: Matera 😯

Hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history

on a guided walking tour along its hillside caves, known to locals as the Sassi. After some time to explore, it's your choice! Work with your hands at a bread-making class and learn about how the community comes together over food -OR- explore Matera's prehistoric and medieval heritage on a hike through the surrounding countryside and rock churches. The evening is yours. (B)

# Day 10: Matera - Grottaglie - Lecce

Cross into the Puglia region and spend time in the town of Grottaglie, famous for its ceramic workshops. Stroll by the multicoloured artisan shops before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papier-mâché craftsmanship. Dine your way around Lecce in the evening with a multi-stop dinner in the city center. (B, D)

# Day 11: Lecce

The day is yours. Lose yourself in the city's charismatic ambience - full of winding lanes, sun-kissed piazzas, and hidden cafes. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Otranto and a nearby winery, featuring a tasting of wine from the region's dark-purple grapes. No matter how you spend the day, reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional pizzica e taranta. According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)

# Day 12: Lecce - Ostuni - Monopoli

Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town surrounded by olive trees. Zoom through the town like a local in the backseat of an openair Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car. Enjoy time on your own before arriving in Monopoli, a town reminiscent of Greece and set along Italy's eastern shore. Make your way to your personal room, a converted house that will serve as your home for the next 2 nights. Make the most of a free afternoon to independently discover the town's secrets. (B)

### Day 13: Monopoli - Alberobello -Monopoli

Say "buongiorno" to Alberobello (UNESCO), a whimsical city that hosts a collection of cone-shaped trulli homes. Meander through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, sometimes featuring symbols with superstitious connotations. As the day draws to a close, wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 14: Monopoli - Tour Ends

Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# NORTHERN ITALY & ITS LAKES

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Padua • Glassblowing Demonstration • Venice • St. Mark's Square • Lake Garda • Sirmione • Lake Maggiore • Lake Lugano • Lake Como • Bellagio

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Witness a glassblowing demonstration on Murano Island.
- Cruise Lake Como, a beloved retreat of the rich and famous.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a welcome dinner in Padua's 18th century Caffè Pedrocchi, a local favourite.
- Journey by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner featuring local cuisine.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2-4 Hotel Europa or Methis
- Hotel Padova & Spa, Padua Days 5-8 Zacchera Hotels,
  - Lake Maggiore ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Zacchera

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Wander along winding canals and cruise on mountain-lined lakes as you take in the essence of Northern Italy.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Take the best of Italian culture – savoury cuisine, friendly locals, eons of history – and add the beauty of mystical lakes. A blend of winding canals and gently lapping waves, this is the northern lakes region of Italy.

# Day 2: Padua, Italy - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Padua, an ancient city rooted in legend. Set in the picturesque Veneto region, some believe that Padua was founded by war heroes after the fall of Troy. The Bacchiglione River carves its way through the town, resulting in lovely riverside promenades and stone stepbridges. Meet your fellow travellers while enjoying a taste of Italian culture at a welcome dinner in Padua's historic Caffé Pedrocchi. Truly get to know the town's legacy as you settle into your home for the next 3 nights. (D)

# Day 3: Padua

Start the morning by strolling the streets of Padua with your guide. Visit Palazzo Bo, the principal building of Padua's University, founded in AD 1222 and among the oldest in Europe. Here, in the 16th and 17th centuries, cultural and scientific minds gathered to work on their history-changing research. Astronomers like Galileo and Copernicus studied the stars, and the founder of modern anatomy Andrea Vesalio worked here as well. Afterwards, feel the dynamic energy as you walk along Padua's open-air markets and street vendors setting up shop in the piazzas. The rest of the day is yours to discover the town however you wish. Perhaps you will choose to go on an exclusive optional tour down the Brenta Canal, enjoying an aperitif and drink on your private boat as you admire the opulent homes on the water's edge. (B)

# Day 4: Padua - Murano - Venice - Padua

Start your day with a visit to Murano Island, known for its intricate glass making. Witness a glassblowing demonstration, providing a glimpse into the methods behind this fine art. Feel the grandeur of the past come alive as you make your way to Venice, a floating labyrinth settled on a lagoon. Pass through the sprawling St. Mark's Square with an expert guide and admire the Campanile, a brick bell tower that rises above the piazza. Step outside the main square and explore the Castello district, making your way past historic buildings and architecture as you walk the narrow streets. Enjoy an afternoon in Venice at leisure. (B)





# **Day 5:** Padua - Lake Garda - Lake Maggiore

This morning, head to Sirmione, an old village situated on the shores of Lake Garda. Embark on a boat ride through the Sirmione peninsula and see the famous sinking castle. Enjoy time at leisure to discover the narrow streets or simply relax alongside the bright blue waves of the lake. End the day next to Lake Maggiore, a stunning Italian lake, and toast to the start of your leisurely 4-night stay. (B, D)

# Day 6: Lake Maggiore

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the nearby lakeside streets. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour and coast along the ethereal water of Lake Maggiore by boat for an up-close look at the Borromean Islands before docking at Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty with an exotic garden. Then, return to your boat and cruise by the remaining Borromean Islands. (B)

# **Day 7:** Lake Maggiore - Lake Lugano - Lake Como - Lake Maggiore

Take a scenic drive along the glittering shores of Switzerland's Lake Lugano before enjoying a day of sunshine and scenic peaks on the stunning banks of Lake Como. Sail to Bellagio, an ancient peninsula home to winding streets and views that will take your breath away. Enjoy some free time to discover the town's secrets on your own. Return to Lake Maggiore where the evening is yours to enjoy the twinkling lights that illuminate the shores as night falls on the lake. (B)

# Day 8: Lake Maggiore

The entire day is yours. You might soak up the sun on the beach, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. Perhaps you will take an optional tour to picture-perfect Lake Orta, a hidden gem surrounded by picturesque villages and filled with quaint islands. This evening, venture to Isola dei Pescatori by boat, enjoying a farewell dinner of local cuisine to celebrate the end of your trip. (B, D)

# Day 9: Lake Maggiore - Tour Ends

Wish Italy *arrivederci* as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



# **Optional 2-Night Milan Post-Tour** Starting at \$685 pp

Day 9: Lake Maggiore - Milan Transfer to Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion. Upon arrival, receive your 2-day public transportation pass. Then take in some of the city's iconic sights on a locally guided walking tour: view the La Scala Opera House and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, and visit the Duomo, Milan's magnificent Gothic cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this bustling city at your own pace.

### Day 10: Milan

This morning, explore Milan's contemporary architecture during a locally guided walking tour of its CityLife district. Feel the buzz of this financial and residential hub as you tour the Piazza delle Torri, surrounded by skyscrapers nicknamed the Straight, the Crooked and the Curved. The entire neighborhood is enveloped by an extensive urban park, populated by striking contemporary sculptures. The afternoon is at your leisure. You may choose to visit the Sforza Castle, Sant'Ambrogio Cathedral, Parco delle Basiliche or the Brera Academy of Fine Arts. (B)

**Day 11:** Milan - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# ROME & THE AMALFI COAST

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS starting at \$3599

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Pantheon • Piazza Navona • Colosseum • Montecassino • Amalfi Coast • Minori • Sorrento • Farmhouse Lunch and Mozzarella Making Demonstration • Pompeii • Winery Visit

# **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Discover the mountaintop monastery of Montecassino and its role in World War II.
- Tour a family-run farm on the Sorrento Coast and learn how they make mozzarella cheese by hand.
- Enjoy free time to explore Amalfi, a historic trading hub along its namesake coast.



# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Sample local specialties at a familyowned limoncello factory in Minori.
- Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2-4 Hotel Imperiale, Rome

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Days 5-9 Hotel Raito, Vietri sul Mare,
Amalfi Coast
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From the legendary Colosseum to the rocky cliffs of the Amalfi Coast, take in the best of southern Italy.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Journey through southern Italy and experience its rich scenery, art, culture, food and wine.

# Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the "Eternal City" of Rome, where ancient crossroads intersect with busy streets. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring wines and local delicacies. (D)

# Day 3: Rome - Optional Excursion

On a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, walk over cobblestone streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Recount the rich history of the Colosseum on an in-depth visit with a guide, walking in the footsteps of former gladiators and attendees. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

# Day 4: Rome - Optional Excursion

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour in the morning to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the *Last Judgment*. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

# Day 5: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast

Journey to the Amalfi Coast, an iconic coastline of rocky beaches and towering cliffs. En route, make a stop at the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino, perched on a mountaintop that played a pivotal role in World War II. Discover its history while exploring the monastery's ornate chapel, courtyards, and museum. In the afternoon, settle into the Amalfi Coast, your new home for the next 5 nights. (B, D)

# Day 6: Amalfi Coast - Amalfi - Minori -Amalfi Coast

Drive along the stunning Amalfi Coast, pausing for a peek of Positano with its pastel-coloured houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in the town of Amalfi. A former trading hub, Amalfi is now a quiet coastal town of historic landmarks and a black-and-white marble cathedral. Explore on your own before continuing to Minori, where you'll get to sample local specialties at a family-owned





limoncello factory. Savour a traditional Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop before an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 7:** Amalfi Coast - Sorrento -Farmhouse Lunch - Amalfi Coast Begin your day exploring the popular and charming resort town of Sorrento. Wander through the narrow streets of the city center, perhaps exploring the peaceful courtyard of St. Francis Church or sampling some gelato made with local lemons. Visit a local farm and see how traditional mozzarella cheese is made by hand. Get a taste of the product at a farm-to-table lunch before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)

# **Day 8:** Amalfi Coast - Optional Excursion

Enjoy a day at leisure to take in the relaxing beauty of the Amalfi Coast. Perhaps you will embark on an optional boat trip (weather permitting) to the Mediterranean isle of Capri, where you'll enjoy a locally guided tour with lunch before setting out on your own adventure. (B)

# Day 9: Amalfi Coast - Pompeii -Winery - Amalfi Coast

Experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. On an in-depth historical tour with a local guide, see the eerily preserved buildings of this 2,000-year-old Roman town. At the foot of Mount Vesuvius, stop at a local winery to savor the famous Lacryma Christi wines and enjoy a typical Neapolitan lunch. After some free time, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and bid *salute* to the end of a your Italian getaway. (B, L, D)

**Day 10:** Amalfi Coast - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



**Optional 3-Night Florence Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1165 pp

**Day 1:** Overnight Flight You are on your way to Florence, the 'cradle of the Renaissance'.

# **Day 2:** Florence, Italy - Tour Begins

Get settled into Florence for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own.

# Day 3: Florence

Start your morning with a locally guided walking tour of Florence's cultural treasures, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The afternoon is yours to explore on your own, or perhaps visit one of the city's museums such as the Uffizi or the Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's statue of *David*. (B)

# Day 4: Florence

Explore Florence's bohemian Oltrarno district during a guided walking tour of the city's Left Bank. Oltrarno literally means "on the other side of the Arno," the river which runs through Florence. Grasp the spirit of this "Florence of the Florentines": here the last craftsmen, the market stalls, the gardens and churches, the typical restaurants and cafés still move at the gentle rhythm of everyday life, away from the hustle and bustle of Florence's more famous monuments. The remainder of the day is yours to explore more of Florence. (B)

# Day 5: Florence - Rome

Your Florentine sojourn comes to a close today. Say *Arrivederci*! as you transfer to Rome by high-speed train to begin your tour. (B)

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# SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY

# 9 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$2249

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Montecatini Terme • Lucca • Gothic Line • Winery Tour • Florence • Pisa • Cooking Class • Cheese Farm • San Gimignano

# **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue, David.
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defense during WWII.
- Retrace the steps of ancient pilgrims as they crossed the Devil's Bridge in the Serchio Valley.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

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 Dav 5 — In Montecatini, learn more on a guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa -ORjourney to Siena, home to the Palio horse race and embark on a walking tour through its narrow streets.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- · Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting at a local farm.
- · Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavourful pecorino cheese.
- · Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.



**Overnight Flight** Day 1 Hotel Ercolini and Savi, Days 2-8 Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, or Grand Hotel Vittoria, Montecatini Terme

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# TRAVEL STYLE: DESTINATION

Discover the rolling hills of Tuscany, home to sprawling vineyards, medieval hill towns, and enchanting cities.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Rolling landscapes, savoury wines, delicious food and stunning architecture - find all of this and more in Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns.

# Day 2: Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

# Day 3: Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line

Enjoy a guided tour of Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Discover Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers. Explore on your own before setting off for Borgo a Mozzano. See the Ponte del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge) and the nearby remains of the Gothic Line - the Germans' last defense during WWII. Visit the Museum of Liberation and see authentic fortifications and bunkers. Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties. (B)

### Day 4: Florence

A cultural tour in Florence showcases the beautiful "Cradle of the Renaissance." Start with a visit to the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's sculpture of David. Join a local Florentine guide on foot and make your way through the city. At the Piazza del Duomo, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. (B)

# Day 5: Montecatini Terme 😵

Today, it's your choice! Learn more about Montecatini's history during a guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa, known for the health benefits in its mineral waters -ORjourney to Siena and embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets, getting to know the local lifestyle in a *contrada* (neighbourhood) whose community is centered around the colourful Palio horse race. (B)

# Day 6: Pisa

Explore historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Visit





Leaning Tower of Pisa

the Baptistery, the largest in Italy. This evening, travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class, using local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Enjoy your freshly-prepared meal for dinner. (B, D)

# Day 7: Montecatini Terme

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavour. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards; explore this string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

# Day 8: Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimianano

At a nearby cheese farm, learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in breathtaking views as you travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most picturesque places. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking vineyards. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. Later, attend a Tuscan feast of traditional cuisine and wines set in the countryside. (B, D)

# Day 9: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)



# **Optional 3-Night Rome Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1370 pp

# Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Beains

Get settled into Rome for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. (D)

# Day 3: Rome - Optional Excursion

Start your morning with a ride on La Metro – Rome's underground system. First stop - a locally guided tour of Classical Rome. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Then wander along the Roman Forum and the Via Sacra, traversed by the likes of Julius Caesar and Marc Anthony. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

# Day 4: Rome - Optional Excursion

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour in the morning to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the Last Judgment. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

# Day 5: Rome - Montecatini Terme

Your Roman sojourn comes to a close today. Say Arrivederci Roma as you transfer to Montecatini Terme to begin your tour of Tuscany. (B)

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**NEW TOUR** 

# OLD WORLD SICILY & MALTA

# 15 DAYS · 22 MEALS starting at \$5249

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Palermo • Impact Moment • Trapani • Isle of Mozia • Marsala Winery Tour • Olive Oil Farm • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Taormina • Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion • Ragusa • Malta • Three Cities • Valletta

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a medieval palace and enjoy hors d'oeuvres with a countess.
- Ascend the sides of Mount Etna (UNESCO) on off-road vehicles.
- Soak up the island ambiance of Malta with a 3-night stay in St. Julian's.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

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# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Sample Sicilian "street food" on a walking tour of Palermo's Ballarò Market.
- Delve into the history of Marsala wine during a visit to a local cellar.
- Taste award-winning olive oil and learn about the Slow Food movement at a local farm.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

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# **Day 6:** Trapani - Gibellina - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples - Agrigento

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# **Day 7:** Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Taormina

Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale (UNESCO), and explore the site with an expert insider for a locally guided tour of its impressive mosaics. In the afternoon, journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theatres and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for the next three nights before enjoying Sicilian food at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

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through its Baroque neighbourhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, retreat to your countryside resort just outside the city. (B, D)

# **Day 11:** Ragusa - Optional Excursion

The entire day is yours. With free time, you might choose to relax in the countryside and enjoy the resort's amenities. Or, perhaps you will join an optional tour to the pictureperfect towns of Scicli and Modica, where you'll enjoy a savoury brunch at a ricotta farm before continuing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B, D)

# Day 12: Ragusa - Pozzallo - Ferry to Malta - Three Cities - St. Julian's

Grab your bags and hop on a ferry in Pozzallo. Say goodbye to Italy and venture to the island paradise of Malta, one of the smallest countries in the world. Start your exploration in Three Cities, a conglomeration of three fortified cities of medieval heritage. Once the setting of battles by the Knights of Malta, this area preserves endless layers of the past. Connect with the heart of the neighbourhood at a Band Club, where locals gather to learn and play instruments together. Enjoy some light snacks as the musical Maltese culture drifts softly around you. Your day ends in St. Julian's, your home for the next three nights. (B, L)

# **Day 13:** St. Julian's - Optional Excursion

The day is yours to experience the island of Malta however you please. Soak up the sunshine, relax on the beach, or even explore the colourful harbour on foot. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to a temple complex older than Stonehenge, followed by an intimate look at Mdina – the "Silent City." (B)

# Day 14: St. Julian's - Valletta - St. Julian's 😯

Your adventure continues in Valletta, the capital of Malta. Discover this fortified city on a guided walking tour. You'll take in the picturesque Barrakka Gardens overlooking the harbour, featuring a charming blend of natural beauty and terraced arches. Then **it's your choice!** Visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta **-OR-** tour the masterpieces of Valletta's Cathedral featuring Mattia Preti and Caravaggio. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands. (B, D)

# B, D)

**Day 15:** St. Julian's - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Malta and the Mediterranean as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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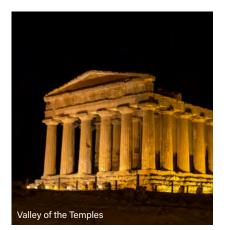
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# Day 10: Salina - Caper Farm -Optional Excursion

Dramatic landscapes of rocky cliffs and vibrant vineyards pass by on your way to nearby Pollara, famous for its traditional caper cultivation. Wander through the fields, tasting the salted flower buds. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll take an optional cruise to Stromboli, where you'll swim off your private boat and dine at sunset; relax and watch for the signature glow of the island's active volcano. (B)

# **Day 11:** Salina - Ferry to Milazzo -Taormina

After a relaxing morning, ferry back to mainland Sicilia. Journey along the lonian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theaters and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for the next three nights and enjoy a free evening to explore on your own. (B)

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# SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS starting at \$4249

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Palermo • Monreale • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Mt. Etna Volcano • Giardini Naxos • Taormina • Matera • Pompeii • Sorrento • Amalfi Coast

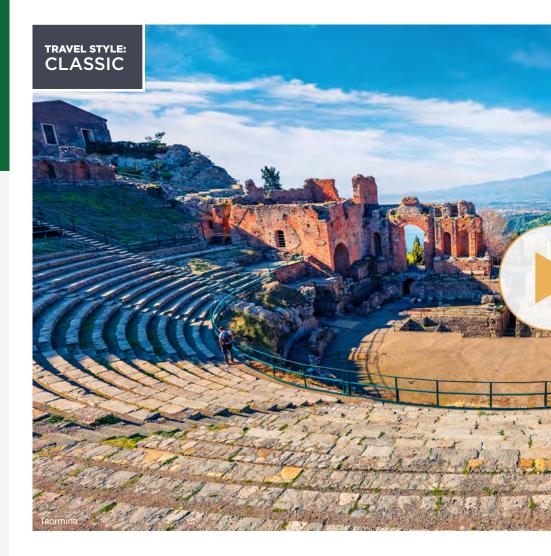
# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stand in awe before the ancient Greek theatre in Taormina.
- Tour a vineyard and cellar with an expert guide.
- Experience Mt. Etna Volcano National Park with a local expert.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 4 Embark on a walking tour of Palermo's historic city centre
   -OR- tour the Teatro Massimo Opera House, seen in *The Godfather Part III.*
- **Day 9** Enjoy free time to explore Matera's rock churches -**OR**- head to Alberobello (UNESCO) and see the *trulli* homes.



Journey through a crossroads of civilizations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy.



This extension is partially guided. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The optional tour to the Vatican Museums may operate on a different day on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays. Additional air segment purchase required. Featured Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Rome Pre-Tour Starting at \$1370 pp

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to discover the enchantment of the eternal city of Rome for yourself.

# Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Get settled into your hotel for a 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own before joining your fellow travellers this evening for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. (D)

# Day 3: Rome

Start your morning with a guided tour of Classical Rome with a local expert. Discover the city's famous sights such as the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. Step into history during an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, where your guide brings the past alive. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

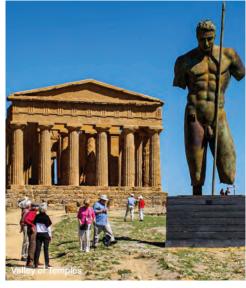
# Day 4: Rome

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour in the morning to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in worldrenowned wonders like the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural, *The Last Judgment*. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B).

# Day 5: Rome - Palermo

Your Roman sojourn comes to a close today. Say *"Arrivederci Roma"* as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Palermo where you begin your tour of **Southern Italy & Sicily.** (B)







### **BASE TOUR BEGINS**

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

The hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily are yours to explore, for it's here you'll find breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages, and iconic cuisine.

### Day 2: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins

Your Italian sojourn opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its picturesque harbours, cobblestone piazzas, and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

# Day 3: Palermo

Get to know "Palermo in a Nutshell" and discover the city's Moorish, Norman, and Spanish architecture on a walking tour. Explore the Kalsa district - home to Mafia legends and lush gardens before tasting local snacks at a 19th-century eatery. The afternoon is yours! Perhaps you'll peruse the open-air markets, visit one of Palermo's art galleries, or relax in an outdoor café. (B, L)

# Day 4: Palermo 😵

Decide how you spend your morning because it's your choice! Embark on a walking tour of the historic city centre and visit La Martorana church, Fontana Pretoria, and more **-OR**- tour the Teatro Massimo Opera House, the third largest in Europe and seen in *The Godfather Part III*. This afternoon, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to medieval Cefalù (UNESCO) with a local guide before visiting a nearby farm for a ricotta cheese demonstration and farm-to-table meal, made with family recipes. (B)

# **Day 5:** Palermo - Monreale - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples

Visit the nearby town of Monreale (UNESCO) and wander along the paintings, mosaics, and cloisters of its 12th-century cathedral. Travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to the town of Agrigento. As the sun begins to set, explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archaeological sites, and get an upclose view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules. (B, D)

# Day 6: Agrigento - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos

Journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast. En route, discover the impressive Mt. Etna (UNESCO) Volcano National Park where a local expert introduces you to the park's spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. Later this afternoon, continue on to Giardini Naxos – the "Garden of Sicily" – for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

Set out for beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll see Corso Umberto, the verdant public gardens, and the city's wellpreserved Greek theatre. Enjoy free time to relax or independently explore on your own. Return to Giardini Naxos for the evening. (B)

# Day 8: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni, located on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria to the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting vines of a local winery before joining an expert for a tour of the cellar with a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's restaurant. (B, D)

# Day 9: Matera 😵

Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history and explains why film producers are seeking out this unique landscape. Visit a local shop and get a taste of regional specialties. This afternoon decide how you explore because

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# SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY (CONTINUED)

# 12 DAYS · 17 MEALS starting at \$4249

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# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Sample Sicilian snacks at a popular 19th-century eatery.
- Indulge in a delicious regional dinner inside a winery's agriturismo restaurant.
- Sample some local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1
   Overnight Flight

   Days 2 4
   Hotel Federico II Central Palace, Hotel NH or Hotel Garibaldi, Palermo
- Day 5 Baia di Ulisse, Agrigento ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel, you can choose to upgrade your room to a frontal Sea View providing the opportunity to enjoy breathtaking views of Le Dune seaside. CALLFOR DETAILS
- Days 6, 7 Hellenia Yachting Hotel or Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia, Giardini Naxos
- Days 8, 9 MH Matera Hotel, Matera

Days 10, 11 Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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it's your choice! Discover more of Matera with a guided tour of an underground cistern followed by free time to browse the city's stores and cave churches -**OR**- head to Alberobello (UNESCO) and marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

# Day 10: Matera - Pompeii - Sorrento

After a stop in Vietri sul Mare, famous for its precious majolica pottery, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii (UNESCO). A local guide gives you an in-depth look into this 2,000-year-old Roman town, nestled in the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Step into another time as you explore its preserved buildings and imagine life in the 1st century. End your day in Sorrento, and settle in for a 2-night stay. Discover this charming seaside resort town and learn about the local tradition of wood marguetry. (B)

# Day 11: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive -Sorrento

This morning take in the sights and colours of the Mediterranean Sea as you wind your way along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast (UNESCO). Gaze out over the deep blue hues of the sea paired with the bright citrus fruits lining the hillsides. Pause to sample regional specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory, before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

# Day 12: Sorrento - Tour Ends

Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



**Featured Tour Extension Optional 2-Night Positano & Isle of Capri Post-Tour** Starting at \$1165 pp



# Day 12: Sorrento - Isle of Capri -Sorrento

Extend your stay in Sorrento to explore more of the wonders of the Bay of Naples. Take a boat to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Admire the island's iconic scenery as you cruise the pristine waters, passing by the steep cliffs, countless caves, and the dramatic Faraglioni rocks, rising high from the water. Spend some time at leisure in the town of Capri, where you can explore its world-famous piazzetta and a variety of chic boutiques and outdoor cafés. Return to Sorrento for a free evening to do as you please. Perhaps you'll visit the city's Correale Museum, a beautiful private residence-turned-museum featuring fine examples of inlaid wood marguetry and Neapolitan paintings from the 17th and 18th century.

# Day 13: Sorrento - Positano -Sorrento

Spend the morning exploring the colourful village of Positano, a maze of streets and stairways winding around

pastel-coloured houses and lush bouts of bougainvillea. Perhaps you'll browse one of Positano's many local shops - the village is well known for its summery linen and cotton fashions called Moda Positano (Positano Fashion) that rose to fame in the 1950s. Or, relax on one of Positano's pebble beaches like Marina Grande, which offers a sweeping view of Positano Village. Return to Sorrento to finish your day with some free time. Perhaps you'll take a stroll in Sorrento's Villa Comunale garden to take in gorgeous views of Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius, or simply wander around enjoying an artisan-made gelato. (B)

# Day 14: Sorrento – Depart for Home

Your Italian sojourn comes to a close today. (B)

This extension is partially guided. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Your boat trip to Capri may not be available due to inclement weather. If this happens, we will make alternate sightseeing arrangements with a visit to Anacapri village instead.

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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(featured itinerary)		July 15	September 16, 21, 23
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# ALSO AVAILABLE



Enjoy an additional night in Rome and varied inclusions on seasonal departures. CALL FOR DETAILS.

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# SHRINES OF ITALY

# 11 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2949

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi • Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto • San Giovanni Rotondo • Tomb of Padre Pio • Tomb of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Salerno • Abbey of Montecassino • Catacombs • Papal Audience • Christian Rome City Tour • Vatican City • St. Peter's Basilica

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Attend the weekly Papal audience in the Vatican City.
- Spend time at the renowned Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict.
- Visit the Holy Stairs, believed to be the steps that Christ climbed when he appeared before Pontius Pilate.

# SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk in the footsteps of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina and reflect on his life, credited with more than 1,000 miracles.
- Pause for a moment of devotion over the tomb of Saint Matthew the Apostle in the Cathedral of Salerno.
- See where the Franciscan Order started and visit the Porziuncola, a small church located within the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Day 2	Overnight Flight Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome
Days 3, 4	Hotel Cenacolo, Assisi
Days 5, 6	Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo
Day 7	Hotel Scapolatiello or Holiday Inn Salerno, Cava de Tirreni
Days 8 - 10	Cardinal Hotel St. Peter,

Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the hallowed Basilica of St. Francis to the glorious Sistine Chapel, discover why Italy is a bastion of Catholicism.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

# Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and Italian wine. (D)

# Day 3: Rome - Assisi

Travel north to Assisi, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, built on the founding site of the Franciscan Order. Pause at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Spend time at the Church of St. Clare before reflecting at the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis. Join a local expert on a tour of Assisi, highlighting the 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (B, D)

# **Day 4:** Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion

Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full-day optional excursion to Florence, the "Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Ponte Vecchio. (B)

# **Day 5:** Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo

Travel across the Apennine Mountains to the Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. Celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. (B, D)

# Day 6: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo

Visit Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo Visit Monte Sant' Angelo and take in stunning views of the Gargano Peninsula. Explore the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, where popes and saints have knelt and prayed for protection. Return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. Tour Padre Pio's tomb and the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. Spend time in the new church dedicated to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** San Giovanni Rotondo-Tomb of Matthew the Apostle in Salerno-Campania

Journey through the picturesque landscapes of Apulia on your way to Campania. Visit the Cathedral of Salerno, which guards the relics of Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here in Salerno. This afternoon opt to relax at your hotel





or visit the Historic Ruins of Pompeii during an optional tour of this vast archeological site. (B, D)

# **Day 8:** Campania - Abbey of Montecassino - The Catacombs -Rome

Travel to Montecassino and discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D., housing the relics of the saint and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. You'll have the option of celebrating Mass here before continuing to Rome. Visit the Catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead. (B)

# **Day 9:** Rome - Papal Audience -Christian Rome City Tour

Attend the weekly Papal audience at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness Pope Francis. Visit the Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major and Rome's Cathedral: St. John in Lateran - the former residence of the popes. Conclude your day with a visit to the Scala Sancta, the Holy Stairs which tradition believes are the steps that Christ climbed when he appeared before Pontius Pilate. (B)

# **Day 10:** Rome - Vatican Museum - St. Peter's Basilica

Celebrate Mass before exploring the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel and the famous Last Judgment mural. End your visit in St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest church. Feel the grace around you as you meander along towering marble columns and stand in awe before *Pietà*, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Perhaps you'll go on an optional tour of Rome with visits to the Roman Forum and Colosseum, where the Pope begins the Good Friday Procession. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

# Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (B)

# **Featured Post Tour Extension**



# Optional 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Post-Tour

Starting at \$1235 pp

# **Day 11:** Rome - Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua - Mestre, Venice

Start your morning with a transfer to Padua and spend time in the Basilica of Saint Anthony. A sprawling church of iconic domes, this Franciscan sanctuary is visited by millions of pilgrims each year. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here. End your day in the city of Mestre, nestled along the coast of mainland Venice. Settle in for a 2-night stay, your gateway to the Venetian lagoon.

# **Day 12:** Mestre - Murano Island - Venice - Mestre

Enjoy a full day tour of Venice. Start your day with a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. After getting a glimpse into the local culture, make your way to St. Mark's Square and join a local expert for a walking tour. You'll explore this famous square and the St. Mark's Basilica, which enshrines the body of Saint Mark the Evangelist under the high altar. Originally buried in Egypt, legend claims that two Venetian merchants stole the saint's body from Alexandria and relocated him to Venice in the early 1800s. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore the canals on your own before returning to your hotel on the mainland. (B, D)

# Day 13: Mestre - Tour Ends

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

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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January 24 February 21 March 7, 14, 21 April 11, 18, 25 May 2, 16

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66 The places we visited were exactly what we wanted but nothing like we were expecting. They were so much more of a visual and spiritual journey. ??

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# THE BEST OF IRELAND

15 DAYS · 21 MEALS starting at \$5249

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin • Belfast • Diner's Choice • Bushmills Distillery • Giant's Causeway • Derry • *Seanchaí* Experience • Galway • Cliffs of Moher • Killarney • Ring of Kerry • Kilkenny

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- With a traditional *seanchaí* (Irish storyteller), listen to folklore and legends that have been passed down through generations.
- Travel back in time when you explore the thatched cottages of Glencolmcille.
- Impact Moment: Enjoy a seaweedforaging experience in the Ring of Kerry.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 14 — Enjoy a leisurely morning in Kilkenny and visit the iconic castle
 -OR- explore Jerpoint Abbey and attend a captivating glass-blowing demonstration.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Taste the local culture at Bushmills Distillery in Northern Ireland.
- Explore Galway's culinary scene with a local foodie on a walking tour.
- Savour organic Irish ciders, handcrafted syrups, and apple spirits at a family-owned farm.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hard Rock Hotel, Dublin
Days 4, 5	Europa Hotel, Belfast
Days 6, 7	Mill Park Hotel, Donegal
Day 8	Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen
Days 9, 10	The House Hotel, Galway
Days 11, 12	Muckross Park Hotel & Spa or The Dunloe Hotel, Killarney
Days 13, 14	Kilkenny Hiberian Hotel, Kilkenny



It's time to experience the beauty and culture of Ireland, passed down through generations and reborn in the modern era.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Rocky coasts, animated pubs, a storied past, and endless green hills – where else but Ireland? Experience the country like never before, visiting the traditional sites you'd expect as well as a few off-the-beaten-path spots you couldn't find on your own. Connect with the locals, connect with your roots, and connect with the Emerald Isle.

# Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Your Irish adventure starts in Dublin, built upon layered history and featuring a lively local culture. Peek into the capital's past at The Little Museum of Dublin, following a storyteller through the historic home filled with artifacts, memorabilia, and other charms. This evening, toast the start of your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

# Day 3: Dublin

Start your morning with an **Impact Moment** and walk with an expert from Secret Street Tours, a non-profit that trains citizens formerly affected by homelessness to be guides in their own city. See the city through their eyes and gain insight into their life story as you discover Dublin's Liberties district. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. (B)

# Day 4: Dublin - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning cross the border into Northern Ireland and arrive in Belfast. Cruise through town in a traditional black taxicab with a guide, taking in different murals along the way. Pause at the Peace Wall, which separates the Catholic and Protestant communities, adorned with political graffiti. Personalize your dining experience tonight with *Diner's Choice!* Perhaps you'll cook your meal with an expert chef, or consider a unique whiskey paired dinner, or maybe you'll dine on some local seafood at a nearby restaurant. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** Belfast - Bushmills - Giants Causeway - Belfast

Get a taste of the local culture at Bushmills Distillery, a staple in the whiskey industry for over 400 years. Tour the distillery with an expert and indulge in a tasting of the signature smooth flavours. After some free time on your own, walk in the footsteps of mystical legends at the ethereal Giant's Causeway. Take in the hexagonal basalt slabs, formed by gargantuan beasts crossing the crashing waves according to legend. (B)

# Day 6: Belfast - Derry - Donegal, Ireland

Make your way to Derry, a growing artistic and cultural hub, and site of the infamous Bloody Sunday massacre. Delve into the city's local history on a guided tour before continuing on to Glenveagh National Park. Embark on an expertled tour of the park's 19th-century Glenveagh Castle, nestled along the shore of Lough Veagh. End your day in County Donegal. Connect with an age-old heritage when an esteemed *seanchaí* – a





traditional Gaelic storyteller – joins you for dinner. (B, D)

# Day 7: Donegal

Set out to explore the Wild Atlantic Way. Visit the Slieve League Cliffs, offering stunning views over the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay. Three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher, these iconic cliffs are amongst the highest and most scenic in Europe. Afterward, travel back in time to eighteenth century Ireland when you visit the thatched cottages of Glencolmcille, a folk village maintained by the local community of southeast Donegal. Continue on to Donegal Town and enjoy time to shop and explore at your leisure. (B)

# **Day 8:** Donegal - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing Donegal for Fermanagh, a county blanketed by lakes and waterways. Take in pastoral surroundings as you cruise toward Devenish Island, a 6th century monastic site. Explore the ruins of this picturesque island, including one of the finest high towers in Ireland. This afternoon, arrive at your beautiful resort on the banks of Lough Erne. (B, D)

# Day 9: Enniskillen - Galway, Ireland

Arrive in Galway, a lively city of medieval relics and modern flare. This afternoon, explore the city with a local foodie, highlighting how Galway's cuisine breaks the stereotype of traditional Irish food. After getting a taste of what that the city has to offer, enjoy the rest of the day on your own. (B, L)

# Day 10: Galway

The day is yours. Perhaps you'll pop into a pub for a drink with the locals, or peruse one of the city's many museums, or even go shopping along bustling Quay Street. Consider taking an optional tour to Kylemore Abbey, where you'll drive through Connemara National Park before embarking on an expert-led tour of the monastery. (B)

# Day 11: Galway - Cliffs of Moher - Killarney

Peek into Irish culture at a sheep farm, where you'll watch a dog-herding demonstration and meet the friendly canine workers. Experience the Ireland you've always imagined at the Cliffs of Moher, where mossy cliffs plunge 700 feet into the ocean. After visiting one of the country's most beloved sites, arrive in the dynamic town of Killarney. (B, D)

# **Day 12:** Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Spend the day discovering the renowned Ring of Kerry. As you take in the scenic coastlines and weathered stones, pause for an **Impact Moment** at a seaweed farm. Roam the beach with local experts, learning about conservation efforts and how seaweed was used during the famine. After returning to Killarney, the rest of the day is yours. (B)

### Day 13: Killarney - Kilkenny

Immerse yourself in nature at the familyown Highbank Orchards. Green leaves and tangy scents waft through the air as you pass through the organic farm via tractor, enjoying samples of homemade syrups, ciders, and apple spirits. Continue on to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming cities, and uncover the city's storied past at the Medieval Mile Museum. Explore this converted-church with a local guide, learning about Norman relics and local witch trials. (B, L)

# Day 14: Kilkenny 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a leisurely day to explore the town and Kilkenny Castle on your own **-OR-** travel just outside of town to the ruins of Jerpoint Abbey, a Cistercian abbey founded in the 12th century. You will also attend a captivating demonstration at a familyowned glass company and learn about the important role Kilkenny plays in Irish design and craftsmanship. No matter what activities fill your day, come together in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Sláinte*! (B, D)

# Day 15: Kilkenny - Tour Ends

Wish the Emerald Isle goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Choose to add more time to your trip:

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# SHADES OF IRELAND

# 10 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$2999

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Irish Evening • Kilkenny • Waterford • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Jaunting Car Ride • Ring of Kerry • Farm Visit • Limerick • Cliffs of Moher • Galway • Castle Stay

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the grounds of a regal castle.
- Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- See sheepdogs in action when you visit a working farm.

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From history-filled Dublin to the rolling green hills and dramatic coast, experience Ireland's charm on a journey through the Emerald Isle.



# Featured Tour Extension

# Optional 3-Night London Pre-Tour Starting at \$960† pp

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to the United Kingdom. Begin in England and enjoy a 3-night stay in London.

# Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Experience London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

# Day 3: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube and zoom to the city's most beloved attractions. Visit Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana. Enjoy some free time to explore the city. (B)

# Day 4: London

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure and included Tower of London pass. London's bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments, and grand theaters – and you'll be a part of it all! (B)

# Day 5: London - Dublin, Ireland

Wish London goodbye as you fly to Dublin where you begin your **Shades of Ireland** tour. (B)

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BASE TOUR BEGINS

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Anticipation mounts as you wind your way toward the Emerald Isle and its many wonders. Rich history, rolling hills and warm smiles lie ahead in Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick. With tomorrow comes quintessential Ireland.

# Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

# Day 3: Dublin 😯

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# Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)

# **Day 7:** Killarney - Cliffs of Moher -Limerick

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Continue to Limerick, where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty." (B)

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# SHADES OF IRELAND (CONTINUED)

# 10 DAYS · 13 MEALS starting at \$2999

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# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- Taste the "water of life" during an Irish whiskey tasting.
- Be treated to a farewell dinner at a castle.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin
Day 4	Granville Hotel, Waterford
Days 5, 6	Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney Plaza Hotel, or Muckross Park Hotel & Spa, Killarney

- Days 7, 8 Absolute Hotel, George Hotel or Radisson Blu, Limerick
- Day 9 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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# Day 8: Limerick - Galway - Limerick

Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. Continue on to Galway for a brief tour that showcases "The City of Tribes". Return to Limerick to relax over dinner. (B, D)

# **Day 9:** Limerick - Tullamore - Kingscourt

You don't have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the old-world heritage of Ireland's whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Tullamore in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 10:** Kingscourt - Tour Ends Your journey ends in Kingscourt. (B)

# SPECIAL EVENT



St. Patrick's Day Celebrate in Ireland in the birthplace of St. Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland." \* MARCH 9, 12, 14 & 16, 2022

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Featured Tour Extension **Optional 3-Night Edinburgh Post-Tour** Starting at \$820† pp



# Day 10: Kingscourt - Edinburgh, Scotland

Fly to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland and a city steeped in history. Here, you'll find charming pubs, quaint shops, and friendly faces all under the watchful gaze of Edinburgh Castle. Dig into Scottish cuisine with dinner at a local restaurant tonight. (D)

# Day 11: Edinburgh

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# Day 12: Edinburgh

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# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# ALSO AVAILABLE

### Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland

Experience Ireland in all its vibrant shades as you travel from the lively city of Dublin to the natural beauty of Northern Ireland.

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# SHADES OF IRELAND FEATURING NORTHERN IRELAND

13 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the grounds of a historic manor house.
- Experience the daily life of an Irish family during a visit to a local farm.
- Be transported to a bygone era during a traditional *ceili* in Ulster.

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# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 11 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- Choose from a "menu" of Derry's best restaurants.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

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Day 8	Manor House Country Hotel, Enniskillen
Days 9, 10	City Hotel, Derry
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## BASE TOUR BEGINS

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# Day 7: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher -Ennis

Bid Killarney farewell and travel across the lovely Shannon River into County Clare. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Walk along the rambling edge, soaking up unparalleled views and snapping incredible photos. Complete your day at the historic Temple Gate Hotel in the heart of Ennis Town. (B)

# **Day 8:** Ennis - Galway - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

Experience the daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable farm visit. Then continue on to Galway for a brief tour that showcases "The City of Tribes." Your day ends in the northwest reaches of Eire. (B, D)

# **Day 9:** Enniskillen - Donegal Town - Derry

Take in the rugged, natural beauty of County Donegal. Stop in Donegal Town and stroll the town square, enjoying its quaint craft and woolen shops. Next, travel to Derry, known for its turbulent political history. This afternoon, a local guide leads a walk through the old city, including the Craft Village, a charming 19th century Georgian square in the heart of the walled city. Tonight, it's *Diner's Choice*... choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Derry's great restaurants. (B, D)

# **Day 10:** Derry - Inishowen Peninsula - Derry

This morning, journey to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head. Take in breathtaking scenery as you explore Ireland's northernmost point. Return to Derry, and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

# Day 11: Derry - Giant's Causeway -Glens of Antrim - Belfast

See the most famous natural site in Northern Ireland as you visit the magnificent Giant's Causeway. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles a cobble road leading into the sea. Then lose yourself in the natural beauty of Northern Ireland as you explore the scenic back roads of the Glens of Antrim to Belfast. (B)

# Day 12: Belfast

Begin the day with a guided tour of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, and hear of the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through the different neighbourhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the cranes at the shipyard that built the Titanic, before touring the "Titanic Experience," Northern Ireland's most visited attraction. Top your day off with a traditional Irish *ceili*; an experience that takes you back to the cobblestoned streets and Irish fare in 20th-century Ulster. Enjoy rousing music and dance as your Irish adventure comes to a close. (B, D)

**Day 13:** Belfast - Tour Ends Your tour ends in Belfast. (B)



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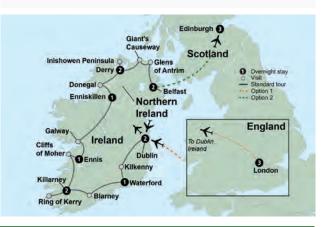
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# COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

# 10 DAYS · 13 MEALS starting at \$3599

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Cooking Class • Irish National Stud • Rock of Cashel • Distillery Tour • Kinsale • Garnish Island • Dingle Peninsula • Cliffs of Moher • Aran Islands



- Overnight on the enchanting Aran Islands and jump head-first into Irish culture.
- Enjoy an after-hours private tour and reception at Christ Church Cathedral.
- Discover a hidden garden island nestled in Bantry Bay.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Explore Dingle's country lanes on foot -OR- enjoy time at leisure in Dingle Town.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at a premier culinary institution in Dublin.
- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.



- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Hampton Hotel, Dublin
- Days 4, 5 Garryvoe Hotel, East Cork, Cork
- Days 6, 7 Muckross Park Hotel & Spa or The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens, Killarney
- Day 8 Tigh Ruairí, Inisheer, Aran Islands
- Day 9 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Embrace the pure tranquility found in Ireland's quaint villages, less-travelled roads and storybook castles.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

This is your chance to experience a seldomexplored side of Ireland. From the vaults of Christ Church Cathedral to the rolling hills of Dingle, we'll bring you back to your Irish roots (even if you don't have any).

# Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

*Fáilte* and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral. Within the medieval walls of the city's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

# Day 3: Dublin

A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent sights. Exalt in the culture and colour of Ireland's world-famous shopping thoroughfare, Grafton Street. Get lost inside the gardens of St. Stephen's Green, and marvel at the electric green expanse of the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park. This evening, enjoy some good *craic* - Gaelic for fun - as we put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. (B, D)

# **Day 4:** Dublin - Irish National Stud -Cashel - East Cork

Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of incredible natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. (B, D)

# Day 5: East Cork – Kinsale – Midleton – East Cork

After a relaxing morning head to the coastal village of Kinsale. Enjoy time to peruse the charming shops, galleries and cafes before joining a local expert for a leisurely walking tour. Later this afternoon, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery's production. (B)

# Day 6: East Cork - Garnish Island -Killarney

Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming town of Glengarrif. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed, Garnish Island. Sheltered in







the Glengarrif harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to Killarney via the breathtaking Caha Pass. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** Killarney - Dingle - Killarney 😚

Not far from the spirited pubs of Killarney await the enchanting hills and weatherworn bluffs of Dingle. Travel through a maze of green to Ireland's most westerly point, Slea Head, where the locals will remind you that, "the next parish over is Boston." Then, **it's your choice!** Explore Dingle's country lanes on foot **-OR-** enjoy time at leisure in Dingle Town, a place where pubs double as hardware stores and the Guinness is always freshly tapped. Upon your return to Killarney, stop by a tea house for some scrumptious homemade treats at a café that employs individuals with intellectual disabilities. (B)

# **Day 8:** Killarney - Cliffs of Moher -Aran Islands (Inisheer)

Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure, the likes of which you've never seen. Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, the smallest of the three Aran Islands. Take in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Upon arriving in Inisheer's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Learn about the island's 250 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, settle into your island abode amid desolate yet striking beauty for an experience that's totally unparalleled. (B, D)

# Day 9: Aran Islands (Inisheer) -Ennis

Enjoy a morning to sleep in, or wake early for a sunrise hike to O'Brien Castle, Greet the sun as it rises over the Irish mainland and illuminates Inisheer's picturesque stone walls. Later, dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and learn traditional methods and stitches used to make the famous Aran sweaters. Don't worry if you're not a knitter, you'll be a pro before you know it! Next, experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid's Cross. Throughout Ireland you will see these crosses affixed to homes to ward off evil and danger. This evening, after ferrying back to the mainland, toast the end of an incredible adventure! (B, D)

# Day 10: Ennis - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Choose to add more time to your trip:

1-2 NIGHTS	UP TO 1 WEEK
PRE NIGHT	STOPOVER
DUBLIN	CHOOSE FROM:
CALL FOR DETAILS	London, Amsterdam, Paris,
	Frankfurt, Munich
	CALL FOR DETAILS

**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine Countryside of the Emerald Isle tour with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on March 26, 2023 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

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September 24, 25 October 2, 9, 16 March 26 April 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Dublin and depart from Shannon. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Killarney café is available April through September. Christ Church Cathedral is a working cathedral, so closure may occur unexpectedly. Ferry crossings and overnights on the Aran Islands are subject to weather conditions. If weather conditions prohibit crossing to the Aran Islands, alternative arrangements will be made for accommodation and activities. The overnight accommodations on Aran Island require that you bring an overnight bag only. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location. Guests interested in the sunrise hike should pack a flashlight. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 We had the trip of a lifetime. 99 – Collette Traveller

# IRISH SPLENDOUR

8 DAYS · 8 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2199

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

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin • Christ Church Cathedral • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Dingle Peninsula • Farm Visit • Cliffs of Moher • Whiskey Distillery • Castle Stay

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Travel the Dingle Peninsula, one of the world's most beautiful coastal routes.
- See the Rock of Cashel, the historic site where St. Patrick preached.
- Overnight on the grounds of a historic castle.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 6 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy cocktails and canapés in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.
- Delight in a whiskey tour and tasting.
- Learn how a traditional Irish farm works over homemade scones and tea.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin
- Days 4, 5 Killarney Avenue Hotel or Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney
- Day 6 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis
- Day 7 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the historic Rock of Cashel to the breathtaking sights of County Kerry, savour a true taste of "Irish Splendour."

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Experience a true taste of "Irish Splendour" on a trip that combines fabulous accommodations, stunning scenery and incredible cuisine. Make a return to times past when you join us on an unforgettable tour of the amazing "Emerald Isle."

# Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Dublin with a visit to Christ Church Cathedral. Join your fellow travellers for canapés and cocktails in the cathedral's crypt.

# Day 3: Dublin

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the "Fair City." Take in O'Connell Street, Grafton Street and the city's magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes. Then, enjoy some leisure time to independently explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin. (B)

# Day 4: Dublin - Killarney

Depart Dublin for Ireland's breathtaking countryside. Visit the town of Cashel for views of the historic Rock of Cashel, the reputed location where St. Patrick preached and converted the King of Munster. Next, journey to historic Blarney Castle where you'll have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. End your day in charming Killarney and enjoy dinner this evening at one of Killarney's best local restaurants. (B, D)







Christ Church Cathedral Crypt



**Day 5:** Killarney - Dingle Peninsula - Killarney

Set off this morning to follow what is perhaps Ireland's most majestic coastal route – the stunning Dingle Peninsula. Stop at the Gap of Dunloe where you can shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Travel to the town of Dingle and drive the beautiful Slea Head road, where some of the country's most spectacular landscapes are found. (B)

# Day 6: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher -Ennis

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family and enjoy homemade scones and tea during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm. Continue to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. End your day in the charming town of Ennis. Enjoy the ambience of your historic hotel, cozy up to its roaring peat fire, and feel the warmth of Irish hospitality. (B)

# **Day 7:** Ennis – Whiskey Distillery – Castle Stay

Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. During a visit to a historic distillery, learn the process of whiskey making and delight in a tasting of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of a historic castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

# Day 8: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Kingscourt. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at \$2199 Starting at \$2699 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on January 25, 2023 departure.

January - March 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 26 February 16, 23 March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

\*Itinerary featured is for October 2022 - March 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### October 2022 - March 2023

(featured itinerary) October 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 October 25, 26 November 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 November 29, 30 December 28 January 25 February 15, 22 March 1, 8, 14, 15, 21 March 22, 28, 29

# SPECIAL EVENT



### St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate in Ireland in the birthplace of St. Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland." \* MARCH 12 & 16, 2022 \* MARCH 14 & 15, 2023

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights must arrive prior to 2:00 p.m. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 Everything was taken care of including luggage which meant that all I had to do was enjoy the trip. 99 - Collette Traveller

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# EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND

# 13 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Edinburgh - Loch Ness - Urquhart Castle • Oban - Whisky Distillery - Farm Lunch • Belfast - Titanic Experience - Giant's Causeway - The Causeway Coast Rail Journey - Derry - Glenveagh National Park - Armagh - Dublin

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Be transported to a bygone era during a traditional "night on the town" in 20th-century Ulster.
- Embark on one of the world's most breathtaking rail journeys along the Causeway Coast.
- Join a local ranger for a guided walk through the storied valley of Glencoe.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic tour and discover both Old Town and New Town -ORjoin a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh's Old Town.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 11 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Sample the "Water of Life" at a Scottish whisky distillery.
- Taste apple cider at a family-run farm.
- Join in the fun during a night of traditional Irish food and entertainment.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Overnight Flight** Day 1 Days 2, 3 Radisson Collection Hotel, Royal Mile, Edinburgh Best Western Palace Hotel, Day 4 Inverness Ballachulish Hotel or Days 5, 6 Isles of Glencoe Hotel, Ballachulish AC Hotel by Marriott, Days 7, 8 Belfast Days 9, 10 City Hotel, Derry
- Days 11, 12 Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Dublin
- 138 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Experience rugged natural beauty and historic cities and castles in Scotland and Ireland.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

From rugged natural beauty to vibrant and historical cities, the diverse charms of Scotland and Ireland await.

# Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. Tonight, experience how traditional Scottish ingredients are getting a modern twist during a welcome dinner at one of the city's popular restaurants. (D)

# Day 3: Edinburgh 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic tour; explore both Old Town and New Town before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots **-OR-** for a different perspective, join a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh's Old Town; meander the cobbled streets and narrow alleyways before descending into the city's underground vaults to uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

# Day 4: Edinburgh - St. Andrews -Dunkeld - Inverness

Travel to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf – see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Next, stop at Dunkeld, a charming town that has played a significant role in Scottish history, particularly the first Jacobite Rising. Continue on to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. (B, D)

# Day 5: Inverness - Loch Ness -Ballachulish

This morning, take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before disembarking at the base of famed Urquhart Castle. Explore the ruins of this historic stronghold where acts of chivalry and defiance exhibit more than 1,000 years of Scottish history. Stop just north of Fort William to take in the historic Caledonian Canal and its famous Neptune's Staircase, a flight of eight locks and an incredible feat of engineering. Continue south through Scotland's stunning Great Glen before arriving at your hotel. (B, D)

# **Day 6:** Ballachulish - Glencoe - Oban - Ballachulish

Begin your day in the scenic valley of Glencoe. Join a local ranger for a guided walk through one of Scotland's most historic and breathtaking glens. Continue on to the charming seaside town of Oban. Enjoy time at leisure to sample some Scotland's best seafood before visiting one of the country's oldest distilleries, Oban. Take in a tour and tasting of this nearly 230-year-old distillery and experience for yourself why Highland whisky is considered the world's finest. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** Ballachulish - Farm Visit - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning bid farewell to the highlands as you travel south to the Scottish Lowlands. Visit the farm of Janet and Neale McQuistin to learn about their

move toward sustainable farming practices and to meet their herds of highland coos and ewes. Enjoy a farmhouse lunch before travelling along the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry. Cross the famed Irish Sea as you head for Northern Ireland's capital city of Belfast. (B, L)

# Day 8: Belfast

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Belfast, Northern Ireland's largest city. Learn about the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through its distinctive neighbourhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the massive cranes of the Belfast shipyard. Complete today's tour with a visit to the award-winning Titanic Experience museum. Later, you are invited to a traditional Irish Céilí. This experience takes you back to the cobblestoned streets and Irish fare of turn-of-the-century Ulster. Enjoy a hot toddy or a glass of Guinness as you lose yourself in the rousing music. Then it's time to dance! (B, D)

# Day 9: Belfast - Glens of Antrim -Giant's Causeway - Derry

Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant's Causeway (UNESCO). Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles an old cobbled road leading mystically into the sea. Then, embark on one of the world's most beautiful railway journeys along the Causeway Coast. Soak up the incredible scenery before arriving in the walled city of Derry. Set out on a walking tour featuring the medieval city walls, St. Augustine's Cathedral, and the Guildhall. Perhaps you will discover why Derry is one of Ireland's best-kept secrets during an optional evening of storytelling and traditional music at one of the city's best farm-to-table restaurants. (B)

# **Day 10:** Derry - County Donegal -Glenveagh National Park - Derry

Today's journey showcases the rugged beauty of County Donegal. Visit spectacular Glenveagh National Park, a natural wonderland with 40,000 acres of mountains, lakes and woodland. Enjoy a guided visit to stately Glenveagh Castle, set amidst the colourful splendour of one of the finest gardens in Ireland. Tonight, it's **Diner's Choice:** choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Derry's great restaurants. (B, D)

# **Day 11:** Derry - Armagh - Cider Farm Visit - Dublin, Ireland

Depart on a journey through the scenic countryside of Northern Ireland, stopping in Armagh to view the twin cathedrals dedicated to Ireland's Patron Saint. The two St. Patrick's Cathedrals, one Catholic and one Protestant, symbolize the two souls of Ireland. Then, visit a family-run cider farm. Meet the family and explore the orchards before sampling their award-winning Irish ciders. Continue on to the Republic of Ireland. Your day concludes in Dublin, Ireland's vibrant capital city. (B)

# Day 12: Dublin

A locally guided tour of Dublin highlights the world-renowned St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and the city's magnificent rows of lovely Georgian town homes. Spend the rest of your day at leisure as you delve further into Dublin's cultural treasures. This evening, toast the end of an incredible adventure during a farewell dinner at one of the city's most popular local restaurants. (B, D)

# **Day 13:** Dublin - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close. (B)



# **Optional 2-Night London Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1370 pp

**Day 1:** Overnight Flight You're on your way to the United Kingdom. Begin in England and enjoy a 3-night stay in London.

# Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Experience London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

### Day 3: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube and zoom to the city's most beloved attractions. Visit Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana. Enjoy some free time to explore the city. (B)

# Day 4: London

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure and included Tower of London pass. London's bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments, and grand theaters – and you'll be a part of it all! (B)

# Day 5: London - Edinburgh, Scotland

Wish London goodbye as you transfer via high speed rail to Edinburgh. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

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May 2022 - May 2023

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# SPECIAL EVENT



### Exploring Scotland & Ireland featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Enjoy tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.

★ AUGUST 7, 14, 21 & 24, 2022

# CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

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# **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**

# DISCOVER SCOTLAND

# 10 DAYS · 14 MEALS STARTING AT \$3299

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

Bagpipe Lesson • Whisky Distillery • Isle of Skye • Armadale Castle • Loch Ness • Orkney Islands • Dunrobin Castle • Sheepdog Demonstration • St. Andrews • Edinburgh Castle • Scottish Cooking Experience

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a working farm and meet a shepherd and his sheepdogs.
- Discover the remains of a Neolithic village at Skara Brae.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic city tour that includes a visit to the Palace at Holyroodhouse -OR- join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. Both choices feature a visit to Edinburgh Castle.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Learn the art of producing Scotch whisky during a distillery tour and tasting.
- Enjoy an interactive cooking experience at one of Edinburgh's premier culinary institutions.



- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 Maldron Hotel, Glasgow
- Days 3, 4 Ballachulish Hotel or Ballachulish area hotel, Ballachulish
- Days 5, 6 Pentland Hotel or Station Hotel or Castletown Hotel, Thurso
- Day 7 Best Western Palace Hotel or Riverness Hotel, Inverness
- Days 8, 9 Radisson Blu, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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From its rugged sea-sprayed islands to its stately castles layered in history, Scotland awaits.

# Featured Pre-Tour Extension

TRAVEL STYLE:



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**Day 2:** London, England Experience London, the esteemed capital of the United

**BASE TOUR BEGINS** 

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities and stirring history.

# Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Glasgow, Scotland's capital. Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it's your chance to give it a go! Then, join your fellow travellers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D) Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

# Day 3: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube and zoom to the city's most beloved attractions. Visit Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana. Enjoy some free time to explore the city. (B)

# Day 4: London

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure and included Tower of London pass. London's bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments, and grand theaters – and you'll be a part of it all! (B)

# Day 5: London - Glasgow, Scotland

Wish London goodbye as you take a high-speed train through the English countryside to Scotland. (B)

# Day 3: Glasgow - Glencoe - Ballachulish

This morning, bid Glasgow farewell as you travel to one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. Continue on to the Highlands, making your way through the breathtaking scenery of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Admire the verdant green hills and mountainside waters as you arrive at your remote countryside hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

**Day 4:** Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish Take a stunning drive along the "Road to the Isles" and over the Skye Bridge to the legendary Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle). Enjoy dramatic views of the Sound of Sleat. Then, visit Armadale Castle & Gardens and the Museum of the Isles to learn about island life and the history of Skye. Conclude your visit with views of the isle from yet another vantage point during a ferry crossing back to the mainland. Returning to Ballachulish along the same road, pass through Glenfinnan where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied the clansmen for battle during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso

Today, enjoy unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open you never know when Nessie will appear! Travel off the beaten path to Thurso, one of Scotland's most remote towns on the North Coast. Embrace the rustic environment of the Scottish Highlands as you settle in for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

# **Day 6:** Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso

Grab your windbreaker – it's time for an adventure on the Orkney Islands. Ferry to this former Viking stronghold off the northernmost coast of Scotland, where artists admire the ever-changing clouds rolling across the sky like a time-lapse at double speed. On the crossing, feel the wind in your hair as you view the abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this ethereal place that few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae and discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Continue on toward the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Make your way through the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B)

# Day 7: Thurso - Inverness

As you make your way back from the northern coast, visit the majestic Dunrobin Castle which dates back to the 1300s. The castle was built in the style of a French chateau. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland's east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in Inverness, capital of the Highlands. (B, D)

# **Day 8:** Inverness - Pitlochry -Edinburgh

Begin your day with a visit to a family-run

farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure to explore on you own. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

# Day 9: Edinburgh 😯

Today it's your choice! Choose to get acquainted with this regal capital on a locally guided panoramic city tour, exploring both the Old and New towns before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots -OR- for a different perspective you may join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot; descend into the city's vast underground vaults and uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. Both choices include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions. With a "wee dram" in hand, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

# Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

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



# **Optional 2-Night Dublin Post-Tour** Starting at \$550<sup>+</sup> pp

Day 10: Edinburgh - Dublin, Ireland

Fly from Scotland to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into your centrally located hotel and enjoy time at leisure to explore the city.

# Day 11: Dublin

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure and perhaps visit the Guinness Storehouse and sample a pint of 'the black stuff', tour Trinity College to marvel at the Book of Kells, or take in some traditional music in at one of the city's many historic pubs. (B)

# Day 12: Dublin - Extension Ends

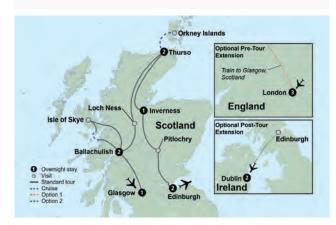
Wish Dublin goodbye as your time in Ireland comes to a close. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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# SPECIAL EVENT



# Discover Scotland featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Enjoy tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show. ★ JULY 31, 2022

★ AUGUST 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15, 2022

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Glasgow and depart from Edinburgh. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Armadale Castle and Gardens is open from April to October. On other dates a visit to Eilean Donan Castle will be substituted. Weather conditions may sometimes prevent operation of the ferry to the Orkney Islands. In these cases, your Tour Manager will substitute activities on the mainland. Dunrobin Castle is open from April to October. When it is closed you will visit Fort George or similar. The Palace of Holyroodhouse may close occasionally when the Queen is in residence or for official province functions. Due to the remoteness of the Highlands region, hotels are carefully chosen, yet also reflective of the rustic nature of the landscape. Most of the hotels do not have elevators, requiring guests to navigate stairs to reach their room. Rooms in these hotels are smaller than average. Guests arriving in Edinburgh from August 5-27, 2022 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show. **All rates in Canadian dollars**.

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# SCOTLAND: ISLES OF LORE & LEGEND

# 12 DAYS · 17 MEALS starting at \$4999

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

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Glasgow - Inveraray - Auchindrain - Islay • Whisky Distillery - Loch Melfort - Isle of Iona - Fingal's Cave at Staffa - Kilmartin Glen - Loch Lomond - Off-Road Vehicle Exploration - Luss - Scottish Highlands • Balmoral Castle - St. Andrews & Old Course Tour - *Invisible Cities* Walking Tour

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Hit the waves and see a different side of the Scottish Isles via RIB boats.
- Tour the Old Course at St. Andrews the world capital of golf.
- Head out on an off-road vehicle adventure with your own personal kilted guide.

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Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 4 Meet the locals at the Columba Gaelic Centre -OR- delve further into Islay's whisky culture and visit a second distillery.
- Day 9 Explore more of the Highland landscape on a hike along Queen's Drive and the bends of River Clunie -OR- explore the picturesque village of Braemar at your own pace.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Sip the famous "water of life" in a local whisky distillery.
- Following a bagpiping lesson with an expert piper, enjoy a farm-to-table meal at the National Piping Centre.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDay 2Hilton Glasgow, GlasgowDays 3, 4The Machrie Hotel, IslayDays 5 - 7Loch Melfort Hotel,<br/>Arduaine, ObanDays 8, 9Fishers Hotel, PitlochryDays 10, 11Voco Hotel, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



Discover the mystical side of Scotland where rocky coastlines and rolling clouds meet a history built upon legends, whisky, and clans.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Rolling landscapes of green hills and rocky coastlines. Lively cities of friendly locals and the renowned "water of life." Remote isles built upon mystical lore and stirring history. This is Scotland - where legends live long and storybook pages come to life.

# Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins

Start your tour in Glasgow, a cultural trove for art, music, and history. Experience the culture at the National Piping Centre, where experts wield classic bagpipes. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, feel like a local when you try the instrument yourself. Toast to the start of your journey at a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

# **Day 3:** Glasgow - Inveraray - Auchindrain - Ferry to Islay

Leave the city behind, travelling along sloping fields and rolling clouds. Enter into a land where clan legacy runs deep – a point of pride and ancestry for the locals. Stop in Inveraray, home to the Clan Campbell and current Duke of Argyll. Enjoy some free time to explore, perhaps visiting the castle and its gardens. In nearby Auchindrain, discover Scotland's rural history during a guided tour of this well-preserved farm township and see how Scottish ancestors lived and worked. Ferry to the lands of the mystical Gaelic Kingdom of Dál Riata, shrouded in legend and serving as the inspiration of Celtic tales rivaling those of King Arthur. Stop at the Isle of Islay, the world capital of whisky, and enjoy dinner at your hotel along the waterfront. (B, D)

# Day 4: Islay 😵

Peek into Islay's tempestuous whisky history on a coastal walking tour linking three well-known distilleries. Stop for a guided visit of Lagavulin Distillery and taste the peaty "water of life." Later, **it's your choice!** Meet the locals at the Columba Gaelic Centre and enjoy light snacks as you learn about the Gaelic language and listen to live folk music **-OR-** delve further into Islay's whisky culture and visit a second distillery. (B)

# **Day 5:** Islay - Loch Finlaggan - Ferry to Oban - Loch Melfort

Visit a local mill that weaves traditional tartan and tweed, including costumes featured in Braveheart, Forrest Gump, and Rob Roy. Make your way to Finlaggan, the cradle of Clan Donald, and hike to the loch. Visit the ruins of the medieval chapel and burial grounds, stepping into another time where neighbouring clans created pivotal alliances. Later, depart Islay via ferry to Oban, travelling past the mountainous Isle of Jura. Continue to Loch Melfort and settle into your hotel for the next three nights. Take in a stunning view of the ocean from your room before wandering the grounds, home to friendly Highland cows and neighbouring the National Trust's Arduaine Gardens. (B, D)

# **Day 6:** Loch Melfort - Isle of Iona - Isle of Staffa - Loch Melfort

Embark on a seafaring adventure and be whisked

away on an exciting RIB boat (covered, rigidhull Zodiac). Your first destination of the day is lona, an island that serves as one of the area's oldest Christian religious centres. Ascend to the abbey on foot and enjoy free time to explore on your own. Hop back in your RIB boat and head to the nearby Isle of Staffa, home to the ethereal Fingal's Cave. Serving as the inspiration for Wordsworth, Keats, Mendelssohn and countless others, the cave features hexagonal columns that seem beyond nature's power. Peer into the cave from your boat before returning to Loch Melfort. Enjoy a night at leisure. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** Loch Melfort - Kilmartin Glen - Loch Melfort

Begin your day with a walk in Kilmartin Glen, passing by mysterious standing stones, henges and cairns. Perhaps you will make the most of free time in the afternoon with an optional exhilarating boat ride: this excursion takes you to the area of the powerful Corryvreckan Whirlpool via RIB boat, giving you an intimate look at the local wildlife as you search for eagles, seals, and marine life with an expert local guide. (B, D)

# **Day 8:** Loch Melfort - Loch Lomond - Luss - Pitlochry

Journey to Loch Lomond, the largest lake in Great Britain. Meet your personal kilted guide and hop into an off-road vehicle for an adventure through the land of Clan McGregor. Ascend the hill and hear the rustling of the wind, admiring an unparalleled vantage point of Loch Lomond and its numerous islands. For those feeling a little adventurous, take the wheel yourself and drive under the guidance of an expert instructor. After a picnic lunch, visit Luss, a quaint village of stone cottages and bright flowers. Journey further into the Highlands, pausing at Queen's View - the landscape beloved by Queen Victoria - for your first impression of the Cairngorms Mountains. Your night ends in Pitlochry, a small town from the 18th century. (B, L)

# **Day 9:** Pitlochry - Balmoral Castle - Pitlochry 😯

Take the rare opportunity to visit Balmoral Castle - the most elusive among the Royal residences. Roam the gardens, the stable area, and the largest room in the castle: the ballroom. Pass through Crathie Kirk, a small countryside church where the Royal Family occasionally attends service. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Take to the Highland landscape on a scenic hike along the stunning Queen's Drive and River Clunie **-OR-** explore the picturesque village of Braemar at your own pace, perhaps visiting their Highland Games Centre and Museum to find out more about caber (log) tossing and hammer throwing. (B)

# **Day 10:** Pitlochry - St. Andrews - Edinburgh

Behold the iconic rolling hills of St. Andrews, the world-capital of golf. On a guided tour of the Old Course's hallowed grounds, learn more about the origins of the clubs and caddies in the hometown of golf. Explore more of St. Andrews on your own before continuing to Edinburgh, Scotland's historic capital. (B)

# Day 11: Edinburgh

Start the morning with an **Impact Moment** and get a local's perspective with a guide from *Invisible Cities* - a social enterprise that trains people affected by homelessness to become tour guides of their own city. After your tour, visit the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll take a stroll among the Georgian architecture of the New Town or journey to Leith for a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia. Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner and toast to your Scottish explorations. (B, D)

**Day 12:** Edinburgh - Tour Ends Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home. (B)



# **Optional 3-Night London Post-Tour** Starting at \$1370 pp

# Day 12: Edinburgh, Scotland -London, England

Today, travel by train to experience London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom.

# Day 13: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube and zoom to the city's most beloved attractions. Visit Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana. Enjoy some free time to explore the city. (B)

### Day 14: London

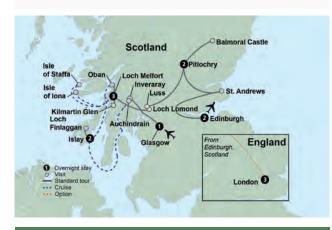
The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure and included Tower of London pass. London's bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments, and grand theaters – and you'll be a part of it all! (B)

**Day 15:** London - Tour Ends Wish London goodbye as your visit ends today. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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March - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) March 26 April 2, 21, 28 \*Itinerary featured is for for June 2022 - April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please

June - April 2023 (featured itinerary) June 4, 18 July 9, 23 ★ July 30 ★ August 4, 6, 13

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# SPECIAL EVENT

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### Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo



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### ★ JULY 30; AUGUST 4, 6 & 13, 2022

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# SCOTTISH ADVENTURE

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>4149

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Bagpipe Lesson • Whisky Distillery • Loch Ness • Orkney Islands • Storytelling Experience • Skara Brae • Dunrobin Castle • Sheepdog Demonstration • Edinburgh Castle • *Invisible Cities* Walking Tour • Scottish Cooking Experience

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Meet a shepherd and see his sheepdogs at work at a local Highland farm.
- With a traditional storyteller, listen to folklore and legends that have been passed down through generations.
- Uncover the past at the Neolithic village of Skara Brae.



# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Learn the art of producing Scotch whisky during a distillery tour and tasting.
- Sample hand-crafted ales on the Orkney Islands.
- Give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist during an interactive cooking experience at a premier culinary institution.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2Hilton Glasgow, GlasgowDays 3, 4The Whispering Pine Lodge,
- Loch Lochy, Fort William
- Days 5, 6 Ayre Hotel, Orkney Islands Day 7 Best Western Palace Hotel, Inverness or River Ness Hotel, Inverness
- Days 8, 9 VOCO Hotel, Edinburgh

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Uncover Scotland's rich cultural and historic foundation on spirited adventure from the Highlands to high-energy cities.

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# Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins

Start your Scottish adventure in Glasgow, Scotland's cultural hub known for its Victorian and art nouveau architecture. Visit the National Piping Centre for a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper – then it's your chance to give it a go! After you've worked up an appetite, join your fellow travellers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

# **Day 3:** Glasgow - Glencoe - Fort William Discover for yourself why Highland malt whisky is among the world's finest at a renowned local distillery. Then, make your way into the famed Highlands, taking in an ever-changing tapestry of colour as you pass through Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Join a ranger for a guided walk through the scenic valley of Glencoe and learn about its rich history and diverse nature. Settle into your lochside hotel for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

# **Day 4:** Fort William - Loch Ness -Culloden - Fort William

Nature is on full display as you travel through the

Great Glen, a stunning and desolate landscape and of ancient mountains and serene lochs. Explore the ruins of Urquhart Castle before setting sail on Loch Ness, one of Scotland's most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open you never know when the mythic Nessie will appear! This afternoon, visit Culloden Battlefield, where in April 1746, a forty-minute battle changed the course of Scotland's history. (B)

# Day 5: Fort William - Orkney Islands

Grab your windbreaker and sense of adventure – it's time to explore the captivating Orkney Islands. Ferry to this former Viking stronghold off the northernmost coast of Scotland, where ancient relics of the past remain very much alive and the weather-worn cliffs beg for a longer view. On the crossing, feel the wind in your hair as you view the abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. This evening, meet a local storyteller who will bring to life the lore and mysticism of these historic islands. (B, D)

# Day 6: Orkney Islands

Join a local guide and step back in time as you explore the Orkney Islands. Discover the Ring of Brodgar, a mysterious prehistoric stone circle built over 5,000 years ago. Stop by a local brewery to sample some hand-crafted





ales before continuing on to the Neolithic village of Skara Brae. Inhabited before the Great Pyramids at Giza and predating Stonehenge, discover one of Europe's most fascinating histories. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 7: Orkney Islands - Inverness

Ferry back to the Scottish mainland and embark on a scenic drive along Scotland's east coast. Stop at the maiestic Dunrobin Castle overlooking the North Sea. Discover the fine art and the lush gardens of this French-inspired 'Highland Retreat,' dating back to the 1300s. End your day in Inverness, the capital of the Highlands, where you'll enjoy an overnight stay and dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Inverness - Dunkeld -Edinburgh

Start your day at a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to Dunkeld, one of Scotland's most charming, historic and bestpreserved towns. This afternoon, arrive in the capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

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# Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends Your tour of Scotland comes to a close

today. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night London Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1370 pp

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#### Day 2: London, England - Pre-**Tour Extension Begins**

Experience London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

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#### Day 5: London - Glasgow, Scotland

Wish London goodbye as you take a high-speed train through the English countryside to Scotland. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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14 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>5349

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh Castle - Lake District -Liverpool - Cotswolds - Bath -Glastonbury Abbey - Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Overnight in a 16th century manor house.
- Journey through the countryside by train from Cornwall to London.
- Enjoy lunch at the historic Lygon Arms nestled in the charming town of Broadway.

**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** 

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 In the Lake District, visit the home of poet William Wordsworth
   -OR- embark on a guided hike through valleys and trails.
- Day 6 In Liverpool, visit Strawberry Field, which inspired John Lennon
   -OR- tour Albert Dock and visit the Merseyside Maritime Museum.
- Day 11 In Cornwall, visit the world renowned Eden Project -OR- explore the seaside village of Port Isaac, home to T.V.'s Doc Martin.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Personalize your evening with Diner's Choice in Bath.
- Enjoy a wine tasting with dinner at a vineyard in Cornwall.
- Connect with the local culture during a whiskey inspired dinner in Edinburgh.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 **Overnight Flight** Davs 2, 3 VOCO, Edinburah Days 4, 5 Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Lake Windermer ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa, you may choose to upgrade to a Lake View Room. CALL FOR DETAILS Day 6 Hotel Indigo, Liverpool Day 7 The Greenway Hotel & Spa, Cotswolds Days 8, 9 The Francis Hotel, Bath Days 10, 11 The Cornwall Hotel and Spa, Cornwall Days 12, 13 The Rochester Hotel, London

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From poetic countrysides to bustling capitals, experience the different sides of Scotland and England.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From poetic countrysides to bustling capitals, experience the many distinctive sides of Great Britain. Encounter the history, connect with the locals, and see what life is like in the United Kinadom.

#### Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Scotland, where age-old legends intersect with scenic beauty. Start in Edinburgh, the country's capital, and enjoy time to settle in for your stay. Delve into Scottish culture with a whiskey inspired dinner on the Royal Mile. (D)

### Day 3: Edinburgh

See the city like a local during a walking tour of the Old Town, passing by Victorian houses and cobblestone streets. Explore the Royal Mile, ending at Edinburgh Castle, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of this historic fortress. The rest of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to experience the city however you please. (B)

# **Day 4:** Edinburgh - Lake Windermere, England

Say goodbye to Scotland and travel to the scenic Lake District, eternalized through the works of Scott and Wordsworth. Along the way, pause at Gretna Green, where runaway lovers would marry in secret. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the shores of Lake Windermere, your home for the next 2 nights. Breathe in the crisp air and admire the rolling hills nestled against the water. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Lake District 😯

See the area from a different perspective and set sail on Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. Take in the tranquil backdrop before visiting the charming village of Grasmere. Personalize your afternoon because **it's your choice!** Soak up the romance of the Lake District with a visit to Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth **-OR-** embark on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails. (B)

#### Day 6: Lake Windermere - Liverpool 😵

Head to Liverpool, England's popular port city. After some free time to explore, **it's your choice!** Perhaps you will visit Strawberry Field, the site where John Lennon came to play as a child, which he later immortalized in the song, 'Strawberry Fields Forever'. Here you will experience an **Impact Moment** and learn about the work the Salvation Army does at Strawberry Field to give young people with learning difficulties the opportunity for work experience -**OR**- embark on a walking tour of Albert Dock and learn about Liverpool's rich industrial history,





connection to the American Civil War, as well as explore the Merseyside Maritime Museum. This evening, perhaps you'll join your Tour Manager at the Cavern Club, where The Beatles used to perform. (B)

#### Day 7: Liverpool - Cotswolds

Delve into the English's love of horticulture with a visit to a traditional garden. Your glimpse into the quintessential English lifestyle continues as you make your way to the Cotswolds. A region of hilly fields and stone houses, the Cotswolds is a charming collection of storybook villages. Settle into a 16th-century Elizabethan manor house for the night, situated among 8 acres of verdant countryside. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Cotswolds - Bath

Enjoy a leisurely morning at your manor house hotel before setting off to explore the Cotswolds. Take in the rolling hills and honey-coloured stone homes that make this one of England's most beautiful areas. Enjoy lunch at the historic Lygon Arms, nestled in the charming town of Broadway. Your day continues in the ancient Roman town of Bath, a beloved getaway for Jane Austen, Thomas Gainsborough, and Charles Dickens. Venture into the Roman Bath Museum to see the elaborate spas that have been prized since Roman times for their curative properties. The evening is yours to enjoy. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Bath

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the Jane Austen Museum, shop in the quaint boutiques, or simply stroll through Bath's stunning Georgian streets. No matter how you spend your day, this evening is **Diner's Choice!** Choose where you eat dinner from a selection of different included restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Bath - Glastonbury -Cornwall

Visit the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, which legend claims is the home of storied King Arthur. Then travel on to Cornwall, England's remote southwestern peninsula. Cornwall has always danced to its own tune. Passing through rugged moors and lush valleys, it becomes clear why this far-reaching corner of the earth has been a source of inspiration for so many. This evening, flex your vintner prowess during a wine tasting and dinner at Knightor Winery. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Cornwall 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** Dubbed the Eighth Wonder of the World, perhaps you will visit the Eden Project, a dramatic global garden housed in some of the world's largest biodomes **-OR-** visit the idyllic fishing village of Port Isaac, the filming location of the much loved TV series *Doc Martin*. This afternoon, explore one of Cornwall's most picturesque seaside towns, St. Ives, a popular haven for artists and beachgoers alike. (B)

#### **Day 12:** Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

Wish the countryside goodbye and travel on the Great Western Railway to London, England's lively capital. Upon arriving in London, get the lay of the land on a panoramic tour with a local expert. Take in London's iconic sites, such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. The rest of the day is yours to explore independently. (B)

#### Day 13: London

Spend the day discovering London on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a pint with the locals, wander through one of the many museums, or see the city from a different perspective at the London Eye. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

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- Behold the sights of Killarney on a traditional jaunting car.
- Overnight within the medieval walls in York.
- Meet the Shank family on their 500 acre-farm in the Scottish Borders.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 11 In Waterford, choose to tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory -OR- enjoy a walking tour of the city.
- Day 14 Ride with a local guide and see Dublin's most famous sites
   -OR- take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.

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# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Delve into Scottish culture with a whiskey inspired dinner.
- Explore Wales' rich cultural heritage at an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine.
- Experience a traditional afternoon tea in London.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh
Days 4, 5	Holiday Inn York City Centre, York
Days 6, 7	Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, London
Days 8, 9	Hilton Cardiff, Cardiff
Day 10	Granville Hotel, Waterford
Days 11, 12	Scotts Hotel, Killarney
Days 13, 14	Herbert Park Hotel or Hotel Riu Plaza The



Gresham, Dublin



Travel through the most fashionable cities and historic places of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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#### Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, delve into Scottish culture with a whiskey inspired dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland. (D)

#### Day 3: Edinburgh

Today, explore Scotland's regal capital on a locally guided city tour visiting both the Old and New Towns. Explore the Royal Mile and visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. Tonight, perhaps you will partake in a fun-filled Scottish evening complete with traditional entertainment. (B)

#### **Day 4:** Edinburgh - Scottish Borders -York, England

Depart Edinburgh for the rolling hills of the Scottish Borders. Join the Shank family on their 500-acre farm and learn how these fifthgeneration farmers have created one of the most sustainable models of food production in Scotland. Continue south to the medieval city of York. Tonight, stay within the city's historic walls and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant featuring a tasting of Yorkshire ales. (B, D)

#### Day 5: York

Take in York's rich and storied history when you join a local expert on a leisurely walking tour. Explore the quaint, narrow streets of the 'Shambles' that appear today almost as they did during the Middle Ages. At the heart of the city is its impressive Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Venture inside and stand in awe of the seemingly endless sea of stained-glass windows. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

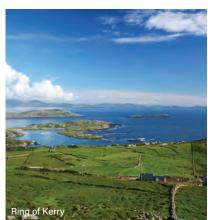
#### Day 6: York - High Speed Train - London

Board a high speed train to London. Upon arrival, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Afterward, join a local expert for a panoramic city tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. (B, L)

#### Day 7: London

Enjoy a day to explore this incredible city at your leisure. You may choose to take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine





centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. (B)

#### Day 8: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff, Wales

Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age, Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

#### Day 9: Cardiff

Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Tour Cardiff's historic castle, which was once a Roman fort, a Norman castle, and an extraordinary Victorian Gothic fantasy palace. This afternoon, you may choose to accompany your Tour Manager to St. Fagan's National Museum of History, an open-air museum chronicling the history and culture of the Welsh people; or enjoy time to explore Cardiff at your leisure. Tonight, dive into Wales' rich cultural heritage when you join local artists for an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Cardiff - Waterford, Ireland

Enjoy a leisurely morning before taking in the beautiful Welsh countryside en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There, board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Waterford - Blarney -Killarney 😯

This morning, it's your choice! Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's centre and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world -OR- enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Killarney - Ring of Kerry -Killarney

This morning, explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride. Then, travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Enjoy an evening in Killarney at your leisure. (B)

#### Day 13: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Today we venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Continue on to vibrant Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. (B)

#### Day 14: Dublin 😯

Today, it's your choice! Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park -OR- choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Tonight, experience Ireland's lively music and dynamic dancing during a fun-filled evening of Irish entertainment. (B, D).

#### Day 15: Dublin - Tour Ends

Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

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#### DOUBLE Starting at **\$4799** Starting at **\$6249** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. SOLO ased on November 6, 2022 departure

March - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) March 11, 25, 31 April 1, 8, 21, 22, 28, 29 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - May 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this

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# SPECIAL EVENT

time of reservation.



# The Royal Edinburgh

Military Tattoo Travellers arriving in Edinburgh from August 5-27, 2022 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo Show. ★ AUGUST 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 & 25, 2022

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Edinburgh and depart from Dublin. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Travellers arriving in Edinburgh from August 5-27, 2022 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show. Please enquire at time of reservation. Jaunting car ride is included, weather permitting. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# BRITISH LANDSCAPES

10 DAYS · 12 MEALS STARTING AT \$3149

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Edinburgh Castle • York • Chester • Llangollen • Wales • Stratford-upon-Avon • Oxford • London



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- · Behold the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle.
- Discover the narrow Snickelway lanes of York.
- · Explore Wales during a tour of Llangollen.

**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** 

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Explore Edinburgh by coach -OR- walk through Edinburgh with a local guide.
- Day 8 Relax on a traditional boat ride through Oxford -OR- explore Oxford on foot during a guided walking tour.



# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Attend a private dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home.
- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner highlighting contemporary British cuisine.



# ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Overnight Flight** Day 1 Days 2, 3 Mercure Haymarket,
- Edinburgh
- Day 4 Holiday Inn York City Centre, York Days 5, 6 Hallmark Hotel Chester The
- Queen, Chester Hotel Indiao, Day 7
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Days 8, 9 H10 London Waterloo, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



An adventure fit for a Shakespearean tale takes you from verdant hillsides to bustling British cities rich with culture.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines dramatic history and natural wonders.

#### Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, get a taste of contemporary Scottish fare as you join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland. (D)

# Day 3: Edinburgh 😯

Today, it's your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided tour of the city via coach -OR- join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official Edinburgh residence and the former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The rest of the day is yours to explore the city independently. (B)

### Day 4: Edinburgh - Borders Region -York, England

Say farewell to the rolling hills of Scotland while

travelling south through the Borders Region. Stop to visit the archeological site of Vindolanda, an Ancient Roman fortress built along Hadrian's Wall in the 2nd century to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Upon arrival in the medieval city of York, enjoy a brief orientation tour to get the lay of the land. Tonight, stay within the historic walled section of the city. (B)

#### Dav 5: York - Chester

Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore York at your own pace. Meander the labyrinth of quaint, narrow streets the locals call Snickelways or maybe visit the city's famous Minster. End the day in Chester, your home for the next two nights, where ancient walls enclose charming Tudor and Victorian houses. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Chester - Llangollen, Wales -Chester, England

Embark on a panoramic city tour and then walk through Chester's Rows. Here you'll peer into the city's hidden secrets, hopping in and out of the iconic 2-tiered shopping galleries with a local guide. Cross over into Wales and discover Llangollen, one of the country's most picturesque villages. See the area from a different perspective when you sail along the top of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Admire the view from the tall, bridge-like waterway, towering more than 120 feet above the landscape below. (B)





# **Day 7:** Chester - Stratford-upon-Avon

Step back in time on a journey through the English countryside to Stratfordupon-Avon. This afternoon visit the Bard's birthplace – the childhood home of William Shakespeare. After touring the home, enjoy time at leisure to explore on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a private dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home, while actors in traditional costume perform some of Shakespeare's most renowned scenes. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Stratford-upon-Avon -Oxford - London 😵

Bid *adieu* to Stratford and travel to the charming university city of Oxford. Upon arrival, **it's your choice!** Glide gently past Oxford's spires on a traditional punting boat experience **-OR-** join an expert local guide for a walking tour, including one of the Colleges used as a filming location for *Harry Potter*. Continue on to London, England's storied capital city. (B)

#### Day 9: London

Take in the sites of London on a panoramic tour of the city's quintessential sights, making your way past famous icons including the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the Royal Buckingham Palace. Today is yours to explore this cosmopolitan and dynamic city at your leisure. Perhaps you will take an optional excursion to the infamous Tower of London. This evening, toast the end of a wonderful journey during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 10: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through Britain comes to a close today. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Paris Post-Tour** Starting at \$1645 pp

#### **Day 10:** London, England -Paris, France

Head to the train station and zip through the underwater tunnel that runs beneath the English Channel – known commonly as the "Chunnel." In less than 3 hours, you'll be in Paris, the "City of Light." For dinner, get a taste of the city's local flavours at a Parisian bistro, situated at the base of the Eiffel Tower. As the day draws to a close, admire the city from a relaxing sightseeing cruise, passing by illuminated landmarks as you drift softly along the Seine. Settle into your hotel, just steps away from the Eiffel Tower. (D)

### Day 11: Paris

Step into a time gone by as you slide into the backseat of a vintage retro car. Your driver-guide will pick you up at your hotel, providing commentary on the Parisian boulevards as you see some of the city's most famous sights. After your drive, take advantage of time at leisure to explore on your own. (B)

#### Day 12: Paris

It's your last day in Paris – how will you spend it? Perhaps you will visit the highly acclaimed Musée D'Orsay and enjoy your included ticket to this former railroad station which now houses some of the world's best impressionist art. Or maybe you'll hop on the metro and spend time in the hip bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre. No matter how you spend your day – you'll get a true taste of the Parisian lifestyle. (B)

# **Day 13:** Paris - Depart for Home

Wish Paris goodbye as you transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

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POST NIGHT LONDON CALL FOR DETAILS

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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on February 26, 2023 departure Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

May 2022 - May 2023

(featured itinerary)

May 1, 8, 9, 15, 22, 29

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# SPECIAL EVENT

#### The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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Travelers arriving in Edinburgh from August 5-27, 2022 will receive a ticket to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo Show.

★ AUGUST 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, & 22, 2022

### ALSO AVAILABLE

# British Landscapes

featuring Highclere Castle Enter the world of *Downton Abbey* as you visit Highclere Castle,

the filming location of the show. CALL FOR DETAILS

JULY 10, 24 & 31; AUGUST 28, 2022 - STARTING AT \$3999

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Edinburgh and depart from London. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. The Palace of Holyroodhouse may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions. Travellers arriving in Edinburgh from August 5-27, 2022 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show. Please inquire at time of reservation. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# SPOTLIGHT ON LONDON

# 7 DAYS · 8 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2549

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Buckingham Palace - East End Culinary Tour - London Underground -Westminster Abbey - Tower of London - Greenwich

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover London's famous
   Underground, known to locals
   as "the Tube."
- See the West End on a retro double-decker bus tour.
- Cruise along the River Thames to Greenwich.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Enjoy a matinee performance at one of London's theatres -OR- sit for afternoon tea at Covent Garden.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 5 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

- Gather for a special dinner at a traditional English restaurant.
- Sample British fare on a culinary walking adventure through London's East End.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 6 Tower Suites by Blue Orchid, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Immerse yourself in one of the world's most iconic cities and delve into London's rich history and culture.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

London calls. Experience the regal touches and daily charms of life in this grand city.

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to London, a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own. Its bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theaters – and you'll be a part of it all! This evening, experience a classic British pastime when you join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: London

Experience the London you've always imagined when you take a panoramic tour on a retro double-decker bus. Cruise through the West End with a local expert, taking in Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Big Ben. End with a visit to Harrods, London's most iconic store. Then, travel like a true Londoner and hop on the famous Underground, known to locals as "the Tube." Become acquainted with London's trendiest borough on a walking culinary tour of the East End. Discover a world of English favourites, taste the city's Indian influence with a sampling of curries, and experience East London's "pub of the year" for an ale tasting. (B, L)

#### Day 4: London 😵

Hop on London's famous Underground, known to locals as "the Tube." Opened in 1863, this engineering marvel was the world's first metro system. Travel to Westminster Abbey, the towering Gothic church that has been home to royal coronations and weddings. After taking in a guided tour of this historic building, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a performance at one of London's many theatres **-OR-** get a glimpse into British culture when you sit down for afternoon tea at Covent Garden. (B)

#### Day 5: London

Today, London is yours to explore. Spend your time independently exploring more of London's treasures, or consider an optional excursion to



Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been home of kings and queens for 9 centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. Return to London where the evening is yours. (B)

#### Day 6: London - Greenwich -London

It's your last day in London. Peek into the city's storied past with a visit to the Tower of London, uncovering the secrets of this 11th century fortress. Then, see the Tower from a different perspective and hop on a cruise along the River Thames to Greenwich. Explore Greenwich Market, a lively collection of local stalls, specialty treats, and charming venues for lunch and shopping. Test your seafaring prowess onboard the Cutty Sark, a Victorian-style ship that served as a tea clipper. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner at a favourite London restaurant and toast the end of a wonderful getaway. (B, D)

Day 7: London - Tour Ends Bid farewell to your fellow travellers. (B)







#### **Optional 2-Night Post-Tour** in London visiting Blenheim Palace & Oxford Starting at \$1095 pp

# Day 7: London - Oxford -

**Extension Beains** Venture outside the city to explore England's countryside. With a local expert, visit Blenheim Palace, the monumental estate famous for being the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Sitting on 2,000 acres with 187 rooms, many believe this palace eclipses even the British monarchy's homes in grandeur. Then, continue on to the charming university city of Oxford for a guided tour and time to explore independently.

#### Day 8: London

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure. London's bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments, and grand theaters - and you'll be a part of it all! (B)

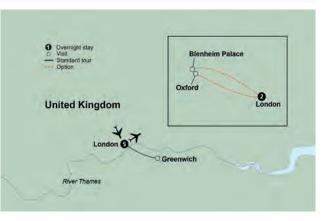
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Wish London goodbye as you return home. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### March 9, 30 April 13, 27 May 11, 18, 25

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# ★ December 1, 8, 15

# ALSO AVAILABLE



#### Christmas in London

Experience our Spotlight on London tour during the festive holiday season.

#### **\*** NOVEMBER 25, DECEMBER 1, 8 & 15, 2022

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from London. Airport transfers are available for purchase. This tour uses public transportation. On the London Underground, select stations do not have handicapped accessible facilities and passengers will need to use stairs. The specific London theatre performance will be determined approximately 2 weeks prior to departure. Performances are selected based on availability and timing. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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66 Excellent arrangements in London. Outstanding tour manager. Great location for hotel - close to many attractions and easy access to Tube station. 99 Collette Traveller

# LONDON & PARIS

# 8 DAYS · 9 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2949

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

The Tower of London • Trafalgar Square • Big Ben • Borough Market • Eurostar Train • Montmartre • Paradis Latin Cabaret • Arc de Triomphe • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take advantage of a full day of leisure in both London and Paris.
- Cruise along the Seine against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline.
- Embark on a tour of London with a local expert.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — In London, explore St. Paul's Cathedral with a local expert -ORreturn to the Elizabethan age when visiting Shakespeare's Globe.

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# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 6 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner featuring contemporary British cuisine.
- Experience an icon of Parisian culture during dinner at the city's oldest cabaret theatre.
- Savour an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.\*

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2-4 Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge or Leonardo Royal Hotel
- Days 5-7 Crowne Plaza Republique,
- Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From cosmopolitan London to romantic Paris, cross the English Channel via train and take in the best of these iconic cities.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From cosmopolitan London to romantic Paris, see the best of the world's most captivating cities. To help make the most of your getaway, unpack just once in each city. Enjoy a leisurely-paced journey with plenty of time for independent exploration.

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, the United Kingdom's dynamic capital. This evening, get a taste of contemporary British fare as you join your new mates for a meal highlighting London's culinary renaissance. (D)

#### Day 3: London 😵

Join a local expert for a day in London. Begin with a panoramic tour highlighting the must-sees, including Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Kensington and Knightsbridge. Stop by Harrods, the most iconic department store in all of London, capping your morning off with a visit to the lively Borough Market. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Take a guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral **-OR-** travel back in time and visit Shakespeare's Globe, a reproduction of the Elizabethan era theatre nestled on the banks of the Thames. The evening is yours to do as you wish. (B)

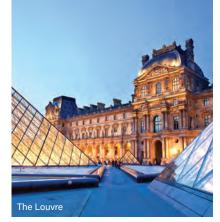
#### Day 4: London

After a hearty breakfast, enjoy a day to explore at your leisure. You may take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. (B)

### **Day 5:** London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Today, you're on to Paris! Hop aboard the Eurostar High Speed Train to get there in just two hours. A sophisticated metropolis of style and culture, Paris' bustling city streets are filled with colourful history, fascinating museums, renowned monuments and grand theatres. Begin your afternoon by visiting the hilltop *arrondissement* of Montmartre, home to the iconic Sacré-Cœur. Explore this charming corner of





the city and toast your arrival with a private wine tasting and visit to one of Paris' 'hidden vineyards'. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner at the legendary Paradis Latin, the city's oldest cabaret theatre, complete with wine, champagne and a captivating show. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Paris

Start your day by taking in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic city tour. With your local guide, see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, and the bustling Place Vendome. You may choose an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre Museum, indulge in some of the world's best shopping on the Champs-Elysees, or simply do as the Parisians do and sit at a sidewalk café and watch the beauty that is Paris go by. (B)

#### Day 7: Paris

Be romanced by Paris – today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Louis XIV's magnificent Palace and Gardens of Versailles and relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments, including the famous Hall of Mirrors. Tonight, enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views.\* End the day with a romantic Seine River cruise set against Paris' glittering skyline. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Paris - Tour Ends

You depart today, but London and Paris will remain in your heart forever. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Amsterdam Post-Tour** Starting at \$1370 pp

#### **Day 8:** Paris - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Board a high-speed train and take off for Amsterdam, the thriving 800-year-old capital of Holland. After some time to settle in, meet up with a local guide to get acquainted with the Jordaan District of Amsterdam. Explore this charming neighbourhood and learn of its rich multicultural roots during a walking food tour where you'll taste traditional Dutch fare as you walk along the canals and historic homes between stops. (D)

#### Day 9: Amsterdam

Stroll through the city with a local expert. Get acquainted with the cozy lanes and quintessential Dutch houses as you wander along the canals. After familiarizing yourself with the area, enjoy an afternoon on your own to do as you please. Your local quide will provide a 48-hour transportation pass that will allow you to experience different parts of the city during your stay. Perhaps you'll choose to visit the Van Gogh Museum which houses the largest collection of Vincent Van Gogh's artwork, or explore the Anne Frank House, a museum dedicated to the memory of the young diarist who documented her time in hiding during WWII. (B)

#### Day 10: Amsterdam

The day is yours. Explore the narrow canals and stone bridges at your leisure. Perhaps you'll choose to see the city from a different perspective and embark on a canal cruise or spend some time relaxing at a café. Consider perusing Dutch art at the Rijksmuseum, or even take the train to the Hague to see the renowned *Girl with a Pearl Earring* the Mauritshuis Museum. (B)

# Day 11: Amsterdam

Bid Amsterdam farewell as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

1-2 NIGHTS	UP TO 1 WEEK
PRE OR POST NIGHT	STOPOVER
PRE: LONDON	CHOOSE FROM:
POST: PARIS	Amsterdam,
CALL FOR DETAILS	Frankfurt, Munich
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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on January 25, 2023 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

May 2022 - May 2023

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#### ALSO AVAILABLE

#### London & Paris Holiday

Take in the best of these iconic cities during the holiday season. \$3449 • 8 DAYS, 9 MEALS \* NOVEMBER 30; DECEMBER 3, 7 & 10, 2022 CLICK HERE

London & Paris featuring New Year's Eve in Paris Ring in the New Year in two of Europe's most incredible cities! \$3699 • 8 DAYS, 9 MEALS

\* DECEMBER 26, 2022

TO LEARN MORE

This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after January 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/. Our air passengers will arrive into London and depart from Paris. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Paradis Latin may be considered unsuitable for children – consult your Tour Manager. The Louvre and Versailles optional tours must be purchased at a minimum of 60 days prior to departure. \*For departures prior to June 1, 2022, the Effel Tower dinner will not be included due to the restaurant being closed. A visit to the 2nd floor of the Eiffel Tower will still be included. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

# SPOTLIGHT ON PARIS

7 DAYS • 8 MEALS STARTING AT \$2799

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Champs-Elysees • Arc de Triomphe • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Montmartre • Louvre Museum • Parisian Food Tour • Versailles Palace & Gardens • Musée d'Orsay • Place des Vosges • Notre Dame • Seine River Cruise

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Navigate Paris like a local by riding the metro to destinations.
- Feel like a true Parisian when you discover the beloved neighbourhood of Montmartre.
- Experience the world's largest collection of Impressionist masterpieces housed in the former Orsay train station.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — With a local guide, venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris' most famous artists
 -OR- head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica.

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# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 5 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 2 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower with unparalleled views of the "City of Light." \*
- With your personal foodie guide, sample French delicacies on a walking food tour.
- Admire the city skyline as you float down the Seine on a relaxing dinner cruise.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 6Le Meridien Etoile, ParisOn some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Be filled with *joie de vivre* as you soak in the romance and unparalleled charm of Paris.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Iconic skylines of picturesque towers. A trendsetting culinary scene. The inspirational muse for the world's greatest artists. Fashion-forward haute couture. This is the "City of Light." Feel the essence of Paris as the locals do – with its chic cosmopolitan vibe and constant energy. You're on your way to a 5-night stay in the thriving heartbeat of France.

#### Day 2: Paris, France - Bonjour!

Be swept off your feet as the Paris of your dreams comes alive. Make your way down the Champs-Elysees, the hotspot for Parisian fashion, and marvel at the towering Arc de Triomphe. Words can't do justice to the view from within the Eiffel Tower, where you'll enjoy an exclusive dinner featuring savoury French cuisine.\* (D)

# Day 3: Montmartre: An Artist's Eden 😵

Step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro - your main mode of transportation for the week. Get to know this underground system with a local pro, giving you the freedom to set off later as you wish. First stop - the hip bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, this 18th *arrondissement* neighbourhood is home to classical painters and cultural provocateurs. Choose how you discover the area because **it's**  your choice! With a local guide, venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris' most famous artists **-OR-** head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica. As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, musicdriven night at the cabaret. (B)

# **Day 4:** The Louvre, the *Lisa*, and the Local Foodie

The ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre's entrance serves as your gateway into another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19thcentury canvases. Wander past and marvel at the palette progeny of Raphael and Botticelli before making your way to Da Vinci's renowned *Mona Lisa*. Your cultural lesson continues with a culinary quest through the Montorgueil neighbourhood. Join a local foodie on the metro and venture to the neighbourhood's beloved venues, getting a taste of the cozy shops and Parisian flavours. Try some sweets and enjoy a tasting of wine and cheese. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Once Upon Versailles

Channel your inner royal at Versailles – an imperial titan located in the heart of France. There's a





reason why Versailles has served as a model for countless international abodes, which you'll discover as you wind your way through sprawling green gardens and palace halls with a local guide. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in the palace's most famous sights. The evening is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour of L'Opera quarter, where you'll have time to peruse luxury Parisian retailers and visit the worldfamous Fragonard Musée du Parfum to discover the art of perfume making. (B)

#### Day 6: Paris as You Please

It's your last day in Paris - how will you spend it? Perhaps you will visit the highly acclaimed Musée D'Orsay and enjoy your included ticket to this former railroad station which now houses some of the world's best impressionist art. Or maybe you'll join your Tour Manager on a trip to Le Marais, a favourite neighbourhood of the locals; here you'll meander through the flourishing trees and bright grassy patches of Place des Vosges, the oldest town square in all of Paris. Enjoy free time to explore this neighbourhood's popular market and trendy boutique stores. Or take a walk down to the Île de la Cité and take in the progress of restoration efforts on the awe-inspiring Notre Dame cathedral.

Tonight, say *salut* as you toast to the end of your Parisian getaway, admiring the city skyline as you gently float down the Seine on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Paris - Tour Ends

*Au revoir*! Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



#### Optional 3-Night Bordeaux Post-Tour Starting at \$1235 pp

**Day 7:** Paris - Bordeaux - Extension Begins

Make your way to the Paris train station and say au revoir to France's capital. Zoom through the countryside via the TGV High Speed Train, arriving in Bordeaux in just under 2 hours. A region known as much for its lively port city as its world-renowned wine, Bordeaux will serve as your new home for the next 3 nights.

#### Day 8: Bordeaux

To make the best of your stay in Bordeaux, use your included 72-hour CityPass which provides access to museums and your choice of guided tour (by boat, train, or by foot). Consider getting to know the city first with a guided tour, then explore a world of wine at La Cité du Vin museum or peruse digital works of art at Bassins de Lumières. Your CityPass offers unlimited tramway and river shuttle use, allowing you to get around the city with ease and see it from a variety of perspectives. (B)

#### Day 9: Bordeaux - Saint-Émilion - Bordeaux

This morning, make your way to Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of France's largest winemaking areas. See the village with a local guide before enjoying a taste of the renowned culture. Sip different varietals at a wine tasting before returning to Bordeaux for an afternoon at leisure. Your final night in Bordeaux ends with dinner in a local restaurant, toasting to the end of your French getaway. (B, D)

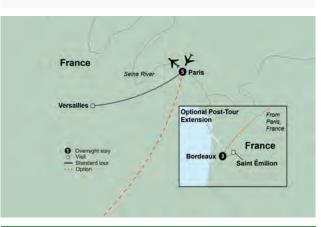
# **Day 10:** Bordeaux - Depart for Home

Wish France adieu as you return home. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

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February - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) February 22 March 8 April 5, 26

\*Itinerary featured is for April 2022 - May 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. April 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary) April 30 May 10, 19, 31 June 7 July 19, 26 August 2, 16 September 6, 13, 20, 27

#### October 11, 25 November 1 ★ December 27 February 21 March 7 April 4, 25 May 2, 9, 23

### ALSO AVAILABLE



#### Spotlight on Paris New Year's Eve

Start the New Year with Parisian flair. **★ DECEMBER 27, 2022** 

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# FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE

# 12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$4349

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Versailles Palace & Gardens • Giverny • Normandy • D-Day Landing Sites • Omaha Beach • American Cemetery • Le Mont St. Michel • Loire Valley • Winery Tour • 2-Night Château Stay • Chenonceau Castle • Amboise • Paris • Seine River Cruise • Eiffel Tower Dinner

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy 2 nights at your 15th-century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois.
- Visit the private apartments of King Louis the Great in the Royal Palace of Versailles.
- Admire famous landmarks while cruising along the River Seine in Paris.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Delight in a tour and tasting at a local winery.
- Savour local flavours during dinner at a traditional French restaurant.
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Le Louis Versailles Chateau - MGallery, Versailles
- Days 4, 5 Mercure Caen City Center-Port de Plaisance, Caen
- Days 6, 7 Hotel Oceania, Hotel de L'Abbaye, Saint-Malo or Hotel Novotel Thalassa, Dinard

#### ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

During your stay at the Hotel Oceania in Saint-Malo, you may choose to upgrade to a Deluxe Sea View Room. CALL FOR DETAILS

- Days 8, 9 Château de Beauvois, Loire Valley
- Days 10, 11 Hyatt Regency Paris Étoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the enchanting streets of Paris to the seaside paradise of Nice, grab a baguette and rendezvous with the best of France.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on your journey through France. Bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

### **Day 2:** Versailles, France - Tour Begins Your tour begins in the royal borough of Versailles.

Celebrate the beginning of your trip with a savoury French dinner. (D)

# **Day 3:** Versailles - Royal Palace and Gardens

Start your day with an exploration of the iconic Palace of Versailles (UNESCO). A guide leads you through the Private Apartments of King Louis XIV, the Sun King, who transformed his father's hunting lodge into the resplendent seat of the Royal Court. Continue your visit independently through the lavish State Apartments. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in Versailles' most famous sights at your own pace. This afternoon your explorations continue in the palace's grandiose formal gardens, where the Baroque fountains regularly spout water to the tune of classical music. (B)

#### Day 4: Versailles - Giverny - Caen

Journey into Normandy and visit to Monet's countryside home at Giverny. Stroll through the colourful living work of art that is Monet's garden, where you'll see the source for the artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic *Water Lilies*. Then, set off through the rich pasturelands of Normandy to the city of Caen, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites -Caen

This morning visit Omaha Beach and stop by the Normandy American Cemetery & Visitor Center. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. (B)

#### Day 6: Caen - Peace Memorial - Saint-Malo

Your exploration of the D-Day Landing Sites continues today with a visit to Juno Beach and to Arromanche-les-Bain, to see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built by the Allies to resupply their lines during the liberation of France. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Caen Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Immerse yourself in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town. Tonight, enjoy a freshly prepared local dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel -Saint-Malo

Travel to Le Mont St. Michel (UNESCO), the "Wonder of the West." This world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you

stroll through the old village at the base of the Abbey. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy time to relax or explore independently. (B)

### Day 8: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire Vallev

Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO site brimming with châteaux and parks. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Joan of Arc first met voung Charles VII here and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. Visit the market, abundant with fresh produce, flowers and local products, and take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of the Loire Valley's best wines. This afternoon, feel like royalty when you arrive at your 15th-century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois. Delve into the history of this site frequented by King Louis XIII as you enjoy some leisure time to explore the grounds. This evening, delight in gourmet French cuisine in the opulent dining room of your château. (B, D)

### Day 9: Loire Valley - Amboise -Loire Valley

Explore the spectacular Château de Chenonceau at your own pace. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, this romantic castle is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque center of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture. (B)

# Day 10: Loire Valley - Paris

Travel the French countryside to France's capital, the City of Light - Paris. Pause for lunch at a modern bistro, before gliding under romantic bridges during a scenic cruise along the Seine River. Take in the city's most iconic landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the Conciergerie, and Île Saint-Louis peeking at you from the Banks of the Seine (UNESCO). As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure in this incredibly walkable, world-famous city. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Paris

Take advantage of a free day to write your own story in romantic Paris. Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre Museum or roam the shops in the elegant Opéra district. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of your French voyage during an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and panoramic views of the City of Light. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Paris - Tour Ends

Set out for home with many magnificent memories. (B)

# Featured Pre Tour Extension



### **Optional 3-Night Aix-En-Provence Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1370 pp

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to Southern France. Let the colors and light of Provence captivate you.

#### Day 2: Aix-en-Provence -**Extension Begins**

Get settled into Aix-en-Provence for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own. Perhaps you'll take a stroll along Le Cours Mirabeau, dotted by fountains and cafés cherished by locals and visitors alike.

#### Day 3: Aix-en-Provence -Food Tour

This morning, join a local culinary expert for a tour of Aix's gourmet highlights. Acquaint yourself with the Provençale way of life, as you taste your way through a selection of local specialties, such as the calisson, olive oils, homemade tapenades, goat cheese, traditionally produced charcuterie, and a taste of wine from the surrounding hills. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aix. Perhaps you'll visit the atelier (artist studio) of Paul Cézanne, frozen in time since the painter's death in 1906. (B, L)

# Day 4: Aix-en-Provence -

**Provençale Villages Excursion** Delve into the rolling hills of Provence during a morning tour of the Luberon countryside with its winding roads, silvery olive groves, and picturesque villages. This enchanting landscape drew artists such as Rénoir, Chagall, Van Gogh and Picasso to this corner of Southern France. Along the way, stop in the charming village of Lourmarin, surrounded by vineyards and almond trees. Back in Aix this afternoon, soak up the sunshine at a local café or perhaps search for a fresh perspective at the Hôtel Gallifet center for contemporary Art. (B)

#### Day 5: Aix-en-Provence - Paris - Versailles

Bid farewell to Provence this morning as you zoom through the countryside via the TGV High Speed Train en route to Paris. Upon arrival at the Gare de Lyon Station, transfer to Versailles to begin the main tour. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

1-2 NIGHTS	UP TO 1 WEEK
PRE OR POST NIGHT PRE: VERSAILLES POST: PARIS CALL FOR DETAILS	STOPOVER CHOOSE FROM: Madrid, London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich
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April 28 May 12, 26 \*Itinerary featured is for

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June 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary)

March 2, 23 April 6, 27 May 11

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12 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>4749

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Paris • Seine River Cruise • High-speed TGV train • Winery Tour • Aix-en-Provence • Truffle Hunting • Cassis • Grasse • Perfume Workshop • Nice • Villa Rothschild



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Hunt for truffles with a local chef and his truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Zoom through the French countryside at 186 mph aboard a TGV high-speed train.
- Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 7 In Cassis, explore the coves and inlets of the Calanques National Park by land or sea. You can relax on a scenic cruise for views of the towering cliffs -OR- challenge yourself on a hike to view the rugged landscape from above.
- Day 10 Explore the Old Town of Nice during a walking tour of the flower and food markets -ORexplore the charming walled village of St. Paul de Vence, which inspired artists such as Matisse and Picasso.

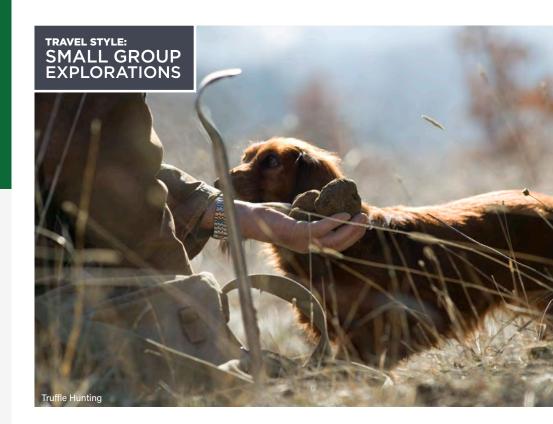
### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in the wines of Provence during a tasting at a family-owned Château.
- Taste locally made cheese during a visit to a goat farm in the Provençal countryside.
- Enjoy a typical French lunch in the tearoom of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 4M Social Hotel Paris<br/>or La Maison Favart, ParisDay 5 - 8Boutique Hotel Cezanne,<br/>Aix-en-ProvenceDays 9 - 11BW Plus Hotel Brice<br/>Garden, or Hotel La<br/>Malmaison, or BW Plus<br/>Hotel Massena, Nice



The wine, cuisine, art and landscapes of France ignite the senses on a journey to romantic Paris, chromatic Provence and the sparkling French Riviera.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

*Allons-y!* Ignite the senses on a journey to Paris, Provence and the French Riviera. Mouthwatering cuisine, stunning views, art and history create a trip that shows you the true essence of France.

#### Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Welcome to Paris for your 3-night stay in the "City of Light." Meet your fellow explorers this evening over dinner as you toast *santé* to the beginning of a grand adventure. (D)

#### **Day 3:** Paris - Île de la Cité - Seine River Cruise

Do as the locals do as you step aboard Le Métro – your main mode of transportation while in Paris. As you learn to navigate the city via underground with your Tour Manager, embrace the freedom to set off later as you wish. The first stop is at the Île de la Cité, the island set in the heart of Paris. During a walking tour, take in the progress of restoration efforts of the awe-inspiring Notre Dame Cathedral and view the imposing Conciergerie, the last prison of Marie Antoinette. Later, glide along the banks of the Seine (UNESCO) on a river cruise taking in views of the Eiffel Tower and the city's famous bridges. Spend the afternoon as you please. Perhaps you'll join an optional guided tour of the Louvre Museum. (B)

#### Day 4: Paris

Experience Paris at your own pace today. Perhaps you'll venture to bohemian Montmartre, pausing to observe artists at work. Or journey to Versailles on an optional visit to the Royal Palace of King Louis XIV, the "Sun King." Tour the State Apartments and Hall of Mirrors with an expert guide before exploring its famous gardens. This evening, choose to explore more of the culinary scene of the "City of Light" with a gourmet dinner before spinning the wheels of time from the backseat of a retro Citroën 2CV car. (B)

#### **Day 5:** Paris - High-speed train to Provence - Winery Tour - Aix-en-Provence

*Au revoir*, Paris! Grab your bags and let a TGV – France's high-speed train – whisk you away to colourful Provence. Upon arrival take in the countryside on your way to a nearby wineproducing Château. After visiting the cellars, get to know the flavours of Provence during a tasting of the estate's wines. Arrive in Aix in the late afternoon and make yourself at home for the next 4 nights. This evening savour the flavours of Provence during a tasting dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Aix-en-Provence - Truffle Hunting

Let a memorable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt led by a local chef and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. *Avant la chasse* (before the hunt), visit a goat farm nestled among rich landscapes that inspired van Gogh, Picasso, and Renoir to learn secrets of regional cheese production and sample the results. Then savour a lunch featuring freshly prepared Provencal specialties whipped up by your chef. Back in Aix, the rest of the afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll take a stroll along Le Cours Mirabeau, a tree-lined, pedestrianized avenue dotted by fountains and cafés. (B, L)

#### **Day 7:** Aix-en-Provence - Cassis -Choice on Tour 😵

Journey to the fishing village of Cassis. Sheltered by the Calangues National Park on one side and the mighty Cap Canaille on the other. Cassis charms with its multicoloured houses and fishing boats, yachts and sailboats quietly bobbing in the town's harbour. Then, explore the national park's coves and inlets by land or sea because it's your choice! Relax on a scenic cruise for views of the towering cliffs -OR- challenge yourself on a hike through the Mediterranean shrub to view the rugged landscape from above. No matter your choice, once back in Cassis make the most of your free time, perhaps tasting a traditional bouillabaisse fish stew before returning to Aix in the mid-afternoon. (B)

#### Day 8: Aix-en-Provence

The day is yours to explore Aix-en-Provence at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the *atelier* (artist studio) of Aix's most renowned citizen, Paul Cézanne, frozen in time since the painter's death in 1906. Or you may choose a full day optional tour exploring the historic village of Saint-Rémy with its bustling weekly market and the cobbled streets of Les Baux-de-Provence, a picture perfect hilltop village. Before returning to Aix, experience an impressive multimedia presentation at the Carrières de Lumières. Making use of a former quarry, iconic works of art are projected onto the surrounding rock, accompanied by stirring music. (B)

# Day 9: Aix-en-Provence - Grasse - Nice

This morning, traverse southern France en route to the French Riviera. Pause in Grasse to learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert Perfumer, affectionately referred to as *Nez* (Nose). Arrive in Nice in the late afternoon, and settle in for a 3-night stay. This evening taste Mediterranean-inspired cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Nice - Choice on Tour 😵

This morning **it's your choice!** On a guided walking tour, discover Nice's famed flower market and be enchanted by the brightly coloured blooms before exploring the Old Town and its bustling food market **-OR-** journey to historic St. Paul de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. Explore this charming walled medieval village, soaking in its distinctive light said to have inspired Matisse and poet Jacques Prévert. Back in Nice this afternoon, enjoy time on your own to explore. (B)

**Day 11:** Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Villa Rothschild Head to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. the crown jewel of the French Riviera, where you'll visit the impressive Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Uncover the lush gardens replete with lovely views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with a celebratory lunch served in the Villa's charming tearoom. Gaze over the Bay of Villefranche as you compare notes and experiences with fellow travellers as you say *au revoir* to the magic of France. (B, L)

#### Day 12: Nice - Tour Ends

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

# Featured Post Tour Extension



#### **Optional 3-Night Monaco & Italian Riviera Post-Tour** Starting at \$1235 pp

# **Day 12:** Nice – Monaco -Montecarlo - Santa Margherita

Ligure, Italy - Extension Begins Bid *au revoir* to France as you travel to the Principality of Monaco. On a walking tour, view the changing of the guards and visit the Cathedral of Monaco - the permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Explore the tiny Principality on a panoramic Little Train tour taking you across to Montecarlo for views of its famous Casino. Cross into Italy as you transfer to the town of Santa Margherita Ligure for your 3-night stay.

#### **Day 13:** Santa Margherita Ligure - Cinque Terre

Spend the day exploring the coloruful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. Explore the scenic fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

#### **Day 14:** Santa Margherita Ligure - Portofino

This morning, board a boat to one of the most glamorous spots on the Italian Riviera. Spend the morning in Portofino and take in the colourful harbou r, dotted with fishing boats and yachts set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. This afternoon relax in Santa Margherita with its pastel-coloured houses and pleasant cafés. (B)

# **Day 15:** Santa Margherita Ligure – Extension Ends

Bid farewell to the captivating Italian Riviera this morning as you depart. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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	Starting at <b>\$4749</b> Starting at <b>\$5949</b>	Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.			
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<b>July 2022 - April</b> July 20 August 31 September 14, 21 October 5, 19, 26	2023 November 2 December 7 January 25 February 15	March 1 April 19			

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# SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA

# 9 DAYS · 11 MEALS starting at \$2549

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Nice • Food Tour & Tasting • Monaco • Monte Carlo • Èze • Cannes • Saint-Honorat Island & Lérins Abbey • Grasse • Fragonard Perfumerie Workshop • Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat • Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild • Nice Flower Market • St. Paul de Vence

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the stunning seaside palazzo
   Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and its gardens.
- Explore Saint-Honorat Island belonging to the monks of Lérins Abbey.
- Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop.

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 4 — Explore the tiny Principality on a panoramic Little Train tour taking you across to Monte Carlo for views of its famous Casino -ORvisit the Oceanographic Museum, perusing its aquarium and the collection of fossils and skeletons amassed by the great researcher Jacques Cousteau.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Savour the Riviera's Mediterranean cuisine during dinner in Vieux Nice.
- Discover Nice with a local foodie on an interactive city tour.
- Enjoy a typical French lunch in the tearoom of Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 8Hotel Massena or Hotel<br/>Aston La Scala, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Uncover the chic resorts, sun-soaked beaches, and elegant allure that attract the rich and famous to the exquisite French Riviera.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

It's time to live the good life and embark on a getaway to the fabulous French Riviera, or Côte d'Azur. With its elegant coastal resorts, superb eateries, chic boutiques and captivating museums, it's the ultimate sunny retreat for the elite. Unpack your bags just once and stay at a single hotel for your entire adventure, which begins with an overnight flight to France.

#### **Day 2:** Nice (French Riviera), France -Tour Begins

Your tour commences in the stunning city of Nice, a coastal pearl of the Mediterranean known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. With an average of 300 sunny days per year, Nice is a seaside paradise. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Vieux Nice featuring Mediterranean-inspired French cuisine. (D)

#### Day 3: Nice

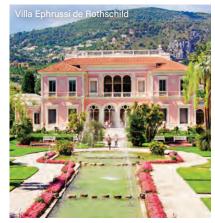
Get to know Nice with a local expert. Stroll along the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais and delve into the Old Town, sampling different treats while on a tasting tour of the city. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you will visit one of Nice's world-class art galleries, such as the Chagall or the Matisse Museums. Or find your favourite café for the week and soak in the local life. (B)

# Day 4: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Èze - Nice 😵

Travel along the spectacular Corniche coastal road to the Principality of Monaco. On a walking tour, view the changing of the guards and visit the Cathedral of Monaco – the permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Then **it's your choice!** Explore the tiny Principality on a panoramic Little Train tour taking you across to Monte Carlo for views of its famous Casino **-OR-** visit the Oceanographic Museum, perusing its aquarium and the collection of fossils and skeletons amassed by the great researcher Jacques Cousteau. Later, visit the charming village of Èze, perched high above the French Riviera. (B)

# **Day 5:** Nice - Cannes - Saint-Honorat Island - Nice

Journey to Cannes and rub elbows with Europe's elite. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the iconic red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. During free time, explore the cobbled lanes of the Le Suquet neighbourhood or the lively Forville farmer's market. Then, sail across the Bay of Cannes to the tiny island of Saint-Honorat, a fortified monastery active since the Dark Ages, belonging to the monks of Lérins





Abbey. Pause for lunch on the island before returning to Nice in the late afternoon. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Nice - Grasse - Nice

Today, learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop and tour of the Fragonard Perfumerie, where fragrant formulations have been prepared since 1782. Spend time soaking up the atmosphere of this charming town before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to a petanque lesson and tournament, including an open bar and some tasty snacks. (B)

#### Day 7: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice

Head to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, referred to as the crown jewel of the French Riviera. where you'll visit the impressive Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Uncover the lush gardens replete with jaw-dropping views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with lunch served in the charming tearoom overlooking the Bay of Villefranche. Enjoy free time to relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. (B, L)

### Day 8: Nice - St. Paul de Vence -Nice

This morning discover Nice's famed flower market and be enchanted by brightly coloured blooms and other enticing delicacies. Continue on to historic St. Paul

de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. Explore this walled medieval village, soaking in its distinctive light said to have inspired Matisse, Brague, Chagall and other artists. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Nice - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many wonderful memories of your journey through the Cote d'Azur. (B)

# Featured Post Tour Extension



### **Optional 3-Night Paris Post-Tour** Starting at \$1095<sup>+</sup> pp

#### Day 9: Nice - Paris

Head to the airport this morning for your flight to the French Capital. In less than 2 hours, you'll be in Paris, the "City of Light." For dinner, get a taste of the city's local flavours at a Parisian bistro, situated at the base of the Eiffel Tower. As the day draws to a close, admire the city from a relaxing sightseeing cruise, passing by illuminated landmarks as you drift softly along the Seine. Settle into your hotel, just steps away from the Eiffel Tower. (D)

#### Day 10: Paris

Step into a time gone by as you slide into the backseat of a vintage retro car. Your driver-guide will pick you up at your hotel, providing commentary on the Parisian boulevards as you see some of the city's most famous sights. After your drive, take advantage of time at leisure to explore on your own. (B)

#### Day 11: Paris

It's your last day in Paris - how will you spend it? Perhaps you will visit the highly acclaimed Musée D'Orsay and enjoy your included ticket to this former railroad station, which now houses some of the world's best impressionist art. Or maybe you'll hop on the metro and spend time in the hip bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre. No matter how you spend your day - you'll get a true taste of the Parisian lifestyle. (B)

#### Day 12: Paris - Depart for Home

Wish Paris goodbye as you transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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#### DOUBLE Starting at \$2549 SOLO Starting at \$3349 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on December 3, 2022 departure.

February - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) February 5, 19 March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9, 23 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - May 2023 tour

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

#### May 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary) May 7, 14 June 4 July 9 August 27 September 3, 10, 17, 24 October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 November 5, 12, 26

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# SPECIAL EVENT



#### Nice Carnival

Enjoy the elaborate floats, flower parades and electric atmosphere of this exciting event.

★ FEBRUARY 11 & 18, 2023



#### ALSO AVAILABLE



Spotlight on the French Riviera featuring New Year's Eve in Nice Celebrate New Year's eve in the beautiful French Riviera. **★** DECEMBER 27, 2022

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Nice. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The Saint-Honorat Island cruise operates weather permitting and is dependent on sea conditions. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# MAGICAL RHINE & MOSELLE RIVERS

10 DAYS · 22 MEALS starting at \$5649

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Amsterdam • 7-Night River Cruise • Rhine River • Cologne • Moselle River • Cochem • Wine Tasting • Koblenz • Rüdesheim • Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum • Mannheim • Speyer • Strasbourg • Lucerne • Zurich

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Set out on a 7-night cruise along the Rhine.
- Discover lovely Strasbourg on a guided tour.
- Take in the sounds of barrel organs and medieval instruments at Siegfried's *Mechanisches Musikkabinett.*



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Lunches (L) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a Captain's Gala Dinner aboard your ship.
- Visit one of Cochem's renowned wine cellars.
- Enjoy unlimited regional wines with every dinner onboard.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 8 MS Amadeus Imperial
- Day 9 Hilton Garden Inn Zurich Limmattel, Zurich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Glide along the enchanting Rhine and Moselle rivers on a leisurely journey to the Netherlands, Germany and France.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover a dramatic waterway where winding valleys give way to riverside cities and Alpine hamlets. Venture along the Rhine and Moselle and spend time in beloved European cities, getting a taste of the local culture in each stop along the way.

#### **Day 2:** Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins - Board Cruise Ship

Your tour opens in Amsterdam, a city of narrow canals and stone bridges, where you will board your ship. Your home for the next seven nights, this ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome aboard dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Amsterdam

Embark on a tour of Amsterdam with a local expert before seeing the city from a different perspective, voyaging along the city's centuries-old canal system. Sail by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. In the evening, relax as your ship departs the Netherlands and makes its way to Germany. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Cologne, Germany

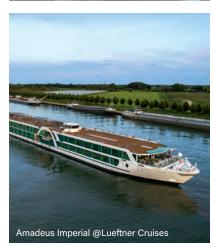
As the sun rises, glide along the Rhine River and pass through the picturesque German landscapes dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne, where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Gothic Old Town. Wander along cobblestone streets and admire the Cologne Cathedral, the Roman Dionysus mosaic, and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Moselle River - Cochem

Cross into the Moselle River to Cochem, a storybook town overlooking the water. Embark on a guided tour through the town and into Reichsburg Castle, a fortress perched high above the surrounding area. End your tour in one of Cochem's wine cellars, introducing you to the culture with a local winemaker and a tasting of regional Mosel wines. (B, L, D)



Strasbou



Day 8: Strasbourg, France

Cross the French border and experience

Strasbourg, a fairytale town that blends

centuries of international influences to

create its own unique culture. Walking

in the iconic timber-framed houses, the

Cathedral of Notre Dame, and Place de la

République. Make the most of some free

time to explore this perfectly preserved

Day 9: Basel, Switzerland -

town before returning to your ship. (B, L, D)

Disembark Ship - Lucerne - Zurich

Disembark your ship and travel to Lucerne,

leisurely paced Alstadt (Old Town) walking

the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." On a

tour, see the hidden treasures of this

800-year-old city, including the covered

Chapel Bridge and the Lion Monument.

travellers before ending your day in Zurich.

Wish the river valleys goodbye as your tour

Tonight enjoy dinner with your fellow

Day 10: Zurich - Tour Ends

comes to a close today. (B)

(B, D)

through the old quarter, Petite France, take

#### Day 6: Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year-old city on a walking tour. See how the city has been reborn after WWII, which took a heavy toll on the main structures. You'll pass through the renovated old town and see Schaengel Fountain. Your next stop is Rüdesheim, which you'll explore with an expert guide. Visit the city's famous Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett (Mechanical Music Museum) and hear the traditional music of barrel organs and medieval instruments. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Mannheim - Speyer

The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore this German city and its parks on your own. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Heidelberg, an ancient city of Renaissance buildings and castle ramparts. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, and step back in time on a walking tour to explore the Old Gate and the Jewish baths. End your day at the Captain's Gala Dinner - a lively celebration of food, music and entertainment. (B, L, D)



You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

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August - October 2022	Stateroonis	Double	3010
August 9	Haydn (lower deck)	\$5649	\$8649
September 14	Strauss (middle deck)	\$6539	\$10569
October 18	Mozart (upper deck)	\$7019	\$11529
	Mozart Suite (upper deck)	\$10034	\$16734

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# TREASURES OF EUROPE

# 14 DAYS · 18 MEALS starting at \$4699

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# HIGHLIGHTS

London • Eurostar Train • Paris • Seine River Cruise and Dinner • TGV High-Speed Train • Lucerne • Venice • Italian Vineyard Experience • Florence • Michelangelo's *David* • Rome • The Colosseum

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Travel across 2 countries on highspeed trains.
- Enjoy free time in London and Rome to explore at leisure.
- Stroll through the floating city of Venice.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Seine and drift past famous landmarks as you dine on French cuisine.
- Sample delectable wines and traditional cuisine at a vineyard in the Chianti region.



# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, London
Days 4, 5	Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile, Paris
Days 6, 7	Radisson Blu Hotel, Andermatt or Ameron Hotel Flora, Lucerne
Days 8, 9	Leonardo Royal Venice Mestre, Mestre, Venice
Days 10, 11	Starhotel Tuscany, Florence
Days 12, 13	Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Set your sights on the European journey of a lifetime and discover all the must-sees of England, France, Switzerland and Italy.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to an unforgettable journey to some of the most beloved countries in Europe.

# Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, England's sophisticated capital. Discover a bustling city where centuries of history meet an evolving modern culture. Join your fellow travellers and toast to the start of an incredible journey during a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: London

Start your morning on a tour of the quintessential sights of London. Alongside a local guide, see the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. The remainder of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to explore this iconic city on your own. (B)

#### **Day 4:** London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Venture inside the St. Pancras railway station – a masterpiece of Victorian engineering – and board the high-speed Eurostar train. Relax in style as you're whisked away to Paris, the "City of Light." Famous for its world-renowned art, food, and fashion, Paris' captivating energy can be found around every corner. This evening, enjoy views of the Eiffel Tower as you float down the Seine River, tasting savoury French cuisine on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Paris

See Paris at its best during a panoramic city tour featuring views of the endangered Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées and more. Enjoy an afternoon on your own to explore Paris independently. Perhaps you will have lunch in Le Marais, or head north to Montmartre and watch artists at work. Or, consider an optional tour of the Louvre Museum, where you'll find more than a million precious works of art, including the *Venus de Milo* and *Mona Lisa*. (B)

#### **Day 6:** Paris - TGV Train - Zurich, Switzerland - Andermatt

On board the TGV – France's high-speed train – depart Paris and make your way to Zurich. Take in the scenery on your journey into Switzerland, passing gentle hills and verdant fields. From Zurich, enjoy stunning views of Alpine lakes and snowcapped mountains as you transfer to the quaint village of Andermatt, nestled in the Ursern Valley. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Andermatt - Lucerne - Andermatt

Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake". Upon arrival, set out on a walk through its romantic Altstadt (Old Town), passing through Lucerne's iconic covered Chapel Bridge. During free time, seek out the renowned Lion Monument commemorating the heroic Swiss Guard or visit the Alpineum museum dedicated to alpine landscape painting. Perhaps, you'll embark on an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus, ascending the world's steepest railway on a panoramic gondola to the summit. Return to Andermatt in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 8: Andermatt - Mestre, Italy

Travel south through the pastoral landscapes of Switzerland. Crossing into Italy, traverse through the heart of the Alps, taking in vistas of rugged mountains as far as the eye can see. Pass through





the picturesque Italian Lake District - a holiday destination since Roman times. Settle in for a 2-night stay in Mestre, situated on the Venetian mainland. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Mestre - Venice - Mestre

Cruise to the island of Murano, renowned for its age-old glass-blowing tradition. After leaving Murano, embark on a walking tour of Venice, a collection of 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. In this floating city, see the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, and marble palaces along boat-filled canals. The afternoon is yours to explore the hidden secrets of this charming city. Perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride through the narrow waterways. (B)

#### Day 10: Mestre - Florence

Traverse the Po river valley en route to Tuscany. Stop at a vineyard in the heart of the Chianti region and enjoy a tour, tasting, and traditional bites. Continue to Florence, where you'll spend 2 nights in the "Cradle of the Renaissance," home to masterpieces of art and symbols of centuries-old history. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Florence

Tour Florence, the legendary city of the Medici and the iconic Duomo. Enjoy a real-life history lesson as you discover the 4 pillars of city life: art, architecture, food, and fashion. You'll also visit the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's David. This evening, consider an optional excursion to the 14th century Certosa monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant. (B)

#### Day 12: Florence - Rome

Say arriverderci to Florence and journey

to Rome, Italy's capital city. Upon arrival, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. Recount the rich history of the Colosseum during an in-depth visit with a quide. (B)

#### Day 13: Rome

Enjoy a day at leisure in the Eternal City. Gaze at the Pantheon and see the ovalshaped Piazza Navona that's lined with restaurants and shops. Or consider an optional tour to the Vatican (UNESCO), where you'll discover masterpieces of art and architecture. Tonight, gather together and toast the end of an epic journey through Europe at a farewell dinner in a restaurant located in Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Rome - Tour Ends

Your European adventure comes to a close today. (B)



**Optional 2-Night Dublin Pre-Tour** Starting at \$685<sup>+</sup> pp

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland.

#### Day 2: Dublin

Get settled into Dublin for your 2-night stay. Tonight, get a taste of old Dublin as you revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

#### Day 3: Dublin

Stroll through the city with an expert local guide. Get acquainted with Grafton Street and the city's magnificent rows of lovely Georgian town homes. Spend the rest of your day at leisure as you delve further into Dublin's cultural treasures. Perhaps you'll retrace the steps of the 1916 Easter Rising on a visit to Kilmainham Gaol or explore the Irish diaspora with a visit of Dublin's EPIC Museum of Emigration. (B)

#### Day 4: Dublin - Extension Ends - London

Wish Ireland goodbye as you head to the airport for your flight to London, where you will start your tour. (B)

<sup>†</sup> Additional air segment purchase required.

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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#### DOUBLE Starting at \$4699 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Starting at \$6049 SOLO ased on November 3. 2022 de March - May 2022 June 2022 - May 2023 December 1 (different itinerary - see note\*) (featured itinerary)

March 10, 24, 31 April 7, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19 \*Itinerary featured is for June 2022 – May 2023 tour

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June 2, 23 July 7, 21 August 4, 18 September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3 departures. Departures prior

#### January 26 February 23 March 9, 23 April 13, 20. 27 May 4, 11, 18

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into London and depart from Rome. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice. The Academy Gallery Museum, the Vatican Museums and the Colosseum dates and times are all subject to change based on availability of reservations. The option to Mount Pilatus is available during the months of May to November. On occasion, this option may not be available due to inclement weather.Florence state museums, including the Uffizi and the Academy Gallery, are closed on Mondays. Vatican Museums are not available on Sundays. The Louvre optional tour must be purchased a minimum of 60 days prior to departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# EUROPE'S COSMOPOLITAN CITIES: AMSTERDAM, BRUSSELS & PARIS

10 DAYS · 12 MEALS starting at \$3999

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### HIGHLIGHTS

Amsterdam • Canal Cruise • Local Food Tour • Zaanse Schans • Edam • Woerden • Brussels • Paris • Seine River Cruise

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Hear the history of Amsterdam and cruise its iconic canals on a private boat.
- Experience the eclectic Montmarte neighbourhood and see a slice of everyday Parisian life.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 6 In Belgium, spend the day in medieval Bruges, exploring this fairytale town -OR- stay in Brussels and join a local guide for a panoramic city tour and a visit to Parlamentarium.
- Day 8 See Paris' most iconic sights like the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Île de la Cité, and Place Vendome on a panoramic city tour -OR- hop on *Le Métro* with a local guide for a walking tour of the medieval Marais neighbourhood and the gardens and arcades of the Palais Royale.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Admire the city skyline as you float down the Seine on a relaxing dinner cruise.
- Taste your way through a local neighbourhood on a lunch tour in Amsterdam.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2-4Eden Hotel, AmsterdamDays 5, 6Pullman Brussels Centre<br/>Midi, BrusselsDays 7-9Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Delve into the cosmopolitan allure of three of Europe's most diverse and culturally engaging cities.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to discover some of Europe's most intriguing cities. From the canals of Amsterdam to the historic city of Brussels and the iconic boulevards of Paris, you'll experience a dynamic mix of cultures, cuisine, and history across the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.

# **Day 2:** Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Amsterdam, the thriving 800-year-old capital of Holland. Take the day to get settled in and explore the city before joining your fellow travellers for a delicious welcome dinner. After getting your fill of local flavour, you may choose to cap off your night by joining your Tour Manager for a stroll through Amsterdam's famous Red Light District. (D)

#### Day 3: Amsterdam

See the city the way it's meant to be seen – by canal. On your private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by quintessential Dutch houses as you hear stories of the city's past and present. Step off the boat and into a local neighbourhood where you'll explore further with your taste buds on a lunchtime tasting tour. The rest of the afternoon and evening is yours to discover Amsterdam as you wish. (B, L)

# **Day 4:** Amsterdam - Zaanse Schans - Edam - Amsterdam

Feel as if you've stepped back in time at Zaanse Schans, a living community that gives you a glimpse into traditional 18th century life. Stroll along the grounds and see working windmills and craftsman workshops, or try some local specialties like Dutch pancakes and Gouda cheese. Head to the quaint harbour village of Edam that's best known for its cheese and history as a thriving port city in the 16th century. Enjoy your last evening in Amsterdam at your leisure. (B)

#### Day 5: Amsterdam - Brussels, Belgium

Before you bid the Netherlands farewell, stop at a local farm in Woerden to learn about cheese making and try a bite yourself. Arrive this afternoon in Brussels, the multicultural hub of the European Union with a unique and eclectic vibe. Get to know your home for the next 2 nights before enjoying dinner in the heart of historical Brussels. (B, D)







#### Day 6: Brussels 🚱

Today, experience Belgium how you wish, because it's your choice! Spend the day in Bruges, exploring the cobblestone streets, canals, and romantic bridges of this fairytale town -OR- stay in Brussels and join a local guide for a panoramic city tour and a visit to Parlamentarium - an interactive museum that showcases the history of the EU Parliament and how it works today. (B)

#### Day 7: Brussels - High Speed Train - Paris, France

Zip through the Ardennes and the French countryside on the incredibly efficient highspeed Thalys train, arriving in Paris in less than 2 hours. Say bonjour to this capital city's alluring blend of culture, cuisine, and history in the hilltop arrondissement of Montmarte, where hip bohemia meets skyhigh basilicas like the iconic Sacré-Cœur. Settle into your hotel and enjoy an evening to explore your new neighbourhood at your leisure. Perhaps you'll consider an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B)

### Day 8: Paris 😵

Get to know Paris in a way that fits you

best, because it's your choice! See Paris' most iconic sights like the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Île de la Cité, and Place Vendome on a panoramic city tour -OR- hop on Le Métro with a local guide for a walking tour of the medieval Marais neighbourhood and the gardens and arcades of the Palais Royale. This afternoon, you may choose an optional guided tour at the renowned Louvre Museum or spend your free time simply doing as the Parisians do and relax at a sidewalk café. (B)

#### Day 9: Paris

Today is yours to explore more of what Paris has to offer. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the magnificent Palace of Versailles and walk through its storied halls and stunning gardens. As the sun fades and the "City of Light" debuts its sparkling grandeur, join your travelling companions for a dinner cruise along the Seine and to toast the end of a wonderful journey with Paris twinkling all around you. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Paris - Tour Ends

Bid Europe au revoir as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR!

Combine Europe's Cosmopolitan Cities: Amsterdam, Brussels & Paris with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

DOUBLE SOLO         Starting at \$3999 Starting at \$5349         Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.           Prices based on December 3, 2022 departure		
<b>October 2022 - I</b> October 8, 15 November 5	<b>Nay 2023</b> December 3 March 11	May 13, 20

# SPECIAL EVENT





Experience Keukenhof

Gardens & the Floriade Expo.

APRIL 27 & 30; MAY 2 & 7, 2022

This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after January 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/. Our air passengers will arrive into Amsterdam and depart from Paris. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Paradis Latin may be considered unsuitable for children - consult your Tour Manager. The Louvre and Versailles optional tours must be purchased at a minimum of 60 days prior to departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

**NEW TOUR** 

# NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & FRANCE

12 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT \$5349

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Amsterdam • Canal Cruise • Impact Moment • Gouda Dairy Farm Visit • Kinderdijk • Bruges • Brussels • Reims • Route du Champagne • Épernay • Paris • Parisian Retro Cars

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Ride through the "City of Light" in an open-roof retro car.
- Meet a local cheese producer in Gouda and sample the famous cheese.
- Impact Moment: Visit a brewery that employs individuals that face obstacles in the workplace.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- **Day 4** Visit the museum Mauritshuis -**OR**- bike the Dutch countryside with a local guide.
- Day 10 Experience Monet in the city at the Musee D'Orsay -OR- see Monet's countryside home at Giverny.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Cook up the local flavours at a hands-on culinary class in Paris.
- Select from a "menu" of included restaurants in Amsterdam for Diner's Choice.
- Grab a drink and some snacks at a family-run brewery before enjoying a dinner of French and Belgian specialties.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 4Swissôtel, AmsterdamDays 5, 6Hotel Aragon, BrugesDays 7, 8Continental Hotel, ReimsDays 9 - 11La Maison Favart, ParisOn some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Dutch windmills, cozy streets, bubbling champagne, and the "City of Light" – experience the essence of 3 European countries.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From iconic Dutch windmills and cozy Belgian streets to the world-renowned Champagne region and the "City of Light," experience the essence of 3 European countries. Connect with deeply rooted cultures as you make your way through the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.

# **Day 2:** Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins

Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes – this is Amsterdam, the starting point of your journey. Check into your boutique hotel, located in the heart of the city centre and your home for the next 3 nights. Meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Amsterdam

See the city the way it's meant to be seen – by canal. On your private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by quintessential Dutch houses. As the day draws to a close, meet with a local for a chat about the city's progressive and often controversial culture. The evening is yours. (B)

#### Day 4: Amsterdam 😵

This morning **it's your choice!** Hop on the train to The Hague and visit the Mauritshuis, home to iconic paintings of the Dutch Golden Age and the renowned Girl with a Pearl Earring **-OR-** bike the countryside with a local guide, riding through villages as you take in the charming scenery and history. No matter how you spend your day, come together for an **Impact Moment** at a local brewery that employs individuals that face obstacles in the workplace. Make the evening your own with *Diner's Choice*, selecting the perfect spot for dinner from a "menu" of restaurants. (B, D)

#### **Day 5:** Amsterdam - Gouda - Kinderdijk -Bruges, Belgium

Cross the Dutch Cheese Valley for a visit to a nearby dairy farm in Gouda, famous for its namesake cheese. Get a taste of this celebrated product while learning about the aging process from a local expert. Head through the countryside to Kinderdijk (UNESCO), where iconic Dutch windmills spin slowly over the marshy landscape. Step into a storybook when you end your day in Bruges, settling in for the next 2 nights. (B)

#### Day 6: Bruges - Optional Excursion

This morning, get familiar with Bruges during an orientation walk. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll embark on an optional tour of Bruges, where you'll cruise through fairytale canals before connecting with local traditions – tasting Belgian chocolate and learning about the intricate craft of lace making. After a day at leisure, embark on a tasting tour of Bruges. Start with Belgium's most quintessential beverage and some small bites at a historic family-run brewery. Your culinary campaign continues at a local restaurant that fuses the best of French and local specialties. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Bruges - Brussels - Reims, France

Enjoy a day in Brussels, the bustling capital of Belgium and the base of the European Union. Meander alongside 19th-century façades and medieval towers as you get a local's perspective on the city. After some free time to explore, trade your waffles for wine as you enter Reims, set in the





heart of France's illustrious Champagne region. Settle into your city-centric boutique hotel before dining your way through French cuisine with a 5-course tasting menu and glass of champagne. (B, D)

Day 8: Reims - Épernay - Reims Discover Reims, uncovering the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture. Step into Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral, gazing up at a sea of colourful stained glass. Cityscapes give way to vineyard rows as you make your way along the Route du Champagne, learning about this world-famous artisan production. Peer at the sprawling mansions on the Avenue de Champagne en route to Épernay, where you'll have free time to explore followed by a tour and tasting at a nearby maison du champagne. (B)

#### Day 9: Reims - Paris

Say bonjour to Paris, a hub of innovative cuisine and artistic culture. Experience this creative flare in the Montmartre neighbourhood, where hip bohemia meets heaven-seeking basilicas. Make the most of your free time before settling into your oneof-a-kind abode in the 2nd arrondissement. Explore your new neighbourhood until the sun fades and the "City of Light" debuts its sparkling grandeur. Spin the wheels of time from the backseat of a retro car, cruising through the chic boulevards and peering up at the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe from the car's open roof. (B)

Day 10: Paris - Optional Excursion 😵 Let the art scene leave its impression on you with a Claude Monet inspired choice

on tour! Experience Monet in the city at the Musee D'Orsay, a former railway station that now houses the world's best impressionist art -OR- visit Monet's countryside home at Giverny with a local guide, where you'll see the source for the artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic Waterlilies. This evening, experience Paris' nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B)

#### Day 11: Paris - Optional Excursion

Today's your day to experience Paris however you please. Hop on Le Métro like a local, skirting your way to each iconic neighbourhood and district. Perhaps you'll spend your morning at the legendary Louvre, home to Da Vinci's elusive Mona Lisa. End the day with a hands-on cooking class, mastering Parisian classics before dining on your creations at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Paris - Tour Ends

Say au revoir to Europe as you depart for home. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night London Post-Tour** Starting at \$1235 pp

# Day 12: Paris - London,

#### England

Travel by train under the English Channel as you head to London. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

#### Day 13: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube and zoom to the city's most beloved attractions. Visit Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana. Enjoy some free time to explore the city. (B)

#### Day 14: London

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure and included Tower of London pass. London's bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments, and grand theaters - and you'll be a part of it all! (B)

Day 15: London - Tour Ends Wish London goodbye as your visit ends

today. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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<b>DOUBLE</b> Starting <b>SOLO</b> Starting		Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.		
Prices based on October 15, 2022 departure.				
<b>October 2022 - May 2023</b> October 8, 15	November 5	May 13, 20		
ALSO AVAILABLE				



Netherlands, Belgium & France featuring the Keukenhof Tulip Festival Peruse the world's largest flower garden.

**★** APRIL 2, 2022: MARCH 25: APRIL 15 & 29; MAY 6, 2023

#### CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE



Netherlands, Belgium & France featuring The Floriade Expo 2022 See this once-in-a-decade horticultural exhibition. **\* MAY - OCTOBER 2022** 

#### CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE



Netherlands, Belgium & France featuring Keukenhof Tulip Festival and The Floriade Expo 2022 Experience Keukenhof Gardens and the Floriade Expo.

**\*** APRIL 13, 16, 20, 23, 30, 2022

**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE** 

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Amsterdam and depart from Paris. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Paradis Latin may be considered unsuitable for children - consult your Tour Manager. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# HOLLAND & BELGIUM SPRINGTIME RIVER CRUISE

# 9 DAYS · 20 MEALS starting at \$4899

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Amsterdam • 7-Night River Cruise • Keukenhof Gardens • Arnhem • Middelburg • Bruges • Ghent • Antwerp • Kinderdijk Windmills

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stand in awe before the iconic windmills of Kinderdijk, the largest collection in all of Holland.
- Explore Liebfrauenkirche, Belgium's largest Gothic church.
- Relax as you're transported through Holland and Belgium on a 7-night cruise.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Enjoy unlimited wine every evening with dinner.
- Begin your journey with a welcome reception, dinner, and folklore show in Amsterdam.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 8MS Amadeus Brilliant

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Savour springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that features blooming tulip fields and iconic windmills.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Savour springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that highlights the blooming Dutch tulip fields. Relax as you make your way along seemingly endless fields of vibrant flowers and iconic windmills.

# **Day 2:** Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Ship - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in Amsterdam, the 800-yearold capital of the Netherlands, where you will board your ship. Your home for the next 7 nights, this beautifully appointed vessel has all the modern amenities you could need, such as the newest technology, a panoramic deck, panorama bar, outstanding service, and delicious cuisine and wine with every dinner. Tonight, enjoy a cocktail overlooking the city skyline before you're welcomed aboard with a lovely dinner and an engaging Dutch folklore show. (D)

# Day 3: Amsterdam - Keukenhof Gardens

See Amsterdam the way it's truly meant to be seen – by canal. On your private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by quintessential Dutch houses. Then, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, featuring acres of tranquil ponds, shaded paths, and more than 7 million tulips and other flowers on exhibit. Enjoy dinner back onboard as the ship cruises on. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Arnhem

Arrive in Arnhem, the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. With a full day to explore, perhaps you'll wander through one of the city's many parks or delve into the local history at a WWII museum. This evening, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Middelburg

Spend time in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province of Zeeland. Walk through the



twisting lanes and take in the city's relaxed atmosphere on your own. See how the local trading legacy remains in the architecture; passing by timeless brick houses, a Gothic town hall, and medieval towers. Consider taking an optional excursion to the Delta Works Project, an engineering feat designed to protect the land from flooding. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Bruges, Belgium - Ghent

Say hello to Belgium in two of the country's oldest cities. Start your Belgian journey in the fairytale town of Bruges. Step back in time during a leisurely walking tour featuring cozy town squares and medieval dwellings. This afternoon, take time to independently discover the historic city of Ghent. Perhaps you will join an optional sightseeing tour that includes St. Bavo Cathedral and its 54 carillon bells. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Antwerp

Join a local expert in Antwerp for a city tour that explores its rich history and Gothic and Baroque architecture. Enjoy a





free afternoon to prepare for the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Kinderdijk, Netherlands -Utrecht - Amsterdam

Stop in Kinderdijk (UNESCO), to experience Holland's storied windmills. Walk along the winding paths and venture inside one of these working windmills, seeing how the country's heritage blends into modern day society. Aboard the ship, toast to the end of your journey at a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Amsterdam - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with memories of vibrant flowers and towering windmills. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

1-2 NIGHTS	UP TO 1 WEEK
PRE NIGHT	STOPOVER
AMSTERDAM	CHOOSE FROM:
CALL FOR DETAILS	London, Paris,
	Frankfurt, Munich
	CALL FOR DETAILS

EVEN MORE TIME? Combine Holland and Belgium Springtime River Cruise with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### DOUBLE Starting at \$4899 SOLO Starting at \$7349 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on April 4, 2022 departure.

April 2022		
April 4		
★ April 17, 18, 21, 24		

Staterooms Double Solo Haydn (lower deck) \$4899 \$7349 Strauss (middle deck) \$5449 \$8449 Mozart (upper deck) \$6544 \$10504 Mozart Suite (upper deck) \$9009 \$15159

# SPECIAL EVENT



The Floriade Expo 2022 See this once-in-a-decade horticultural exhibition.

APRIL 17, 18, 21 & 24, 2022

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Amsterdam. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for the ladies and jacket and tie for the gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the tour. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with every dinner. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waitstaff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion. Cabins are available on lower (Hadyn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire through our Client Care Centre for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites (Amadeus Suites) and singles are available on a very limited basis. Suites are not available to guests travelling as singles. This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW & FLORIADE

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>4699

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

London City Tour • Chelsea Flower Show • Sissinghurst Castle Garden • Eurostar High-Speed Train • Amsterdam Canal Cruise • Food Tour • Floriade

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Travel from London to Amsterdam via the sleek and speedy Eurostar train.
- Wander the impressive gardens of Sissinghurst Castle.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — After spending time in London's Kensington Gardens, choose to tour the royal residence of Kensington Palace -OR- explore vast collections of art spanning more than 5,000 years at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

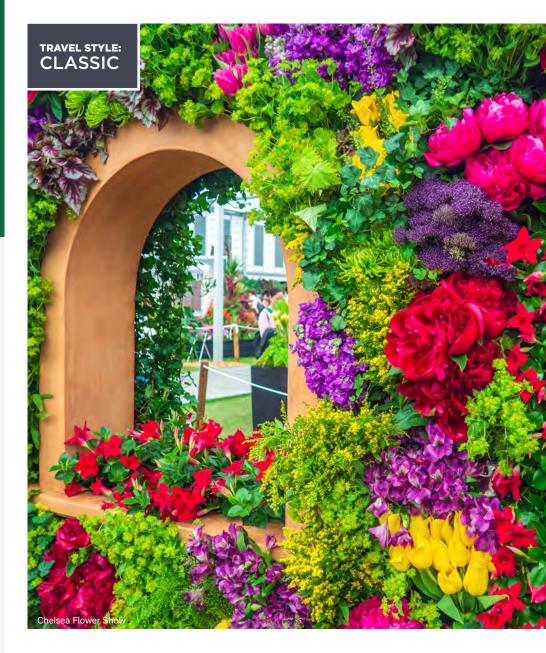
#### 7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Gather for a traditional English dinner at a beloved local restaurant.
- Explore Amsterdam's rich culinary heritage on a locally led food tour.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 5 Strand Palace Hotel, The Wellington Hotel, The Rochester Hotel, DoubleTree by Hilton Victoria, or DoubleTree by Hilton West End, London
- Days 6 8 Pestana Amsterdam Riverside, Die Port Van Cleve, Swissotel, or Doubletree by Hilton Amsterdam Central Station, Amsterdam

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover the botanical wonders of London and Amsterdam – from the world-renowned Chelsea Flower Show to the once-a-decade Floriade expo.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to experience Europe in full bloom. From classic English gardens and the iconic Chelsea Flower Show to the once-a-decade Floriade expo and canals of Amsterdam, you'll discover how the roots of horticulture run deep through England and the Netherlands and connect the world.

### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to London, a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless-meets-modern style all its own. Its bustling streets are lined with beautiful gardens, world-famous museums, and historic landmarks. Take some time to get to know the city before joining your fellow travellers for some traditional English fare at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: London 😵

Start the day with a local guide and take in London's quintessential sights. After lunch on your own, **it's your choice!** Tour Kensington Palace, the residence of royals like Queen Victoria and Princess Diana **-OR-** explore the vast collections of art spanning more than 5,000 years at the Victoria & Albert Museum. (B)

### Day 4: London - Chelsea Flower Show

Enliven your senses and experience the vibrance of the Chelsea Flower Show. With a variety of hands-on exhibits, peaceful mini-retreats, and a seemingly endless array of flowers, discover for yourself why this expo is considered one of the premier events in all of horticulture. (B, D)



#### Day 5: London - Kent - London

Head out of the city to Kent – often referred to as "the Garden of England" – to explore Sissinghurst Castle Garden, one of England's most renowned gardens. Spend an afternoon discovering the distinct planting design, gleaming with blooms and greenery, before returning to London for an evening at leisure. (B)

# **Day 6:** London - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Hop aboard the sleek, futuristic Eurostar High Speed Train and set out for the narrow canals and bike-brimmed lanes of Amsterdam. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel for a relaxing three-night stay. (B)

#### Day 7: Amsterdam

See the city's famous architecture from a unique perspective as you cruise its canals, passing under picturesque bridges and by iconic Dutch houses. Afterward, explore







Floriade ©BDG Architecten

Amsterdam's rich culinary heritage on a locally led food tour. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Amsterdam - Floriade

Once a decade, people from all corners of the globe gather at Floriade to celebrate horticulture on an epic scale. Spanning 148 acres, the expo's grounds are teeming with vibrant colour and countless shades of green. Explore the numerous exhibits and discover the role that living flora and fauna play in our modern world. Gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant and look back fondly at memories made and toast to newly blooming friendships. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Amsterdam - Tour Ends

Your tour through England and the Netherlands comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT LONDON CALL FOR DETAILS POST NIGHT AMSTERDAM CALL FOR DETAILS

**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine Chelsea Flower Show with Floriade with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS



#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on May 22, 2022 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

May 2022 May 21, 22, 23

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into London and depart from Amsterdam. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss • Geysir • Snæfellsnes Peninsula • Breiðafjördur Bay Cruise • Lava Exhibition Centre • Vík • Skógar Museum • Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Vatnajökull National Park & Glacier • Seljalandsfoss

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Learn about the 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark.
- Explore Icelandic life at the Skógar Museum.
- Glide past icebergs on a cruise of the ice-strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 4 Embark on a lava cave adventure -OR- take an explorative coastline walk.
- Day 8 Float in the Blue Lagoon
   OR- visit the Perlan Centre with its interactive exhibits.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Savour Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.
- Try cured *hákarl*, an Icelandic delicacy.
- Relish Iceland's local cheeses during a visit to a family-owned dairy farm.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Midgardur, Centerhotel Laugavegur or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík
- Day 4 Fosshotel, Stykkishólmur
- Days 5 7 Hotel Katla by Keahotels, Vík Day 8 Centerhotel Plaza,
- Centerhotel Midgardur, Centerhotel Laugavegur or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# An island of dramatic contrasts, uncover Iceland's natural beauty through a land forged by ice and fire.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland; a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving behind thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

# Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring the city hall, the harbour, the Parliament building and the nearby cathedral, dating from 1796. Then, get to know your fellow travellers during an Icelandic lunch at a popular local restaurant before checking into your hotel in the later afternoon. (L)

#### Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle -Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders, including the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Along the way, stop at a familyrun dairy farm to enjoy various cheeses and their famous ice cream. Your day ends with a visit to Friðheimar's stud farm and greenhouse cultivation centre. Discover how pesticide-free produce is grown with the aid of geothermal energy and then learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses before returning to Reykjavík. (B)

# Day 4: Reykjavík - Snæfellsnes -

Breiðafjördur Cruise - Stykkishólmur 😵 Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and take in black sand beaches, volcanic craters and the Snæfellsjökull glacier. Here, it's your choice! Experience total darkness in Vatnshellir Cave, descending 100 feet to an 8,000-year-old lava tube -OR- walk along the coastline, passing cliff and columnar basalt formations, putting your camera to work snapping photos of this dramatic landscape. Connect with the local culture and visit a family that practices a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you'll also taste hákarl - cured shark meat. End your day on a Sea Tours nature cruise of Breiðafjördur Bay and sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. You might spot puffins, cormorants, and the whitetailed eagle soaring along the shoreline. (B, D)

#### **Day 5:** Stykkishólmur - Lava Exhibition Centre - Vík

Learn about geothermal renewable energy on



Blue Lageon



a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland, and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Centre and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most remarkable spots in Iceland. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vík - Skógar Museum - Vík

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum. Discover its turfbuilt houses and its collection of farm and domestic artifacts. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. View Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, and gannet. You might also spot some nesting puffins along the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. (B, D)

#### **Day 7:** Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vík

Set sail along the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Keep your eyes peeled for possible seal sightings

#### and get to taste the 1,000 year old ice that surrounds you. Later, stop at Skaftafell National Park, gateway to Vatnajökull Glacier. Marvel at the vistas of Iceland's highest mountains, as well as the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest ice cap. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Vík - Seljalandsfoss -Blue Lagoon or Perlan Centre -Reykjavík 😵

Make a picture stop at Seljalandsfoss, where you'll walk behind a waterfall for views from the inside out. In the afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral rich waters located in the heart of a dramatic lava field -**OR-** visit the Perlan Centre to explore the wonder of Iceland through interactive exhibits such as the Ice Cave, the Planetarium, the virtual aquarium and more. Gather with your fellow travellers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Depart for home with memories of your Icelandic adventure. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on April 16. 2023 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

April 2022 (different itinerary – see note\*) April 3, 6, 20, 27 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022-May 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation May 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary) May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 26 July 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31

August 7, 14, 21, 28

September 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 September 21, 25, 28 April 16, 19, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21, 28

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66 This was my first experience with group travel and I absolutely loved it. It was so well organized and efficient, [and] our tour guide was wonderful. 99

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– Collette Traveller

# ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

# 10 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>5199

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Thingvellir National Park - Gullfoss Waterfall - Lake Mývatn - Húsavík - Whale Watching -Goðafoss Waterfall - Akureyri - Horse Farm Visit - Snæfellsnes Peninsula -Impact Moment - Langjökull Glacier -Blue Lagoon



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Go whale watching in Skjálfandi Bay with specialized RIB Zodiac boats.
- Enter into a hidden world as you descend into the expansive Vatnshellir lava cave.
- Ascend the massive Langjökull glacier via mountain truck.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Soak in the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, a favourite local spot
 -OR- hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by lava pinnacles and mystical caves.



#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in Icelandic-inspired cuisine at a local restaurant.
- Taste a piece of lava bread and learn how locals use Iceland's geothermal energy to cook food.
- Taste homemade specialties during an Impact Moment visit to Jóhanna's goat farm.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

- Days 2, 3 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Midgardur, Centerhotel Laugavegur, or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavik
- Days 4, 5 Fosshotel, Myvatn ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Fosshotel Myvatn, you may choose to upgrade to a Lakeview Room. CALL FOR DETAILS
- Day 6Laugarbakki Hotel, LaugarbakkiDays 7, 8Icelandair Hotel Hamar,
- Borgarnes Day 9 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Midgardur, Centerhotel Laugavegur, or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavik
- 178 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Encounter a world of untamed beauty as you discover Iceland's adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Iceland, a land forged by fire and ice, where adventurous landscapes give way to a rich cultural heritage. Discover the dramatic contrasts: from ethereal lava fields and thundering waterfalls to charming coastal villages.

# Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Discover culture and history in Reykjavík – Iceland's capital. Explore the old section on a walking tour featuring the Parliament, harbour, city hall, and the city's oldest building. Gaze up at the famous glass façade of the Harpa Concert Hall, a true marvel of modern architecture. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (D)

# **Day 3:** Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle to see Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, including the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Thingvellir National Park where you can walk between two continents. Learn how locals use Iceland's geothermal energy to cook food and taste "lava bread," which is submerged into the earth and cooked for 24 hours. Continue along the Golden Circle and take in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall before visiting the explosive Strokkur fountain geyser. (B)

#### Day 4: Reykjavík - Lake Mývatn 😵

This morning, fly to Akureyri and take in the unique volcanic landscape that surrounds Lake Mývatn. You will have a chance to explore the Hverir geothermal area, where bubbling mud pools resemble a Martian terrain. Next, **it's your choice!** Dip into the warm water and steam of the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, frequented by Icelanders and visitors alike **-OR-** hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by irregular lava formations and mystical caves that inspire your imagination. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** Lake Mývatn - Húsavík - Whale Watching - Lake Mývatn

Venture into the town of Húsavík, where legend claims the Norse first settled in Iceland. Gear up in thermal wear to join expert whale watchers on a cruise on Skjálfandi Bay. Aboard specialized Zodiacs, you'll get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see humpback, minke, fin or harbour porpoise, and possibly the orca or giant blue whales that frequent these waters. End your day with a visit to Grenjaðarstaður and peruse Icelandic turf settlement homes. (B)

#### **Day 6:** Lake Mývatn - Goðafoss -Akureyri - Laugarbakki

En route to Akureyri, stop at one of Iceland's most



 Wisavik Whale Watch @Gregory Hall

 Langjokull Glacier



historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where Iceland was converted to Christianity in A.D. 1000. Enjoy time at leisure in Akureyri to explore Iceland's second largest city. Perhaps you'll peruse its botanical garden, a public park positioned just 30 miles south of the Arctic Circle and dedicated to finding and testing foreign plants to grow in Iceland. Next, head to the scenic Norðurland Vestra region, famous for its horse breeding. On a family-owned farm, grab your camera for a photo tour of the stables and interact with these friendly animals. Later this afternoon, travel to the village of Laugarbakki. (B, D)

#### **Day 7:** Laugarbakki – Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarnes

This morning, travel to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Then journey 100 feet below the ground and into an 8,000-year-old lava tube on a tour of Vatnshellir Cave. In addition to seeing the cave's amazing rock pigments and lava formations, you'll also get to experience total and absolute darkness. End the day in Borgarnes, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

#### **Day 8:** Borgarnes - Húsafell -Langjökull Glacier Experience -Borgarnes

This morning, journey inland to Húsafell and look out at the misty waterfalls

cascading over lava rocks. Then, experience an Impact Moment with a visit to Jóhanna's goat farm. Here, she has helped to bring this unique breed, dating back to the time of Iceland's settlement, back from the brink of extinction. After visiting with the friendly goats, enjoy a simple meal of homemade specialties from the farm. Then, bundle up and ascend Langjökull glacier via mountain truck and go "Into the Glacier" to experience the purest blue ice colour in this man-made tunnel, the world's largest. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 9:** Borgarnes - Blue Lagoon -Reykjavík

Visit the Settlement Museum and dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage, including the works of the famous Viking poet Egill Skallagrímsson. Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, home to the famous Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineralrich waters of this iconic geothermal pool, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field. Come together this evening for a farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring Icelandic cuisine. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Head home having uncovered Iceland's adventurous side. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



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Prices based on May 24, 2022 departure				
<b>May 2022 - May</b> May 24 June 7, 14, 21	<b>2023</b> July 5, 19 August 2, 16, 30	September 1, 6, 8, 13, 15 May 16, 23		

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flight is not included in the land cost of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Scheduled activities may vary in time due to the flight schedule from Reykjavik to Akureyri. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 am. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in some lcelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation. The Vathshellir lava cave tour is not recommended for guests who are claustrophobic or have back or knee problems. Guests should be in good physical condition. The "Into the Glacier" visit is not exclusive to Collette and you may share the experience with other visitors. The Langjökull Glacier Experience is weather permitting. Cold weather clothing is required to join the activities of your Langjökull Glacier Experience. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

66 Brilliant tour of Iceland. Ticked all my boxes. Went to all the important sites at the right pace. - Collette Traveller

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# **ICELAND'S** MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

# 7 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$2999

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Reykjavík • Northern Lights Cruise • Search for the Northern Lights - Golden Circle - Thingvellir National Park -Gullfoss - Lava Exhibition Center - Vík Seljalandsfoss - Skógar Museum -Skógafoss - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon -Skaftafell • Vatnajökull Glacier • Blue Lagoon

# **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Explore Skógar Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.
- Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir.
- Learn about the volcanic nature of the island of Iceland during a visit to the Lava Exhibition Center.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 5 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

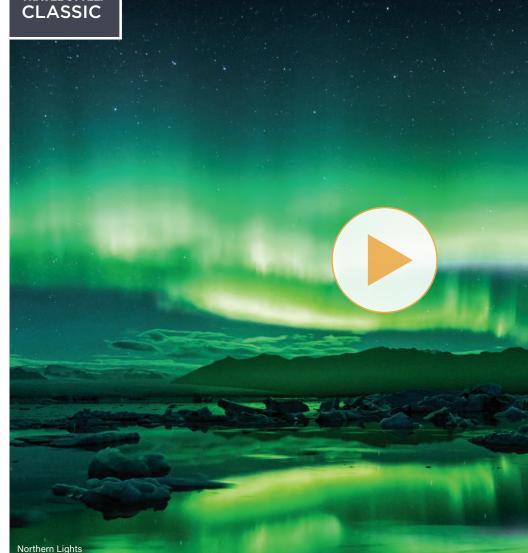
- Savour gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.
- Challenge your taste buds and sample traditional hákarl (cured shark) and brennivín (Icelandic schnapps.)

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Overnight Flight Day 1
- Centerhotel Plaza, Day 2 Centerhotel Midgardur, Centerhotel Laugavegur, or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík
- Days 3 5 Hotel Katla by Kea or Hotel Dyrhólaey, Vík
- Day 6 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Midgardur, Centerhotel Laugavegur, or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# TRAVEL STYLE: CLASSIC



# Experience the "land of fire and ice" and chase the aurora borealis across an ethereal wonderland.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Where steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to search for the aurora borealis - one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.

Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital city. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavík on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and the Parliament building. Gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine.

This evening, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis. (D)

#### Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Lava Exhibition Center - Vík

Travel the Golden Circle to experience renowned natural wonders, including the explosive Geysir thermal area, the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Stop at the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions, Continue to Vík, Drive out into the stillness of rural Iceland in search of the northern lights or venture out on foot. Enjoy three nights of searching to increase your likelihood of spotting the lights. (B, D)







#### Day 4: Vik - Seljalandsfoss - Skógar Museum - Vík

Journey to Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and unique waterfalls. Visit Skógar Museum and discover its turf-built homes and artifacts. Stand in awe before the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of Iceland's tallest. Your journey continues to Reynisfjara, a volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations and rich bird life. Look out over the natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Get a sense of the local culture as you challenge your taste buds and sample traditional delicacies - hákarl (cured shark) and brennivín (schnapps). After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon -Skaftafell - Vík

Travel to Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and search for seals swimming in cold waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe. Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains and Europe's largest glacier. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vík - Blue Lagoon -Reykjavík

Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home to the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineralrich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavík for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many incredible memories. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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January - March 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 29, 31 February 1, 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 February 20, 26, 27, 28 March 1, 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 March 21, 22, 26, 27

\*Itinerary featured is for Sep-

departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please

confirm at time of reservation.

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October 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

October 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

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## THE NORTHERN LIGHTS **OF FINLAND**

### 8 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$4799

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Helsinki • Senate Square • Helsinki Cathedral - Lapland Region -Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - Finnish Sauna - Meet & Greet with Santa -Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights Searches - Husky Safari - Glass Igloo Accommodation

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Introduce yourself to majestic Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.
- Lead your very own dog sled team.
- · Spend the night in a glass igloo amid the Lappish wilderness.



#### 6 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in Finnish cuisine at Helsinki's local restaurants.
- Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 **Overnight Flight** Lilla Roberts Hotel, Days 2, 3
- Helsinki
- Days 4 6 Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen

#### ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Upgrade your stay to a Kelo glass igloo for all 3 nights. CALL FOR DETAILS

Lilla Roberts Hotel, Day 7 Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Hunt for the elusive northern lights and discover fascinating Finland, "Daughter of the Baltic."

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

On an adventure to the top of the world, experience a side of life that feeds the imagination and leaves you forever enchanted with Finland, "Daughter of the Baltic."

#### Day 2: Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins

Hei Helsinki! Finland's vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city center. Hyvää ruokahalua! (Bon appetit!) (D)

#### Day 3: Helsinki

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's core is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city's most iconic building. Walk the streets of empiric-designed Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the

city's most famous international market. Become transfixed by the sprawling lawns, rocky cliffs, and ornate villas of Kaivopuisto Park. During your leisure time, explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

#### Day 4: Helsinki - Kakslauttanen -Northern Lights Search

Escape to northernmost Finland's winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland's culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish encounters with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights. At the breathtaking Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin indulging in your personal Finnish sauna and other unique fixtures. Trek north toward Inari on a chase for the northern lights. Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance for a front-row seat at nature's dazzling, electric light show. (B, D)



#### **Day 5:** Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus' Home - Reindeer Safari -Northern Lights

Hit the snow and mush to breakfast aboard an authentic Finnish sleigh. From Kakslauttanen, head to the home of Santa Claus, an epicentre of Christmas cheer. Among prancing reindeer, learn about Santa's origins during a meet and greet at his house. Under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer that will escort you on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Gain insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish tradition, under the cover of blankets in the surround of northern Finland's unspoiled wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

**Day 6:** Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your





own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You'll also be introduced to the equipment you'll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your incredible – and private – glass igloo. You may even see the northern lights dancing overhead. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Kakslauttanen - Helsinki

Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the city's central squares and get in tune with the latest Finnish trends at a collection of charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Helsinki - Tour Ends

Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



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#### DOUBLE Starting at \$4799 Pricing is per person, land only, SOLO Starting at \$5899 and varies by departure date. Prices based on November 10, 2022 departure.

January - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 6, 8, 13, 20, 22, 27 February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 February 24, 26 March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 Anril 7 \*Itinerary featured is for November 2022 – March 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. November 2022 - March 2023 (featured itinerary) November 3, 5, 10, 12, 26 December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 January 7, 12, 14, 19, 21 February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 March 4, 9, 16, 18, 23

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66 Most unique trip I've ever taken. Very few people have been north of the Arctic Circle to stay in a glass igloo and sleep under the stars while searching for the Northern Lights.

- Collette Traveller

# HIGHLIGHTS OF NORWAY

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS starting at \$3599

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Oslo - Fram Museum - Stave Church - Flåm Railway - Sognefjord - Briksdal Glacier - Geirangerfjord Cruise - Bergen



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Witness scenic wilderness along the Flåm Railway.
- Visit the intricately-designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180.
- Travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier.
- Embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy traditional Norwegian fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings.
- Dine in Bergen's historic Bryggen neighbourhood.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2, 3Hotel Bristol, OsloDay 4Fretheim Hotel, FlamDays 5, 6Alexandra Hotel, LoenDays 7, 8Scandic Neptun, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Venture to a place where crashing ocean meets craggy mountains, forging the natural majesty of the Norwegian fjords.

#### Featured Pre-Tour Extension



#### **Optional 3-Night Stockholm Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1370 pp

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Make your way to Sweden, a country that features the perfect combination of floral nature and innovative cities.

#### Day 2: Stockholm, Sweden - Tour Begins

Arrive in Stockholm, Sweden's capital city. A lively hub for tech startups and picturesque harbours, the city has the highest population in all of Scandinavia. Spend the day exploring on your own. Perhaps you'll stroll along the waterfront, grab a bite of local seafood, or pop into a museum to get a glimpse into the

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Begin your journey to a land of mountains, glacial fjords, legends, and charming people, as you set off for Norway. Dive into the culture of the region, connecting with layers of Viking history, attentiongrabbing nature, and a sense of refined traditions.

#### Day 2: Oslo, Norway - Tour Begins

Arrive in Oslo, Norway's grand capital. An up-and-

country's centuries-old culture. Settle into your hotel, your new home for the next 3 nights, located in the bustling city center.

#### Day 3: Stockholm

View Stockholm's greatest vistas and attractions with a local guide, passing through the city via public transportation. Venture inside Stockholm's stunning City Hall which displays towering brick walls paired with an opulent interior. Visit the Vasa Ship Museum and see a 17th-century vessel that was sunk on its maiden voyage. Explore Gamla Stan (Old Town). The remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore Stockholm independently. After some free time on your own, gather in the evening to enjoy a twist on modern dishes from Swedish and European cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Stockholm

The day is yours. Maybe you'll visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition that gives an in-depth look at the Swedish pop sensation. No matter how you spend the day, you're bound to encounter a Swedish way-of-life that will capture your heart. (B)

**Day 5:** Stockholm - Fly to Oslo, Norway Fly to Oslo, Norway to start your tour. (B)

coming foodie destination, Oslo combines classic tastes with modern twists. Meet your fellow travellers for a hearty welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Oslo

Join a local guide and begin your day at the Fram Museum, dedicated to telling the story of Norwegian polar exploration. Venture down Karl Johan Street, passing by iconic buildings such as the Royal Palace and city hall as you take in the charming heart of downtown Oslo. Make your way to Vigeland Park, home to a collection of statues and sculptures that the legendary artist Gustav Vigeland constructed during his life. This afternoon, enjoy free time to relax or continue discovering the hidden secrets of Oslo on your own. (B)

#### Day 4: Oslo - Flåm

Heading north of Norway's capital, enter the majestic and unique landscapes of the fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church, an awe-inspiring building dedicated in honour of the Apostle Andrew in 1180. Continue to the quaint village of Flåm, your gateway to the grandeur of Aurlandsfiord, Traverse the terrain on the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the steepest train rides in the world, and climb 3,000 feet past rushing waterfalls, looming mountains, and picturesque valleys. Admire the scenery along the mountain plateau of Myrdal before descending into the fjord of Flåm. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Flåm - Loen

Immerse yourself in the striking nature of the Sognefjord before traversing the Briksdal Glacier. Surrounded by thundering waterfalls and towering mountains, the glacier is considered to be one of the most awe-inspiring in all of Norway. Climb the glacier in a traditional "troll" car (the park's open-air vehicles), and arrive for a relaxing stay in Loen, a welcoming village situated in the heart of Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Find yourself immersed in the enchanting landscapes of Norway's fjord region. Soak up the mesmerizing landscape on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise in Geiranger (UNESCO). Discover Norway's mightiest waterfalls - the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil, and the Suitor. Marvel at the homesteads built along the steep sides of the mountains, where farmland has endured for centuries. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Loen - Bergen

Norway's impressive landscapes continue as you travel to Bergen, the portal from the fjords. The Bergen of today - charming, old-world, and scenic - is much different from when it was founded by the legendary Viking warriors of the past. Enjoy a free evening to uncover the mysteries of this former Viking seaport, nestled against the imposing mountain range. (B)

#### Day 8: Bergen

Stroll along the historic and iconic Bryggen harbor front (UNESCO) on a guided walking tour of Bergen. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before reuniting with your fellow travellers at an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood, home to pleasant little houses stacked side-by-side against the harbour. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Bergen - Tour Ends

Say ha det to Norway and depart for home with incredible memories of your adventures, (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Iceland Post-Tour** Starting at \$960<sup>+</sup> pp

#### Day 9: Bergen - Fly to Reykjavík, Iceland

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature. Massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and breathtaking landscapes. Tonight, enjoy an Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 10: Reykjavik

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and Reykjavík's oldest building - home of the Kraum Icelandic design center. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to relax on a scenic whale watching cruise; venture out on a horseback riding excursion; or travel out to the Reykjanes peninsula to spend quality time relaxing in the geo-thermal waters of the famed Blue Lagoon. (B)

#### Day 11: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley (UNESCO) that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavík and have time to explore the city on your own. (B)

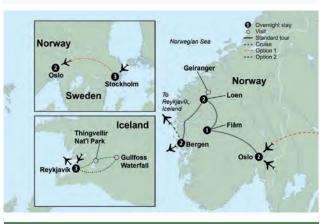
Day 12: Reykjavík - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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#### DOUBLE Starting at \$3599 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. SOLO Starting at \$4549 Prices based on September 30, 2022 departure April 2022 May 2022 - May 2023 August 12, 26 (different itinerary - see note\*) (featured itinerary) September 2, 9, 16, 30 April 29 May 13, 20, 27

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - May 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. June 3, 10, 24 July 1, 15, 29

April 28 May 5, 12, 19

This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after January 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/. Our air passengers will arrive into Oslo and depart from Bergen. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

### 14 DAYS · 20 MEALS starting at \$5699

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Copenhagen • Farm Visit • Manor House Stay • Stockholm • Oslo • Fram Museum • Stave Church • Flåm Railway • Sognefjord • Briksdal Glacier • Geirangerfjord Cruise • Bergen

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See the intricately-designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180.
- Overnight in a historic manor house in the Swedish countryside.
- Take a ride to the Briksdal Glacier on a traditional "troll car."

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — In Stockholm, choose to explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile -OR- visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation.

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## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Savour Swedish cuisine in Stockholm's old town.
- Experience the New Nordic Cuisine movement in Copenhagen.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Copenhagen Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen
Day 4	Toftaholm Herrgard, Vittaryd
Days 5, 6	Scandic Grand Central, Stockholm
Days 7, 8	Hotel Bristol, Oslo
Day 9	Fretheim Hotel, Flam
Days 10, 11	Alexandra Hotel, Loen or Hotel Union, Geiranger
Days 12, 13	Scandic Neptun, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Watch a Nordic postcard unfold before your eyes and discover the lands where Vikings reigned.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore Scandinavia by land and experience one of the world's most incredible regions.

# **Day 2:** Copenhagen, Denmark - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. Take some time to venture out on your own and come to know this cosmopolitan capital, dubbed the "gastro capital of Scandinavia." Tonight, meet your fellow travellers during a local dining experience highlighting the New Nordic Cuisine movement of Copenhagen. (D)

#### Day 3: Copenhagen

Join a local expert and set off on an engaging walking tour of Denmark's capital city. Explore Nyhavn, the picturesque harbour lined with colourful facades and charming cafes, as well as Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family. See the Royal Theater and Marble Church before enjoying some free time to enjoy Copenhagen on your own. (B)

#### **Day 4:** Copenhagen - Farm Visit -Swedish Countryside

Bid farewell to Copenhagen and travel north to meet the Hage family on their organic farm. Learn about their work conserving ancient grains and the old Danish livestock breeds before enjoying some homemade treats. Continue on to Helsingor, home of Kronborg Castle, and board a local ferry for a short ride across the famous Oresund to Sweden. This afternoon, arrive at Toftaholm Herrgård, a family-run lakeside manor house and your home for the evening. Before dinner, a local storyteller will enchant you with fabled stories from Sweden's past. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** Swedish Countryside - Granna - Stockholm

Bid farewell to your countryside retreat and travel to Granna, a town situated on the shores of Lake Vättern and famous for its charming wooden houses, cobblestone streets and delectable candy shops. Continue north to Stockholm, Sweden's capital city. Tonight, enjoy a twist on modern dishes from Swedish and European cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Stockholm 😵

View Stockholm's greatest vistas and attractions, including Gamla Stan (Old Town), Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament. You'll also enjoy a visit inside Stockholm's stunning City Hall which displays towering brick walls paired with an opulent interior. This afternoon it's your choice! You may choose to explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile; the perfectly preserved ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbour -OR- visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Stockholm independently. Discover its strikingly colourful architecture and sample its innovative cuisine. (B)

#### Day 7: Stockholm - Oslo, Norway

Take a quick flight to Oslo, one of Europe's fastest-growing cities. As Norway's capital since 1814, Oslo is the centre of the country's government and the home to the royal family. Here, you'll find a vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with an abundance of world-class museums, restaurants and art. This evening, enjoy traditional Norwegian fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Fram Museum, dedicated to telling the story of Norwegian polar exploration. Continue along Karl Johan Street and view the Royal Palace and city hall in quaint downtown Oslo. Next, visit Vigeland Park, home to the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. Later this afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Oslo independently. (B)

#### Day 9: Oslo - Flåm

Travel north from Norway's capital to the majestic fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church, the intricate structure built in dedication to the Apostle Andrew in 1180. Arrive next in the quaint village of Flåm, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. Embark on the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest train rides, and ascend 3,000 feet past mighty waterfalls, towering mountains and amazing valleys. Journey to the mountain plateau of Myrdal and cascade down to the fjord of Flåm, taking in the breathtaking views each way. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Flåm - Loen/Geiranger

Travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier, considered to be one of the most beautiful glaciers in Norway. Climb the glacier in a traditional "troll car" before arriving for a relaxing stay in the heart of Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

#### **Day 11:** Loen/Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen/Geiranger

Spend the day enchanted by the inspiring landscape of the fjord region of Norway. While in Geiranger, a UNESCO World Heritage site, embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, soaking in some of Norway's most beautiful scenery along the way. Known to be one of the most famous fjords in the world, Geirangerfjord is where you'll find Norway's mightiest waterfalls: the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil and the Suitor. You'll notice that homesteads are a continued presence on the steep sides of the mountains, where these farms have been kept for centuries. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Loen/Geiranger - Bergen

Be inspired by Norway's most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen – the gateway to the fjords. Founded with Viking roots, the Bergen of today is known for its old-world charm and scenic landscapes. (B)

#### Day 13: Bergen

Join a guided walking tour of Bergen. Stroll along the historic and iconic harbour front, known as the Bryggen (UNESCO). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure and reunite with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Bergen - Tour Ends

Depart for home today with incredible memories of your Scandinavian journey. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Iceland Post-Tour** Starting at \$960<sup>+</sup> pp

#### Day 14: Bergen - Fly to Reykjavík, Iceland

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Tonight, enjoy an Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 15: Reykjavík

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and Reykjavík's oldest building – home of the Kraum Icelandic design center. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to relax on a scenic whale watching cruise; venture out on a horseback riding excursion; or travel out to the Reykjanes peninsula to spend quality time relaxing in the geo-thermal waters of the famed Blue Lagoon. (B)

#### **Day 16:** Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the incredible Golden Circle. a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley (UNESCO) that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Revkiavík and have time to explore the city on your own. (B)

**Day 17:** Reykjavík - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

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#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on September 29, 2022 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

May 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) May 12, 19 \*Itinerary featured is for for June 2022 - May 2023 tour departures. Departures prior

to this date may vary. Please

confirm at time of reservation.

June 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary) June 9, 16, 23 July 7, 14, 21 Aug 4, 18, 25

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October 6 May 4, 18

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Copenhagen and depart from Bergen. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flight on this program is not included in the land price of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. The internal flight is included with the air portion of your tour if you purchase air through us. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 This was an incredible trip through Scandinavia. A perfect balance of large cities (Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo) with a lot of natural beauty in western Norway. - Collette Traveller

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## THE BALTICS REVEALED

### 11 DAYS · 14 MEALS starting at \$3849

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Vilnius • KGB Museum • Trakai Island Castle • Hill of Crosses • Riga • Art Nouveau Museum • Latvian Cooking Class • Pärnu • Bogging Adventure • Tallinn • Medieval Dinner • Estonian Open Air Museum

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a bogging adventure with a local naturalist.
- Walk into a snapshot of the rural past at the Estonian Open Air Museum.

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Stroll through Vilnius with a local expert -OR- explore the neighbourhoods by bike with a local guide.
- Day 7 Wander through the wetland with a pair of bog shoes -OR- walk above the shrubs on a boardwalk.
- Day 8 Experience Tallinn's age-old tradition of Marzipan and paint your own sculpture -OR- visit Raeapteek, Europe's oldest continuously working apothecary.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Prepare traditional ingredients with a modern twist in a Latvian cooking class.
- Dig into authentic medieval cuisine at a candlelit dinner in a merchant's home.
- Toast to the end of your journey during a farewell dinner in a historical house restaurant in the heart of Tallinn's Old Town.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2-4Artagonist Hotel, VilniusDays 5-7Neiburgs Hotel or Grand<br/>Palace Hotel, RigaDays 8-10Hotel Palace, Tallinn

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience the kaleidoscope of influences in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia from the Middle Ages to recent historical events that shaped the fascinating Baltics.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover a melting pot of cultures – a Germanized mindset, intermingling Polish roots, a Finnish way of life, and a dabble of Russian influence. Find eccentric murals in Lithuania, Gothic towers in Latvia, and storybook streets in Estonia. Bordering their namesake sea, this is the Baltic region of Europe.

#### Day 2: Vilnius, Lithuania - Tour Begins

Step into another time in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. Stay in the heart of medieval Old Town (UNESCO) – a relic of a bygone era, where cobblestone streets lead through a seamless mosaic of cultures. The city's Baroque arches, neoclassical siding, and 300-year-old frescoes creates an indescribable charm. Joining new friends tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant where you will excite your palate with warm and hearty comfort food. (D)

#### Day 3: Vilnius 😵

Discover Vilnius University, the oldest in the Baltic states. Decide how to see the city because **it's your choice!** Stroll the winding streets with a local expert and peek into Vilnius's Jewish heritage, Bohemian lifestyle, and budding art district **-OR-** explore by bike with a local guide, passing the vibrant colors of imaginative street murals. Then, uncover the nation's dark past at the Museum of Occupations and Freedom Fights, better known as the KGB Museum. Located in the former Nazi and Soviet headquarters, the museum hosts personal accounts from the victims and their families. (B)

#### Day 4: Vilnius - Trakai - Vilnius

Embrace the fairy-tale aura around you at the Trakai Island Castle. Surrounded by curving coastlines and towering pines, the burnt orange walls of the fortress appear to rise directly out of the gentle waves of Lake Galve. Enjoy free time to explore the castle grounds and village. Make sure to stop in one of the cozy restaurants for a bite of a *kybyn* – a traditional Karaim dumpling. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Vilnius on your own. (B)

#### Day 5: Vilnius - Riga, Latvia

Depart Vilnius and make your way to the Hill of Crosses, a mystical shrine from the 1800s that has been rebuilt and expanded continuously over time. Cross over the Latvian border to Riga, the country's capital and the largest city in the Baltic region. Take advantage of your centrally located Art Nouveau hotel before an interactive cooking class, where you'll use traditional ingredients with a modern twist. Enjoy the fruits of your labour as you dig into the flavourful feast. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Riga

Discover the capital's hidden secrets with an expert guide, venturing along historic squares reflective of German and Russian tastes. Take a ride through the Art Nouveau district, where you'll see stately apartments and elegant façades. Visit



the Art Nouveau museum, located inside the former home of Latvian architect K. Pekšens. Marvel at the iconic spiral staircase, adorned with unexpected artistic touches. Explore Riga's famous central market, where flowers, fruit, and pastries overflow the stalls of this converted airplane hangar. Tonight, get a taste of local flavours in historical centre of Riga. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Riga

The day is yours. Bask in the charm of Riga, one of the oldest Baltic cities. Stroll along its narrow cobblestone streets, colourful squares and Medieval era buildings. Explore Riga's old town architectural treasures. Perhaps you'll join a full-day optional excursion into Latvian countryside and the town of Sigulda, travelling through beautiful natural scenery, to then visit the Olympian training grounds and the largest cave in the Baltics country before enjoying an included lunch at a local restaurant. (B)

# Day 8: Riga - Pärnu, Estonia - Tallinn 𝕎

Head to Pärnu, Estonia's seaside resort town. Wander on your own before joining a local naturalist for an Estonian tradition – bogging. Choose how you explore because **it's your choice!** Traipse through the wetland with a pair of bog shoes, trekking over the sodden moss and tasting berries from the water **-OR-** walk above the shrubs on a boardwalk, winding your way across the bog. Continue on to Tallinn – the country's capital – and settle into Hotel Palace, built in 1937 and located





next to the city's main square. Dine at a medieval restaurant, lit by candles and set in a wealthy merchant's house. Enjoy authentic food and traditional music as you are transported back to a night in the 15th century. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Tallinn

Visit the Estonian Open Air Museum which you can explore on foot or by horse and carriage. Delve into the rural history, wandering by preserved houses and timeworn windmills. Discover Tallinn's twisting cobblestone streets with an expert guide, feeling as if the Middle Ages live on. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore at leisure. (B)

#### Day 10: Tallinn 😯

This morning, choose how you connect with the city's culture because **it's your choice!** Experience Tallinn's age old tradition of Marzipan, painting your own edible sculpture to take home as a tasty souvenir **-OR-** visit Raeapteek, Europe's oldest continuously working apothecary, where you can learn about an intriguing range of herbal remedies. Spend afternoon on your own, exploring Tallinn, one of the most beautiful Eastern Europe cities. This evening, toast the end of your whirlwind adventure as you reflect on your excursion through the Baltics. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Tallinn - Tour Ends

As your tour draws to a close, say goodbye to winding medieval villages and three Baltic beauties. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT VILNIUS CALL FOR DETAILS

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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on October 3, 2022 departure Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

<b>April 2022</b>	<b>May 2022 -</b> I
( <i>different itinerary - see note*</i> )	<i>(featured itiner</i>
April 4, 11, 25	May 9, 16
*Itinerary featured is for	June 6, 13, 27
May 2022 – May 2023 tour	July 11, 25
departures. Departures prior	August 8, 22,
to this date may vary. Please	September 5,
confirm at time of reservation.	October 3, 10

22 - May 2023 (tinerary) April 3, 17, 24 5 May 1, 8, 22 3, 27 5 5, 22, 29

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Airport transfers are available for purchase. Bog shoes are not permitted certain times of the year (typically mid-April to mid-lune) during bird-nesting season. During this period, all guests will have to utilize the wooden boardwalk but will have the added benefit of seeing 4-5 times more bird species than in other seasons. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

## IMPERIAL RUSSIA

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$3299

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Moscow Metro • The Kremlin and the Armoury Museum • Red Square • St. Basil's Cathedral • Walking Food Tour • High-Speed Train • St. Petersburg • Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood • Traditional Georgian Dinner • Hermitage Museum • Catherine Palace • Vintage Soviet Car Ride

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Navigate Russia's bustling capital like a local when you travel via the stunning Moscow Metro system.
- Ride through the historic streets of St. Petersburg in a vintage Soviet car.
- Join a local expert for an in-depth conversation on life behind the Iron Curtain.



Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Take a tour where you'll learn about the tensions surrounding the great "Space Race" -OR- take a guided tour of the Tretyakov Gallery.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Get a true taste of local culture during an immersive walking food tour where you'll learn about Russian culinary traditions.
- Dine at a classic Georgian restaurant and sample dishes popularized during Imperial Russian times.
- Get introduced to Russian cuisine and culture during dinner at a local restaurant.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

- Days 2 4 Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel, Moscow
- Days 5 8 Angleterre Hotel, St. Petersburg

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Get a glimpse into the world's largest country and experience the distinctive allure of Russia, a land abundant with intrigue and history.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to an unforgettable journey to one of the most magnificent countries in Europe.

**Day 2:** Moscow, Russia - Tour Begins Welcome to Moscow, Russia's glamourous capital city where beguiling architecture, complex history, and posh culture thrive. Let the energy of this intriguing city wrap around you and inspire your curiosity.

#### Day 3: Moscow

Your journey through Moscow begins with a short ride on the Metro, one of the deepest and most ornate public transit systems in the world. Arrive at the Kremlin (UNESCO), the beating heart of Moscow and the seat of power in Russia. Home to a stunning collection of wealth from eras when tsars reigned supreme, this fortress complex is a can't-miss glimpse into Russian history. Enjoy a guided visit of the Armoury Museum, home to a priceless collection of Imperial crown iewels. weaponry, and Faberge eggs. Continue on your exploration of the Kremlin with a visit to the Assumption Cathedral, designed in the ornate Old Russian style. In the bustling Red Square of Moscow, pause to admire the iconic domes of Saint Basil's Cathedral. Next, visit GUM, the lavish department store at the heart of the city. This

evening, enjoy a traditional Russian dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Moscow 😵

This morning, travel on Moscow's Metro. Enjoy stops along the way to marvel at the lavish mosaics, ornate stained glass and stunning architecture, each stop on the Metro is like a mini-museum with its own unique allure. Then, it's your choice! Choose between a themed tour, "Back to the USSR," where you'll gain insight into the tensions between the U.S. and former Soviet Union and the great "Space Race" -ORtake a guided tour of the Tretyakov Gallery, one of the most significant art museums in Russia with over 100,000 artistic works. Next, a local expert reveals a bit about life "behind the Iron Curtain," during an informative lecture about Soviet society. The evening is yours to soak in the splendors of your final night in Moscow. (B)

#### Day 5: Moscow - St. Petersburg

Later this morning, an epicurean adventure awaits! Get a taste of local flavour as you stroll the streets with a local guide and savour authentic dishes found on the tables of many Russian families. This afternoon, hop aboard a high-speed train to St. Petersburg, the "Venice of the North" and Russia's Imperial capital. (B, L)



#### Day 6: St. Petersburg

Experience the Imperial Russia of your dreams, full of regal beauty and iconic sights, A panoramic tour of St. Petersburg brings this historic city to life. See St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Peter and Paul Fortress, and the famed Palace Square. Go inside the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg's most elaborate church. After getting acquainted with this vibrant city, you can opt to spend the remainder of your day at leisure or take an optional tour of the meticulously landscaped grounds and soaring fountains of the Peterhof Grand Palace, better known as the "Russian Versailles." Tonight, delight in traditional Georgian cuisine at a favourite local restaurant. Savour the exotic comfort food and drink of a region that has been producing wine for over 8,000 years. (B, D)

#### Day 7: St. Petersburg

Welcome to the Winter Palace, St. Petersburg's most iconic building and the former home of Russian tsars. Built for Peter the Great, this Russian wonder is a true glimpse into the glory of Russian aristocracy. Enter the breathtaking green and white complex and make your way to the incredible Hermitage Museum for a guided tour. Second in size only to the Louvre, the Hermitage is home to the largest collection of paintings in the world, with works from the likes of Monet and Matisse. (B)

#### Day 8: St. Petersburg

Moscow Metro

Take a step back in time with a tour of the magnificent Catherine Palace. Built in 1717, the Rococo palace was once the opulent summer home of Russian tsars. It's said the building was torn down and rebuilt six times to satisfy the grand visions of Peter the Great's daughter, Elizabeth, Eniov exclusive early access here and marvel at the robin's egg blue exterior and the lavish décor of the interior rooms. Next, we'll see St. Petersburg from a different perspective - from the interior of a vintage Soviet car! Feel as if you've entered a different era as you ride through the city in luxury. Tonight, get one final taste of Russian culture and cuisine during a farewell dinner and traditional folk show. (B, D)

#### Day 9: St. Petersburg - Tour Ends

Today, say *do-svidaniya* (goodbye for now) to Russia as your Imperial journey comes to a close. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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This trip requires a passport. A visa is required for travel to Russia. It is the guest's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. Please allow a minimum of approximately 6 weeks for processing your Russian visa. All guests should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. All document fees are at the expense of the traveler. Reservations made within 60 days of departure will be on a request basis and may require visa services to be expedited. Additional fees may apply. Our air passengers will arrive into Moscow and depart from St. Petersburg. Airport transfers are available for purchase. When the Assumption Cathedral is not available, we will visit either the Cathedral of the Annunciation or the Cathedral of the Archangel. Red Square may be closed/blocked at any time. During the months that the Peterhof fountains are unavailable, a tour of the palace will be available with this option. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 The guide was fantastic - personable, friendly, and knowledgeable. The hotels were wonderful. 99 - Collette Traveller

## SPAIN & MOROCCO

14 DAYS · 18 MEALS STARTING AT \$4349

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • Córdoba • The Alhambra • Seville • Flamenco Show • Jerez de la Frontera • Tangier • Chefchaouen • Fes • Rabat • Mausoleum of Mohammed V • Marrakech • Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a Flamenco show in enchanting Seville.
- Embark on a walking tour of Córdoba's religious marvel, the Mezquita.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of the ancient Medina of Fes.

## **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 11 — Choose how you explore Marrakech: visit either the Jardin Majorelle Botanical Gardens, a colourful oasis in the center of Marrakech, and the Berber Museum
 -OR- the Yves Saint Laurent Museum.

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## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Enjoy a tour and tasting of sherry at a bodega.
- Savour a Moroccan dinner at a traditional Riad.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight	
Days 2, 3	Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid	
Day 4	Catalonia Hotel, Granada	
Days 5, 6	NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville	
Day 7	Hilton Tanger City Center, Tangier	
Days 8, 9	Barcelo Fes Medina, Fes	
Days 10 - 12	Radisson Blu Marrakech Carre Eden, Marrakech	
Day 13	Radisson Blu Hotel City Center, Casablanca	

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Make your way across two continents and discover a vivid tapestry of cultures, customs, and cuisines.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Visit two continents and enjoy a true taste of Spain and Morocco's centuries-old customs, cuisine and colourful culture.

#### Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic capital city. Gather with new friends tonight for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Madrid

On a guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore Madrid, or instead, choose to purchase an optional tour to magnificent Toledo, a 192 B.C. UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Tagus River. (B)

#### Day 4: Madrid - Córdoba - Granada

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Córdoba. Reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Córdoba when you choose to take the optional AVE high-speed train! Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's wellpreserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, continue on to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. (B)

#### Day 5: Granada - Seville

This morning, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. Then enjoy some free time before we depart for Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

#### Day 6: Seville - Flamenco - Seville

Join a local expert in discovering the city's historic Mudéjar architecture, and uncover the intriguing myths, stories and legends of Seville. Get a sense of this fascinating city during a panoramic tour where you will be able to see many of its most famous sites, including the Giralda Bell Tower. Then visit the majestic Seville Cathedral (UNESCO). Continue on to the winding narrow streets, quaint courtyards, bright flowers, and whitewashed buildings of Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter of Seville. Later today, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B)

#### **Day 7:** Seville - Jerez de la Frontera - Tangier, Morocco

Depart Seville and journey to Spain's sherry region. Stop at a bodega in Jerez de la Frontera for a tour and tasting before sitting down for a tapas lunch. After lunch we will head south and board the high speed ferry to the incredible continent of Africa! A short ride across the Strait of Gibraltar brings you to Morocco and the city of Tangier. Enjoy a free evening to explore this revitalized seaside city. Take a stroll along the oceanfront promenade, visit the new marina, do some shopping in the Medina, or simply enjoy the views from any one of the city's many restaurants. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Tangier - Chefchaouen - Fes

Journey from Tangier to Chefchaouen - the "Blue City" of Morocco. Take in the beauty of the surrounding mountains, enhanced by the contrast of the brightly painted buildings. Enjoy free time to explore the famous indigo-blue streets of this small town and stop in one of the many handicraft shops where you can find the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. This evening, arrive in Fes (UNESCO). The "Mecca of the West," Fes has retained its position as a religious capital of the region. Tonight enjoy dinner in a traditional Riad. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion during a fascinating tour. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the Palace. Then, set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to the world's oldest continuously functioning university. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market, you'll find spices and colourful wares in a labyrinth of streets and alleyways. Learn about the famous leather tanneries, a tradition dating back to the 11th century View the honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colours. (B)

#### Day 10: Fes - Rabat - Marrakech

This morning, it's off to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, where during your city tour you'll visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and explore the Oudaya Kasbah. This evening, arrive in the exotic city of Marrakech. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Marrakech 😵

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace with its marble floors and exquisite carved cedar ceilings. Visit the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Enter the 11th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. Later this afternoon, it's your choice! Visit one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Morocco, Jardin Majorelle, before venturing to the Berber Museum -OR- visit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum – a showcase of art, fashion, and design by the iconic French Algerian designer. This evening, perhaps you will join an optional horse-drawn carriage through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B)

#### Day 12: Marrakech

Today you will have a full day to explore "the pink city" of Marrakech at your own pace. You might choose to return to the medina for some more exploration or you may choose to take a trip to the Agafay Desert including lunch and a camel ride. (B)

#### Day 13: Marrakech - Casablanca

This morning, venture to Casablanca and tour the Hassan II Mosque, a stunning and impressive high-tech architectural masterpiece. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to your farewell dinner at Rick's Café, the legendary saloon from the film Casablanca. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour of two continents and two countries with a rich, long-shared history comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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### FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

BARCELONA 3-NIGHT PRE TOUR STARTING AT: \$960 PP



#### LISBON 3-NIGHT POST TOUR STARTING AT: \$820 PP



66 We were impressed with the itinerary and the tour directors were excellent. 99
– Collette Traveller

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Cordoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.
- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 4 In Toledo, visit the Church of Santo Tome and view El Greco's masterpiece painting -OR- visit the museum of Santa Maria la Blanca.
- Day 6 In Seville, walk along the Santa Cruz Quarter and Plaza de España with an expert guide
   -OR- see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.

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### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Take a bite of the local culture at a light tapas lunch.
- Savour Spanish wines with every included dinner.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid
- Days 5, 6 NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville
- Day 7 Barcelo Carmen, Granada
- Days 8, 9 SH Valencia Palace, Valencia
- Days 10, 11 NH Collection Barcelona Podium, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Embark on a Spanish adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to a colourful and cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain.

#### Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Madrid

During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid's historic centre, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Join a local expert to explore the masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. (B)

#### Day 4: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid 📀

Travel to Toledo (UNESCO), the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Embark on a comprehensive tour, highlighting the magnificent Gothic cathedral. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the Church of Santo Tome and view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz **-OR-** explore the Santa Maria la Blanca museum, located in a former synagogue recognized as the oldest synagogue building still standing in Europe. (B)

#### Day 5: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Perhaps you'll opt to take the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and increase free time in Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. End your day in Seville, considered to be Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

#### Day 6: Seville 💔

Decide how you see Seville because **it's your choice!** Walk the Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses before continuing to the Plaza de España -**OR**- see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) – the largest gothic church in the world – and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. End the afternoon with a light tapas lunch, overlooking the cathedral. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B, L)

#### Day 7: Seville - Granada

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#### Day 8: Granada - Valencia

Travel through Spain on your way to the Mediterranean coast. Pass by rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves before arriving





in the city of Valencia. A treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, Valencia is surrounded by citrus groves. (B)

# **Day 9:** Valencia - Albufera - Valencia

On a panoramic tour of Valencia, see the City of Arts and Sciences – an ultramodern educational institution. Explore the city's old town on foot, discovering the history with a local expert. View the ornate towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll shop side-byside with the locals. Enjoy time on your own to explore. Travel to Albufera, the area where paella first originated. Enjoy a boat ride on the canals surrounding the rice field plantations. Visit a traditional fisherman's home, known as a *barraca*, and enjoy a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. (B, L)

#### Day 10: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas. (B)

#### Day 11: Barcelona

Embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and Antoni Gaudi's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert will accompany you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), considered to be the most famous of Gaudi's works. Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2026 on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your trip to Spain. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of a beautiful land or begin your Costa Brava post-trip extension. (B)

# Featured Post Tour Extension



#### **Optional 4-Night Barcelona & Costa Brava Post-Tour** Starting at \$1505 pp

#### Day 12: Barcelona

Take a full day at leisure in Barcelona. Delve into the historic Gothic Quarter with quaint shops and eateries. Perhaps you'd like to head over to Park Güell and its mosaic walls, or spend some time exploring the shops and restaurants of Las Ramblas. The day is yours to enjoy Barcelona in all its glory.

#### **Day 13:** Barcelona - Girona -Costa Brava

Set out for Girona in the morning, a beautiful medieval city known for its Old Quarter. You'll meet with a local guide and take a tour of the city before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Then, head for the coast, where you'll arrive at your seaside hotel in Costa Brava and settle in for the next 3 nights. (B, L)

#### Day 14: Costa Brava

Today is yours to enjoy Costa Brava how you'd like. Take advantage of this day at leisure – maybe heading down to the private beach or venturing into the local towns for some souvenir shopping. (B)

#### **Day 15:** Costa Brava - Calella de Palafrugell - Llafranc -Besalu - Costa Brava

Today, your local guide will meet you at your hotel for an incredible walking tour. You'll head first to the beautiful village of Calella de Palafrugell for a coastal walk towards the quaint village of Llafranc. Then, you'll drive to the Dalí Theatre-Museum, where the surreal outside architecture matches the legendary works inside. After taking in the mind-boggling art of Salvador Dalí, you'll continue on to the medieval village of Besalu for free time and lunch. Arrive back at your hotel with enough time to relax before your farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

**Day 16:** Costa Brava - Barcelona Say farewell to the Catalonian coast and Spain as you depart for home. (B)

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(different itinerary - see note\*) January 28 February 4, 25 March 4, 18, 25 April 1, 3, 22, 24, 29 \*Itinerary featured is for

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## SPAIN'S **CLASSICS &** PORTUGAL

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Barcelona - La Sagrada Familia -Valencia - Paella Experience - Granada -The Alhambra - Seville - Flamenco Show Cordoba - Madrid - The Prado Museum Toledo - Elvas - Lisbon - Jeronimo's Monastery - Belém - Nazare - Obidos

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Cordoba, take a walking tour of La Mezquita, an architectural marvel.
- Stop in the little known town of Peniscola, the "City in the Sea."

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Days 2, 3	H10 Casanova, Barcelona
Days 4, 5	SH Valencia Palace, Valencia or AC Hotel by Marriott, Valencia
Day 6	Catalonia Hotel, Granada
Days 7, 8	Barcelo Renacimiento, Seville or NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville
Days 9, 10	H10 Puerta de Alcala, Madrid
Day 11	Vila Gale Collection, Elvas

Days 12 - 14 Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon



You are on your way to a colourful cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain and Portugal.

### Day 2: Barcelona, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Spain. Begin your journey in the vibrant city of Barcelona. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Barcelona

TRAVEL STYLE:

CLASSIC

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#### Day 4: Barcelona - Peniscola - Valencia

Today, say goodbye to Barcelona! On your way to Valencia, stop in beautiful Peniscola where you will enjoy free time to explore on your own. This fortified town and its Knights Templar Castle dating back to the 13th century are a little hidden gem. End your day in Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. Perhaps you will join an optional tour that explores the myths and legends of Valencia. (B)

### Day 5: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia

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Toledo

#### Day 6: Valencia - Granada

Today you'll make your way to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a nearby restaurant. (B, D)

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During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which boasts some of the world's finest collections of art. Your afternoon is free to explore this fascinating city. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Madrid - Toledo - Elvas, Portugal 😯

Travel to Toledo (UNESCO), the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Embark on a comprehensive tour, highlighting the magnificent Gothic cathedral. Then, it's your choice! Visit the Church of Santo Tome and view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz -OR- explore the Santa Maria la Blanca museum, located in a former synagogue and recognized as the oldest synagogue building still standing in Europe. Bid Spain adios and cross the border into Portugal, arriving in the garrison town of Elvas, a World Heritage site. (B)

#### Day 12: Elvas - Lisbon

After enjoying a relaxing morning in Elvas, travel to Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Spend your day uncovering legends of the country's past, including visits to Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belém (UNESCO). Enjoy time in the evening to settle into your new home for the next 3 nights. (B)

#### Day 13: Lisbon

The day is yours! Discover the capital city on your own. Consider tasting the city's cuisine or taking the historic tram to the vibrant Alfama district. Perhaps you will go on an optional excursion to the Portuguese Riviera, visiting the picturesque towns of Cascais and Sintra. (B)

#### Day 14: Lisbon - Nazare - Obidos -Lisbon

Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins with the quaint seaside town of Nazare,

famous for its dramatic cliffs. Continue on to the medieval walled town of Obidos. You will have free time to explore each town independently. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage. (B)



#### Optional 4-Night Madeira Island Post-Tour Starting at \$890<sup>+</sup> pp

#### Day 15: Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira 😵

Fly to Madeira Island, the "pearl of the Atlantic." Madeira boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Here **it's your choice!** Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents **-OR-** discover Madeira's history during a walking tour of Funchal's plazas, Colonial mansions, 15thcentury cathedral and the local market.

#### Day 16: Funchal

The day is yours. Perhaps you'll embark on an optional trek along the island's levadas, wandering through lush greenery or simply relax and enjoy the amenities that your hotel has to offer. No matter how you spend the day, gather in the evening for a traditional dinner known as an *espetada*. Folk dancers and lively music entertain you as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

#### **Day 17:** Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - Porto Moniz - Funchal

Begin your day in Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with a picture-perfect bay which served as a special retreat for Sir Winston Churchill. It is here where he admired Madeira's natural beauty and became captivated by the region painting various images of the village. Drive along mountain roads, pass banana plantations and vineyards while en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. Arrive in the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools before returning to Funchal. (B)

#### Day 18: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

### Day 19: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Depart for home with Portugal in your heart as your tour ends today. (B) † Additional air segment purchase required.

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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February 12
March 5, 19, 26 April 2, 19, 23
May 7, 14, 21, 28
*Itinerary featured is for June 2022 – May 2023 tour departures Departures prior

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June 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary) June 4, 18 July 16 August 13 September 3, 17, 24 October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5

December 3 February 11 March 4, 18 April 15, 22, 29 May, 6, 13, 20

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Rome and depart from Lisbon. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. On the rare occasion that the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona is not available, you will instead visit another top Spanish attraction. Alhambra tickets are not guaranteed and subject to availability per Spanish Governing Authority. On the occasion that tickets are not available, you will visit another top Spanish attraction and your group leader or travel agent will be notified. Complete passport information is required 120 days prior to departure to book tickets to the Alhambra. If passport information is incomplete or inaccurate within 120 days prior to your tour departure, there is a strong possibility that we will be unable to confirm entrance tickets. You will be subject to any additional charges incurred from failing to provide passport information within the designated time frame. All rates in Canadian dollars

66 Our tour director was excellent. Very knowledgeable about the history and culture of locations, and very attentive to the needs of participants. In the time we had, we saw and learned a great deal. 99

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**NEW TOUR** 

## SPAIN & PORTUGAL: COSTA DEL SOL TO THE PORTUGUESE RIVIERA

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS starting at \$3999

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Málaga • White Villages of Andalusia • Ronda • Cordoba • La Mezquita • Horse Ranch • Home Hosted Lunch • Seville Cathedral • Estremoz • Cascais • Lisbon • Sintra • Quinta da Regaleira

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- View Lisbon in a new way through the windows of your private tram.
- Experience Ronda, one of Spain's loveliest and most historic towns.
- Explore Sintra, the summer residence of Portuguese kings for centuries.

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 8 — In Seville, walk along the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter -OR- see the city from a different perspective with a horse and carriage ride to Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Sample Málaga's delicacies during a tour of the city.
- Enjoy a farm-to-table home-hosted meal in Ronda.
- Indulge in tapas with rooftop views of Seville.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight Days 2 - 4 NH Málaga, Malaga
- Days 5, 6 H10 Palacio Colomera,
- Cordoba Days 7, 8 H10 Casa de la Plata or NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville
- Days 9 11 Pestana Cidadela, Cascais
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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### TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



From bustling cities to peaceful stays on the Mediterranean coast, get a true taste of the Iberian Peninsula.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Enjoy a true taste of the Iberian Peninsula. Your tour begins with an overnight flight.

#### Day 2: Málaga, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Málaga, a city known for its Andalusian lifestyle and birthplace of artist Pablo Picasso. Later this afternoon, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception.

#### Day 3: Málaga

Discover the port city of Málaga with a local guide. Walk through the colourful market stalls and learn about the history and culture of this seaside community. Stop at a local restaurant for *churros con chocolate*. Visit the Alcazaba, an ancient fortress where Roman, Arabic, and Renaissance cultures intersect. Meet a local from the Sepulcro Brotherhood to learn about the importance of the brotherhoods to the local culture. Then, stop at a local bodega bar to sample the famous Malaga sweet fortified wine. End your morning with a guided visit of the Picasso Museum, viewing paintings by this iconic artist. (B, D)

## Day 4: Málaga - Frigiliana - Nerja - Málaga

Today we will journey to the picturesque white villages of Andalusia. The village of Frigiliana, considered to be one of the most beautiful villages in Andalusia, will make you feel as though you have stepped back in time as you take in its whitewashed houses and historical sites while walking through the narrow cobblestone streets. Travel to the town of Nerja and explore its famous caves, home to one of the world's largest stalactites. In Nerja, visit the Balcón de Europa, a balcony in the centre of town with stunning views of the sea. Return to Málaga where you can choose to join your Tour Manager on a sunset marina stroll, the perfect way to say goodbye to Málaga. (B)

#### Day 5: Málaga - Ronda - Cordoba

Head to Ronda, a historic town perched upon a cliff in Andalusia. Explore the old town full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. During your walking tour, hear about the often-debated topic of bullfighting in this city rich with bullfighting lore. Visit the stunning Casa don Bosco, a modernist mansion featuring Nazarite tiles, a beautiful garden, and breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. Complete your tour of Ronda and be welcomed in to a local's home for a farm-to-table home-hosted lunch. Arrive in Cordoba this evening. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Cordoba

Begin your day with a visit to a family run horse ranch. Then immerse yourself in the culture of Cordoba when you admire the rows of patios filled with colourful flowers and plants. Meet with a local to discuss the tradition and importance of these bountiful displays. Later, tour the magnificent Mezquita (UNESCO). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. End the day with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Cordoba - Seville

Depart Cordoba for Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." Get to know Seville on a panoramic city tour featuring the famous Bull Ring, Torre de Oro, Plaza de España, and Maria Luisa Park. Get a true taste of Seville when you indulge in a light tapas lunch. Then, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO), the largest gothic cathedral in the world. View the ornate architecture of the cathedral and see Christopher Columbus' tomb. This evening, take in sweeping views of Seville from atop the Mirador Setas viewpoint. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Seville 😯

In Seville, **it's your choice!** Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings and winding streets -**OR**- take a horse and carriage ride through Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park – one of the loveliest parks in all of Europe. Later this afternoon, during our **Impact Moment**, participate in a flamenco lesson at Fundación Cristina Heeren de Arte Flamenco, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the art of flamenco in Spain and internationally. After your lesson, enjoy a traditional flamenco performance. (B)

# **Day 9:** Seville - Estremoz, Portugal - Cascais

Say *adios* to Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Estremoz – a historic town whose marble can be found in Portuguese monuments throughout the country. After a lunch full of local flavours, continue on to Cascais, the picturesque resort town situated along the coast of the Portuguese Riviera. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais

Your journey takes you to Lisbon, Europe's second oldest capital city. We will start in Belem, home to many of Lisbon's most iconic sites and its most famous pastry – pasteis de Belem. After viewing the sprawling Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO), embark on a panoramic city tour on one of Lisbon's iconic trams taking you through the postcard-worthy streets of this charming city! Return to Cascais, where the rest of the day is yours to explore independently. This evening, you may choose to join an optional experience to savour Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform traditional Fado (UNESCO). (B)

#### Day 11: Cascais - Sintra - Cascais

Head to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Explore the Quinta da Regaleira, a 20th-century palace with an elaborate gothic façade and beautiful gardens. Then stop at a local bakery and indulge in a local pastry before enjoying some time on your own to discover this storybook town. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner featuring savoury Portuguese flavors. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Cascais - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



#### **Optional 2-Night Madrid Pre-Tour** Starting at \$820 pp

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Madrid.

#### Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Madrid

During a locally guided walking tour of Madrid's historic centre, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Then, you are free to explore the city on your own using your metro card. (B)

#### Day 4: Madrid

Today the day is yours to explore this magnificent city. Maybe you will choose to visit the Prado Museum with your included entrance tickets, or continue to discover Madrid's elegant boulevards and rich culture. (B)

#### Day 5: Madrid - Málaga

Board your train to Málaga where you will join your fellow travellers for your main tour. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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January - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 29 February 12, 26 March 5, 26 April 2, 23, 27 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - May 2023 tour departures. Departures prior

confirm at time of reservation. May 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary) May 7, 14 July 9, 18 July 9, 23 August 13 September 3, 10, 17, 24 October 1, 8, 22 November 5, 26 December 3 January 28 February 11, 25 March 11, 25 April 12, 15, 29 May 6, 20

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Malaga and depart from Lisbon. Our transfers will depart from Cascais to Lisbon airport (approximately a 40-minute drive). Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to local festivities, the order of your included visits in Cordoba may change. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

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Small group; choice of towns visited and excursions. Local guides were excellent. Enjoyed dining at a locals home for home cooked meal of tapas, etc. Also, we really enjoyed having some free time each day to explore on our own and relax. We also enjoyed the pace - although we saw a lot and had numerous excursions, it wasn't a rigorous pace. 99

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## NEW TOUR FLAVOURS OF PORTUGAL & SPAIN

16 DAYS · 21 MEALS starting at \$4949

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Tagus River Cruise • Coimbra • Porto • Port Wine Tastings • Braga • Douro River Valley • Douro River Cruise • Salamanca • Burgos • La Rioja • Pamplona • Bullfighter's Home Experience • San Sebastian • Bilbao • Guggenheim Museum • *Pintxos* Tapas Pub Crawl • Cider House Farewell Dinner

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stay in picturesque *quinta* estate in the Douro River Valley for 2 nights.
- Visit a bullfighter's family home in Pamplona and learn about this tradition.
- Visit Braga's historical downtown and climb to "Bom Jesus de Braga."

## **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 9 Rise early for a train ride to take in the scenic views of the Douro River Valley -OR- start your day later and join the chefs at the hotel to learn to make *petiscos*, Portuguese tapas.
- Day 15 Explore the coastline of Basque Country during a visit to the villages of Zumaia and Getaria -OR- take a hike along the coastal St. James' Way -OR- take time at leisure to experience San Sebastián however you choose.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

14 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D) - Enjoy wine tastings in the Douro and

- Rioja regions.
- Go on a "pub crawl" to taste *pintxo* tapas.
  Tour a cider house before savouring cider-
- infused cuisine in Spain's Basque region.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 4Iberostar Selection Hotel,<br/>LisbonDays 5 7Porto Royal Bridges Hotel, Porto
- Days 8, 9 The Wine House Hotel Quinta da Pacheca, Douro River Valley

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- Castellanos, Salamanca Days 11, 12 Hotel Palacio Tondon, La Rioja Days 13 - 15 NH Collection Aranzazu, San Sebastian
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Day 10



## Taste the essence of Portugal and Spain as you wander through historic cities with rich culture and vintage wines.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Sparkling coastlines... historic cityscapes... mouthwatering cuisine... aromatic wine... Northern Portugal and Spain await you with open arms for the journey of a lifetime.

#### Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Arrive in Lisbon, the trendy capital of Portugal. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to officially kick off an experiencerich adventure. (D)

#### Day 3: Lisbon

Set off for a walking tour that takes you to the Praça do Comercio in downtown Lisbon, one of the biggest squares in Europe. This gorgeous square flaunts colourful artwork and sculptures. Climb aboard a private tram to discover Lisbon from its hills. Postcard-worthy vistas greet you at every turn. Travel through historic neighbourhoods hearing the kinds of stories that bring the city and its meandering, colourful neighbourhoods to life. Walk to the Chiado neighbourhood and embrace its elegant flair and bohemian vibe or return back to the hotel by subway. (B)

#### Day 4: Lisbon

Explore Lisbon today at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer to tour today, choose an optional excursion to Ericeira and Sintra; from wind swept cliffs in Ericeira to the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra you will learn a thousand fascinating tales. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a private cruise on the Tagus River for a truly unique way to experience Lisbon. Sail by the Monument to the Discoveries and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO) before crossing the river to see "Christ the King" statue. (B)

#### Day 5: Lisbon - Coimbra - Porto

Depart Portugal's capital city and head to its former capital – Coimbra, home to the famous University of Coimbra, built in the 14th century. Embark on a panoramic tour of this famed city, including the historic old town. Finally, arrive in the stunning coastal city of Porto. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Porto

Today, a city tour of Porto reveals all of its many charms. See the São Bento Railway Station, which opened in 1916 and remains one of Portugal's most striking stations. Visit the Bolsa Palace (UNESCO), otherwise known as the Stock Exchange Palace – a 19th century Neoclassical masterpiece. Tonight, relax with dinner on your own... or perhaps you will opt to visit Vila Nova de Gaia and get a taste for the port wine production scene with a tour and tasting before enjoying a market dinner with all the local flavour you could ask for! (B)

#### Day 7: Porto - Braga - Porto

Today, travel to Braga and behold the "Bom Jesus do Monte" (UNESCO) – a sanctuary and Christian pilgrimage site in Tenões that boasts stunning Baroque architecture. After an included lunch, walk the narrow streets of the historic downtown. Braga has one of the highest concentrations of churches in Portugal. After, enjoy free time to explore on your own. With so many shops and its quaint charm, you will find plenty of ways to pass the time in Braga. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Porto - Amarante - Douro

Today, say *tchau* to Porto and set out for the Douro wine region where you'll indulge in two nights on the grounds of a gorgeous winery. En route to Douro, stop in Amarante, a quaint town set on a bend in the Rio Tamega. From its balconied houses to its willow-lined riverbanks, this town is full of surprises. Finally, step into your home for the next two nights in the heart of the Douro River Valley. Later, wander down to the cellar for a tasting before enjoying a dinner complete with locally sourced, traditional Portuguese cuisine. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Douro 😯

Today, **it's your choice!** Choose to board a local train to see the Douro River and all of the UNESCO World Heritage Site spots that dot the Douro landscape **-OR-** stay at Quinta da Pacheca for a relaxed morning before rolling your sleeves up for a cooking class (of course you'll dine on your creations with a light lunch of *petiscos*, or Portuguese tapas). This afternoon, join your fellow travellers for a cruise down the Douro River on a traditional wooden rabelo boat. Marvel at the rows of twisting vines, lush trees, and colourful houses from a different perspective. (B)

Day 10: Douro - Salamanca, Spain Depart the lush Douro wine region and cross the border into Spain! In Salamanca, feel like you've stepped back in time as you take a short walking tour and learn more about this ancient city. With over two thousand years of history and its sandstone architecture, Salamanca is a little gem waiting to be discovered. (B)

# **Day 11:** Salamanca - Burgos - La Rioja

Today, leave for the famous Rioja wine region! On your way, stop in Burgos where you will get to know the city during a walking tour. From its pedestrian-friendly riverside to the historic Plaza Mayor, Burgos delivers a traditional Spanish experience. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. Finally, arrive in La Rioja, your home for the next two nights. During your stay at a winery hotel, take in the mountainous vistas. Tonight, enjoy a wine tasting before savouring a farm-to-table tasting menu that highlights the local cuisine. (B, D)

# **Day 12:** La Rioja - Pamplona - La Rioja

Today, it's off to Pamplona, the capital of the Navarre province and home to the

legendary Feast of San Fermin - the Running of the Bulls. Once every year, bulls are led through the city's streets by daredevil runners and today, a local guide takes you on a city tour of Pamplona where you can hear all about its colourful, unique history before visiting the family home of a bullfighter. The bullfighter's family greets you in the traditional way - with light tapas and drinks - truly welcoming you into their world for a little while. During your visit, learn firsthand about bullfighting traditions, controversies and enjoy the chance to ask your own questions. As you make your way back to stunning Rioja, stop at the Margues de Riscal Winery nestled in the center of Spain's beautiful Basque country - one of the most fascinating wineries to behold with its famously avantgarde design. (B)

#### Day 13: La Rioja - San Sebastian

Are your shoes made for walking? Today, set off for an extensive walking tour of San Sebastian, a coastal city that runs along the Bay of Biscay. With its strong regional character, quaint old town and beachfront life, you will feel like a local as you meander through charming neighbourhoods boasting traditional architecture. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own before rejoining your fellow travellers for a panoramic tour along the coastal road, finding picture-perfect views that will take your breath away. (B)

#### Day 14: San Sebastian - Bilbao -San Sebastian

Head to Bilbao to visit the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, set along the Nervion River and hailed as a true icon of architectural culture, with its contemporary design. See some of the modern art housed inside its fascinating walls. Then take a walking tour of Bilbao's old town where you can find historic old churches, festive markets and guintessential Spanish squares. After all this walking, it's time for a "pub crawl" - tapas style! Experience tasty *pintxos* - the Basque version of tapas at various local spots for a truly unique lunch experience. End the day with some free time in the historic Bilbao downtown before returning to San Sebastian. (B, L)

#### Day 15: San Sebastian 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** You can choose a guided tour of the coastal villages of Zumaia and Getaria for a special opportunity to explore the glimmering Spanish coastline and enjoy a tasting of Txakoli wine **-OR-** take a leisurely hike along the "Camino of Saint James" and make your way back to the city centre, enjoying a healthy, scenic experience in this beautiful destination. Lastly you can

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choose to stay in San Sebastian to relax or further explore on your own! A great spot for shoppers and foodies alike, there is plenty to do to pass the time. Later, travel with your fellow travellers to Astigarraga – famous for its hard cider – for a truly special farewell dinner inside of a *sagardotegi*, a cider house. Tour the *sagardotegi* learning all about the importance of cider in Basque cuisine, before savouring a traditional meal and toasting the end of your unforgettable journey! (B, D)

#### Day 16: San Sebastian - Tour Ends

Today, your tour of Portugal and Spain comes to a close – all of the wonderful memories will truly be the best souvenirs. (B)

DOUBLE SOLO	Starting at <b>\$4949</b> Starting at <b>\$6299</b>	Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
	Prices based on December 4	, 2022 departure.
<b>May 2022 - May</b> May 8, 15 June 12 July 10 August 28 September 4, 18, 2	October 2, 16, 23 November 6 December 4 January 29	March 5, 12 April 16, 23 May 7, 14

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## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES WITH BARCELONA

## 10 DAYS · 15 MEALS starting at \$2499

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Fatima • Aljustrel • Valinhos • Cathedral of Burgos • Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas • Lourdes • Grotto of Massabielle • Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Worship in the most revered basilicas of Fatima and Lourdes.
- Spend time at the magnificent Cathedral of Burgos.
- Visit Gaudi's masterpiece La Sagrada Familia and celebrate Mass.
- View the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos.

## SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit sites associated with the revered Saint Bernadette, including her birthplace and baptismal font.
- Celebrate Mass on nearly every day of your journey.
- Connect with your faith on a candlelight procession in Lourdes.

## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy regional wine with every included dinner.
- Gather for a memorable farewell dinner in Barcelona.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Hotel de Fatima, Fatima
- Days 4, 5 Silken Gran Teatro Hotel or Abba Hotel, Burgos
- Days 6, 7 Mercure Imperial Hotel, Lourdes
- Days 8, 9 Catalonia Eixample 1864 Hotel or H10 Casanova Hotel, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Travel to two of the world's most revered pilgrimage centres and experience the wonderful cultures and beauty of Portugal, France, and Spain.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel overnight to Portugal, one of Europe's most hospitable countries. Here, you can enjoy a superb climate, historic sites and beautiful scenery.

**Day 2:** Fatima, Portugal - Tour Begins Your tour begins in Fatima, Portugal's worldfamous religious centre. (D)

#### Day 3: Fatima - Aljustrel - Fatima

You may celebrate Mass before travelling to the original town of Fatima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptized. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. Later, return to Fatima to enjoy free time for personal worship and to explore the basilica and its grounds. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Fatima - Burgos, Spain

Attend a morning Mass before travelling east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim's Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into the sky. Mass is available this evening. (B)

#### Day 5: Burgos

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos' beautiful medieval town centre. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos, a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the starry dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12th-century Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Burgos - Lourdes, France

Today, travel northeast through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin



Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, for a total of 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1858. Since then, this little market town has been a world-renowned pilgrimage site. Tonight you may wish to partake in a candlelight procession. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Lourdes

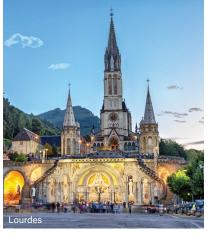
After morning Mass, enjoy a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette: the "Boly Mill" (site of the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the "Cachot," and the parish church housing the baptismal font of St. Bernadette. Later, enjoy some time at leisure to explore the town's rich historical and natural heritage. Become immersed in the atmosphere that reigned during the apparitions and revel in the spirit of brotherhood that is still present today. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Lourdes - Barcelona, Spain

Celebrate Mass before crossing back into Spain on your way to Barcelona, one of Europe's most fascinating cities. (B)

#### Day 9: Barcelona

Celebrate Mass at the crypt of La Sagrada Familia, followed by a visit to the elaborate,





expansive basilica. Once completed, Gaudi's masterpiece will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. Later, get to know more of the city's treasures, including views of Antonio Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic. Spend this afternoon at leisure exploring the city further or choose an optional excursion to the quaint mountain village of Montserrat. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a dinner celebrating the end of a memorable tour. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home eager to share vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

 ● Overnight stay
 Bay of Biscay
 France

 ● Visit
 Burgos ●
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 Mediterranean Sea

#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

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POST NIGHT	STOPOVER
BARCELONA	CHOOSE FROM:
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**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

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	Prices based on November	6, 2022 departure.
<b>May 2022 - May</b> May 1, 22, 29 June 5, 19 July 10 August 14	2023 September 4, 11, October 2, 9, 16, 2 November 6, 13 December 4	

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66 My wife had always wanted to go to Fátima and this tour was perfect. With knowledgeable guides and perfect hotels, we were able to visit the shrines and have Mass every day in locations I could not have imagined. ??
 Collette Traveller

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## SUNNY PORTUGAL

### 10 DAYS · 12 MEALS starting at \$2349

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Portuguese Riviera - Lisbon - Belem • Obidos - Sintra - Arraiolos - Cork Factory - Evora - Winery Visit - Alentejo -Monsaraz - Lagos - Algarve - Faro -Tavira - 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites - Azeitao

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend the night in Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."
- Enjoy a leisurely 3-night stay on the sunny coast of the Algarve.
- Enjoy a 3-night stay in the Portuguese Riviera town of Cascais

## V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Explore Sintra independently -OR- join a guided tour of the National Palace of Sintra.



From the coastal capital of Lisbon to the sunny cliffs of the Algarve, venture along Portugal's shoreline.



During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Guests are responsible for handling their own luggage when getting on and off the train. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

### Featured Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Porto Pre-Tour Starting at \$820 pp

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on your overnight flight to Porto, Portugal.

#### Day 2: Porto, Portugal - Tour Begins

Arrive in Porto, a city that's steeped in history and built with an artistic architectural eye. Here, you'll find quiet cafes perfect for sipping a glass of Port wine and watching the world go by. Tonight, you'll find out why Porto is regarded as a culinary hotspot during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

# **Day 3:** Porto - Vila Nova de Gaia - Porto

Get to know this captivating city with a walking tour led by a local expert. Take in the grandeur of *Praça da Liberdade* Square, Sao Bento Train Station and its iconic *azulejo* tiles, and a visit to the Palácio da Bolsa, the Stock Exchange Palace, to see the legendary "Arab Room." Cross the Dom Luis I bridge into the neighbouring city of *Vila Nova de Gaia* where we will visit a wine cellar for a tour and tasting. The afternoon is yours. (B)

#### Day 4: Porto

Today is yours to explore Porto how you'd like. Take advantage of this day at leisure – maybe heading into the Livraria Lello, considered to be one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world or visiting a local restaurant to try the famous local delicacy, the "francesinha" sandwich. (B)

#### Day 5: Porto - Lisbon - Cascais

Board a train to Lisbon, where you'll transfer to Cascais to join your tour and start the next leg of your travels. (B)







BASE TOUR BEGINS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Ancient castles and Roman ruins, groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals – Portugal is waiting for you.

#### Day 2: Cascais, Portugal - Tour Begins

Say hello to the Portuguese Riviera, your home for the next three nights with mansions scattered about Cascais and Monte Estoril – all hinting at its history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais

Embark on a panoramic Lisbon city tour and uncover the city's most famous sights. Travel to Belém where you'll see the Belém Tower (UNESCO World Heritage site), and the Monument to the Discoveries. Step into the past at the 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO) and Lisbon's Maritime Museum, which offers a glimpse into the country's naval achievements. Back in Cascais, enjoy some time to discover the narrow cobblestone streets, meandering past seaside cafés or pausing to shop for ceramics, lace, and hand-woven works. You're on your own for the remainder of the day. You may choose to join an optional experience to savour Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform traditional Fado, included in UNESCO's list as a World Cultural Heritage. (B)

#### Day 4: Cascais - Obidos - Sintra -Cascais 😵

Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking city that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore this quaint hilltop village independently and wander through the winding streets lined with cork products and pastries **-OR-** venture into the National Palace of Sintra. On your return to Lisbon stop to admire the stunning Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe. (B)

#### Day 5: Cascais - Arraiolos - Evora

Make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit Arraiolos, known as the "village of rugs," and delve into the history and art of Portuguese tapestries. Visit a local cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy and why Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you to Evora (UNESCO) – the "Museum City of Portugal." In addition to Evora's 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana, this medieval walled city is also the home to the mysterious 16th-century Chapel of Bones. Indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour and tasting. (B)

#### Day 6: Evora - Monsaraz - Lagos

Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve – the southernmost region of Portugal. On the way, pause to take in the dramatic vistas from the village of Monsaraz. Then, explore the historic town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. From this bustling port city, many celebrated voyagers began their explorations. Stroll by the fortress and historic buildings as you take in the surrounding views of the Atlantic. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Lagos

The entire day is yours to experience the incomparable Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's

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## SUNNY PORTUGAL (CONTINUED)

## 10 DAYS · 12 MEALS starting at \$2349

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

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a winery tour.
- Savour the flavours of the Algarve with a tasting menu featuring iconic local dishes, liquors and pastries.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4
   Hotel Vila Gale, Cascais

   ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
   During your stay at the Vila

   Gale Cascais Hotel, you
   may choose to upgrade to a

   Standard Sea View room.
   LIMITED AVAILABILITY CALL FOR DETAILS

   Day 5
   Vitoria Stone Hotel, Evora
- Days 6 8 Hotel Vila Gale Lagos, Algarve Day 9 Turim Marques Hotel or Iberostar Selection, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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mild climate and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world. You may choose to join an optional experience that will get you closer to the some of the most famous coastal scenery in Portugal. (B)

#### Day 8: Lagos - Faro - Tavira - Lagos

Journey to Faro, the capital of the Algarve. Explore the city's historic centre and see the 9th-century city walls. During lunch, discover the flavours of the region as a local chef highlights Algarve gastronomy during a cooking demonstration. Enjoy a tasting menu featuring iconic dishes of the region complete with local liquors and pastries. Continue to Tavira, an ancient Moorish city that blends traditional architecture with sandy beaches. Return to Lagos for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Lagos - Azeitao - Lisbon

En route to Lisbon, make a stop in Azeitao, a charming agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and beautiful country estates. Meet local artisans at a family-run shop and learn how the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, *azulejos*, are made. Bid Portugal goodbye during a dinner in Lisbon and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey. (B, D)

**Day 10:** Lisbon - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

#### Featured Tour Extension Optional 4-Night Madeira Island Post-Tour Starting at \$890† pp





#### Day 10: Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira 😵

Fly to Madeira Island, the "pearl of the Atlantic." Madeira boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Here **it's your choice!** Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents **-OR-** discover Madeira's history during a walking tour of Funchal's plazas, Colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and the local market.

#### Day 11: Funchal

The day is yours. Perhaps you'll embark on an optional trek along the island's *levadas*, wandering through lush greenery or simply relax and enjoy the amenities that your hotel has to offer. No matter how you spend the day, gather in the evening for a traditional dinner known as an *espetada*. Folk dancers and lively music entertain you as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

#### **Day 12:** Funchal - Monte -Câmara de Lobos - Porto Moniz - Funchal

Begin your day with a stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking

Funchal. Continue to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with a picture-perfect bay which served as a special retreat for Sir Winston Churchill. It is here where he admired Madeira's natural beauty and became captivated by the region painting various images of the village. Drive along mountain roads, pass banana plantations and vineyards while en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. Arrive in the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools before returning to Funchal. (B)

#### Day 13: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

#### Day 14: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Depart for home with Portugal in your heart as your tour draws to a close today. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

The levada walk is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Bathing suits are required if partaking in the thermal water pools at Porto Moniz. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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#### April 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary) April 30 May 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 June 7, 14, 21 July 5, 19 August 2, 16, 30 September 3, 6, 10, 13, 17 September 20, 24, 27 October 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 October 22, 25, 29

November 1, 5, 8, 12 November 15, 22, 29 December 3, 6 ★ December 27 January 24 February 7, 14, 22, 25, 28 March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20 May 23, 27

### ALSO AVAILABLE



#### Sunny Portugal featuring New Year's in Madeira

Start the new year off with a toast and fireworks on the island of Madeira.

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# PORTUGAL & ITS ISLANDS

13 DAYS · 18 MEALS starting at \$2949

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Lisbon • Belem • Jerónimos Monastery • Sintra National Palace • Portuguese Riviera • Fado Dinner Show • St. Michael Island-Azores • Ponta Delgada • Furnas Valley • Plantation Visits • Sete Cidades • Madeira Island • Espetada Dinner • Folkloric Show • Monte • Cabo Girão

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience the beauty of Portugal's Riviera with visits to Cascais and Estoril.
- Discover the bountiful crops of the Azores at pineapple and tea plantations.
- Gaze upon the pristine twin lakes of Sete Cidades.

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 6 Stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park -OR- relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool.
- Day 9 Explore the Madeira Botanical Gardens -OR- embark on a walking tour of Funchal and wander along the colourful Rua de Santa Maria.

## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 11 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Experience a truly unique *cozido das Furnas* lunch in Furnas Valley.
- Enjoy a traditional dinner, known as an *espetada*, and local folkloric entertainment.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 Eurostars Lisboa Parque, Lisbon
- Days 5 8 Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores
- Days 9 11 Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island
- Day 12 Eurostars Lisboa Parque, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience the best of Portugal as you explore its capital city, coastal villages, and remote islands.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Experience the beauty of Portugal as you travel through the capital Lisbon, the Azorean island of St. Michael, and the island of Madeira.

#### Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Lisbon where Old World traditions still thrive. Experience Portuguese cuisine, regional wines and folkloric entertainment among colourful buildings and winding pathways. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Lisbon - Belem - Lisbon

Set out on a tour of Lisbon featuring Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll wander around the sprawling Praça do Comércio next to the Tagus River, or maybe take the historic tram to the vibrant Alfama district. (B)

#### Day 4: Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril - Lisbon

Explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of Portuguese kings, and visit the National Palace. Continue to the coastal resorts of Cascais and Estoril on the Riviera. Return to Lisbon or, perhaps you'll decide to stay in Cascais or Estoril on your own, (your Tour Manager can provide you with local transportation tips). This evening, indulge in Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado (UNESCO). (B, D)

#### **Day 5:** Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores -Ponta Delgada

To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the 9 volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago. On a brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada's town centre, see the Portas da Cidade (the City Gates), Saint Christ's Church, St. Sebastian Church, and the coastal promenade. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant featuring traditional Azorean cuisine. (B, D)

#### **Day 6:** Terra Nostra Botanical Park -Furnas Valley - Ponta Delgada 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Take a stroll through the natural beauty of Terra Nostra Botanical Park **-OR-** rest and relax in the park's thermal water pool. In Furnas Valley, experience a *cozido das Furnas* lunch, cooked in the heat of the volcanic earth. Then head to the verdant pastures of a tea plantation, one of the only in Europe, and





delve into its timeless cultivation methods and trade. Later explore a local pineapple plantation before relaxing with a refreshing pineapple drink in hand. The evening is yours to do as you please. (B, L)

#### Day 7: Ponta Delgada

Make the most of a day at leisure. Perhaps you will take an optional whale watching adventure and cruise over the waves on a catamaran with an expert biologist followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Regardless of your Azorean activities during the day, gather in the evening for a cocktail and dinner set in one of the best family-run restaurants of Ponta Delgada. (B, D)

#### **Day 8:** Sete Cidades - Ribeira Grande - Ponta Delgada

Visit the Sete Cidades volcanic crater and peer down at its twin lakes. The lakes appear to be different colours - one blue (reflecting the sky) and the other green (reflecting the ground). Take a leisurely hike inside the crater before journeying to Ribeira Grande, known for its historic buildings. Visit a family-owned liqueur shop to taste some of the local liqueurs. Continue to Lagoa do Fogo, a shimmering crater lake that sits in the middle of the St. Michael Island. (B)

#### Day 9: Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira 😵

Fly to Madeira, the "Pearl of the Atlantic." Enjoy free time to explore, perhaps stopping for lunch at one of the many outdoor restaurants. Then, **it's your choice!** Discover the Madeira Botanical Gardens and make your way through a terraced landscape of more than 2,000 exotic plants **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of Funchal, including the colourful Rua de Santa Maria, decorated with vibrant murals and brightly painted doors. (B)

#### Day 10: Funchal

The day is yours. Perhaps you'll embark on an optional trek along the island's *levadas*, wandering through lush greenery or simply relax and enjoy the amenities that your hotel has to offer. No matter how you spend the day, gather in the evening for a traditional dinner known as an *espetada*. Folk dancers and lively music entertain you as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

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#### Day 12: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid "*adeus*" to Portugal during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Lisbon - Tour Ends

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lisbon. Airport transfers are available for purchase.The internal flights from Lisbon to St. Michael, Azores (2 ½ hours), St. Michael to Madeira Island (2 hours), and Madeira Island to Lisbon (90 minutes) are not included in the land-only price of this tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. For your information, the Madeira Flower Festival takes place in Spring 2022. Jeronimos Monastery as well as all other monuments in Lisbon are closed on Mondays. Our tour will not enter the monastery and will only view from the outside. The levada walk is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface. **All retes in Canadian dollars.** 

66 Loved my trip to Portugal, the Islands of St. Michael and Madeira were beautiful. 99

– Collette Traveller

## THE AZORES: JEWELS OF PORTUGAL

#### 12 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$2799

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Off-Road Sete Cidades Experience • Lagoa do Canario Viewpoint • Terra Nostra Botanical Garden • Furnas Valley • Serra do Cume • Angra do Heroismo • Algar do Carvao • Natural Thermal Pools • Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Centre • Volcanic Stone House Stay • Pico Wine Museum

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Traverse the entire rim of the Sete Cidades caldera and gaze upon the twin lakes.
- Spend 3 nights in the eco-friendly lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte.

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 6 On Terceira, choose to swim in Biscoitos natural volcanic pools -OR- hike along the lava fields and vineyards.
- Day 9 In Lajes, choose to visit the whaling museum -OR- take advantage of free time in town to explore the area independently.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Experience a truly unique *cozido das Furnas* lunch in Furnas valley.
- Sample cheeses and get an inside look into Azorean life at a local Mercado.
- On the island of Pico, enjoy a light home-hosted lunch featuring local meats and cheeses.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4
   Grand Hotel Acores Atlantico, Sao Miguel, Azores

   ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE You may choose to upgrade your room at Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico in Ponta Delgada to an ocean view room. CALL FOR DETAILS

   Days 5, 6
   Zenite Boutique Hotel &
- Days 5, 6 Zenite Boutique Hotel & Spa, Terceira, Azores Day 7 Hotel do Canal Faial, Azores
- Days 8 10 Aldeia da Fonte Nature
- Hotel, Pico, Azores Day 11 Iberostar Lisboa, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Enter an untouched paradise on an adventure through the Azores, the archipelago gems of Portugal.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From volcanic craters and thermal waters to lush vegetation and picturesque coasts, enjoy the natural splendour of this Portuguese archipelago and see why the Azores are commonly referred to as "the Hawaii of Europe."

#### Day 2: São Miguel, Açores, Portugal -Tour Begins

This is the Azores. A set of islands virtually untouched by urban development. Your adventure begins on São Miguel, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. Relax and explore as you wish, perhaps sit along the seaside promenade and breathe in the mild air of the Atlantic.

#### Day 3: São Miguel

Get to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of São Miguel, on a morning walking tour of the area. This afternoon, traverse the dirt paths to the island's highest point on an off-road adventure. Venture to Sete Cidades, the blue and green mirror lakes, where you'll navigate the rim of the entire crater. On your way, gaze down upon the blue lake (reflecting the sky) and the adjacent green lake (reflecting the earth). At Lagoa do Canario, take in the amazing views around you during a short hike. Celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 4: São Miguel

Glimpse into Portugal's sweet side at a family-run

*queijadas* (pastry) bakery. After sampling treats, head to Furnas and enjoy the thermal waters at the local pools. For lunch, enjoy a traditional *cozido das furnas* meal, where your food is cooked in the earth's volcanic heat. After, embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise of Terra Nostra Botanical Garden. Later, continue on to the green fields of a nearby tea plantation where we will learn about this unique crop before an evening of leisure in São Miguel. (B, L)

#### Day 5: São Miguel - Terceira

Fly to the colourful island of Terceira. Stand along the edge of the crater at Serra do Cume viewpoint and take in the patchwork of infinite green. Swap the grassy fields for sandy shores at Praia Victoria, or "Beach of Victory." Get to know Angra do Heroismo (UNESCO) with a local guide. Restored in traditional style, the city features white façades and vibrant trims. Tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Terceira 😵

The morning is yours. Perhaps you'll strap on your hiking boots for an optional hike along two volcanoes at Misterios Negros Nature Reserve. Gather later and head underground with an expert guide to Algar do Carvao, the "Cavern of Coal." Feel the quiet stillness as you descend into this ancient lava tube. Then, **it's your choice!** Swim in the natural volcanic pools of





**FEATURED ACCOMMODATION** Enjoy 3 nights in the lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte. CALL FOR DETAILS

Biscoitos **-OR-** hike along lava fields. Enjoy a free evening or entice your taste buds on an optional wine and tapas experience. (B)

#### Day 7: Terceira - Faial

After a short flight, say *bom dia* (good morning) to Faial, the "Blue Island" of the Azores. Encounter the volcanic vitality of Faial when you take in the rocky landscapes and the ash hills of the Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Centre. Peek into the daily life of Azoreans as you mingle amongst the locals and sample locally produced cheese at the *Mercado*. Make the most of an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 8: Faial - Pico

Today, board a ferry to the nearby island of Pico. Enjoy a light home-hosted lunch, sampling drinks paired with local cheeses and meats, snacking on different Azorean favourites. Make a stop at Lagoa do Capitao. End the day at the rustic lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte, your home for the next 3 nights. Enjoy dinner at this cliffside abode, overlooking the ocean. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Pico 😯

Today visit the Pico Wine Museum before tasting these exclusive wines at a wine collaborative. Then, **it's your choice!** In Lajes, visit the whaling museum highlighting the historical ties of the industry to the culture of the islands **-OR**take advantage of free time in town to explore the area independently. (B)

#### Day 10: Pico

The day is yours. Perhaps you will take to the waves on an optional ocean excursion, where you will watch for whales and dolphins before enjoying lunch back on land. No matter how you choose to spend the day, celebrate your Azorean adventure in the evening with a dinner of local flavours, folklore music, and captivating energy. "Bom proveito!" (B, D)

#### Day 11: Pico - Lisbon

Today we say farewell to the Azores when we depart Pico and fly to Lisbon. Enjoy some time at leisure for some last minute shopping or to explore on your own. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Say *adeus* (goodbye) to Portugal as you depart this coastal paradise. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Lisbon Post-Tour** Starting at \$820<sup>+</sup> pp

#### Day 12: Lisbon

Experience Lisbon on a lively tuk-tuk tour, zooming through the city from the back seat of an open-air vehicle. Venture through the city's neighbourhoods. After becoming acquainted with the area, enjoy the rest of the day to explore independently.

#### Day 13: Lisbon

See the city from a different perspective - via tram! With a local guide, hop on and learn to navigate this trolley system! Your guide will take you to Lisbon's famous sights, including Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Make the most of an afternoon to yourself, perhaps taking the historic tram to the vibrant Alfama district. Gather in the evening for dinner in a local restaurant, getting a taste of some of Portugal's favourite flavours. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Lisbon

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure; maybe stroll along Praça do Comércio, try some tasty pasteis de nata, or even make your way to the São Jorge Castle for views of the city. (B)

#### Day 15: Lisbon

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

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## EXPLORING GREECE AND ITS ISLANDS

### 16 DAYS · 23 MEALS starting at \$4949

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens • The Acropolis • Parthenon • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class • Mykonos • Santorini • Ancient Akrotiri

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
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Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean.



#### Featured Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Rome Pre-Tour Starting at \$1370 pp

**Day 1:** Overnight Flight Travel to the eternal city of Rome.

#### Day 2: Rome

Get settled into Rome for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. (D)

#### Day 3: Rome

Start your morning with a locally guided tour of Classical Rome. Discover the city's famous sights such as the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

#### Day 4: Rome

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the Last Judgment. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

#### Day 5: Rome - Athens

Your Roman sojourn comes to a close today. Say *arrivederci* Roma as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Athens. (B)

This extension is partially guided. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The Vatican Museums are not available on Sundays and holidays so this optional tour may operate on a different day on select departures. The Vatican Museums' dates and times are all subject to change based on availability of reservations. Additional air segment purches required.







#### **BASE TOUR BEGINS**

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

#### Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring Greek specialties at a local restaurant in Athens. (D)

#### Day 3: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious centre of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

# **Day 4:** Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centres during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium

 where the first Olympic Games were held in 776
 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Olympia - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arcadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. In the countryside of Nemea, stop at a family-owned vineyard producing not wine but Corinth Raisins. These dried grapes were one of the few natural sources of sugar of ancient Greece. During your visit, learn how the traditional production methods were passed down through generations, keeping this trade alive until present day. (B)

#### Day 9: Nafplio 😯

Today, **it's your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's

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#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Taste olive oil and homemade jams at a local farm in the Peloponnese countryside.
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.
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## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza City Center or Wyndham Grand, Athens
Day 4	Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka
Day 5	Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort or Nafsika Palace, Itea, Arachova
Days 6, 7	Europa Hotel, Olympia
Days 8, 9	Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas, Amphitryon Hotel, or Amalia Hotel, Nafplio
Days 10, 11	San Marco Hotel or Petinos Hotel, Mykonos
Days 12-14	Aegean Plaza, Santorini Palace, or El Greco Resort, Santorini
Day 15	Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

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mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)

#### Day 10: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos

Early this morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Or join an optional excursion to the nearby island of Delos, the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. (B)

#### Day 12: Mykonos - Santorini

Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. (B, D)

#### **Day 13:** Santorini - Oia - Santorini Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric

settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

#### Day 14: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town centre, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. (B)

#### Day 15: Santorini - Athens

Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful

### **Featured Tour Extension** Optional 3-Night Istanbul Post-Tour Starting at \$820 pp



#### Day 16: Athens, Greece -Istanbul, Turkey

Depart Greece and make your way to Istanbul, Turkey's most popular city. Considered to be the bridge between the East and the West, Istanbul is a central hub for intermingling cultures, complicated history, and legendary architecture. The city was the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires - which is seen through its blend of times-gone-by nostalgia and ever-evolving modernity. This evening, kick-start your exploration of Istanbul by sampling Turkish cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 17: Istanbul

Discover the city with a local guide. Start your morning at the famous Hagia Sophia, the Church of the Holy Wisdom. At the time it was built, this massive cathedral was the largest in the world. Continue on to the Blue Mosque, where vibrant blue tiles line the building's opulent interior walls. After free time for lunch, continue exploring Istanbul with your local expert. Make your way through the lively Grand Bazaar and Spice Market, surrounding yourself with artisan crafts, buzzing energy, and exciting vendors. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 18: Istanbul

The day is yours to spend however you choose! Explore the local boutiques or maybe taste the culture through Turkish favourites. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional excursion to a Hammam Turkish bath, where you'll enjoy an authentic scrub and foam bath. This evening, wrap up your exploration of Istanbul at a local restaurant. (B)

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

The Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays. Should your visit fall on a Monday, the order of sightseeing will be rearranged in order to accommodate your schedule. Shoes are not allowed when entering any mosque. Shoes are to remain outside and socks are recommended during this visit. Women will also be required to wear a head scarf; these are available at each Mosque at no charge. This extension is partially guided. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Additional air segment purchase required. A visa is required for travel to Turkey and needs to be obtained in advance in E-Visa form at https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Please consult with your embassy/consulate for proper documentation.

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • Acropolis • The Parthenon • Mykonos • Santorini Island Tour • Ancient Akrotiri • Oia Village • Wine Tasting

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join a local expert in Athens and explore the city's world-renowned sites.
- Enjoy three days at leisure in Mykonos, the whitewashed island in the Aegean Sea.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in local food and wine accompanied by traditional music.
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- Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2, 3Wyndham Grand Athens,<br/>Athens
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In Greece, discover a place where age-old legends and monuments intertwine with warm sunshine and island-style living.

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#### Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Athens, the immortalized capital of Greece. Meet your fellow travellers at a local taverna in the city's historic district, indulging in local cuisine and wine with traditional Greek entertainment. (D)

#### Day 3: Athens

See the best of Athens with a local expert who highlights the city's ancient roots on a comprehensive panoramic tour. Make your way along the world-renowned monuments, including the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Step into the past on a tour of the legendary Acropolis, an ancient complex housing a collection of temples. Admire the breathtaking view of the city below and discover the country's beloved icon: the illustrious Parthenon. Make the most of an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 4: Athens - Mykonos

Start your day aboard a sleek, high-speed boat and cruise to Mykonos, an island paradise surrounded by the crystal-clear Aegean Sea. From sandy beaches and seaside cafes to street musicians and a never-ending nightlife scene, Mykonos offers limitless opportunities to kick back and enjoy the island's irresistible lifestyle. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Mykonos

The day is yours! Perhaps you will head down to the beach to soak up some sun, sip a cup of coffee on the waterfront promenade, or explore the town's winding streets and whitewashed buildings. Or, you may choose to participate in an optional excursion to a local farm for an olive oil and cheese tasting, as well as free time to explore Mykonos' Old Town independently. (B)

#### Day 6: Mykonos

Enjoy another day at leisure. Take time to explore on your own and discover this trendy destination however you'd like. Or, step into the past on a halfday optional excursion to the isle of Delos taking you to the fabled birthplace of the Greek Gods Apollo and Artemis. (B)





#### Day 7: Mykonos - Santorini

Your journey continues to Santorini, the Eden-like island where blue-domed rooftops and gentle ocean waves complement the bright white buildings and rocky hillsides. A picturesque landscape and iconic destination, Santorini's charms reveal themselves during your 3-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Santorini - Akrotiri - Oia -Santorini

Uncover the past at Akrotiri, an ancient city buried and preserved in volcanic ash that is commonly referred to as the "Minoan Pompeii." Take a peek into the 15th century BC and explore the town. Head through a landscape of vineyards and volcanic cliffs to Oia, a seaside village with the island's best viewpoints. Next, visit a local winery and enjoy the famous wines of Santorini. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax and explore more of this Mediterranean gem. (B)

# Day 9: Santorini

Make the most of a day at leisure. Relax, shop in the island's charming town center, or even visit a local museum. Or, join our full day Island Hopping and Sunset Cruise optional excursion for a visit to some of the magical islets that surround Santorini before enjoying dinner on board and sunset from the water. (B)

### Day 10: Santorini - Athens

Depart the islands and fly back to Athens for your final night in Greece. Toast to the end of your sun-filled getaway at a farewell dinner, (B, D)

#### Day 11: Athens - Tour Ends

Wish the Mediterranean goodbye as your tour draws to a close today. (B)



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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

### Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Arrive in Athens, cradle of Democracy and capital city of Greece. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your Greek experience with a delightful welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious centre of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

# **Day 4:** Athens - Thermopylae - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending Greece against the Persians. This afternoon, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. End your day at a family-owned taverna and savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Kalambaka - Metéora - Arachova

This morning, visit Metéora and enjoy guided tours of two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Arachova - Delphi - Olympia

This morning tour the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of mankind. Then travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia,



a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Olympia

This morning, enjoy a guided visit to ancient Olympia, including a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Olympia - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arcadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. En route, stop at a family-owned *ouzo* distillery producing Greece's signature aniseflavoured aperitif since 1869. (B)

#### Day 9: Nafplio 😯

Today, **it's your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the





Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR**linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)

#### Day 10: Nafplio - Athens

This morning, stop for a view of the Corinth Canal en route to Athens. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Greece's capital. Perhaps you'll browse the myriad shops of the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Or, visit one of the city's world-class museums such as the National Archeological Museum with its majestic bronze statue of Poseidon or the Benaki Museum, which houses Greek works of art from prehistorical to modern times. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece by gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 11:** Athens - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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66 Everything was very well organized. We were able to see so much, many archeological sites, beautiful countryside all with much information given by our tour manager and local guides. ??

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# GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

# 11 DAYS · 19 MEALS starting at \$3999

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • 3-Night Cruise • Mykonos • Ephesus • Patmos • Santorini • Thessaloniki • Kavala • Philippi • Meteora • The Acropolis • Mars Hill • Corinth • Taverna Dinner Show

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit 2 breathtaking monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks.
- Take in the views of Santorini's volcanic caldera and towering cliffs from your cruise ship.
- Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna.



Follow the path of Paul the Apostle as you discover natural beauty and ancient history on this Grecian sojourn.





Featured Pre Tour Extension Optional 4-Night Jerusalem & Bethlehem Pre-Tour Starting at \$2055<sup>†</sup> pp

**Day 1:** Overnight Flight You are on your way to Jerusalem.

**Day 2:** Jerusalem, Israel - Tour Begins Upon arrival, transfer and settle into your hotel for a 4-night stay in the holy city of Jerusalem, sacred to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam alike. Housing layers of history and heritage, allow the resilient spirit of the city to capture your senses.

#### Day 3: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Qasr el-

Yahud Baptismal Site-Jericho-Jerusalem Journey to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, and enter the Church of the Nativity pausing for a moment of reflection close to the cave where Jesus was born. Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on that first Christmas night spreading good tidings of great joy for all the people. Visit Jericho, the oldest city on earth and pause along the Jordan River at Qasr el-Yahud Baptismal Site, the most accredited location of the ministry of John the Baptist. Return to Jerusalem in the late afternoon. The rest of the evening is yours. (B)

# Day 4: Jerusalem-Mount of Olives-Garden of Gethsemane-Mount Zion-Garden Tomb

Begin your day with a visit to the Mount of Olives and the nearby Church of the Pater Noster - the site where, according to tradition, Christ taught the Lord's Prayer. Next, make your way to the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Jesus is believed to have prayed in agony the night before He was crucified. Stroll among the olive trees of the Garden of Gethsemane – the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas. Travel to Mount Zion and the nearby Upper Room, considered the traditional site of the Last Supper. Your day concludes with a visit to the Garden Tomb, the possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and the resurrection of Jesus. (B)

Day 5: Old City - Western Wall - Kotel Tunnel - Via Dolorosa - Holy Sepulchre Walk in the footsteps of millions before you as you traverse the Old City. Your visit begins at the Western Wall of the Temple, Judaism's holiest site. Visit the Kotel Tunnel which is the underground continuation of the Wailing Wall. This portion of the Wall is 8 times longer than the open-air section, providing you with the first-hand perception of the grandiose proportions of the Second Temple. Then, pause at the Church of St. Anne and the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Pass by the Ecce Homo Arch (Behold the Man), where tradition holds that Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Travel the Way of the Cross - the Via Dolorosa walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Visit the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the possible site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Jerusalem. (B)

**Day 6:** Jerusalem - Athens, Greece This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Athens, Greece. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.





Acopagus (Mars Hill)

museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or visit a nearby winery to sample traditional Greek wine. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. (B, L, D)

# **Day 6:** Piraeus - Disembark Cruise Ship - Thessaloniki

After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Pause at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas against the Persian army. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote 2 epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Visit the Church of Saint Demetrius (UNESCO), dedicated to

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# BASE TOUR BEGINS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countrysides of Greece and Turkey.

# Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's lively capital. This evening, toast to the beginning of your spiritual journey during a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

# **Day 3:** Athens - Piraeus (Embarkation) - Mykonos

Embark on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. The island of Mykonos is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, following the mazes of narrow streets full of bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

# **Day 4:** Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece

Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle lived 3 years during his ministry. You'll also visit the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. Legend claims that Paul fought here against wild beasts. Visit the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mother spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos. Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini

Enjoy an excursion to the incredible open-air

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- Pause for a moment of devotion in the Cave of the Apocalypse, where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation.
- See the Bema where Paul was brought before the tribunal in Corinth, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.
- In Athens, see Mars Hill where Paul delivered his "Men of Athens" speech.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



# ACCOMMODATIONS

Overnight Flight
Holiday Inn Attica, Athens
Olympia, Celestyal Cruises
Capsis Hotel, Thessaloniki
Famissi Eden, Kalambaka
Crowne Plaza Athens City Center or Wyndham Grand, Athens

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the patron saint of Thessaloniki and set on the location of the saint's martyrdom. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki

Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

# **Day 8:** Thessaloniki - Meteora - Kalambaka

Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley to Meteora (UNESCO). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Kalambaka - Athens

Travel through the plains of Central Greece to Athens, arriving in the early afternoon. In Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis before settling in to your hotel for a 2-night stay. The evening is yours to explore Greece's vibrant capital city. (B)

#### Day 10: Athens - Corinth - Athens

Travel to Corinth where Paul lived and preached for two years and also wrote 2 epistles. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Celebrate the end of a marvellous trip while feasting on local cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Athens - Tour Ends

Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)



# Featured Post Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Rome Post-Tour Starting at \$1505<sup>†</sup> pp



# **Day 11:** Athens, Greece - Rome, Italy - Extension Begins

Travel from Athens on an inspirational journey to Rome and experience fascinating religious sites connected to the life of Paul the Apostle. After settling into your hotel, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. (D)

#### **Day 12:** Rome-St. Paul Outside the Walls-St. Peter's Basilica-Mamertine Prison

This morning, follow in the steps of Paul, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. Pause for a moment of reflection in the Abbey of Tre Fontane (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. At the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb. In the afternoon, visit St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world. During a guided tour, meander along towering marble columns and admire the *Pietà*, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. Pause for a moment of reflection by the Confessio, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle which is dedicated to the Confession of faith by Peter that led to his martyrdom. Then, visit the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains and executed. Take time to reflect before an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

# **Day 13:** Rome - Catacombs - Optional Excursion

Begin your day exploring one of Rome's sixty Catacombs. It was in these underground tunnels that early Christians hid and buried their dead. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Consider an optional tour to the Vatican Museums, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the Last Judgment. (B)

# Day 14: Rome - Depart for Home

Your extension comes to a close today. Say *arrivederci* to Rome as you head to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**NEW TOUR** 

# A TASTE OF THE BALKANS

16 DAYS • 22 MEALS STARTING AT \$4449

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dubrovnik • Kotor • Mostar • Sarajevo • Home-Hosted Dinner • Plitvice Lakes • Impact Moment • Motovun • Rovinj • Truffle Hunt • Lake Bled • Ljubljana • Zagreb



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Explore Sarajevo's wartime history with either a siege survivor or a visit to Gallery 11/07/95.
- Meet the famous Lipizzan horses and take a carriage ride to a picnic lunch in the meadows.
- Impact Moment: Visit a Serbian community centre, and learn how the local women are keeping the community alive through their traditions and crafts.

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 See the famous city walls of Dubrovnik, still standing from the Middle Ages -OR- hop into a cable car for incredible views of the city from above.
- **Day 7** With a local siege survivor, visit the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum and the bobsled track on Olympic Mountain -**OR**- visit Gallery 11/07/95, which documents the city's conflict through photography.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 14 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Follow friendly dogs on a quest for coveted mushrooms, followed with a tasty truffle-inspired lunch.
- Feel like a local and taste regional specialties during a hosted-meal in Sarajevo.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel More, Dubrovnik
Days 4, 5	Hotel Cattaro, Kotor
Days 6 - 8	Colors Inn, Sarajevo
Day 9	The Lyra Hotel, Plitvice Lakes
Days 10 - 12	Roxanich Wine & Heritage Hotel, Motovun
Days 13, 14	Grand Plaza Hotel, Ljubljana
Day 15	Hotel Le Premier, Zagreb

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# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Uncover a region where rocky coastlines and towering mountains meet a complex history and medieval city walls. Explore this unique region, and get a glimpse into generations of traditions while connecting with welcoming locals.

# Day 2: Dubrovnik, Croatia - Tour Begins

Discover the twisting cobblestone streets and burnt-orange rooftops of Dubrovnik, a city rich in history and charm. Meet your fellow travellers and look out over the sparkling Adriatic Sea during dinner, featuring local seafood dishes. (D)

# Day 3: Dubrovnik 😵

Start your day off with a tour of the ancient streets of Dubrovnik, and feel the history and timelessness of the city. Then, personalize the rest of your day because **it's your choice!** See the famous city walls, still standing from the Middle Ages **-OR-** hop into a cable car for incredible views of the entire city from above. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you please. (B)

# Day 4: Dubrovnik - Kotor, Montenegro

Leave Croatia and make your way into Montenegro. Get acquainted with Kotor's Old Town (UNESCO), taking advantage of some free time to explore. Settle into your historic hotel – an 18th-century building that is part of the original city walls. (B)

# Day 5: Kotor

Start your morning on a private boat and head to the nearby islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. Visit the

church before continuing on to the seaside village of Perast. Return to Kotor – the rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to a family-owned olive grove, where you'll tour the property before enjoying some local snacks. (B)

# **Day 6:** Kotor - Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo

Cross into Bosnia and Herzegovina and spend time in Mostar, home to the iconic arched Stari Most Bridge (UNESCO). Explore Mostar with your guide before having lunch in a traditional restaurant in the old part of the city. Continue on to Sarajevo – Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital city – and your home for the next 3 nights. Reminiscent of a European Jerusalem, find an ever-evolving conglomeration of religious sects all living in harmony. Perhaps you'll take an evening stroll with your Tour Manager to get familiar with the area. (B, L)

# Day 7: Sarajevo 😵

With an expert guide, discover Sarajevo, perhaps most famous as the starting point of WWI. As you make your way along the storied roadways, admire the significant blend of religions and architectural styles. Take advantage of free time before **it's your choice!** Uncover the city's past with a local siege survivor, spending time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum before visiting the bobsled track on Trebevic Olympic Mountain **-OR-** visit Gallery 11/07/95, which documents the city's 20th-century turmoil through photography. (B)

#### Day 8: Sarajevo

Enjoy time on your own today. Consider an optional excursion to Lukomir Highland, where you'll hike to a remote village and bond with locals over lunch. Or maybe you'll embark on an optional tour of Tito's Bunker, exploring the former president's personal hideout. No matter how you spend the day, connect with locals at a homehosted dinner. Enjoy regional favourites such as *klepe* (meat dumplings) and *burek* (flaky filled pastries). Drink Bosnian coffee as you listen to traditional folk music. (B, D)

# Day 9: Sarajevo - Plitvice, Croatia

Travel to Plitvice, arriving in late afternoon. Your hotel supports a Serbian community center where local women produce traditional crafts and bake homemade goods. Experience an **Impact Moment** when you learn how the local women are keeping the community alive through their traditions and crafts. Tonight, enjoy an authentic "under the bell" dinner, where lamb and vegetables are slow-roasted under a giant iron bell for hours. (B, D)

# Day 10: Plitvice Lakes - Motovun

Take in the forested landscape of Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO) with a guide. Walk along the lakes and the free-flowing waterfalls before cruising through the park by boat. Head to the Istrian Peninsula, where rolling hills and vineyard rows meet seaside towns. Settle into the Roxanich Wine and Heritage Hotel, your home for the next 3 nights, nestled at the base of a hilltop village. (B)

#### Day 11: Motovun - Rovinj - Motovun

Travel off the beaten path to the fishing village of Rovinj. Uneven cobblestone streets lead into sidewalk cafes. After getting acquainted with the humble port town, take advantage of some free time to explore on your own. Return back to Motovun and enjoy dinner in a family owned restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Motovun

Feel like a local and join a family on their forested property for a truffle-hunting adventure. Follow their friendly dogs on your quest for the coveted mushrooms, then sit down for a tasty truffle-inspired lunch. Head back to town for an evening on your own. Consider joining your Tour Manager on a leisurely walk to the top of the village for views of the surrounding area. (B, L)

# **Day 13:** Motovun - Ljubljana, Slovenia

Cross into Slovenia and spend time at Lipica Stud Farm, the famous breed of the Habsburg Empire. Meet purebred Lipizzan horses, dating back to the 16th century, and take a horse-drawn carriage ride to a picnic lunch in the meadows. Arrive in Ljubljana's city center, your home for the next two nights. Embark on a city tour to acquaint yourself with the city before having a night to explore on your own. (B, L)

#### Day 14: Ljubljana - Bled - Ljubljana

Today, head to the beauty of Lake Bled. Ride in a Pletna Boat to the isle of Bled, visit the secluded St. Mary's Church on the island, and then get a chance to sample delicious *kremšnita* (cream cake), a local favourite. Return to Ljubljana where the remainder of the day is yours. (B)

# Day 15: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

This morning, say goodbye to beautiful Slovenia and continue your journey to Zagreb, the storied capital of Croatia. After independently discovering the city, toast to the end of your adventure at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 16: Zagreb - Tour Ends

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



#### **Optional 3-Night Belgrade Post-Tour** Starting at \$1370<sup>†</sup> pp

#### Day 16: Zagreb, Croatia -Belgrade, Serbia

Journey from Zagreb to Belgrade, the capital of Serbia. Take a guided walking tour around this historic city. Later, head to the Museum of Yugoslavia to learn about the region's history. On the museum grounds, visit the House of Flowers, the resting place of Josip Broz Tito, President of Yugoslavia. Tonight, dine in a traditional Serbian restaurant. (D)

### Day 17: Belgrade

The first half of your day is yours to explore Belgrade. Your local guide will be in your hotel lobby to give you suggestions on sights to see and restaurants. Later, you'll join your guide and hop on Belgrade's public transportation to dine at a local restaurant on the banks of the Danube. (B, D)

#### Day 18: Belgrade

Today, journey to the beautiful city of Novi Sad. Take a city tour before having some free time to explore on your own. Tonight, you'll have a farewell dinner and traditional music in Skadarlija, the bohemian area of Belgrade. (B, D)

#### Day 19: Belgrade - Extension Ends

Say farewell to the captivating city of Belgrade. (B)

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# DISCOVER CROATIA, SLOVENIA AND THE ADRIATIC COAST

12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$3599

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Dubrovnik • Cilipi Family-Style Dinner • Split • Diocletian's Palace • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Opatija • Istrian Peninsula • Farm-to-Table Dinner • Ljubljana • Lake Bled • Pletna Boat Ride • Zagreb

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies.
- Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian's Palace.
- Enjoy a Pletna boat ride to the picturesque island in the center of Lake Bled.

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Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — Join a local expert for a cruise followed by a visit to Lokrum Island -OR- access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik.



Dive into centuries of Croatian history as you explore its medieval cities, tranquil lakes, and quaint local villages.



# Featured Tour Extension Optional 2-Night Montenegro Pre-Tour Starting at \$615 pp

**Day 1:** Overnight Flight Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

#### **Day 2:** Dubrovnik, Croatia - Budva, Montenegro - Tour Begins

Today, you'll arrive in Montenegro, an idyllic country dotted with quirky villages, looming mountain ranges and glittering shoreline. This evening, a local guide takes you on an orientation tour of Old Town Budva where you'll uncover winding alleyways, sandy beaches and stone bastions.

Day 3: Budva

The day is yours to take in even more of

Montenegro's coral-coloured beaches, sun-soaked squares and crumbling castles. Perhaps you'll opt for a quick cruise around the Bay of Kotor, a small but scenic cerulean cove known for its breathtaking beauty. Or, maybe you'll venture to Lovcen, a mountain and national park in Montenegro blanketed by craggy peaks, lush valleys and rambling trails. (B)

**Day 4:** Budva - Dubrovnik, Croatia Make your way from Montenegro to Dubrovnik to begin your journey through Croatia and the intriguing countries of the Adriatic. (B)







#### Day 5: Dubrovnik - Split

Savour stunning sea views as you travel up the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop dramatically into the aquamarine of the Adriatic Sea. Enjoy a stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside. You will have time to taste some of the local specialties and perhaps take a walk through the village square. Upon arrival in Split, set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO), one of the most significant late-Roman historical monuments, and also see the peristyle of the palace and the Temple of Jupiter. (B, D)

### Day 6: Split - Plitvice Lakes

Enjoy a relaxing morning at leisure. You might consider an optional trip to Trogir, a city of medieval walls, towering cathedrals, and captivating Venetian architecture. This afternoon, travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery is one of

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BASE TOUR BEGINS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Explore Croatia and the countries of the Adriatic, a "must see" region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery.

# **Day 2:** Dubrovnik, Croatia - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the medieval city of Dubrovnik. Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

#### Day 3: Dubrovnik 😵

Join a local guide on a tour of "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy resides, and see Dubrovnik's many historical sites, from Rector's Palace to the City Walls. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town harbour for a cruise with magnificent views of the medieval city walls before visiting nearby Lokrum Island where you can swim, marvel at exotic plants or take a walk with peacocks **-OR-** receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective on this remarkable place with leisure time to explore the city. This evening, travel to Cilipi in the culturally-rich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed for dinner at a family-owned restaurant. Visit with the family and learn about life in the Croatian heartland as you sample regional wines. At dinner, servers introduce you to a culinary feast, prepared in the way of their ancestors. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Dubrovnik

Spend today at leisure. Relax or independently explore the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town. Or, perhaps you'll embark on an optional culinary excursion where you will journey along the Pelješac Peninsula and sample local wines paired with fresh oysters plucked from the sea. (B)

# DISCOVER CROATIA, SLOVENIA AND THE ADRIATIC COAST (CONTINUED)

# 12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$3599

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



# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

- · Dine at a family owned restaurant in the Konavle region.
- Sample farm-to-table delicacies during dinner at a local restaurant.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	Valamar Lacroma, Dubrovnik
Day 5	Atrium Hotel, Split
Day 6	Lyra Hotel, Plitvice
Days 7, 8	Grand Hotel 4, Opatija
Days 9, 10	Grand Plaza Hotel, Ljubljana
Day 11	Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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the wonders you'll experience at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Plitvice Lakes - Opatija

Travel among the park's dense forests and 16 terraced lakes, where waterfalls and freeflowing cascades connect one lake to the other. Enjoy a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder that extends over 73,000 acres. From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes, travel this afternoon to the seaside resort of Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera." This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs. Get acquainted with this coastal town on a brief walking tour. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 8: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula -Opatija

Discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Pay a visit to a local distillery, where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Discover a picture-perfect example of a rural Croatian town. In the late afternoon, a delightful farm-to-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Opatija - Ljubljana, Slovenia

Travel into picturesque Slovenia, arriving in Ljubljana, a capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Upon your arrival, meet a local expert who introduces you to this quaint town, nestled gently along the banks of the river. Your tour includes the impressive City Hall and a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas. The evening is yours to relax and explore the city. (B)

# Day 10: Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Ljubljana

Surround yourself with the tranquility of Lake Bled. You'll experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a Pletna boat to the picturesque island in the center. Spend time exploring the 17th-century cathedral, St. Mary's Church, and the "wishing bell." Enjoy some time to stroll the quiet paths of this lakeside community at your own pace. (B)

#### Day 11: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

Today we travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Embark on a tour of this fascinating city that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. After free time this afternoon for independent exploration, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with dinner at one of Zagreb's local restaurants. (B, D)

### Day 12: Zagreb - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Zagreb this morning. (B)

Featured Tour Extension Optional 5-Night Bosnia & Montenegro Post-Tour Starting at \$1095 pp



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

#### Day 2: Sarajevo, Bosnia

Welcome to Sarajevo, the capital city of Bosnia. Known as one of the cities in the world where East meets West, Sarajevo is a lively hub of various religions, cultures, and ways of life. Settle into your new home for the next 3 nights.

#### Day 3: Sarajevo

Discover Saraievo with an expert guide, spending time in its beautiful city hall. The city centre is home to a wide variety of religions, all living in harmony. As you make your way along the storied roadways, admire the significant blend of architectural styles, featuring facades of Gothic, Ottoman, and Romanesque origins. Take advantage of free time in the afternoon to explore more on your own. Connect with locals at a home-hosted dinner, enjoying regional favourites such as *klepe* (meat dumplings) and *burek* (flaky, filled pastries). Learn how to pour and drink Bosnian coffee as you listen to traditional folk music. (B, D)

### Day 4: Sarajevo

Step into the past on a tour that delves into the Siege of Sarajevo. Reflect on this city's 20th-century turmoil, even venturing through "sniper alley" – where the devastation of the war is apparent in the buildings littered with bullet holes. Spend time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum, located in the entrance to a historic war tunnel. Venture into part of the tunnel that was used to transport supplies during the war. Continue on to Olympic Mountain, which held various events during the 1984 Winter Olympics. Enjoy panoramic views of the capital city from the top of the mountain. Take a peek at the Olympic bobsled track, which has since been covered in eye-catching graffiti. Head back down to the city centre and enjoy an evening on your own. (B)

#### **Day 5:** Sarajevo – Mostar – Budva, Montenegro

Depart Sarajevo and make your way to Mostar with a local guide. Visit the iconic Stari Most bridge (UNESCO) before enjoying free time to explore on your own. Continue to Budva, a coastal town in Montenegro and your home for the next 2 nights. In the evening, a local guide takes you on an orientation tour of Old Town Budva where you'll uncover winding alleyways, sandy beaches, and stone bastions. (B)

#### Day 6: Budva

The day is yours to take in even more of Montenegro's coral-coloured beaches, sun-soaked squares and crumbling castles. Perhaps you'll spend your day cruising around the Bay of Kotor, a small but scenic cerulean cove known for its breathtaking beauty. Or, maybe you'll venture to Lovcen, a mountain and national park in Montenegro blanketed by craggy peaks, lush valleys and rambling trails. (B)

#### **Day 7:** Budva – Dubrovnik, Croatia

Make your way from Montenegro to Dubrovnik to begin your journey through Croatia and the intriguing countries of the Adriatic. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

#### **1 NIGHT**

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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on October 20, 2022 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

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September 1, 8, 9, 15 September 16, 22, 29 October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 April 6, 13, 20, 21, 27 May 4, 11, 12, 18, 19

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Dubrovnik and depart from Zagreb. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The Dubrovnik by the Sea/Lokrum Island cruise choice (in Dubrovnik) is dependent on favourable weather conditions. If the cruise is unavailable, the city wall tickets will be available to everyone. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS

# 12 DAYS · 19 MEALS starting at \$4299

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

Zagreb • Stone Gate • Šibenik • Cathedral of St. James • Krka National Park • Split • Diocletian's Palace • 7-Night Adriatic Cruise • Trogir • Bol • Hvar • Biševo Blue Cave • Vis • Korcula • Mljet National Park • Slano • Dubrovnik

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stand before the breathtaking waterfalls in Krka National Park.
- Partake in traditional Croatian entertainment.
- Explore the Old City of Dubrovnik with a local expert.

# Y IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Visit Split's Archaeological Museum and marvel at a diverse range of artifacts -OR- visit the Meštrovic Gallery and admire works by the 20th-century sculptor Ivan Meštrovic.

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# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Dine on Continental and Istrian cuisine at a favourite local restaurant in Zagreb.
- Enjoy traditional Dalmatian delicacies prepared according to ancient recipes.
- Experience a Captain's welcome dinner upon arrival in Split.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

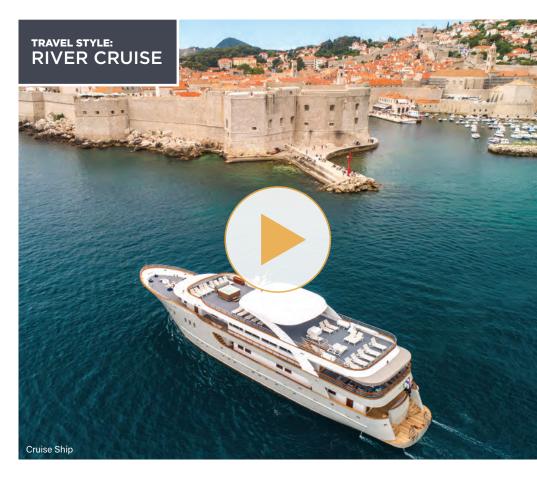
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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience medieval architecture, ethereal waterfalls, and an 8-day cruise along the Adriatic Sea in a private, 4-star yacht.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Wander along medieval walls, marvel at enchanting waterfalls, and relax on sunny islands. From Zagreb to Dubrovnik, set out to experience the best of Croatia and the Adriatic Coast.

# Day 2: Zagreb, Croatia - Tour Begins

Welcome to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia! Settle into your hotel amidst the vibrant cafes and cobblestone streets before meeting your fellow travelers over dinner featuring Continental and Istrian cuisine. (D)

# Day 3: Zagreb - Šibenik

Step right into the history and culture of everyday life in Zagreb as you tour the city with a local guide. Become acquainted with the city as you see the main sights of the capital, including the Croatian National Theater and Mimara Museum, the Croatian Parliament building, the illustrious Zagreb Cathedral, and the legendary Stone Gate. Then, it's off to Šibenik! Tonight, embrace the culture of Croatia and become captivated by traditional entertainment with dinner. (B, D)

# **Day 4:** Šibenik - Krka National Park - Šibenik

Set off on a walking tour through the ancient alleyways and roads of Šibenik, where you'll get a chance to see the Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, venture to the breathtaking Krka National Park, where waterfalls tumble through dramatic gorges. Meander along the trails that surround the falls before embarking on a boat ride that takes you along the river to Skradin. Make the most of your free evening and get to know this Dalmatian town's historic architecture and striking coastline. (B)

# Day 5: Šibenik - Split - Board Ship 😵

Your adventure continues! Discover Split, one of the oldest cities in this historic region. In this bustling port, explore Diocletian's Palace where you will visit its famous cellars. One of Croatia's UNESCO World Heritage sites, Emperor Diocletian chose the palace to be his retirement home because of the incomparable beauty of Split. A auided tour takes you through the mysterious passageways and into the lower levels of this massive structure. Then, it's your choice! Visit the oldest museum institution in Croatia, Split's Archaeological Museum, founded in 1820; marvel at a diverse range of artifacts from the Paleolithic to the Iron Age -OR- admire the works of 20thcentury sculptor Ivan Meštrovic during a guided tour. The Meštrovic Gallery features an array of the artist's creations including sculptures, drawings and architecture. The museum itself is considered an art monument. This afternoon you'll board a private 4-star ship, your new home for the next seven nights. Later, relax onboard before

experiencing a Captain's welcome dinner. Enjoy your meal accompanied by live Klapa music, the traditional Croatian style of singing. (B, D)

### Day 6: Split - Trogir

After an overnight in Split enjoy a morning at leisure to discover this city on your own. Then it's off to Trogir, a coastal gem renowned for its picturesque Venetian architecture. Stop for a quick swim along the way before arriving in this charming town. Admire the striking stone houses and towering cathedral as you tour the city with a guide. (B, L)

#### Day 7: Trogir - Bol - Hvar

Start your day in the town of Bol, located on the picturesque island of Brac. With free time this morning, perhaps you'll choose to swim along the shore of the "Golden Cape," known to be one of the most popular beaches in Croatia. Return to the ship for lunch, then cruise to Hvar. Along the way, you'll coast by quaint coves and bays tucked along the Adriatic Sea. Upon arrival in Hvar, get acquainted with the area when a local guide introduces you to the history, culture, and lifestyle of the city. Discover how lavender was traditionally grown in the region for centuries and learn about some of its uses. Enjoy an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to dine in one of the many local, family-owned restaurants that Hvar is known for. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Hvar - Biševo - Vis

Embark on a morning cruise to the island of Biševo. This island is home to the Blue Cave,\* a stunning grotto with a luminous blue glow. Cruise on to Vis, a small island practically untouched by tourism and overflowing with Renaissance architecture and beautiful beaches. With free time this afternoon, relax onboard the ship or choose to go on an optional tour of the island ending with a traditional dinner. (B, L)

# Day 9: Vis - Korcula

This morning, it's on to Korcula, debated home to one of the world's most famous explorers: Marco Polo. Decide for yourself if he was born in Korcula or Venice as you tour his alleged home and take in the fantastic sea views from its tower. Join a local guide and make your way along the narrow stone streets while you wander among the medieval buildings and vibrant houses in the town known as "Little Dubrovnik." Enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure to discover the charms of this age-old city. (B, L)

# **Day 10:** Korcula - Mljet National Park - Slano

This morning, arrive in Mljet National Park. Stroll around the Large and Small lakes before exploring the Islet of St. Mary, home to a Benedictine Monastery from the 12th century. Don't miss out on a chance to take a swim in the strikingly blue waters. Then, your journey continues to Slano, a port city just outside of Dubrovnik. Your afternoon and evening are at leisure... consider an optional excursion to Ston, a nearby fortified city known for its decadent oysters and seafood. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Slano - Dubrovnik

This morning, cruise past the Elafiti Islands and be welcomed into Dubrovnik. You'll see why the city is called the "Pearl of the Adriatic" when you take in the medieval stone walls, iconic Baroque rooftops, and winding cobblestone streets. Embrace the unspeakable feeling that you've stepped into another time as you explore the Old City with a local guide. Enjoy outstanding views of the city during your farewell lunch onboard. With free time in the evening, perhaps you'll ride a cable car to the top of Mount Srd for awe-inspiring views of Dubrovnik or simply enjoy the evening on the Stradun (main street) by treating yourself with a glass of Malvasija wine in one of many local bars. (B, L)

#### **Day 12:** Dubrovnik - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Croatia as your tour of the Adriatic Coast comes to a close today. (B)



# Optional 2-Night Dubrovnik Post-Tour Starting at \$410 pp Day 12: Dubrovnik - Extension

# Begins

Continue your exploration of Dubrovnik. The stunning Old Town is reminiscent of a coastal fairytale, where stone buildings meet bright blue waters. Wander through the town, relax on the beach, or maybe even explore the harbour. The day is yours.

#### Day 13: Dubrovnik

Discover Dubrovnik's timeless secrets with a full day to explore the city. Perhaps you'll venture to the medieval stone walls, an iconic winding fortress that serves as the backdrop for endless filming locations. With the city laid out before you, follow the twisting cobblestone streets that cut through the red rooftops. (B)

**Day 14:** Dubrovnik - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Croatia and the Adriatic Sea as your tour draws to a close. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zagreb and depart from Dubronik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line. Both the boat ride to Skradin and the Blue Cave operate on a weather-permitting basis and depending on water conditions. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board cruise: 18.00 Canadian dollars (10-12 euros) per person for each day for the cruise staff. This can be made in a single payment in euros or Canadian dollars at the front desk at the end of your voyage or by the envelopes provided in your cabin. Embarkation on day 5 is after 1:00 p.m. On the last day, disembarkation is no later than 10:00 a.m. Cabins are available on the Standard Deck. Upgrades may be available to Main Deck. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Stateroom numbers will be supplied upon arrival at the ship. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

# MAGNIFICENT CITIES OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

14 DAYS · 18 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Berlin • Dresden • Prague • Diner's Choice • Hradcany Castle • Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Budapest • Lunch with Locals • Matthias Church • Krakow • Auschwitz

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience the cultures of Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Poland.
- Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.
- Discover the 2 sides of Hungary's capital, Buda and Pest, alongside a local expert.

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 10 — Visit the House of Terror Museum to learn about Hungarian history -OR- meet the locals and taste some amazing Hungarian products in the Great Market Hall in Budapest.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

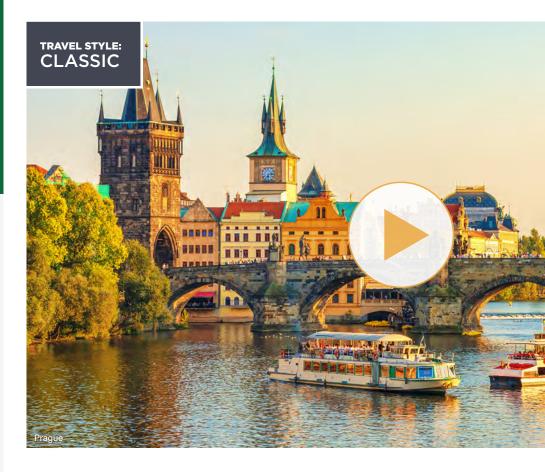
#### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Choose from a selection of different venues in Prague for Diner's Choice.
- Join local residents for a community hosted lunch in Dunaalmas.



Day 1	Overnight Flight	
Days 2, 3	Hotel Riu Plaza, Berlin	
Days 4, 5	Grandior Hotel, Prague	
Days 6, 7	Hotel Erzherzog Rainer, Vienna	
Days 8 - 10	Up Hotel, Budapest	
Days 11 - 13	Holiday Inn City Center, Krakow	
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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



A blend of world history and fairy-tale charm comes to life in the culturally-rich cities of Central & Eastern Europe.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to experience the very best of Europe's cultural capitals.

### Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin, a blend of deep-rooted history, modern flare and multicultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Berlin

This morning, explore Berlin with your local guide. Come to know Berlin's rich history through the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm and the Reichstag Building. Finish your city tour by walking through the area that was once "Checkpoint Charlie" and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. This afternoon you have the opportunity to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Cecilienhof Palace. (B)

#### Day 4: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic

Depart Berlin for Prague, the "City of a Thousand Spires." En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony. Enjoy time on your own to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. After arriving in Prague, personalize your evening with **Diner's Choice**, choosing from a selection of different venues. Perhaps you'll enjoy traditional cuisine at a folklore show, discover the city through its craft beer and food scene, or opt for a more quiet dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Hradcany Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue with a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town, showcasing the Golden Lane, the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion highlighting the poignant history held in Prague's Old Jewish Quarter. (B)

#### Day 6: Prague - Vienna, Austria

This morning, hop on a train and depart for your next adventure to Vienna, the "musical city." After a short orientation drive through the city, your afternoon is at leisure. Later, enjoy an evening in one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants where dinner mixes with local cultural flavour to create an unforgettable night. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Vienna

This morning, experience the city of Vienna on a tour highlighting some of its architectural marvels, including the lavish Schönbrunn Palace, a summer



retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you will visit one of the famous museums, sip a Viennese coffee at a local coffee house, or simply relax in the capital of Austria. Tonight you may choose to join an optional Mozart concert and dinner in the city. (B)

### Day 8: Vienna - Budapest, Hungary

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque Hungarian countryside en route to Budapest. Connect with the villagers of Dunaalmas and join local residents for a community-hosted lunch. Learn how to make a traditional strudel, a favourite in this region. Upon arrival in historic Budapest, a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament and Gellert Hill with a special stop at Heroes' Square, a unique monument to the many diverse leaders of Hungary. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Budapest

The beautiful city of Budapest is often referred to as "the Queen of the Danube." Today is yours to discover this city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. This evening, perhaps you'll take in the essence of the region during an optional dinner followed by a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. (B)

# Day 10: Budapest 😵

It's your choice! Choose to visit the House of Terror Museum and Memorial and gain an important perspective of 20th century Hungarian history, **-OR-** get lost in the beautiful Great Market Hall and taste some of the amazing Hungarian local products. This afternoon is yours to uncover Budapest further. Perhaps you will visit Szechenyi Baths – the oldest European baths with hot springs. (B)

#### **Day 11:** Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop in the village of Donovaly, nestled in the Low Tatras mountain range of Slovakia. Your home for the next two nights is the lively city of Krakow, a historic city offering old world charm. This evening, get to know traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local cuisine. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour complete with stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the university. You'll also view Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. The afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city on your own. Consider joining an optional excursion to the Wieliczka Salt Mines, a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B)

# **Day 13:** Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp, where you will learn about the terrors and the resilience of the human spirit. Tonight, toast to the end of this memorable trip as you sit down for your farewell dinner at a Jewish restaurant, feeling connected to the cultures and traditions of Central & Eastern Europe. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Krakow - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

1-2 NIGHTS	UP TO 1 WEEK
PRE NIGHT	STOPOVER
BERLIN	CHOOSE FROM:
CALL FOR DETAILS	London, Amsterdam, Paris,
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66 This tour of Central & Eastern Europe had plenty of sights, and was done at just the right pace.
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# **NEW TOUR**

# PEAKS OF EUROPE: THE ALPS TO THE DOLOMITES

# 13 DAYS · 18 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>5349

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Chamonix • Mont Blanc • Lavaux Vineyards Wine Experience • Montreux • GoldenPass • Gstaad • Jungfrau • Lucerne • Alpine Walks & Nature Experiences • Innsbruck • Dolomites • Cortina • Prosecco Region • Villa Stay

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Inhale fresh alpine air with 4 unique mountaintop experiences.
- Discover the local flora and fauna on 2 hiking opportunities with local alpinists.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Visit the QC Terme Chamonix, one of the most scenic and luxurious spas in the Alps -OR- choose to ascend the Aiguille du Midi via cable car and return to Chamonix via cable car -ORdescend by foot with a local alpinist.
- Day 9 Explore the idyllic town of Seefeld with a tour of the town on a horse- drawn carriage -OR- join a local guide to reconnect with nature during a hike through the unspoiled beauty of the Tyrolean mountains and forests.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 11 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Visit the terraced vineyards of Lavaux and enjoy a tasting among the vines.
- Taste the fruits of Italy's Prosecco region, with a vineyard visit and tasting.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2, 3La Folie Douce Hotel,
- Chamonix
- Days 4, 5 Hotel Continental, Lausanne
- Days 6, 7 Sunstar Hotel, Grindelwald
- Days 8, 9 Seelos Hotel NIKO or Das Hotel Eden, Seelos, Seefeld
- Days 10, 11
   Hotel Bellevue Suites & Spa, Cortina D'Ampezzo Fiames

   Day 12
   Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto, Venice
- 234 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



# Embark on an invigorating journey through Europe's towering Alps and charming towns.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Postcard-perfect vistas and storybook villages. Rolling hills and the crisp scent of fresh mountain air. There is nothing in this world quite like the Alps. You're on your way to explore Europe's iconic peaks and valleys on an invigorating journey through France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and Italy.

#### Day 2: Chamonix, France - Tour Begins

Say *bonjour* to Chamonix – the perennial ski-hub nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. Take the day to wander the pedestrian-friendly streets of this quaint town steeped in hundreds of years of history. Tonight, join with new friends and toast to the beginning of your alpine adventure. (D)

#### Day 3: Chamonix 😯

Today, select an exciting activity because **it's your choice!** Visit the QC Terme Chamonix, one of the most scenic and luxurious spas in the Alps **-OR**choose to ascend the Aiguille du Midi via cable car for unparalleled views of the French, Swiss, and Italian Alps. At an elevation of over 12,600 feet (3,842 meters), the Aiguille du Midi is the closest you can get to the summit of legendary Mont Blanc – the birthplace of mountaineering – without a daylong hike. After time to soak in the 360° views, you may choose to return to Chamonix via cable car **-OR-** return to Chamonix on foot with a local alpinist (you'll travel by cable car to the halfway point and hike back into town on a well-traveled trail). (B) **Day 4:** Chamonix - Lausanne, Switzerland Bid Chamonix and France *adieu* and set out for Switzerland. During today's **Impact Moment**, get to know the pups of Barryland, a local foundation that promotes and protects the heritage of the St. Bernard, the official dog of Switzerland. Arrive this evening in the lakeside town of Lausanne for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Lausanne - Lavaux - Lausanne

Take the morning at your leisure. Consider a short trip to Vevey to visit the Charlie Chaplin museum, or walk to the Olympic Museum before an afternoon visit to the terraced vineyards of Lavaux (UNESCO). Begin with lunch at a family-owned restaurant before visiting with our friends, Jacques and Aurelia, for a wine tasting amongst the vines. Walk through the vineyards and drink in the scenery and signature varietals. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Lausanne - Montreux -

GoldenPass Train - Gstaad - Grindelwald Discover the iconic resort town of Montreux before an afternoon train ride on the GoldenPass that whisks you through the Swiss countryside en route to Gstaad. Explore this car-free town dotted with iconic ski chalets. Tonight, dine on the top of Interlaken and experience a true feast for the senses. Breathe in fresh mountain air, admire jawdropping views, and savor the local cuisine. Settle in for a 2-night stay in Grindelwald, nestled at the base of The Eiger. (B, D)





# **Day 7:** Grindelwald - Jungfraujoch - Grindelwald

A short cogwheel train ride brings you to Jungfraujoch (UNESCO), known as the "Top of Europe." Take your time to explore this eternal winter wonderland with impressive views of the imposing triple peaks of Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau. Wander the frosty halls of the Ice Palace to see works of icy art carved by local artists or stand next to the Swiss flag to capture your time above it all. Tonight is yours to do as you please. (B)

#### Day 8: Grindelwald - Lucerne -Seefeld, Austria

Before departing Switzerland, spend some time to learn for yourself why the lakeside city of Lucerne is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Make your way through Liechtenstein, the only country to lie entirely within the Alps on your way to Austria. This evening is yours to relax and to get to know your home in Seefeld for the next 2 nights. (B)

# Day 9: Seefeld - Mittenwald, Germany - Seefeld, Austria 😵

This morning choose how you would like to explore the idyllic town of Seefeld, because **it's your choice!** Tour the town and surrounding area in a horse-drawn carriage **-OR-** join a local guide on a hike through the unspoiled beauty of the Tyrolean mountains and forests. Cross into Germany where you'll learn the art and craft of violin making at the Geigenbau Museum, returning to Seefeld to indulge in homemade Tyrolean cuisine. (B, D)

# Day 10: Seefeld - Innsbruck -Cortina, Italy

Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck. Walk the charming streets, discover the historic old town, and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof. Depart Austria for Italy to witness the unique jagged limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive in Cortina, the Queen of the Dolomites (UNESCO), and your home for the next 2 nights. (B)

# Day 11: Cortina

The day is yours. Bask in the charm of Cortina, strolling along its main street and taking in the views of the surrounding Dolomite peaks. Perhaps you'll join a full-day optional excursion taking you further into this legendary mountain range to discover natural beauty and local traditions. During this excursion, take a walk in the Badia valley, learn about the centuries old Ladin culture before stopping at a nearby maso - an alpine farm - for a taste of local Landin fare. After, a cable car ride brings you to Rifugio Lagazuoi for a feast of stunning views of the skyskimming peaks. This evening is yours to explore Cortina as you wish. (B)

# Day 12: Cortina - Prosecco Winery - Mogliano Veneto

Journey south this morning and into the rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region. Visit a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling specialty combined with assorted local cheeses and cold cuts during a light lunch. This evening, explore the frescoed halls and grounds of your

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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historic countryside villa before you gather for dinner and toast to new friends, fond memories, and unforgettable scenery. (B, L, D)

#### Day 13: Mogliano Veneto - Tour Ends

Your alpine adventure comes to a close today. (B)

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# Featured Post Tour Extension



# **Optional 2-Night Venice Post-Tour** Starting at \$960 pp

**Day 13:** Mogliano Veneto - Venice Continue your exploration of Italy with a 2-night stay in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic." After a motorboat transfer, meet your local guide for a walking tour of this incredible city, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Clock Tower, and St. Mark's Square. You'll also learn about the Venetian art of glassblowing during an interactive demonstration.

#### Day 14: Venice

Enjoy a day to explore Venice at your leisure. From your centrally located hotel, the city is yours to uncover. Meander amongst the historic streets, taking in the city's unique architecture and gondolaladen canals. You may choose to experience the local cuisine at a typical Bacaro, a small wine-bar where locals stop for a glass of wine – traditionally called ombra – and a quick bite of local tapas – that Venetians call cicchetti. Or take a local public waterbus ride to the nearby island of San Giorgio which offers spectacular views of St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace. (B)

#### Day 15: Venice - Tour Ends

Say arrivederci to Italy as your tour comes to a close. (B)

# DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

# 10 DAYS · 12 MEALS starting at \$3349

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Bern • Cheese Making Demonstration • Montreux • Golden Pass Panoramic Train • Gstaad • Lucerne • Austrian Alps • Innsbruck • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens • St. Peter's Restaurant • Bavaria • Neuschwanstein Castle • Tyrolean Folklore Show

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Ride the Golden Pass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.
- Witness the musical tradition of Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show.
- Travel to Bavaria and tour the famous Neuschwanstein Castle.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — Join a local guide and uncover Innsbruck's history and culture -OR- take a tour of the city's unique architectural structures and ski jump.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

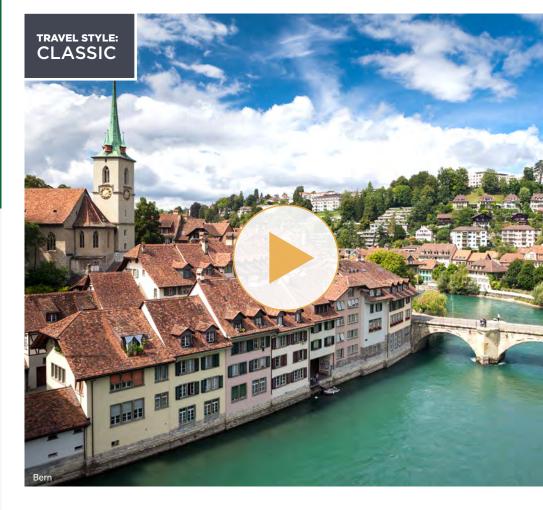
#### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour a dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue.
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-yearold St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Glimpse into the cheese production of Gruyères and sample these dairy delights.



Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 5Hotel Bern or<br/>Hotel Baeren, BernDays 6 - 9Hotel Innsbruck, or AC<br/>Hotel by Marriott Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience three Alpine countries.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring 4-night stays in two cities.

# Day 2: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

#### Day 3: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you'll take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 meters) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (B)

# Day 4: Bern - Gruyères - Montreux -

Panoramic Train Ride - Gstaad - Bern Travel to Gruyères, famous for its creamy cheeses. Sample some of these delectable dairy treats during a cheese making demonstration. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. (B)

#### Day 5: Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Bern - Innsbruck, Austria 😵

En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking





country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, **it's your choice!** Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" **-OR-** you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

# **Day 7:** Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)

#### **Day 8:** Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck

Today fairy tales come to life with a tour of Bavaria's famous castle, Neuschwanstein. Built by King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, return to Innsbruck. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. (B)

### Day 9: Innsbruck

Savour a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Tonight you are treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck's traditional restaurants. (B, D)

# Day 10: Innsbruck - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Vienna Post-Tour** Starting at \$1235 pp

#### Day 11: Vienna

Start your morning on a city tour with a local guide. You'll make your way through the city like the locals do – on public transportation – and stop to visit Vienna's most popular sights. Visit the 12th-century St. Stephen's Cathedral, standing at nearly 450-feet tall and featuring an eye-catching mosaic roof. Enjoy time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather in the evening for a dinner and classical music concert, highlighting the works of Austrian-born Mozart and Strauss. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Vienna

The day is yours. With your free time, consider visiting the legendary Schönbrunn Palace, former residence of the Habsburgs and containing more than 1,000 rooms. Or maybe you'll spend the day exploring the museum at Belvedere Palace, home to Gustav Klimt's famous painting *The Kiss.* Or you could even grab a slice of *Sachertorte* in a Viennese café. No matter how you spend your day, soak in the Austrian culture and experience the best of this capital city. (B)

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

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# SPECIAL EVENT



Oktoberfest

Toast to tradition at Munich's Oktoberfest, dating back to the 1800s.

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# SWITZERLAND: **HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS**

# 12 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT \$6449

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

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Swiss Travel Pass • Neuchâtel • Walking Tour of Neuchâtel's Historic Quarter

• Museum of Vine and Wine • Bern

Zermatt - Lake Geneva - Vevey -Chocolate Workshop - Lavaux Terraced Vineyards • Wine Tastings • Lucerne • Mount Stanserhorn

# **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Discover Neuchâtel's historic guarter and the treasures of the Belle Époque period.
- Visit the 13th-century Château de Boudry, where you'll tour the Museum of Vine and Wine with a tasting.
- · Use your Swiss Travel Pass as an allaccess entry to museums and more.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

Day 9 - Enjoy a day of leisure in Vevey -OR- discover Montreux and Chateau de Chillon before ferrying back to Vevey on Lake Geneva.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) · 2 Lunches (L) · 3 Dinners (D)

- · Participate in an immersive chocolate workshop.
- · Savour lunch at a family-owned restaurant followed by a wine tasting at a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Dine at the top of Mount Stanserhorn, taking in 360-degree views of the Swiss Alps.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2 - 4	Overnight Flight Best Western Premier
-	Hotel Beaulac, Neuchatel
Days 5, 6	Hotel Monte Rosa, Schlosshotel Zermatt or Hotel National, Zermatt
Days 7 - 9	Astra Hotel, Vevey
Days 10, 11	Hotel Astoria, Lucerne
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# TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP **EXPLORATIONS**



From the soaring Alps to the picturesque Swiss Riviera - set your sights on an active journey across Switzerland by train.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to a world wedged between Germany, Austria, France and Italy - the country of four languages that's one of the most heralded destinations in Europe. Your journey through Switzerland will be entirely by train, offering an up close and personal rendezvous with the best the country has to offer from the Alps to the historic villages of the Swiss Riviera. Get ready to experience the culture, history and lifestyle of Switzerland firsthand.

#### Day 2: Neuchâtel, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Willkkommen! Bienvenue! After you collect your luggage at the airport, board a Swiss Rail train to Neuchâtel, where Gothic landmarks and sandstone grandeur beckon you to discover the abundant history of this medieval waterfront city. This evening, look out over Lake Neuchâtel at dinner with your fellow travellers before retiring to your lakefront room. (D)

#### Day 3: Neuchâtel - Boudry - Neuchâtel

Start your morning on a walking tour and discover the treasures of Neuchâtel's historic guarter, taking in its unique architecture and structures from the Belle Époque period. Your day continues at Château de Boudry, a 13th-century castle home to the Museum of Vine and Wine. Wander through

the museum with an expert insider, ending with a taste of the local favourites and a sample of 4 different wines. (B)

# Day 4: Neuchâtel

Enjoy a day of leisure in Neuchâtel. You may use your Swiss Travel Pass to explore the surrounding areas, or simply relax and stroll the town's charming narrow lanes. Perhaps you will choose an optional e-biking excursion on Switzerland's Absinthe Trail to Maison de l'Absinthe to learn the history of production and enjoy a private tasting and cooking experience. (B)

#### Day 5: Neuchâtel - Bern - Zermatt

From Neuchâtel, travel via train to Bern, the Swiss capital city. Enjoy time at leisure to discover Bern's enthralling blend of influences - old and new. Then it's on to the resort village of Zermatt, nestled against the backdrop of the Matterhorn. This evening, join a resident expert for a discussion on how climate change is affecting the Alps and learn how villages like Zermatt are acting to create a sustainable future. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Zermatt

This morning, scale the Alps on a funicular ride to the mountain paradise of Sunnegga to take in breathtaking views of the famed Matterhorn. The remainder of the day is yours to explore all



that Zermatt has to offer. Consider joining an optional tour with a local Alpinist and ascend more than 10,000 feet on Europe's highest mountain railway - the Gornergrat. Set out on a leisurely hike and learn about the flora and fauna that inhabit the mountain landscape. (B)

#### Day 7: Zermatt - Vevey

Head to the north shore of Lake Geneva to Vevey, one of the "Pearls of the Swiss Riviera," with awe-inspiring views of the Alps. Enjoy a walking tour before visiting Läderach, one of Switzerland's most beloved chocolate companies. Participate in an immersive tasting workshop that reveals a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the artistry behind the handmade Swiss chocolate. (B)

#### Day 8: Vevey - Lavaux - Vevey

A relaxed morning in Vevey preludes your journey to the terraced vineyards of Lavaux. Begin with lunch at a family-owned restaurant before visiting with our friends, Jacques and Aurelia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Traipse the Lavaux vineyards (UNESCO) on foot before enjoying another tasting of the region's finest varieties. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Vevey 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Enjoy free time, perhaps taking advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass to discover the city's museums, including the Swiss Camera Museum,





Charlie Chaplin Museum, and the Nestle Foundation's Nest **-OR-** discover Montreux and Château de Chillon, before ferrying back to Vevey on Lake Geneva. Personalize your evening with *Diner's Choice*, choosing your preferred setting for dinner from a selection of different restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Vevey - Lucerne

Travel by train to Lucerne, known as the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Amble through Altstadt (Old Town) with your guide, uncovering the town's 800-year-old secrets and history. You'll walk along the famous covered Chapel Bridge, built in the early 14th century and stretching its way across the River Reuss. The remainder of the day is yours to explore however you'd like. (B)

#### Day 11: Lucerne

Make the most of a relaxing morning on your own. Wish Switzerland goodbye at a farewell lunch, taking an open-air cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn and dining at its revolving restaurant. Enjoy your meal as you take in stunning 360-degree views, the perfect ending to your Swiss sojourn. The evening is yours to soak up the last of Lucerne's inviting ambience. (B, L)

# Day 12: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Depart for home, dreaming of snowy Alps and captivating cultures. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

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# MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

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( <i>different itinerary – see note*</i> )	<i>(featured itiner</i>
April 22, 29	June 3, 17
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> **66** Switzerland was absolutely breathtaking. Every day was different than the day before. **99**

- Collette Traveller

# ALPINE LAKES & SCENIC TRAINS

# 9 DAYS · 11 MEALS starting at \$4149

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Lucerne - GoldenPass Train - Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz -Bernina Pass Train - Lake Maggiore -Farm Visit with Wine and Cheese Pairing -Lago Maggiore Cruise - Island Dinner

# **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Cruise through Lago Maggiore and visit one of the beautiful Borromean Islands.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of St. Moritz.
- Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — While in Zermatt, explore on foot during a guided walking tour -OR- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak.



# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

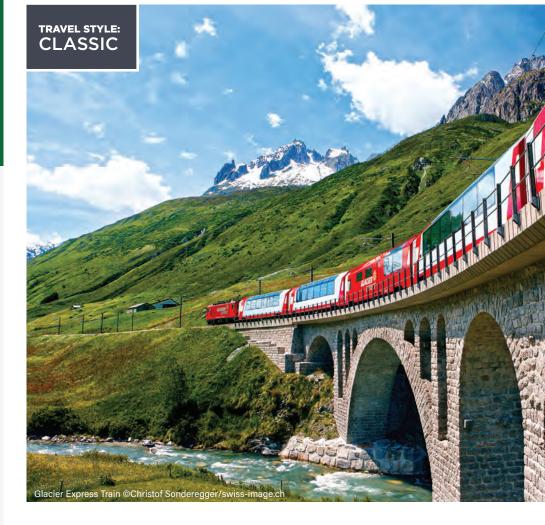
- Savour a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- Sit down for dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Lago Maggiore.
- Enjoy a three-course lunch aboard the Glacier Express train.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Hotel Astoria, Lucerne
- Days 4, 5 Hotel Alex or Hotel National, Zermatt
- Day 6 Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
- Days 7, 8 Zacchera Hotels, Lake Maggiore

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# Climb aboard legendary Alpine railways and set out on a journey across the captivating Alpine landscapes of Switzerland and Italy.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views while aboard railways and lake cruises, and enjoy cultural experiences in charming villages in the heart of Europe.

# **Day 2:** Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Arrive in Lucerne and enjoy some free time to explore this lakeside town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the city. (D)

#### Day 3: Lucerne

Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Follow the ancient pathways of the city on a walking tour through an *Altstadt* (Old Town), passing through the covered 14th-century Chapel Bridge. Along the way, see the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison. Pause at the renowned Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate heroic soldiers. The evening is yours. (B)

### **Day 4:** Lucerne - GoldenPass Train -Montreux - Zermatt

Travel to Gstaad and climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train, taking in breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time in this resort town, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva. End your day in the car-less village of Zermatt. (B, D)

# Day 5: Zermatt 😵

Choose how you discover Zermatt because it's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour -**OR**- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

# **Day 6:** Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the





Bernina Pass Train



heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. While onboard, relax and enjoy a 3-course lunch. Arrive in St. Moritz and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or stroll the lakeside boulevard. (B, L)

#### Day 7: St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - Lake Maggiore, Italy

Traveling along one of the world's most scenic railways, journey through the Bernina Pass en route to Tirano, Italy. Take in the striking landscapes of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your voyage, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Experience sweeping coastal views on your drive along the picturesque shores of Lake Como. Continue to Lake Maggiore, a tranguil resort area with crystal clear waters set against the backdrop of the Alps and settle in for a 2-night stay. (B)

# Day 8: Lake Maggiore

Travel to Oira, an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Visit a family farm to see a different side to Alpine life. Learn about the artisan cheeses that they produce before

sampling their creations, paired with the region's local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here an expert guides you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. As the day draws to a close, board a private boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, one of the stunning Borromean Islands. On the island, toast to the end of your Alpine adventure and savour a traditional farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Lake Maggiore - Tour Ends

Your scenic journey ends today in Lake Maggiore. (B)

# **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



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DOUBLE SOLO	Starting at Starting at	\$4149 \$5199	person, land only, by departure date.
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# EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

13 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>4799

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Vienna • Classical Concert • Schönbrunn Palace • Danube Cruise • Salzburg • Dinner at St. Peter's Stiftskeller • Munich • Augsburg • Neuschwanstein • Wine Tasting • Black Forest • Zermatt • Lucerne

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise along the legendary Danube River.
- Enjoy a performance by opera singers and ballet dancers set to the music of Strauss, Mozart, and more in Vienna.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 Discover Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town -OR- feel like you've joined the von Trapp family on a city tour featuring iconic film locations from The Sound of Music.
- Day 6 Take a panoramic tour of Munich to see the National Theatre and much more -OR- visit the lavish Treasury of the Munich Residence.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 11 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Savour a dinner of local Swiss specialties in Lucerne.
- Taste local German wines at a lakeside winery.
- Dine at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
   Days 2, 3 Intercontinental Hotel or Erzherzog Rainer Hotel, Vienna
   Days 4, 5 Arcotel Castellani or NH Salzburg City Hotel, Salzburg
   Days 6, 7 Leonardo Hotel, Augsburg
   Day 8 Hotel Hofgut Sternen, Titisee or Novotel Freiburg
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- National, Zermatt
  Days 11, 12 Ameron Hotel Flora or
  Hotel Astoria, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover storybook castles and opulent palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

From regal Austrian palaces to handcrafted German clocks and snowcapped Swiss Alps, set out to experience three Alpine cultures set amid postcard-worthy landscapes.

#### Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's stately capital city. Built by the Habsburg Empire and amplified by classical composers, Vienna exudes an old-world charm that can be found in its cobblestone streets and elegant architecture. This evening, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner in the city. Following your meal, enjoy a performance by opera singers and ballet dancers set to the music of Strauss, Mozart, and more. (D)

#### Day 3: Vienna

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. Visit the 17th-century Schönbrunn Palace, containing more than 1,440 rooms, and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is yours. Enjoy free time to explore the avenues of Vienna or perhaps visit one of its many museums. (B)

# Day 4: Vienna - Salzburg

Journey through the countryside before taking a

cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most renowned waterways. Continue to Salzburg, the "City of Music," and find lush gardens and oldworld charm. Step into another time with dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant. Home to aged stone walls and sleek wooden ceilings, St. Peter's is the oldest restaurant in Austria and is still owned by monks. (B, D)

# Day 5: Salzburg 😯

Choose how you spend your morning because it's your choice! Discover Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town -**OR**- feel like you've joined the von Trapp family on a city tour featuring iconic film locations from *The Sound of Music.* No matter how you choose to spend the morning, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the beloved town on your own. (B)

# **Day 6:** Salzburg - Munich - Augsburg, Germany 😵

Look out upon the Bavarian Alps en route to the most popular Bavaria city, Munich. Upon arrival, **it's your choice!** Take a panoramic tour of Munich, highlighting the National Theater of Bavaria and much more **-OR-** visit the lavish Treasury of the Munich Residence. Both choices end with a viewing of the Rathaus – Glockenspiel chiming at Marienplatz. Continue on to Augsburg,



renowned for its ancient architecture, and your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** Augsburg - Neuschwanstein Castle - Augsburg

Step into the pages of beloved fairy tales at Neuschwanstein, Bavaria's most famous castle. Tour the fabled halls with an expert guide and feel the legends of past royals come to life. Built by King Ludwig II, Neuschwanstein is the most photographed castle in Germany and was the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. Return to Augsburg for an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 8: Augsburg - Black Forest

You're off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. On your way, get a taste of local flavors at a German winery. Enjoy a tour before sampling the vintages and looking out over the rows of vines and nearby Lake Constance. End your day amongst the treestudded mountains of the Black Forest. (B, D)

### **Day 9:** Black Forest - Montreux, Switzerland - Zermatt

Welcome to Switzerland! Take in your surroundings at the resort town of Montreux, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the scenic Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn. Travel to Zermatt – a relaxing car-free village in the





Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Zermatt

All of Zermatt is at your fingertips. Spend the day however you'd like – perhaps you will set out on an optional guided hike through the Swiss Alps, passing by rugged peaks and verdant foliage on a one-of-akind adventure. (B)

#### Day 11: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass -Lucerne

Travel alongside glaciers, crystal-clear rivers, and snowcapped mountains as you venture through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Upon arrival, set out on a scenic walking tour of the city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. (B)

#### Day 12: Lucerne

The day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Perhaps you will embark on an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus, ascending the world's steepest railway on a panoramic gondola to the summit. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B, D)

# Day 13: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Wish the Alps goodbye as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



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# GERMANY'S CULTURAL CITIES FEATURING THE ROMANTIC ROAD

# 11 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$3449

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

Berlin • ICE Train • Hamburg • Hamelin • "Pied Piper" Tour • Marburg • Würzburg • Rothenburg ob der Tauber • Wine Tasting • "Night Watchman" Tour • Neuschwanstein Castle • Munich • Beer Tasting

# **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper."
- Feel like a local when you take the sleek ICE train from Berlin to Hamburg.
- Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 In Hamburg, explore the Miniature Wonderland, home to the largest model railway system in the world -OR- visit the International Maritime Museum, which houses nine levels of sea-faring adventure.
- Day 10 In Munich, venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker -OR- embark on a poignant journey through history at the Dachau Memorial, the former concentration camp.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a wine tasting at a local restaurant.
- Enjoy a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's famous restaurants.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Hotel Riu Plaza, Berlin
- Days 4, 5 Reichshof Curio by Hilton, Hamburg
- Day 6 Vila Vita Hotel, Marburg
- Days 7, 8 Hotel Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg
- Days 9, 10 Eurostars Grand Central Hotel, Munich



Through Berlin, Hamburg, and Munich, come to know Germany and the charms of its Romantic Road.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

This enchanting journey takes you to see the best of Germany as you travel to some of the country's most iconic cities and through its picturesque countryside.

#### Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Berlin, Germany's capital. Maintaining a blend of deep history, modern flare and multi-cultural influences, Berlin has served as a European icon for centuries. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic cuisine. (D)

#### Day 3: Berlin

Start your day by getting acquainted with Berlin's main sights with an expert guide. Reflect at the Holocaust Memorial before continuing on to the lively Potsdam Square. Stroll down Niederkirchner Strasse to see remnants of the First Wall and walk through the "Topography of Terror" exhibition, delving into the rise and fall of the Third Reich. See Checkpoint Charlie, the most famous crossing point between East and West Berlin. Explore the beautiful Gendarmenmarkt square, pass through the colourful Old Town, and head down Avenue Unter den Linden to Brandenburg Gate. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Cecilienhof Palace. (B)

#### Day 4: Berlin - Hamburg

Feel like a local when you travel to Hamburg, hopping on the sleek ICE train that connects all the major German cities and reaches speeds of up to 200 miles per hour. Take in "the Venice of the North," with winding canals and an impressive harbour that made it a centre of trade for centuries. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before getting the lay of the land on a brief orientation tour. The evening is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you will take an optional evening cruise, admiring the cityscape as you coast along. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Hamburg 😯

Today, **it's your choice!** Feel as if the world has shrunk around you at Miniature Wonderland, home to the largest model railway system in the world with over ten awe-inspiring themed landscapes **-OR-** visit the International Maritime Museum which houses nine levels of sea-faring adventure including exhibits on Viking dragon boats, deep-sea diving, and a ship simulator.





This evening, gather for a walking tour along Reeperbahn, Hamburg's red light district. The area has been immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in on the rock-legend fun with a local Beatles expert, who wields a ukulele as you travel down memory lane. (B)

#### **Day 6:** Hamburg – Hamelin -Marburg

Made famous by the Pied Piper in the stories of the Brothers Grimm, Hamelin is your next stop. Feel like you have stepped into the pages of a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" leads you through the city, playing catchy tunes as you discover Hamelin's charming Tudor-style architecture. Your journey continues to the medieval city of Marburg whose enchanting atmosphere has inspired many of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. This picturesque city is your home for the night. (B)

# **Day 7:** Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located on the Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city-centre hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant for a taste of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colourfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of the medieval town. (B, D)

# Day 8: Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Gather at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum and be treated to a private tour. See an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you choose. (B)

#### Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber -Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich

Make your way through mountains and along winding country roads as you leave Rothenburg behind for a tour inside the iconic Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Continue to Munich, the vibrant capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city independently. (B)

#### Day 10: Munich 😵

Come to know the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a walking tour that highlights the world-famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz - a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. This afternoon, it's your choice! Venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker -OR- embark on a poignant journey through history at the Dachau Memorial, the former concentration camp where you will learn about the terrors of war and the resilience of the human spirit. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's most famous restaurants. (B, D)

# Day 11: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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March - April 2022

(different itinerary - see note\*) March 17 April 28 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - May 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please

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May 2022 - May 2023 (featured itinerary) May 12 June 16 July 14 ★ September 15, 22

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# ALSO AVAILABLE



#### Germany's Cultural Cities featuring Oktoberfest Toast to tradition at Munich's Oktoberfest, dating back to the 1800s.

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# MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF AUSTRIA & GERMANY

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$2649

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Innsbruck • Seefeld • Carriage Ride • Salzburg • St. Peter's Restaurant • Oberammergau • Munich • Christmas Markets

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday tradition of the *Christkindlesmarkt*.
- Unwind and shop for handmade crafts in the heart of the Alps.
- Venture by train to Seefeld for a horse-drawn carriage ride and a taste of schnapps.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof -OR- visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage, getting a glimpse into this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts.



#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Experience a strudel demonstration and learn the history behind the traditional dessert.
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-yearold St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 6	Hotel Innsbruck or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck
Day 7	Movenpick Munich Airport, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience the holiday spirit in Austria and Germany, where the tradition of the *Christkindlesmarkt* began over 600 years ago.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to uncover the unique charms of Austria and Germany and the incredible *Christkindlesmarkt* (Christmas market)!

**Day 2:** Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins Welcome to the town of Innsbruck, capital of the Alps. Spend the next five nights nestled in the heart of the mountains. Tonight, accompany your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to celebrate your arrival in Austria. (D)

# Day 3: Innsbruck - Seefeld - Innsbruck 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof **-OR-** visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage, getting a glimpse into this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts. Next, journey by train 3,600 feet above sea level to the idyllic village of Seefeld, one of the world's great ski resorts thanks to miles of lakes and trails. Step off the train into the pure Alpine air to find an authentic horse-drawn carriage – and a traditional gift of schnapps – waiting for you. Belt out a carol or two as you are whisked across the snow and participate in an interactive demonstration of how to make (and eat!) traditional strudel. Glide your way back to Innsbruck. (B)

Day 4: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck Over the mountains and through the woods of the Austrian countryside resides the storybook Old Town of Salzburg. Head over to Mirabell Gardens and the iconic "Do-Re-Mi steps" from The Sound of Music. Then, journey through the baroque heart of the Old City and the famous thoroughfare of Mozart's birthplace. Head out to enjoy a free afternoon with the locals, affectionately known as "Salzburgers." Do some treasure hunting at any of six Christmas markets. Your day concludes at St. Peter's Skiftskeller, the oldest continuously-serving restaurant in Europe.



Inside this centuries-old gem, indulge in a traditional dessert. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Innsbruck

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Innsbruck. Go treasure hunting at the Christmas markets, brimming with the sights, smells, and sounds of the season. Be on the lookout for St. Nicholas and even Krampus as they march through the market stalls. Revel in good cheer while brass bands play from the towers and indulge in some gluhwein and stollen, while chestnuts roast on open fires. (B)

#### **Day 6:** Innsbruck - Neuschwanstein, Germany -Oberammergau -Innsbruck, Austria

View the magnificence of Neuschwanstein Castle as you enjoy a photo stop of the fairytale creation of Bavaria's "Mad King." Your journey continues to Oberammergau. Enjoy a lunch featuring regional cuisine before spending some time on your own getting to know this picture-perfect Bavarian village. (B, L)





# **Day 7:** Innsbruck - Munich, Germany

*Wilkommen* to Munich! Venture to Marienplatz and see the iconic Glockenspiel, where life-size figurines spin and dance. Enjoy free time to explore, perhaps grabbing a *bier* at the renowned Hofbrauhaus or doing some final holiday shopping at one of Europe's largest Christmas markets. Join a local guide on a panoramic tour of Munich, passing by famous sights such as the Royal Square and Parliament Building. Close your day, toasting to the end of your seasonal sojourn at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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UP TO 1 WEEK

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November - December 2022 November 25, 30 December 5, 10, 15

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# CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

# 9 DAYS · 11 MEALS starting at \$2749

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Oberammergau • Innsbruck • Munich • Black Forest • Strasbourg • Rothenburg • Würzburg • Nuremberg • Christmas Markets



# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, France and Austria.
- In Würzburg, see the magnificent 18th-century residence of the princebishops.

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 Day 3 — Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof -OR- visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage, getting a glimpse into this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts.

# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

 Enjoy traditional Bavarian cuisine in Oberammergau.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	Alte Post Hotel,
	Oberammergau
Days 5, 6	Hofgut Sternen, Black Forest
Days 7, 8	Maritim Hotel or Hote

Days 7, 8 Maritim Hotel or Hotel Melchior Park, Wurzburg

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Sip mulled wine and collect unique crafts, hand-made ornaments and toys at some of the most famous Christmas markets in Europe.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on a glorious holiday adventure through the traditional Christmas markets and historic towns of Central Europe. On this journey, sip mulled wine and shop for handicrafts in some of the oldest and most famous Christmas markets in Europe.

# **Day 2:** Oberammergau, Germany - Tour Begins

Step back in time and stroll the streets past oldworld cottages and shops covered in colourful frescos as your journey begins in Oberammergau, the perfect example of a Bavarian Alpine village. It is the ideal place to shop for cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and Hummel figurines. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner in your traditional village inn. (D)

# **Day 3:** Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau 😵

Traverse the Bavarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck nestled in the heart of the mountains. Then, **it's your choice!** Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof **-OR**- visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage for a glimpse into this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop in the many specialty stores and the cozy Christmas market. (B)

# **Day 4:** Oberammergau - Munich - Oberammergau

This morning, travel to Munich and be introduced to this exciting city with a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich's historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Oberammergau and stroll about the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for, followed by a dinner featuring Bavarian cuisine. (B, D)

# Day 5: Oberammergau - Black Forest

Travel through the scenic countryside of Germany to the heart of the Black Forest. Here, relish the peacefulness of the surrounding forested mountains. (B, D)

# **Day 6:** Black Forest - Strasbourg, France - Black Forest

Traverse the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest and country roads of Alsace to the



provincial capital of Strasbourg, France, where centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. Mingle with the locals as you explore the Christmas market featuring local crafts and traditional food and drink before returning to Germany. (B)

# **Day 7:** Black Forest - Rothenburg - Würzburg

Depart the Black Forest for the Franconia region of Germany. Venture to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most wellpreserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Continue to Würzburg and enjoy a free evening to shop in the lively Christmas market. (B)

# Day 8: Würzburg - Nuremberg - Würzburg

Stroll through Würzburg with a local guide to discover the city's history. This ancient wine town is rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops, boasting the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the



River Main. This afternoon, drive to historic Nuremberg for a city tour. Learn about old town's 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city; the Imperial Castle, and the Justice Palace, site of the War Crimes Tribunal in 1946. Your city tour concludes with a visit to the historic Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Germany dating back to 1628. Here you can spend time sipping Gluhwein and sampling roast sausages. Over 200 wooden stalls have given the Christmas market its name -"Little Town from Wood." You can find items like Nuremberg spicy gingerbread, fruit loaves, bakery goods, sweets, Christmas tree angels and toys. Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9:** Würzburg - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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66 It was nice to have enough time to take a walk around some of the cities and duck in a cafe or coffee shop to experience the local flair. 99 - Collette Traveller

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# CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

# 9 DAYS · 19 MEALS starting at \$3899

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

Würzburg • Rothenburg • Nuremberg • 6-Night Danube River Cruise • Regensburg • Passau • Wachau Valley • Glühwein Party • Vienna • Hofburg Palace • Vienna Opera House • Christmas Markets

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Browse the famous Christmas markets along the Danube.
- Join a local expert as you discover Würzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg and Vienna.
- Explore the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

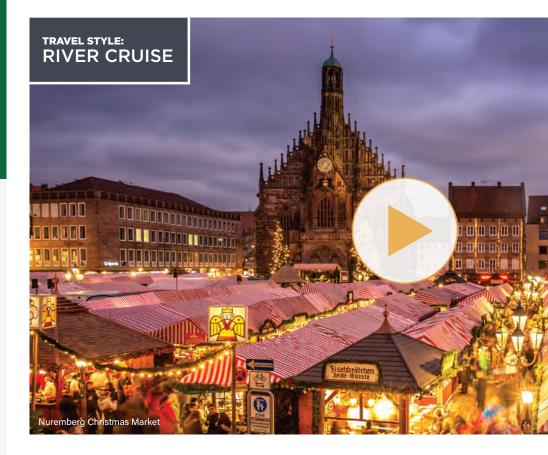
#### 7 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Lunches (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy unlimited wine with every dinner on board your cruise ship.
- Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner and a special holiday concert.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDay 2Maritim Hotel, WurzburgDays 3 - 8MS Amadeus Brilliant

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



On a cruise along the Danube, explore charming Christmas markets and see Europe dressed in its holiday best.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Board your cruise and relax as you are transported along beloved cities, where age-old culture is interwoven with seasonal specialties. Peruse handcrafted gifts, traditional sweets, and infectious holiday cheer as you make your way though some of Europe's most renowned Christmas markets. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Germany.

#### Day 2: Würzburg, Germany - Tour Begins

Start in a historic Bavarian town along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy time to unwind and soak in the charms of Franconia. Meet your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner and toast to your upcoming adventure. (D)

#### **Day 3:** Würzburg - Rothenburg -Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship

Join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, an ancient wine town. Your journey takes you to Rothenburg, a town of medieval walls, fairytale houses, and Christmas markets. Continue on to Nuremberg to board your ship. Your home for the next six nights, this vessel has modern amenities such as the newest technology, a panoramic deck café, panorama salon and bar, exceptional service, and delicious cuisine and wine with every dinner. This evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Nuremberg

Stroll through historic Nuremberg with an expert guide and see Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes at Nuremberg's 17th-century Christmas market, which is Germany's oldest. Wander through the market and perhaps you'll shop for handcrafted nutcrackers or treat your taste buds to Nuremberg's famous *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread). Cruise across the continental divide and through the Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Regensburg

With an expert guide, discover Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. See the first stone bridge built over the Danube and the Porta Praetoria – a Roman gate built in A.D. 179. Stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts holding seasonal ornaments, wooden toys, and local handicrafts. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Passau

Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn, and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city and take in the ornate Baroque architecture, the cobblestone streets, and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to



Europe's largest church organ. Take advantage of free time to discover the town and Christmas market more on your own. (B, L, D)

# **Day 7:** Wachau Valley, Austria -Emmersdorf - Dürnstein - Vienna

Cruise to the quaint town of Emmersdorf. Relax and take in the scenery before visiting Dürnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey. Take a sip of local traditions at a Glühwein Party and then continue through the Wachau Valley, dotted with castles and hillside houses. As the day draws to a close, say hello to Vienna, Austria's capital city. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to experience Vienna by night and visit its famous Christmas market. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Vienna

Join a local expert and explore Vienna's architecture, including Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, the Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer retreat. Celebrate the end of your trip at the Captain's Gala Dinner, followed by a special Christmas concert performed by the ship's orchestra. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 9:** Vienna - Disembark Ship -Tour Ends

Disembark after breakfast and say goodbye to the iconic Danube. (B)







#### Optional 2-Night Christmas Markets of Prague Post-Tour Starting at \$820 pp

# Day 9: Vienna, Austria -

Prague, Czech Republic This morning, say goodbye to your cruise ship and continue through the lovely European countryside to Prague, the cultural capital of Bohemia. Upon arrival, you'll meet a local representative who will help orientate you to the city and get you settled into your hotel.

#### Day 10: Prague

Your day in this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour through the city before arriving at Hradcany Castle for a stroll down the Golden Lane. Visit the beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral and see the iconic statue-lined Charles Bridge. After you've toured the city, it's time to explore the magical Christmas markets of Prague with your local guide. Wander the stalls filled with hearty food, soul-warming mulled wine, and handmade crafts and ornaments. (B)

#### **Day 11:** Prague - Tour Ends Your tour ends this morning. (B)

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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# IMPERIAL CITIES

# 11 DAYS · 14 MEALS starting at \$3599

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Prague • Prague Castle • Cesky Krumlov • Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Classical Music Performance • Bratislava • Lunch with Locals • Budapest • Matthias Church • Fisherman's Bastion • Visegrad • Renaissance Dinner

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour the majestic Prague Castle.
- Get a glimpse into Hungary's communist past during an exclusive talk with a local.
- Get to know Bratislava's 4,000-yearold history on a tour with a local expert.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Head to the medieval town of Durnstein and cruise to Melk Abbey -OR- join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to *The Kiss* -OR- attend a Viennese Waltz lesson.

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# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Join local residents for a community hosted lunch in Dunaalmas.
- Savour a Renaissance-style dinner at a medieval castle restaurant near Budapest.
- Choose from a selection of different venues in Prague for Diner's Choice.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	Grandior Hotel, Prague
Days 5 - 7	Intercontinental Hotel or Hotel Stefanie, Vienna
Days 8 - 10	Up Hotel, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Bask in the splendour, history, and romance of Europe's regal capital cities of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a grand cultural adventure through the Imperial Cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Along the way, enjoy traditional entertainment, local cuisine, and a glimpse into this region's eminent history.

# **Day 2:** Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Behold ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

# Day 3: Prague

Feel the magic and wonder of Prague. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, take in the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge, a picturesque structure stretching over the Vltava River. (B)

#### Day 4: Prague

Discover Prague on your own. Consider shopping for Bohemian crystal or visiting the city's museums, such as the Lapidarium. Maybe you will join an optional excursion to Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum and Europe's oldest Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. Personalize your evening with **Diner's Choice**, choosing from a selection of different venues. Perhaps you'll enjoy traditional cuisine at a folklore show, or discover the city through its craft beer and food scene, or opt for a more quiet dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

### **Day 5:** Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Travel through the scenic countryside on your way to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov. Lined with towering Baroque architecture, explore the quaint preserved streets before continuing on to the grand city of Vienna. (B)

#### Day 6: Vienna

Join a local guide at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure where perhaps you'll partake in the city's famous café culture as you walk the streets, watching locals take a moment out of their day for a hot coffee and bite of cake. Tonight, hear Vienna's past



come alive and experience a classical performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Vienna 😵

Choose how you spend your day because it's your choice! Venture down the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein and cruise to the 11th-century Melk Abbey -**OR**join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to Gustav Klimt's iconic painting *The Kiss* -**OR**- enjoy a leisurely morning before attending a Viennese Waltz lesson in the afternoon. The rest of the day is yours. (B)

### **Day 8:** Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Say hello to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Connect with the villagers of Dunaalmas during a community-hosted lunch, learning how to make traditional strudel. Arrive in Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube" and your home for the next 3 nights. Chat with a local and hear stories about his life in the former communist area. Enjoy the evening on your own. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Budapest

Join a local expert for a panoramic tour of the city, where you'll discover





the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill, the Fisherman's Bastion, the historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, and the Parliament House. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Budapest on your own. Perhaps you will head to the city's famous thermal pools for an afternoon of relaxation. (B)

#### **Day 10:** Budapest - Visegrad -Budapest

After a morning at leisure, head out of the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Step into the past at a 14th-century castle, where knights with authentic weaponry recreate the times of chivalry and kingdoms. Then, embrace the lifestyle yourself and enjoy an exclusive Renaissance-style dinner in the castle. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Budapest - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to these regal cities as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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66 This is the 2nd Collette tour I have been on and it was just as wonderful as the first. The guides and tour director are very knowledgeable about the countries visited and can always answer any questions asked. **??** 

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- Collette Traveller

### DISCOVERING POLAND

#### 12 DAYS · 14 MEALS STARTING AT \$2799

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Warsaw • Malbork Castle • Gdansk • Solidarity Shipyards • Torun • Gingerbread Baking • Wroclaw • Jasna Góra Monastery • Black Madonna • Krakow • Auschwitz • Folklore Show & Dinner



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit the Jasna Góra monastery to witness the world-famous Black Madonna.
- Explore the poignant history of Auschwitz.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 In Warsaw, embark on a classic city tour -OR- gain a different perspective on Warsaw's past with a tour that delves into of the city's communist history.
- Day 5 In Gdansk, venture to the resort town of Sopot -OR- enjoy a free afternoon in the city.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Immerse yourself in Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner.
- Learn how to make gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.



Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw
Days 4, 5	Radisson Blu Hotel Old Town, Gdansk
Day 6	Hotel Bulwar, Torun
Days 7, 8	The Bridge Wroclaw MGallery, Wroclaw
Days 9 - 11	Holiday Inn City Center Hotel, Krakow

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



On an all-encompassing tour of Poland, uncover the country's poignant past and engaging present.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Poland, a land of amazing castles, poignant history and a welcoming culture.

Day 2: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Warsaw! This city features a blend of old-world charm and modern energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Warsaw 😵

Choose how you explore Warsaw because **it's your choice!** Embark on a classic city tour and embrace the city's moving history as you discover the main sights and the Old Town -**OR**- gain a different perspective on Warsaw's past with a tour that delves into the city's communist history, stopping to visit different museums along the way. The afternoon is at leisure to take in the alleyways, visit a quaint café in Warsaw's Old Town, explore a museum, or simply relax. (B)

#### Day 4: Warsaw - Malbork Castle - Gdansk

Depart Warsaw and stop in the town of Malbork, home to Malbork Castle, one of the largest castles in the world. On a guided tour of this 700-yearold structure, gain an introduction to the world of the Knights of the Teutonic Order. Continue to Gdansk, stopping at the Gdansk Shipyards, site of the creation of the anti-Communist Solidarity movement in 1980 that helped liberate Poland from Soviet rule. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Gdansk 😵

Start your morning with a local expert in Gdansk. Get to know this port city's history on a tour highlighting City Hall and St. Mary's Church. Peek into Poland's age-old culture of amber, which dates back to the Neolithic period. Later, **it's your choice!** Embark on an excursion to the seaside resort town of Sopot **-OR-** remain in Gdansk and explore the city as you wish. The evening is yours to stroll through a city square, shop for local handicrafts, or soak in the seaside atmosphere. (B)

#### Day 6: Gdansk - Torun

Travel to the town of Torun (UNESCO), birthplace of the famous astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus. Torun remains one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe and is one of the "Seven Wonders of Poland." On arrival, join a local expert for a walking tour of this unspoiled town. Pass by Copernicus's house before stepping into the past when you bake and sample gingerbread based on a 500-year-old recipe. (B)



#### Day 7: Torun - Wroclaw

Enjoy a morning at leisure to independently explore the city. As the afternoon sets in, your journey continues to the ancient city of Wroclaw. Get a taste of the culture when you join your travelling companions for some locally-brewed beer and a traditional "home-style" dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

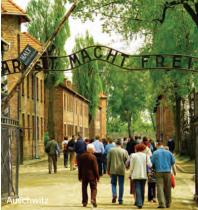
#### Day 8: Wroclaw

Start your morning on a tour of Wroclaw, bringing this 1,000-year-old city to life. In the *Stare Miasto* (Old Town), discover a diverse blend of ethnicities and religions all coexisting within a unified Polish mindset. The remainder of the day is yours. You can visit idyllic parks, immerse yourself in the captivating culture, or even search for the many "dwarf" statues hidden on the streets of the city. (B)

### **Day 9:** Wroclaw - Czestochowa - Krakow

Leave Wroclaw for Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland. Every year, over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects to the famous Black Madonna in the Jasna Góra monastery. Venture inside for an up-close look at this miraculous image. Depart for Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its well-preserved town





centre. Get acquainted with the city during an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 10: Krakow

Join a local expert on a panoramic tour of Krakow, including Market Square, St. Mary's Church and the university. You will also see the famous Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. The rest of your day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll the quaint side streets of Krakow's famous Old Town, have coffee in one of the largest squares in Europe, or visit the Schindler Museum. Consider taking an optional excursion to medieval salt mines for a unique adventure. (B)

### **Day 11:** Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp, where you will learn about the coldblooded terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit. This evening, celebrate traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner, complete with wine and beer. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Krakow - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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> 66 The tours were great, our tour guide was excellent, the food and the Polish people were terrific. 99 - Collette Traveller

### CLASSIC DANUBE

#### 11 DAYS · 24 MEALS starting at \$5449

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Budapest • 7-Night Danube River Cruise • Bratislava • Vienna • Wachau Valley • Linz • Passau • Regensburg • Munich • Seefeld • Linderhof Palace • Oberammergau

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline.
- Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.
- Visit King Ludwig II's ornate Linderhof Palace.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 9 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 9 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy unlimited wine with every dinner on board your cruise ship.
- Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.

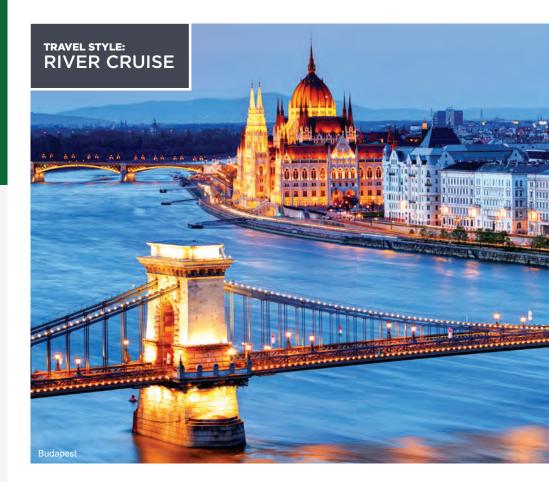


### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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Days 2 - 8	MS Amadeus Brilliant or MS Amadeus Silver II
Days 9, 10	Hotel Seelos, Seefeld or Das Hotel Eden, Seefeld

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



On a cruise of the Danube River, make your way along fairy-tale cities, medieval villages, and stunning vistas.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

On a timeless trip down the Danube River, sail past breathtaking scenery and pause in quaint villages and lively cities. Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Europe.

# **Day 2:** Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship

Say hello to Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, and board your ship. Your home for the next seven nights, this beautifully appointed vessel has all the modern amenities you could need, such as the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, outstanding service, excellent cuisine, and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner on board. After a cocktail reception and welcome dinner, take in the city skyline on an evening cruise along Budapest's stunning shores. Your day ends with a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

#### Day 3: Budapest

Embark on a tour of Budapest and experience the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion, and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy incomparable views of the twin cities Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

# **Day 4:** Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

Enter into Slovakia and tour Bratislava, the former imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Discover sites such as the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's palace. Your journey continues toward Vienna, Austria's capital city. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Vienna

Join a local expert and explore Vienna's architecture, including Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, the Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer retreat. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley

Cruise to the quaint town of Emmersdorf. Relax and take in the scenery of this picturesque area and enjoy free time to explore. Your journey takes you through the Wachau Valley, dotted with castles and hillside houses. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Linz - Passau, Germany

Start your morning with a walking tour of Linz, a charming town that straddles the Danube River.



Cross the border into Germany and spend time in Passau, situated at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn, and IIz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city and take in the ornate Baroque architecture, the cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Back on board, celebrate at the Captain's Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

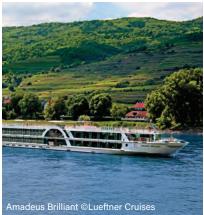
#### Day 8: Regensburg

With an expert guide, discover Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. See the first stone bridge built over the Danube and the Porta Praetoria – a Roman gate built in A.D. 179. Stroll through Old Town and uncover more of this historic city. Tonight, partake in a delightful Bavarian evening. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 9:** Passau - Disembark Ship -Munich - Seefeld, Austria

Disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. After some





free time, continue on to the quaint Alpine town of Seefeld. (B, D)

### **Day 10:** Seefeld - Ettal, Germany - Oberammergau - Seefeld

Travel to Ettal, home of Linderhof Palace. Feel like a royal when you venture into the palace, finding a world rich in Rococo ornamentation and unparalleled artistry. You'll also spend time exploring nearby Oberammergau, renowned for wood carvings and the Passion Play which takes place every ten years. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Seefeld - Tour Ends

Wish Europe goodbye as your tour comes to an end. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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	Frankfurt, Munich
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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at \$5449 \$8399 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on September 25, 2022 departure.

September - October 2022 September 25 October 2	Staterooms Haydn (lower deck) Strauss (middle deck) Mozart (upper deck)	<b>Double</b> \$5449 \$6134 \$6819	<b>Solo</b> \$8399 \$9769 \$10869 \$16340	
	Mozart Suite (upper deck)	\$9559	\$16349	

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**NEW TOUR** 

### DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

#### 10 DAYS · 14 MEALS STARTING AT \$4649

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Bern • Château de Chillon • Montreux • GoldenPass Panoramic Train • Gstaad • Lucerne • Innsbruck • Austrian Alps • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens • St. Peter's Restaurant • Bavaria • Oberammergau Passion Play • Linderhof Palace • Fussen • Neuschwanstein Castle

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.
- Walk the halls of the medieval Château de Chillon, located on the shores of Lake Geneva.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne's Altstadt (Old Town).

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — In Innsbruck, choose between two leisurely walking tours: focus on the city's history and popular attractions -OR- embark on a walk focusing on its unique architectural structures.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour a dinner featuring local cuisine and traditional cheese fondue.
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-yearold St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Enjoy traditional cuisine in one of Bern's great restaurants.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

- Days 2-4 Hotel Bern or Hotel Bären, Bern
- Days 5-7 Hotel Innsbruck or AC Hotel by Marriott, Innsbruck
- Day 8
   Oberammergau region hotel, Oberammergau Region

   Day 9
   Mövenpick Hotel Munich Airport, Munich



Experience alpine vistas, picturesque cities, and the legendary Oberammergau Passion Play as you explore the cultures of Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to experience Switzerland, Austria, Bavaria and the Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### Day 2: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland and a UNESCO World Heritage site nestled in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

#### Day 3: Bern

Explore Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the Gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you will take the funicular ride up Gurten Mountain which affords beautiful views of Bern. (B, D)

#### **Day 4:** Bern - Château de Chillon -Montreux - Gstaad - Bern

Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. This princely residence faces the lake but puts forth the

image of an imposing fortress from the mountains. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. This evening's dinner is included at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)

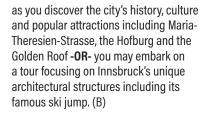
#### **Day 5:** Bern - Lucerne - Innsbruck, Austria

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy an Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, and discover the hidden treasures of the city. Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. En route to Innsbruck we make our way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. (B)

#### Day 6: Innsbruck 😵

This morning, it's your choice! Choose one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide





#### **Day 7:** Innsbruck - Salzburg -Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*); the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart); and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)

# **Day 8:** Innsbruck - Oberammergau, Germany - Passion Play

Cross the border into Bavaria, Germany to the quaint village of Oberammergau. This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give





a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-adecade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break of the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

### **Day 9:** Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Fussen - Munich

Begin your day with a visit to Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Barogue facade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation, with many sculptural elements showing workmanship of an incomparable artistic quality. Next, enjoy free time to explore medieval Fussen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle before gathering for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 10: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on June 26, 2022 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

#### May - September 2022

May 8, 13, 15, 20, 27 June 3, 10, 11, 12, 17, 24, 25, 26 July 8, 10, 15, 22, 29 August 5, 7, 12, 19, 21, 26 September 2, 3, 4, 9, 16, 17 September 18, 23, 24

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich and depart from Munich. Transfers from Zurich airport to Bern is approximately 90 minutes. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. On some departures, the itinerary will vary, with an overnight stay in Lucerne instead of Bern. Please inquire at time of reservation. Due to tour scheduling, flights on Day 10 must depart after 10:00am. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# ALPINE EXPLORER

WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

12 DAYS · 18 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>6699

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Lago Maggiore • Island Dinner • Zermatt • Glacier Express Train • St. Moritz • Innsbruck • Salzburg • St. Peter's Restaurant • Mozart Dinner Concert • Neuschwanstein Castle • Oberammergau Passion Play • Munich

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two nights in lovely Stresa, located on the banks of picturesque Lago Maggiore.
- Experience the most legendary of Alpine railway journeys: the Glacier Express.
- Explore Salzburg's historic and charming Old Town the Altstadt.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert
 -OR- enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about this imposing peak.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Relish Italian cuisine on Isola del Pescatori in Italy's Lago Maggiore.
- Enjoy a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- Delight in dinner and a Mozart concert at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2, 3Zacchera Hotels (Lago<br/>Maggiore), StresaDays 4, 5Hotel Alex or Hotel National,<br/>ZermattDay 6Hotel Steffani, St. MoritzDays 7, 8Hotel Innsbruck or AC Hotel<br/>by Marriott, InnsbruckDays 9, 10Oberammergau region hotel,<br/>Oberammergau RegionDay 11Sheraton Munich
- Day 11 Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel, Munich



Explore the Alpine vistas of Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany on a journey to watch the legendary Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. From amazing railways to the thrilling Passion Play, experience the wonders only found in the heart of Europe.

#### **Day 2:** Stresa, Italy (Lago Maggiore) -Tour Begins

Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. (D)

#### Day 3: Stresa

Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### Day 4: Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland

Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Zermatt 😯

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. **It's your choice!** Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert **-OR-** enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

# **Day 6:** Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. (B, L)

#### Day 7: St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria

Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof. (B)







#### Day 8: Innsbruck - Salzburg -Innsbruck

Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from *The Sound of Music*. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant. (B, D)

#### **Day 9:** Innsbruck - Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau

Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Make a special stop to visit Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. Continue on to the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps, and your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

# **Day 10:** Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years

#### they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning

for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Oberammergau - Munich

Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing for the Bavarian capital of Munich. Join a local expert for a tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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NEW TOUR



WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

#### 11 DAYS · 24 MEALS starting at \$6749

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Budapest - Bratislava - Vienna -Wachau Valley - Linz - Passau -Munich - Oberammergau Passion Play -Linderhof Palace - Füssen

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.
- Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava.
- Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline.



#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 9 Dinners (D)
Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2-7	MS Amadeus Silver II, MS Amadeus Silver III or MS Amadeus Brilliant
Days 8, 9	Oberammergau region hotel, Oberammergau Region
Day 10	Movenpick Hotel Munich Airport, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Cruise past breathtaking scenery, stop in quaint villages and lively cities, all on a trip down the Danube River, and see a spectacular performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore the Danube River and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### **Day 2:** Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship - Tour Begins

Unpack for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise. Your vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. Cap the night off with a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

#### Day 3: Budapest

Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

### **Day 4:** Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including

the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's Palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's capital. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley

View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Linz - Passau, Germany

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which rests at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone



streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Tonight you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 8:** Passau - Disembark Ship -Munich - Oberammergau

Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

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travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

# **Day 10:** Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich

Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

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

#### ALSO AVAILABLE

Classic Danube

On a cruise of the Danube River, make your way along fairy-tale cities, medieval villages, and stunning vistas. *Please note: Passion Play is not available on this tour.* **11 DAYS, 24 MEALS** 

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Budapest and depart from Munich. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Cabins are available on lower (Hadyn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire at time of booking for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites are available (Amadeus Suites) on a very limited basis and are not available to guests travelling as singles. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for the ladies and jacket and tie for the gentlemen is recommended. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. All tours will be subject to the finalization of Passion Play tickets. This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. On some dates, the order of sightseeing varies, and the tour is one night shorter, beginning in Oberammergau. Due to unforeseen schedule changes, witnessing the performance of the Glockenspiel might not be possible. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

#### 13 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>6899

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Vienna • Danube Cruise • Salzburg • Mozart Dinner Concert at St. Peter's Restaurant • Munich • Oberammergau Passion Play • Black Forest • Château de Chillon • Zermatt • Lucerne

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube River.
- Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey.
- Come to know Vienna and its incredible Schönbrunn Palace.

### V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 10 — Explore Zermatt on foot during a guided walking tour -ORlearn of Zermatt's alpine history and culture with a visit to the underground Matterhorn Museum.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 11 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Delight in a Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant in Salzburg.
- Sample German wines looking out over Lake Constance.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

- Days 2, 3 Intercontinental Hotel Wien or K+K Hotel Maria Theresia, Vienna
- Days 4, 5 Arcotel Castellani, Salzburg
- Days 6, 7 Oberammergau region hotel, Oberammergau
- Day 8 Hofgut Sternen, Titisee, Black Forest
- Days 9, 10 Hotel Alex or Hotel National, Zermatt
- Days 11, 12 Radisson Blu Hotel or Ameron Lucerne Hotel Flora, Lucerne
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Marvel at the incredible natural wonders and quaint cultural charm of three Alpine countries, and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore three distinct Alpine cultures and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. Enjoy regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine. (D)

#### Day 3: Vienna

Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Vienna showcasing its architectural marvels. Visit the incredible Schönbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time to independently explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

#### Day 4: Vienna - Salzburg

After a short journey through the countryside, enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the musical city of Salzburg. Tonight, sit down for a Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Salzburg

Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

# **Day 6:** Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau

Today we travel to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later we arrive at our home for the next two nights the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Years' War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast



starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Oberammergau - Black Forest

Today fairy tales become reality at a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. After, get a taste of local flavours at a German winery. Enjoy a tour before sampling the vintages and looking out over the rows of vines and nearby Lake Constance. Next you are off to the heart of the stunning Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)





#### Day 10: Zermatt 😯

Today Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour -OR- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass -Lucerne

Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." (B)

#### Day 12: Lucerne

This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

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	1-2 NIGHTS	
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**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine Exploring the Alpine Countries with Oberammergau Passion Play with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### DOUBLE Starting at \$6899 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. SOLO Starting at \$9649 Prices based on June 15, 2022 departure

May - September 2022 May 13, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 June 6, 10, 15, 20

July 15, 27 August 5, 26, 29, 31 September 2, 7, 9, 14, 21

#### ALSO AVAILABLE

#### **Exploring the Alpine Countries**

Discover storybook castles and opulent palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas as you explore Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

Please note: Passion Play is not available on this tour. 13 DAYS, 17 MEALS

#### CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Vienna and depart from Zurich. All transfers will depart Lucerne for Zurich. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Danube River Cruise is available mid-April to mid-October. All rates in Canadian dollars.

**NEW TOUR** 

### GERMANY'S CULTURAL CITIES & THE ROMANTIC ROAD

WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

#### 13 DAYS · 19 MEALS starting at \$6699

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Berlin • Hamburg • Beatles Tour • Hamelin • "Pied Piper" Tour • Fairytale Princess Castles • Würzburg • Rothenburg ob der Tauber • Wine Tasting • "Night Watchman" Tour • Neuschwanstein Castle • Oberammergau Passion Play • Munich

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper."
- Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg.
- Feel like a local when you take the sleek ICE train from Berlin to Hamburg.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Cruise the massive Hamburg shipping port on a narrated harbour boat tour -ORvisit the International Maritime Museum, which houses nine levels of sea-faring adventure.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 11 Breakfasts (B) · 2 Lunches (L) · 6 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a wine tasting in a cellar restaurant.
- Enjoy dinner in one of Munich's most popular restaurants.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Hotel Riu Plaza, Berlin
- Days 4, 5 Reichshof Hamburg Curio by Hilton, Hamburg
- Day 6, 7 Vila Vita Hotel, Marburg
- Days 8, 9 Hotel Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- Days 10, 11 Oberammergau Region Hotel, Oberammergau
- Day 12 Movenpick Hotel Munich Airport, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Lose yourself in classic fairytales, be captivated by historic landmarks and embrace the delightful culture of this charming country.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

This enchanting journey offers the best of Germany. Travel to some of the country's most iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Berlin

Start your day by getting acquainted with Berlin's main sights with an expert guide. Reflect at the Holocaust Memorial before continuing on to the lively Potsdam Square. Stroll down Niederkirchner Strasse to see remnants of the First Wall and walk through the "Topography of Terror" exhibition, delving into the rise and fall of the Third Reich. See Checkpoint Charlie, the most famous crossing point between East and West Berlin. Explore the beautiful Gendarmenmarkt square, pass through the colourful Old Town, and head down Avenue Unter den Linden to Brandenburg Gate. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Cecilienhof Palace. (B)

#### Day 4: Berlin - Hamburg

Feel like a local when you travel to Hamburg, hopping on the sleek ICE train that connects all the major German cities and reaches speeds of up to 200 miles per hour. Take in "the Venice of the North," with winding canals and an impressive harbour that made it a centre of trade for centuries. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before getting the lay of the land on a brief orientation tour. The evening is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you will take an optional evening cruise, admiring the cityscape as you coast along. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Hamburg 😯

Today, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port, including the historic Warehouse District, a UNESCO World Heritage Site **-OR**- visit the International Maritime Museum which houses nine levels of sea-faring adventure including exhibits on Viking dragon boats, deep-sea diving, and a ship simulator. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. (B)



#### Day 6: Hamburg - Hamelin -Marburg

Made famous by the Pied Piper in the stories of the Brothers Grimm, Hamelin is your next stop. Feel like you have stepped into the pages of a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" leads you through the city, playing catchy tunes as you discover Hamelin's charming Tudor-style architecture. Continue on to the medieval university town on Marburg, with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched high above. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Marburg

Enjoy a leisurely morning before joining a local expert on a sightseeing tour inspired by the Brother's Grimm. Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm studied in Marburg and found its narrow alleys, timbered houses and cobblestone streets a source of inspiration. Visit the Marburg Landgrave Palace, set dramatically atop the city. The remainder of the day is yours to explore one of Germany's most romantic cities. (B)

#### Day 8: Marburg - Würzburg -Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city centre hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colourfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of this medieval town. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Walk to a nearby bakery and taste a favourite treat of the locals – "schneeball" pastries, also known as "snowballs." Then, enjoy a private tour through the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration, and shop for handmade Christmas trinkets. The remainder of the day yours to explore this charming city. (B)

#### **Day 10:** Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle -Oberammergau

Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to the quaint, picturesque village of Oberammergau. (B, D)

### **Day 11:** Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join vour fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Oberammergau - Munich

Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy time to explore Munich before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your memorable trip. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Munich - Tour Ends

This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Choose to add more time to your trip:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT BERLIN CALL FOR DETAILS

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

#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at Prices based on August 15, 2022 departure. Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

#### May - September 2022

May 9, 16, 23, 30 June 6, 13, 20, 27 July 11, 25 August 8, 15, 29 September 5, 8, 12, 19

#### ALSO AVAILABLE

Germany's Cultural Cities featuring the Romantic Road Through Berlin, Hamburg, and Munich, come to know Germany and the charms of its Romantic Road. *Please note: Passion Play is not available on this tour.* 11 DAYS, 13 MEALS

#### **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**

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# IMPERIAL CITIES

WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

#### 11 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$5599

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Budapest • Matthias Church • Fisherman's Bastion • Bratislava • Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Cesky Krumlov • Prague • Hradcany Castle • Oberammergau Passion Play • Munich

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get to know Bratislava's history on a city tour with a local expert.
- Enjoy a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov.
- Embark on a magnificent tour of the "Golden City" of Prague, including Hradcany Castle.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

 Enjoy local flavours in one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Up Hotel, Budapest
- Days 4, 5 Hotel Erzherzog Rainer or InterContinental Vienna, Vienna
- Days 6, 7 Grandium Hotel Prague, Prague
- Days 8, 9 Oberammergau region hotel, Oberammergau
- Days 10 Mövenpick Hotel Munich Airport, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Delve into Budapest, Vienna & Prague, the Imperial Cities of Central Europe, and experience traditional entertainment and the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on an exciting cultural experience in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe featuring traditional entertainment and the epic Passion Play.

#### Day 2: Budapest, Hungary - Tour Begins

Welcome to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. Enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Budapest

Join a local expert who brings the city to life. Discover Matthias Church, site of many coronations of kings. Next, see the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, which memorializes the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

### **Day 4:** Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

This morning we journey to Bratislava, the

former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. During your visit, get to know the city's history on an expert led tour. A scenic ride through the countryside takes you into the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tonight, enjoy dinner featuring regional wine and cuisine of Vienna. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Vienna

This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue to Vienna's city centre. En route, behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. End your day with an unforgettable classical music concert featuring many fine melodies from the great composers — Mozart and Strauss. (B)

# **Day 6:** Vienna - Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic - Prague

Depart Vienna, crossing the border into the Czech Republic. Continue to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov. During some free time you may explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture. Arrive in Prague, also known as "The



Golden City" and "The City of a Hundred Spires." (B, D)

#### Day 7: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Next, explore the majestic Hradcany Castle, including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Then we stroll down the quaint, colourful Golden Lane. Discover the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. This afternoon enjoy time to relax or explore independently. Perhaps you'll shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home of stone sculptures dating from the 11th century to the present. (B)

### **Day 8:** Prague - Oberammergau, Germany

Travel the Czech countryside to Bavaria, Germany. Proceed to the picturesque village of Oberammergau, beautifully situated in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

### **Day 9:** Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared





the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Oberammergau - Munich

Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy leisure time to explore fascinating Munich before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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1-2 NIGHTS

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#### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at \$5599 Starting at \$8199 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on May 23, 2022 departure

May - September 2022

May 9, 11, 16, 18, 21, 23, 30 June 4, 6, 8, 13, 15, 18, 20 June 22, 27, 29 July 4, 6, 11, 16, 18, 25, 30 August 3, 8, 13, 15, 24 August 27, 29, 31 September 5, 7, 10, 12 September 14, 19, 21

#### ALSO AVAILABLE

#### **Imperial Cities**

Bask in the splendour, history, and romance of Europe's regal capital cities of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. *Please note: Passion Play is not available on this tour.* **11 DAYS. 14 MEALS** 

#### **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**

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### SWITZERLAND & GERMANY

WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$5349

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Oberammergau Passion Play • Wies Church • Neuschwanstein Castle • Black Forest • Château de Chillon • Zermatt • Matterhorn Museum • Grimsel Pass • Lucerne

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Pilgrimage Church of Wies, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Admire the art of cuckoo clock making in the heart of the Black Forest.
- Discover Lucerne's romantic Old Town and famous Chapel Bridge during a walking tour.

### V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — Explore Zermatt on foot during a guided walking tour -ORexperience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

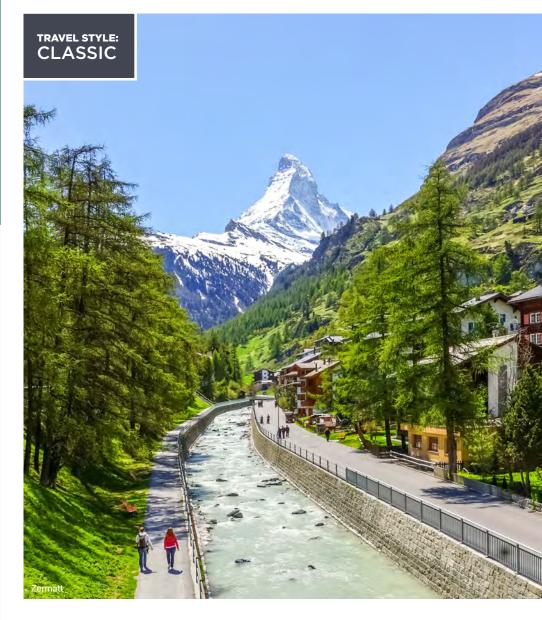
7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Dine on Bavarian favourites.
- Savour the flavours of the Black Forest at a dinner featuring locally sourced ingredients.
- Enjoy a farewell dinner featuring local Swiss specialties.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Oberammergau region hotel, Oberammergau
- Day 4 Hofgut Sternen, Titisee, Black Forest
- Days 5, 6 Hotel Alex, Zermatt
- Days 7, 8 Radisson Blu Hotel or Ameron Luzern Flora, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Experience the grand cities of Europe's Alpine region and enjoy a performance of Oberammergau's legendary Passion Play.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore two distinct Alpine cultures and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

# **Day 2:** Oberammergau, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-adecade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Oberammergau - Black Forest

Visit the Church of Wies (UNESCO) and its miraculous figure of the Scourged Savior, said to have shed tears during prayer in the 18th century. Today, fairy tales become reality at a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next, you are off to the heart of the stunning Black Forest, a region famous for



its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. (B, D)

#### **Day 5:** Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Zermatt 😵

Today Zermatt is at your fingertips. **It's your choice!** Explore on foot during a guided walking tour **-OR-** experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### **Day 7:** Zermatt - Grimsel Pass -Lucerne

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Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." (B)

#### Day 8: Lucerne

Neuschwanstein Ca

This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties, and toast the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

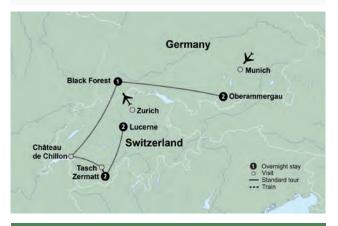
#### Day 9: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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Prices based on July 17, 2022 departure		

#### May - September 2022

May 15 June 12, 21, 26, 28 July 8, 17, 26 August 5, 7, 14, 28 September 13, 16, 20, 27

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Munich and depart from Zurich. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 3:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### TREASURES OF EGYPT

#### 12 DAYS · 21 MEALS STARTING AT \$3149

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Cairo • Grand Egyptian Museum • Luxor • Temple of Karnak • Valley of the Kings • Deluxe 4-Night Nile River Cruise • Queen Hatshepsut Temple • Kom Ombo • Aswan • Philae Temple Sound & Light Show • Historic Cairo • Khan el-Khalili Bazaar • Giza • Pyramids • Sphinx

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Dress up and join the fun at a traditional *galabeya* party.
- At dusk, experience a Sound and Light Show at the Philae Temple (UNESCO).
- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.

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Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 11 — Meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology -ORchannel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Lunches (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.
- Experience freshly prepared traditional local cuisine each night on your Nile cruise.
- Get a first-hand introduction into how Egyptian cuisine is prepared during a cooking demonstration.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

- Days 2 4 Kempinski Nile Hotel, Cairo
- Days 5 8 Movenpick Royal Lily
- Day 9 Movenpick Resort, Aswan
- Days 10, 11 Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Follow the allure of the Nile, uncover complex legends, and retrace the steps of the pharaohs in ancient Egypt.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend, and lore as you walk amongst Egypt's timeless wonders.

#### Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past.

### **Day 3:** Cairo - Grand Egyptian Museum - Cairo

Get an intriguing glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties before exploring the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi, and treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Cairo - Optional Excursion

The day is yours to experience the energy of Cairo's buzzing streets. Wander a maze of stalls at the market, relax at a local café, or spend time in one of the city's many museums. Perhaps you will join a fullday exploration of Alexandria, Egypt's second-largest city; you'll discover the city's Hellenic roots and Greco-Roman architecture, set in unique harmony with ultramodern facades like the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Or you may choose to join a local guide for a tour of Sakkara and Djoser's Step Pyramid. (B)

#### **Day 5:** Cairo - Luxor - Karnak Temple -Board Cruise Ship

Early this morning, fly to Luxor, site of Ancient Thebes (UNESCO) and home to the expansive Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-yearold complex of pylons and obelisks. This afternoon, board your cruise ship for a leisurely voyage on the Nile River. Relax aboard, taking in the views from the sundeck or perhaps joining an informative talk covering Egypt from past to present. Tonight you might opt to join an evening visit to Luxor temple, all lit up and boasting fascinating plays of light and shadow, ending your evening at a local café for a taste of mint tea. (B, L, D)

### **Day 6:** Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Luxor - Esna - Edfu

Start the morning by venturing thousands of years into the past. Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile for a day in ancient Thebes. Explore the Valley of the Kings, including the world-renowned tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for lunch. Relax as you continue down the Nile towards Esna on your way to Edfu. Join a culinary demonstration and learn about the staples of Egyptian cuisine from your chef. This evening, dress up and join the fun during a traditional *galabeya* party. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan

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

#### Day 8: Aswan

Learn about Aswan's ancient trade of granite





extraction and carving techniques during a visit to an unfinished obelisk. Board a felucca (wooden sailboat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island where you embark on a short stroll through the botanical gardens. The afternoon is yours. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 9:** Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Philae Temple

Disembark the ship this morning in Aswan. Consider an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. At dusk, board a motorboat to discover the Philae Temple (UNESCO), an architectural wonder. As the stars dance in the sky, gaze in awe at the temple during a Sound and Light Show. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Aswan - Cairo - Khan el-Khalili Bazaar

Early this morning, return to Cairo. Walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO). Enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

#### Day 11: Cairo - Giza - Cairo 😵

Fulfill a lifelong dream and head to nearby Giza (UNESCO). Embark on an in-depth visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the world's oldest and largest monuments. Then, **it's your choice!** Meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology and how they influence the active digs on the Giza plateau **-OR**channel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel, winding through the inner chamber. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Cairo - Tour Ends

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Jordan: Petra & the Dead Sea Post-Tour** Starting at \$1235<sup>†</sup> pp

#### Day 12: Cairo - Amman, Jordan

- Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Petra Fly to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Travel to Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay. This evening, experience the flavours of the region during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 13: Petra

Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. A treasure of the ancient world, Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 500 years. Explore this breathtaking city with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B)

#### Day 14: Petra - Wadi Rum -Dead Sea

This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, home of the famous film, Lawrence of Arabia. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Pause for lunch at a local campsite before relaxing on an afternoon-long transfer to the Jordanian shore of the Dead Sea. Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy sunset overlooking the Promised Land. (B, L)

# **Day 15:** Dead Sea - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Choose to add more time to your trip:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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#### DOUBLE Starting at \$3149 SOLO Starting at \$4249 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on September 22, 2022 departure

January - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 3, 10, 17, 24 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14, 21, 28 \*Itinerary featured is for

May 2022 - April 2023 tour

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This trip requires a passport and visa. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately 25 US Dollars. You must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt. Visas can be obtained at the airport and payment should be made in cash. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Cairo. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. For inter-flights between Luxor and Aswan, you should expect early morning departures form your hotel due to early morning flight schedules. You should also expect early morning departures on the days the Valley of the Kings and Pyramids of Giza are featured. Our itineraries include many activities that require walking on uneven terrain and sand. Visiting the Tombs of the Valley of the Kings requires descending steep staircases and/or ramps with limited help from handrails. These visits may not be suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing sturdy walking shoes. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Temperatures can reach over 100° F, particularly in Luxor and Aswan. Be sure to bring adequate sun protection. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Visiting the Great Pyramid of Pharaoh Cheops in Giza requires agility as you will have to climb up steep, narrow steps (approximately 1-1 1/2 feet tall) on the side of the Pyramid without the help of handrails. To access the inner chamber, you will need to crouch and at times to crawl up the narrow shaft with minimal help of handrails. This activity is not suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia. The Egyptian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately 18 US Dollars for taking photos inside of the Valley of the Kings. There is an additional cost to enter special tombs and sites in the Valley of the Kings and at the Pyramids of Giza. We cover the entrance fee to many sites and to some special tombs/sites (King Tutankhamun and King Ramses VI tombs in the Valley of the Kings and to the Great Pyramid of Giza in Cairo) but other special tombs/ sites will be at your expense. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. Your Tour Manager will collect these fees at the beginning of the tour day and pay the government accordingly. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Grand Egyptian Museum is projected to open in 2021. If opening is delayed, groups will visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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### AFRICAN SAFARI: KENYA AND TANZANIA

#### 15 DAYS · 38 MEALS starting at \$7564

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi • David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust • *Out of Africa* Farmhouse • Amboseli National Park • Shanga Workshop • Karatu • Ngorongoro Crater • Serengeti • Lake Eyasi • Tarangire National Park • 12 Game Drives

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See how a local workshop empowers citizens with disabilities through the Shanga Project.
- Get a peek into the daily lives of two local tribes at Lake Eyasi.
- Seek out the elusive "Big 5" on 12 different game drives.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 13 — Chat with a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village -ORspend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 13 Lunches (L) - 12 Dinners (D)

• Enjoy five picnic lunches on your game drives, taking in the natural landscape around you.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi
Days 4, 5	Kilima Safari Camp, Amboseli
Days 6, 7	Country Lodge, Karatu
Days 8 - 10	ThornTree Camp, Serengeti
Days 11, 12	Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge, Lake Eyasi
Days 13, 14	Sangaiwe Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

### TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



In the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, embark on 12 lively safaris to seek out the elusive "Big 5" – Africa's "bucket list" of animals.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Africa – where sprawling grasslands and cultural traditions intersect into a land like no other. In the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, discover a natural wonderland of curious giraffes, playful elephants, and wandering lions. From the picturesque savanna in Kenya to the renowned Serengeti in Tanzania, this is the wild Africa of your dreams.

#### Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Serving as the gateway to Africa's soughtout wildlife, Nairobi is the ideal place to get acclimated to the Kenyan lifestyle.

#### Day 3: Nairobi

Visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which rehabilitates young or injured elephants. See the gentle giants up close as they are fed and bathed by their caretakers. Head to Karen Blixen's *Out of Africa* farmhouse for lunch before stepping outside to visit the sanctuary's inquisitive Rothschild giraffes. Visit the Kazuri Beads Factory, where mothers are employed and trained as jewelry artisans. In the evening, toast to the start of your African adventure at a savoury welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park Make your way to Amboseli National Park, nestled along the border of Tanzania and looking out on the great Mt. Kilimanjaro. After lunch, get a glimpse into Kenyan culture and interact with locals at a Maasai village. Settle into your accommodations for the next two nights – a deluxe tented camp with the comfort amenities of a proper lodge. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Amboseli National Park

Embrace your wild side on a full day of game drives in Amboseli National Park. This is your first chance to seek out Africa's elusive "Big 5" - the safari "bucket list" of animals includes lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and water buffalos. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the open plains, watching for herds of wildebeest and grazing zebras. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 6:** Amboseli National Park - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu

Enter Tanzania, a country devoted to harmony among its people and animals. Today will be an **Impact Moment** as you visit Shanga, a local jewelry workshop that trains and employs citizens with disabilities. Your day ends in Karatu, a humble town located on the precipice of untamed nature. Overnight in a charming lodge where colourful gardens meet welcoming hospitality. (B, L, D)





# **Day 7:** Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu

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

#### Day 8: Karatu - Serengeti

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

#### Day 9: Serengeti

Say good morning to the Serengeti! Take to the grasslands on an early morning game drive, then return to camp for breakfast before enjoying a full day of animal-seeking safari adventures and a picturesque picnic lunch. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Serengeti

Lions. Gazelles. Cheetahs. Hippos. There's no telling what you might spot on your morning and afternoon game drives. Under the careful guidance of an expert, discover the savanna's wild residents and get a glimpse into the untamed animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Serengeti - Lake Eyasi

You're on your way to Lake Eyasi, an unexpected splash of blue amidst the plains and mountains. Pause for a picnic lunch along the way, providing more chances to view the local wildlife. Meander around the salt lake, perhaps passing a wading pat of flamingoes or some lively hippos cooling off in the water. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Lake Eyasi

See how native communities live in harmony with the environment. Start your morning with the Hadzabe tribe, huntergatherers that strive to leave no lasting impact on their surroundings. After lunch back at your lodge, continue with a visit to the Datoga tribe – another community based at Lake Eyasi – and see how their vast farms contribute to day-to-day life. (B, L, D)

### Day 13: Lake Eyasi - Tarangire National Park 😵

Decide how you spend the morning because **it's your choice!** Learn from a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village about their trade **-OR-** spend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria. Then, head to Tarangire, the forested national park known for its giant baobab trees and elephant migration. After lunch, embark on a thrilling game drive. Don't be surprised if you see a pride of lions lounging in the shade, a herd of buffalos wading into the water, or a parade of elephants passing by. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14: Tarangire National Park

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

#### **Day 15:** Tarangire National Park -Arusha - Tour Ends

Return to Arusha on the final day of your African adventure. Settle into a dayroom to relax before lunch. Depart for home with memories of the endless plains and unparalleled wildlife. (B, L)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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**MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR!** Combine African Safari: Kenya & Tanzania with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### DOUBLE Starting at \$7564 SOLO Starting at \$9364 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on November 7, 2022 departure.

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January - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 10, 17, 24 February 7, 21 March 7, 14, 28 April 18 \*\*Itinerary featured is for June 2022 - March 2023 tour

to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. June 2022 – March 2023 (featured itinerary) June 6, 20 July 18

August 8, 23

September 5, 12, 26 October 10, 24 November 7 January 9, 16 February 6, 20 March 13

This trip requires a passport. You must have two blank pages in your passport to allow for entry stamps and visas for entry. A Kenya visa is required for this tour and must be obtained in advance. To apply for your visa in advance, please go to www.ecitizen.go.ke to submit an application and register yourself as a visitor. You will need a scanned copy of your passport as well as a passport photo to apply for the visa. Please allow for ample time as it may take up to a week or more to process. Bring a printed copy of your visa to present upon arrival in Kenya. The current cost of the single entry visa through this website is approximately 51 US Dollars. Should you wish to use an alternate visa service provider, additional processing fees may apply. A Tanzania visa is required for this tour and can be purchased at the border. The approximate cost of this visa is 100 US Dollars for US and Canadian citizens, payable in US Dollars cash only. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Nairobi and depart from Kilimanjaro. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 3:00 p.m. Park fees (approximately \$1315 CAD) are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. Specially-adapted 4x4 safari vehicles are used for the majority of this program. These are designed for the terrain and to maximize game-viewing opportunities and are not air-conditioned and do not have toilets. Frequent stops are made during travel periods. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. 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. We will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a quest fails to secure proper documentation. Upon departure from Kenya, you will need a Yellow Fever certificate to enter Tanzania. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

15 DAYS · 29 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>6324

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Pilanesberg National Park • Victoria Falls • Chobe National Park • 8 Wildlife Safaris • Cape Winelands • Cape Town • Table Mountain

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Head out for an African sundowner via 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Interact with African elephants.
- Explore the Dutch architecture and vineyards of the Cape winelands.

#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive
 -OR- venture down the river for a different perspective on a safari cruise.



#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

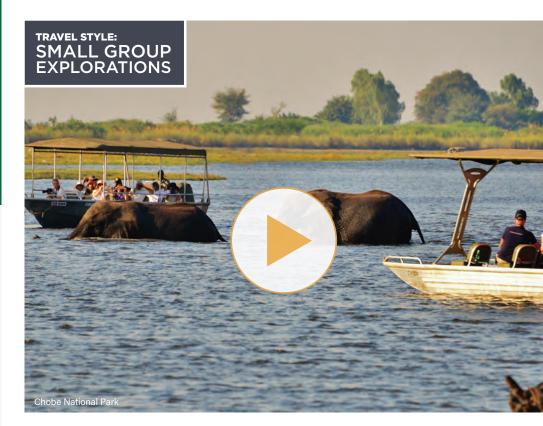
13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

- Experience an authentic bush dinner under the stars in Pilanesberg National Park.
- Sample South African wines at a vineyard tasting.
- Get to know a Capetonian family over dinner in their home.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Southern Sun O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 3 - 5	Shepherd's Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park
Days 6, 7	The Wallow, Victoria Falls
Days 8, 9	Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane
Days 10, 11	Spier Hotel, or De Zalze Lodge, Stellenbosch
Days 12 - 14	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Get ready for an unparalleled journey through the cultural diversity and abundant wildlife of southern Africa.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to southern Africa, where incredible landscapes lead the way to a blend of cultural diversity, an abundance of wildlife, and a remarkable history.

### **Day 2:** Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins

Your adventure starts in Johannesburg – a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild.

### **Day 3:** Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park

Leave the city behind and head to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater and where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of – now laid out before you just waiting to be discovered. Venture out in a 4x4 in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes. Enjoy a drink at a traditional African sundowner and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Pilanesberg National Park

Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in your 4x4 on a search for the elusive "Big 5." Enjoy coffee and tea amongst the wildlife prior to your return. In the afternoon, drive past the big cats preparing for the hunt before you indulge in a bush dinner under the stars. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Pilanesberg National Park

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

#### **Day 6:** Pilanesberg National Park -Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls today – an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge – an authentic African tent camp with all of the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when rainbows are at their best, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. As the sun sets and the animals gather around the watering hole, toast the stunning African landscape with a sundowner. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Victoria Falls

Embark on the experience of a lifetime greeting African elephants and interacting with them in their own habitat. Learn about the conservation of wildlife at the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust before continuing to the Chinotimba Township to meet a local artisan for a craft demonstration. Join a local family for a home hosted lunch. You may join an optional sunset cruise on the Zambezi River this evening. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe – an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Chobe National Park 😵

On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR**venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Tonight, gather by the river for an unforgettable dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional *braai*, complete with some local favourites and delicacies. (B, L, D)

### **Day 10:** Chobe - Cape Town, South Africa - Stellenbosch

The winelands of the Western Cape await. Head to Victoria Falls and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the idyllic town of Stellenbosch – one of South Africa's most famous wine regions. Settle in for a two-night stay among rolling vineyards and Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

### **Day 11:** Stellenbosch - Franschhoek - Stellenbosch

Sip the South African specialties with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Stellenbosch - Cape Town

Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From historic landmarks to shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and Robben Island. Return to the city via Table Bay. Pass through the Moorish Malay Quarter and pause at Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

#### Day 13: Cape Town

Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honoured guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Cape Town

Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, starring a host of South African specialties and delicacies. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Cape Town - Tour Ends

Today you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave Cape Town. Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Dubai Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1095<sup>+</sup> pp

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

#### **Day 2:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Tour Begins

Today you arrive in Dubai, one of the world's most exciting destinations. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic city independently. With its many worldfamous man-made structures, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveller.

#### Day 3: Dubai

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#### **Day 5:** Dubai - Johannesburg, South Africa

Today, board your flight to Johannesburg, South Africa. (B)

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Johannesburg • Soweto • Panoramic Route • Kruger National Park • Safari Game Drives • Garden Route • Knysna • Featherbed Nature Reserve • Stellenbosch • Wine Tasting & Dinner • Cape Town • Table Mountain

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience a thrilling cable car ride rising more than 3,000 feet.
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#### Featured Pre Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Dubai Pre-Tour Starting at \$1095<sup>+</sup> pp

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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#### **Day 2:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates -Tour Begins

Arrive today in one of the world's most exciting destinations. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city independently. As one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is considered the shopping capital of the Middle East. With its many world-famous man-made structures built in recent years, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveller.

#### Day 3: Dubai

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

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#### **BASE TOUR BEGINS**

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival. Breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat comprise this incredible experience.

#### Day 2: Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Sandton, a city established in 1969. Famous for its rich veins of gold and other valuable minerals, it is now the bustling cosmopolitan centre of greater Johannesburg.

#### Day 3: Sandton - Soweto - Sandton

Today, have some time to ponder history at Liliesleaf, the former centre of the liberation movement and the site of the police raid that led to Nelson Mandela's lifetime prison sentence. Following this, a guided tour of Soweto – South West Township – showcases luxurious mansions and informal settlements as you learn about the historical significance of the area. Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern. This afternoon, visit the Apartheid Museum commemorating the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 4:** Sandton - Panoramic Route -Kruger National Park

Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Scenic wonders surround you as you pass through the Blyde River Canyon, made mostly of red sandstone, and known as one of Africa's greatest natural wonders. Along this magnificent route, stop at God's Window and stand at what seems like the edge of creation. On clear days, you can see as far as Mozambique. This evening, enjoy a traditional Boma dinner where you may sample some local game meat! (B, D)

### **Day 5:** Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive

Have your camera ready for an unforgettable day of adventure and excitement! Enjoy a full day open-air-vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in search of the "Big 5" – elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino – and provides insight into these fascinating animals along the way. Watch carefully – you may also see a graceful impala, dazzling zebra or gorgeous giraffe. Relax with a South African braai lunch in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park. (B, L, D)

## **Day 6:** Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive

Embrace the rare opportunity to head back into the wild on another full day safari game drive in Kruger National Park. Enjoy this second attempt to see any elusive animals you may have missed yesterday or get another look at your favourites. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Kruger National Park -

#### Johannesburg - George - Knysna

Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the resort town of Knysna in the heart of the Garden Route. Located on the coast, Knysna is your gateway to the natural beauty of South Africa. (B)

#### Day 8: Knysna 💔

This morning's township tour will highlight the diversity of this community, followed by a touching experience as you visit a school. Learn about the efforts of the Collette Foundation and the local community to conquer the challenges of educating the children of the region. Visit the nearby Featherbed Nature Reserve, looking out over the Indian Ocean. Begin with a lagoon cruise out to the famous Knysna Heads, which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel

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 Day 8 — Visit Plettenberg Bay to enjoy views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons -ORenjoy your afternoon at leisure in Knysna.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Join locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern.
- Experience an African Boma dinner in Kruger.
- Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees in Knysna.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Sandton Sun Hotel, Johannesburg
Days 4 - 6	Protea Hotel Kruger Gate Kruger National Park
Days 7, 8	The Rex Hotel, Knysna
Days 9, 10	De Zalze Lodge, Spier Hotel or Protea Hotel by Marriott Dorpshuis & Spa Stellenbosch
Days 11 - 13	Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Kruger National Park

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deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely-paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees – so called because of their white latex sap – before your return cruise. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit Plettenberg Bay, a tranquil and charming town originally known as "Bahia Formosa" (Beautiful Bay) and witness views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons **-OR-** enjoy your afternoon at leisure in Knysna with time to independently explore the charming waterfront. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Knysna - Stellenbosch

Say goodbye to Knysna as you begin your journey to Stellenbosch. Get a taste of the culture when you join your fellow travellers for dinner and a wine tasting. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Stellenbosch - Franschhoek -Stellenbosch

Start your day with a walking tour of Stellenbosch, a university town known for its vineyards and mountainous nature reserves. Get a chance to taste some wine before continuing on to nearby Franschhoek. Experience the town's renowned wine culture with a cellar tour and tasting followed by lunch before returning to Stellenbosch. With the remainder of your day at leisure, discover the town on your own. Maybe you'll taste some more of the legendary wine, wander along the oak-lined avenues, or explore the surrounding nature. (B, L)

### Day 11: Stellenbosch - Cape Town

Travel to the beautiful harbour side city of Cape

Town, the oldest city in South Africa. Settle in for your 3-night stay in the "Mother City," nestled in the valley between towering mountains and the glistening sea. (B)

#### Day 12: Cape Town

See the highlights of the city on a panoramic tour. Take in the celebrated architecture that fuses the traditions of the French, German and Dutch. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car that whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named – and flat-topped – Table Mountain. The views of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion's Head will leave you breathless. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets. Make a special stop at the massive Milnerton Lighthouse. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own to explore Cape Town from your strategically located hotel. (B)

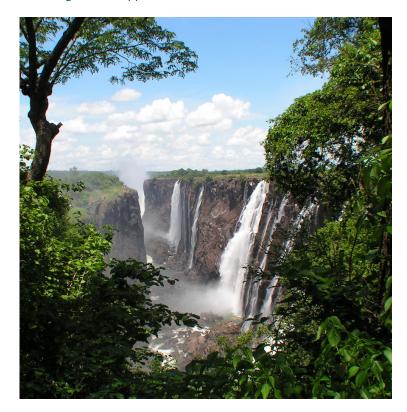
#### Day 13: Cape Town

Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulders Beach. This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums before a communal African dining experience with dishes from all over the continent! (B, D)

#### Day 14: Cape Town - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Cape Town. For travellers with late flight departures, enjoy the use of a day room prior to your departure to the airport. (B)

Featured Post Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Victoria Falls Post-Tour Starting at \$1700<sup>+</sup> pp





#### **Day 14:** Cape Town -Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly this morning to one of the world's natural wonders, Victoria Falls, and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel, known as the "grand old lady of the falls." Tonight, enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset.

#### Day 15: Victoria Falls

After breakfast you have an opportunity to mingle with the residents of a local village. Next, interact with African elephants, up-close and in their natural environment. Following lunch with a local family, take a walking tour of Victoria Falls, truly one of the "Seven Wonders of



the World." Shop at a local curio market before returning to your hotel where you'll enjoy a tour to learn more about its history. (B, L)

#### Day 16: Victoria Falls

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

#### Day 17: Victoria Falls -Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends

Today, board your international flight home. (B)

<sup>†</sup> Additional air segment purchase required.

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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November 3, 17

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### COLOURS OF MOROCCO

#### 15 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.
- Experience the desert both by 4x4 and on camelback during your 2-night camp stay.
- Visit with a Nomad family and learn about their ancient traditions.

### V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

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 Day 12 — Visit the Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, two iconic sites that showcase the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage -OR- explore the Musée Yves Saint Laurent and discover how the colours and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.
- Indulge in a tour and tasting at a winery estate.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight ONOMO Hotel Terminus, Rabat
Days 4 - 6	Palais Sheherazade & Spa, Fes
Day 7	Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud
Days 8, 9	Sahara Desert camp, Merzouga
Day 10	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 11 - 13 Day 14	Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakech Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



### Get to know the vibrant culture and colourful backdrops that are distinctively Morocco.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

On a captivating adventure through a land of centuries-old culture and customs, discover the "Land of Sunset" and "Gateway to Africa" – the place they call Morocco.

#### Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat -Tour Begins

Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca you will transfer to Rabat. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat, your home for the next two days.

#### Day 3: Rabat

Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour with a local guide who will share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Explore the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, the epitome of modern Moroccan design. The mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. See the Kasbah de Oudaias and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. At the end of your day, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Rabat - Fes

Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route to Fes, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting and lunch. Explore the winery's lovely grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, taking in sweeping views of vines and tasting some of the vintages. End your tour with a lunch in the estate. Then continue on to Fes where you will spend the next three nights at your riad. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Fes

Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a center of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the Royal Palace and the Al-Qarawiyyin University, the oldest continuously-operating university in the world (UNESCO), admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. On a walking tour of the 9th-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Fes

Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or visiting a museum. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Volubilis and Meknes. On this full-day tour, experience Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its impressive and well preserved Roman ruins. Then travel to Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco where you will see the Bab Mansour gate and have an included local Moroccan lunch. (B)

#### Day 7: Fes - Midelt - Erfoud

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

#### Day 8: Erfoud - Sahara Desert

Enjoy your morning at leisure in Erfoud, taking in the peaceful desert landscape. Later in the day, visit a local date farm. Here, you will have the opportunity to interact with the farmer and learn about the process of farming in the desert. This evening, make your way into the Sahara Desert aboard adventurous 4x4 jeeps, before slowing your rhythm to a gentle bobbing gate as you traverse the dunes on camel back en route to your tented camp for a magical 2-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Sahara Desert

Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow and red. Then, continue your day by travelling to the village of Khamlia. Meet with locals to have an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan Gnawa music. Continue on your desert expedition and meet a nomadic community where you'll learn more about this ancient way of living and how their traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the dunes. This evening, reflect on the serenity and beauty of the desert under a tapestry of twinkling stars. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 10:** Sahara Desert - El Khorbate - Boumalne du Dades

Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the vast sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat Oujdid. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artifacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Later, arrive in Morocco's "Grand Canyon," Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, D)

#### **Day 11:** Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains and several Berber villages. (B)

#### Day 12: Marrakech 😵

Among the mosques and palaces, souks and riads, visit the ancient El Bahia Palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops along the way, or perhaps walk into the Jemaa El Fna Square, Marrakech's main square. Then **it's your choice!** Visit the Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, two iconic sites that showcase the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage **-OR-** explore the Musée Yves Saint Laurent and discover how the colours and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Marrakech

Today, join a local women's training center in an interactive cooking class. Head to le jardin to source your own herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: the tagine. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, perhaps you will join an optional horse-drawn carriage through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

#### Day 14: Marrakech - Casablanca

Depart Marrakech for Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival in Casablanca, visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privately-led tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colourful artistry of ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then bid farewell to your Tour Manager and fellow travellers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

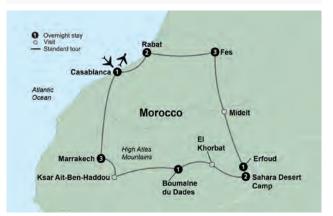
#### Day 15: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Casablanca. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The fully equipped Berber-style tents offer beds, linens, pillows, flush toilet, running water, shower and solar lighting to make for an authentic yet enjoyable stay in the desert. Due to luggage size and weight restrictions, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in the Sahara. Your main luggage will be stored during this stay. The Rabat city tour may change due to Royal or Government official events. Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. If travelling during the month of Ramadan, please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Ramadan observances are from March 23-April 24, 2023. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights into Casablanca should arrive prior to 4:00 nm. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

66 This tour was excellent, we saw so much and our guide was very knowledgeable and helpful. 99 - Collette Traveller

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### ICONIC ISRAEL

#### 10 DAYS · 16 MEALS starting at \$3849

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Tel Aviv • Jaffa • Carmel Market Food Tour • Caesarea • Druze Lunch • Golan Heights • Sea of Galilee • Nazareth • Mount of Olives • Jerusalem • Home-Hosted Dinner • The Western Wall • Yad Vashem • Holocaust Survivor Discussion • Masada • Dead Sea

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Connect with the Orthodox Jewish community at a home-hosted dinner in Jerusalem.
- Engage in a conversation with a Holocaust survivor at Yad Vashem.
- Enjoy 2 nights in Tel Aviv, Israel's dynamic and thriving strip of metropolitan life.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample wines integral to Israeli traditions at a vineyard in Golan Heights.
- Enjoy a traditional Druze lunch and learn about this Arab-Israeli community.
- Get a taste for Israeli cuisine on a walking food tour in Carmel Market.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Isrotel Tower Hotel or Leonardo City Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv
- Days 4, 5 Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias
- Days 6-9 Dan Panorama or Dan Boutique Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover the ancient world of Israel, where legendary stories of humanity's collective history blend with the thriving dynamic of modern life.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Explore Israel, an ancient land rich in tradition. Step into a living history museum and discover some of the most celebrated treasures in the world.

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Welcome to Tel Aviv, a thriving, reinvented city on the Mediterranean coast. Feel the bustling energy humming around you and jump right into this epicenter of Israeli-chic. The city cultivates an everevolving restaurant scene paired with sparkling coastlines, resulting in an irresistible hub of urban sophistication. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception at your hotel.

#### Day 3: Tel Aviv

This morning, walk the narrow stone streets of Jaffa, an ancient port city. Then it's on to Carmel Market for a walking food tour. Sample fresh hummus and savoury street foods as you connect with the locals, getting a true taste of everyday life. This afternoon, perhaps you will relax on sandy beaches or opt to join your Tour Manager in the "White City" (UNESCO), highlighting famous Bauhaus architecture. Enjoy an evening at leisure to take in the city's captivating nightlife of rooftop lounges, sophisticated cocktail bars, and more. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa -Tiberias

Follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in the 1st

century BC. Chat with locals over a plate of enticing Arabic food as you bond with members of the Druze community at a home-hosted lunch. Afterward, in Haifa, take in the breathtaking panorama of the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO). Your day comes to a close in Tiberias, a sacred city overlooking the Sea of Galilee. (B, L, D)

### **Day 5:** Tiberias - Korazim - Golan Heights - Sea of Galilee - Tiberias

Begin your day by exploring the excavated ruins of Korazim, a town believed to be cursed by Jesus because they did not heed his teachings. Korazim is in a relatively remote position, further up the hills overlooking the Sea of Galilee with gorgeous panoramic views. Enjoy lunch at a winery in the Golan Heights, a slice of fertile agriculture set on a rocky plateau. Set sail on the tranquil waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica boat reminiscent of the 1st century. (B, L, D)

# Day 6: Tiberias - Nazareth - Mount of Olives - Jerusalem

Depart Tiberias for the historic city of Nazareth. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue south to the Mount of Olives and marvel at the all-encompassing view of Jerusalem, including the shining Dome of the Rock. Housing layers of history and heritage, allow the resilient spirit of the city to capture your senses. Tonight, get to know a local family as you enjoy a traditional meal in their home. (B, D)





#### Day 7: Jerusalem

Walk in the footsteps of millions before you and discover the old walled city of Jerusalem (UNESCO). On this walking tour, see the Western (Wailing) Wall and the storied path of the Stations of the Cross. Immerse yourself in the everyday culture of Jerusalem's Shuk (the Bazaars of the Old City), with each narrow street dedicated to different trades passed down through generations. As you explore, breathe in the smell of freshly baked bread, roasting sesame seeds, and savoury spices. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional tour of Jerusalem by night, which includes a sound and light show. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Jerusalem

Begin your day with a poignant visit to Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. You won't just tour this powerful museum, but you'll get to have an open conversation with a Holocaust survivor. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore more of Jerusalem. Perhaps you'll visit the Israel Museum to view the Dead Sea scrolls or consider an optional trip to the city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills. Visit the Church of the Nativity – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. (B)

#### **Day 9:** Jerusalem - Masada - Dead Sea - Jerusalem

Travel to the desert fortress of Masada (UNESCO), situated on a cliff next to the Dead Sea. Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car and explore Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp, and the Synagogue. Float in the tranquil healing waters of the Dead Sea, experiencing its unique natural buoyancy. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and toast the end to an incredible journey. (B, D)

**Day 10:** Jerusalem - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



#### **Optional 3-Night Jordan: Petra & the Dead Sea Post-Tour** Starting at \$1370<sup>†</sup> pp

#### **Day 10:** Jerusalem - Border Crossing - Madaba, Jordan -Mt. Nebo - Petra

This morning, cross the border into Jordan. Journey on the Desert Highway to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the Church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay. This evening, experience the flavours of the region during dinner. (D)

#### Day 11: Petra

Enjoy a full day tour of the stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. A treasure of the ancient world, Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 500 years. Explore this breathtaking city with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B)

#### Day 12: Petra - Wadi Rum -Dead Sea

This morning we depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, home of the famous film, Lawrence of Arabia. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Pause for lunch at a local campsite before relaxing on an afternoon-long transfer to the Jordanian shore of the Dead Sea. Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy sunset overlooking the Promised Land. (B, L )

### Day 13: Dead Sea - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. May 2022 – April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 3, 17, 24 June 7 August 23 September 6, 13, 27 October 11, 18, 25, 30 November 1, 6, 8 December 6 January 10, 24 February 7, 21 March 7, 21, 28 April 11, 18, 25

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Tel Aviv. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 10). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport is approximately 1.5 hours (depending upon traffic conditions). Due to security checkpoints, it is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion Airport 3 hours prior to departure. In this destination, temperatures may exceed over 37° C with high levels of humidity, especially while in Tel Aviv, Caesarea and Tiberias. You should bring adequate sun protection and be prepared to walk and stand in the heat with limited to no shade. In addition to Israel, this tour travels through the occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank. This itinerary is focused on culture, history and everyday life. While at some sites, there may be free time for individual reflection, this tour is not suitable for travellers or groups who wish to organize religious functions or utilize travel time on the coach for devotion and praver. If the food market tour falls on a Saturday or a Jewish holiday, then your food tour will take place at the Mahane Yehuda Market while in Jerusalem. Due to fragile health conditions of Holocaust survivors, on occasion this interaction may be replaced with the screening of a poignant recorded testimony. Time will be allotted while in Bethlehem for entry into the Nativity Grotto. There is often a wait time that can exceed 2 - 3 hours; therefore, you must be prepared to stand in line for the entire time. If dinner falls on a Friday, you will attend the traditional Shabbat dinner. In such case use of any electronic device is prohibited due to religious beliefs (including mobile phones and cameras). All rates in Canadian dollars.

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### ISRAEL: A JOURNEY OF FAITH

#### 9 DAYS · 14 MEALS starting at \$2949

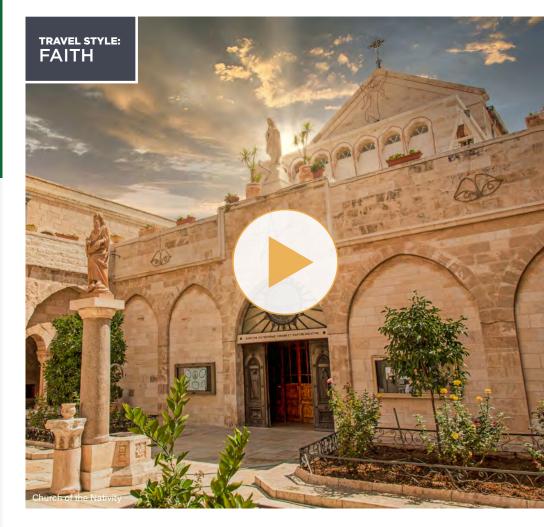
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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Golan Heights • Caesarea Philippi • Tel Megiddo • Bethlehem • Jerusalem • Western Wall • Via Dolorosa • Mount of Olives • Mount Zion • Garden Tomb

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Sail on the Sea of Galilee, aboard a boat similar to what Jesus would have sailed.
- Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.
- Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared Christmas night.



Walk in the hallowed footsteps of Jesus Christ and see some of the world's ancient cities on this spirited sojourn to Israel.



During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. The optional tour to the Vatican Museums may operate on a different day on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

#### Featured Pre Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Rome Pre-Tour Starting at \$1370<sup>+</sup> pp

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on an inspirational journey to Rome and the Vatican to experience fascinating religious sites and relics.

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies. (D)

#### **Day 3:** Rome - Catacombs - St. Paul Outside the Walls - Mamertine Prison

Begin your day exploring the Catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead. Follow in the steps of Paul, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. Pause for a moment of reflection in the Abbey of Tre Fontane (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. At the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb. In the afternoon, visit the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains and executed. Take time to reflect before an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

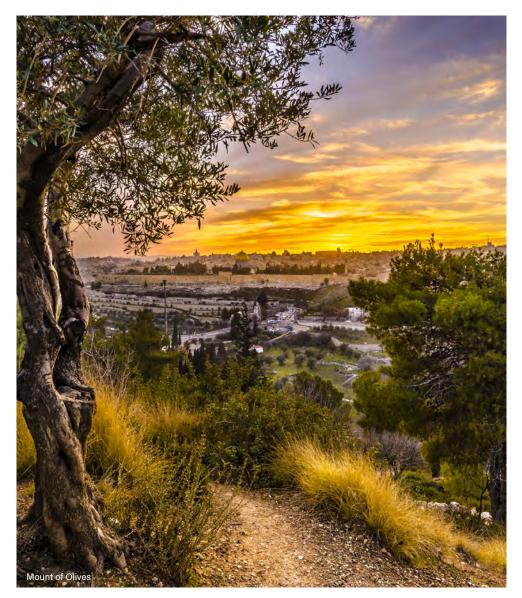
#### Day 4: Rome - Optional Excursion

The day is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the Vatican Museums\* and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in worldrenowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of The Last Judgment; this optional tour concludes with a visit of St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world; pause for a moment of reflection by the Confessio, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle which is dedicated to the Confession of faith by Peter that lead to his martyrdom. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meandering through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

#### Day 5: Rome - Tel Aviv, Israel

Say *Arrivederci Roma* as you transfer to your flight for Tel Aviv, Israel. (B)

<sup>†</sup> Additional air segment purchase required.







#### **BASE TOUR BEGINS**

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#### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

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#### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Nazareth -Cana - Sea of Galilee - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Caesarea, an important center for early Christians. Walk in the footsteps of Cornelius, the first Gentile convert to the new covenant (Acts 10) by St. Peter, and see where Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 23). Visit Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Spend time at the place where Joseph's home and workshop were - Church of the Annunciation - as well as the site of the fresh water spring used by the Holy Family. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle, where Jesus transformed water into wine (John 2:1-11). Later this afternoon, sail the Sea of Galilee aboard a boat similar to what Jesus would have sailed. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

#### **Day 4:** Tiberias - Capernaum - Golan Heights - Caesarea Philippi - Tiberias

Step into another time at the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). Continue to nearby Tabgha to the Church of the Fish and the Loaves and pause for a moment of quiet prayer at the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the five thousand. Spend time in Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, where Jesus performed many miracles, such as expelling demons and curing the sick. Visit the site where Jesus taught and reflect on his teaching and preaching of the gospel (Matthew 4:13, 23). Stand where Peter stood when he professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21) on 3 occasions. Take in the verdant scenery of the Golan Heights en route to Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus travelled with His disciples and near where Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Stop at the River Jordan at the Yardenit Baptismal site where you may opt to renew your Baptismal vows. Relax over dinner at a local restaurant featuring traditional Middle Eastern cuisine such as assorted appetizers and grilled meats. (B, D)

#### **Day 5:** Tiberias - Tel Megiddo -Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Visit Tel Megiddo (Armageddon), the site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah. In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus (Luke 2), enter the Church of the Nativity and pause for a moment of reflection close to the cave where Jesus was born. Stop at Shepherds' Field, where

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### SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Gaze out to into the Mediterranean Sea from Caesarea, where Paul begun his voyage to Rome and ultimate martyrdom.
- Reflect on Jesus' teachings during a visit to the synagogue in Capernaum.
- In Bethlehem reflect on the words of Luke "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
   Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

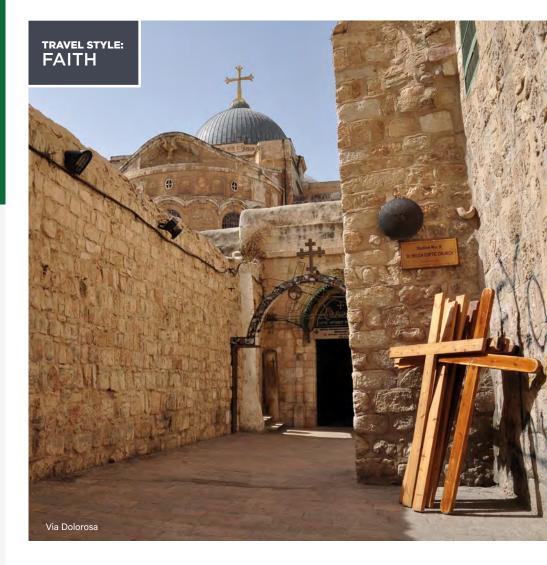


7 Breakfasts (B) - 7 Dinners (D)

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan or Isrotel Tower, Tel Aviv
- Days 3, 4 Leonardo Tiberias Hotel, Tiberias
- Days 5 8 Dan Jerusalem Hotel or Dan Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem

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the angels appeared on that first Christmas night spreading good tidings of great joy for all the people. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world: Jerusalem. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Jerusalem - Western Wall - Old City

Your time in Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Western Wall of the Temple, Judaism's holiest site. Traverse the Old City on foot to the Church of St. Anne and the nearby Pools of Bethesda, and pause for a moment of devotion where Jesus healed the paralytic. View Lion's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Pass by the Ecce Homo Arch (Behold the Man), the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Travel the Way of the Cross – the Via Dolorosa – walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jerusalem - Optional Excursion

Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; visit Masada; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. (B, D)

#### **Day 8:** Jerusalem - Mount of Olives -Mount Zion - Garden Tomb

Your day begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives and the nearby Church of the Pater Noster - the site where, according to tradition, Christ taught the Lord's Prayer. Pause for a moment of devotion at the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Jesus is believed to have prayed in agony the night before He was crucified. Take a moment to reflect among the olive trees of the Garden of Gethsemane - the site of Christ's betraval by Judas. Travel to Mount Zion and stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper (Mark 14). "He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:6). Your day concludes with a visit to the Garden Tomb, the possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and the resurrection of Jesus where you may opt to share Holy Communion with your group. Celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy journey during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant featuring ingredients inspired from the Bible. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

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

Featured Post Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Jordan Post-Tour Starting at \$1370 pp



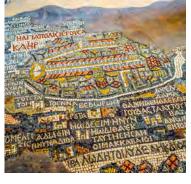


### **Day 9:** Jerusalem - Border Crossing - Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra

This morning, travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border into Jordan. Journey on the Desert Highway to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the Church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay. This evening, experience the flavours of the region during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

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Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B)

### Day 11: Petra - Wadi Rum -Amman

This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, Lawrence of Arabia. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Pause for lunch at a local campsite before relaxing on an afternoon-long transfer to Amman, known as the "White City" because of white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, L)

### Day 12: Amman - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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### January - April 2022

(different itinerary - see note\*) January 12, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 9, 14, 21, 28 March 7, 14, 21, 28, 30 April 4, 6, 23, 25, 27

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November 7, 14 December 5 January 16, 30 February 6, 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 12, 17, 24, 26

This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after January 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Tel Aviv. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on your last day. Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport is approximately 1.5 hours (depending upon traffic conditions). Due to security checkpoints, it is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion Airport 3 hours prior to departure. The optional Yardenit Baptismal Renewal must be pre-booked a minimum of 60 days prior to departure. If travelling in a group without a Pastor/Spiritual Leader, we cannot guarantee the renewal of the baptismal vows as a local Pastor/Spiritual Leader may not be available to perform the ceremony, in which case you will be refunded for this option. The Garden Tomb Communion option must be pre-booked a minimum of 60 days prior to departure. A private Communion for your group can be arranged if you are travelling in a group with a Pastor/ Spiritual Leader. If travelling in a group without a Pastor/Spiritual Leader, we cannot guarantee the Holy Communion as a local Pastor/Spiritual Leader may not be available to perform the ceremony, in which case you will be refunded for this option. To fully experience this itinerary, you must be able to walk unassisted for 2.5 miles and stand at least 15-60 minutes at a time with no opportunity to sit down. In particular, while touring in Jerusalem, you will be required to walk over cobblestones and up/down steep roads for an extended amount of time. In this destination, temperatures may exceed over 37° C with high levels of humidity, especially while in Tel Aviv, Caesarea and Tiberias. You should bring adequate sun protection and be prepared to walk and stand in the heat with limited to no shade. In addition to Israel, this tour travels through the occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank. Time will be allotted while in Bethlehem for entry into the Nativity Grotto. There is often a wait time that can exceed 2 - 3 hours; therefore, you must be prepared to stand in line for the entire time. The day of the dinner in local restaurant may differ due to local holidays and religious observances. If travelling during the month of Ramadan, please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Ramadan observances are from March 23-April 24, 2023. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### ISRAEL: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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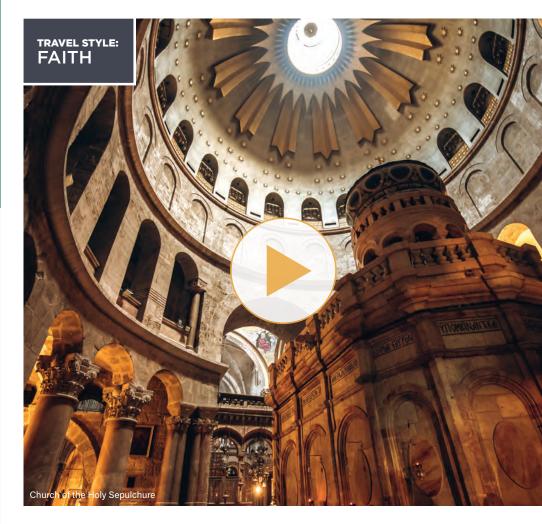
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### HIGHLIGHTS

Caesarea • Church of the Transfiguration • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Nazareth • Bethlehem • Church of the Nativity • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives • Church of the Holy Sepulchre • Western Wall • Via Dolorosa • Celebrate Mass Daily

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before he was crucified.
- Celebrate daily Mass at several significant religious sites.
- Sail on the Sea of Galilee, where Our Lord performed such miracles as his walking on water, calming the storm and feeding the multitude.



On an inspirational journey through Israel, strengthen your faith and feel closer to God.



During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. The days and order of sightseeing may change. The Papal Audience and the Papal Blessing are, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule.

### Featured Pre Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Rome Pre-Tour Starting at \$1505<sup>+</sup> pp

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on an inspirational journey to Rome and the Vatican to experience fascinating religious sites and relics.

### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant featuring regional delicacies. (D)

### **Day 3:** Rome - St. Mary Major - St. John in Lateran and the Holy Stairs - Cata

Start your morning with a visit of the Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major, where you'll have the option of celebrating Mass. Conclude your morning with a visit to St. John in Lateran – the former residence of the popes. Visit the Scala Sancta, the Holy Stairs believed to be the steps that Jesus climbed when he appeared before Pontius Pilate. This afternoon, visit the Catacombs, where early Christians hid and buried their dead. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

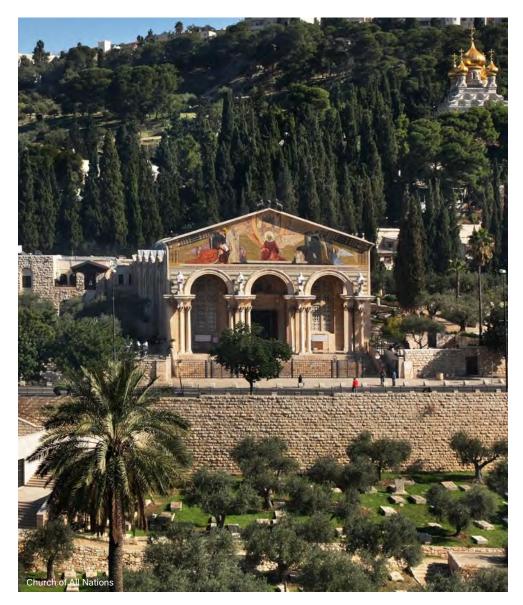
### **Day 4:** Rome - Papal Audience - St. Peter's Basilica

Start your morning by attending the weekly Papal audience at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness Pope Francis. Then visit St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest church. Feel the grace around you as you meander along towering marble columns and stand in awe before the *Pietà*, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Consider an optional tour to the Vatican Museums, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of The Last Judgment. (B)

### Day 5: Rome - Tel Aviv, Israel

Say *Arrivederci Roma* as you transfer to your flight for Tel Aviv, Israel. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



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### **Day 5:** Tiberias - Nazareth - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation. Proceed to Bethlehem and enjoy a stop at Shepherds' Field, where the Angels appeared on the first Christmas night. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Nativity, built on the birth site of Our Lord. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

### Day 6: Jerusalem - Garden of Gethsemane

Your visit to Jerusalem begins with a stop at the Church of the Pater Noster ("Our Father"), built on the traditional site where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer. Next, make your way down the steep descent of the Palm Sunday route to the site where Our Lord wept over the city, now known as Dominus Flevit. Afterwards, reflect at the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal

### BASE TOUR BEGINS

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### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a dinner at your hotel. (D)

### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Mount Tabor - Cana - Tiberias

Travel to the walled city and Roman ruins of Caesarea. It was here that St. Peter converted the first pagan, Centurion Cornelius, to become a Christian, and where St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Travel to Mount Tabor, the site of Our Lord's Transfiguration. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, at a wedding feast where you can opt to renew your marriage vows. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

### **Day 4:** Tiberias - Sea of Galilee -Tabgha - Capernaum - Tiberias

This morning, travel to nearby Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes, built to commemorate the miraculous feeding of five thousand. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes for a stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter, where Our Lord appeared to the apostles after His resurrection. In Capernaum, visit the church built over the ruins of St. Peter's house. Finally, visit Yardenit, the Jordan River baptismal site where you may opt to renew your baptismal vows. Later this afternoon, take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, where many of the Apostles were fishermen and where Our Lord preached. Relax over dinner at a local restaurant featuring traditional Middle Eastern cuisine such as assorted appetizers and grilled meats. (B, D)

### ISRAEL: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (CONTINUED)

### 9 DAYS · 14 MEALS STARTING AT \$2949

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

SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Pause for a moment of devotion atop Mount Tabor, the site of Jesus' Transfiguration.
- Reflect over the ministry of Saint John the Baptist during a visit to the Grotto of his birthplace.
- Follow in the footsteps of Our Lord along the Via Dolorosa, walked by Our Lord on the way to his crucifixion.

7 Breakfasts (B) - 7 Dinners (D)



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv
Days 3, 4	Leonardo Tiberias Hotel, Tiberias
Days 5 - 8	Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel or Dan Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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by Judas. Next, visit the Church of the Dormition (commemorating Our Lady's Assumption) and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. Pause at Caiaphas' Palace – known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu – where St. Peter once denied Our Lord in one of its courts. This afternoon, travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, built over the Grotto of his birthplace, and celebrate Mass. (B, D)

### Day 7: Jerusalem

The day is yours to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to Jericho, Bethany and the Dead Sea. No matter how you spend your day, gather in the evening with your fellow travellers to celebrate Mass. (B, D)

### Day 8: Jerusalem, the Old City

Follow in the footsteps of Our Lord today as you visit the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Pause for a moment of devotion close to St. Stephen's Gate, where the first Christian martyr

was stoned to death. Continue to the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic, and see the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Walk through the Muslim, Christian and Jewish quarters to the Western Wall of the Temple. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Jerusalem, before celebrating the end of this unforgettable and holy experience at a farewell dinner in a local restaurant that features ingredients inspired from the Bible. (B, D)

### Day 9: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B) **Featured Post Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Jordan Post-Tour** Starting at \$1370 pp



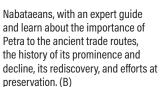


### Day 9: Jerusalem - Border Crossing - Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra

This morning, travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border into Jordan. Journey on the Desert Highway to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the Church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land - present day Israel - and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay. This evening, experience the flavours of the region during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

### Day 10: Petra

Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. A treasure of the ancient world, Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 500 years. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the



### Day 11: Petra - Wadi Rum -Amman

This morning we depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, Lawrence of Arabia. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Pause for lunch at a local campsite before relaxing on an afternoon-long transfer to Amman, known as the "White City" because of white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, L)

### Day 12: Amman - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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(different itinerary - see note\*) January 12, 26 February 2, 9, 16, 21, 23 March 2, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 April 2, 4, 6, 23, 25, 27

\*Itinerary featured is for

May 2022 - April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 4, 25 June 1, 22

October 19, 22, 23, 24

August 24, 31

October 26, 29, 31 November 2, 5, 6, 7, 9 November 14, 30 January 18 February 1, 15, 22 September 5, 7, 12, 14, 26 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October 10, 12, 15, 16, 17 April 17, 19, 24, 26, 29

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Tel Aviv. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on your last day. Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport is approximately 1.5 hours (depending upon traffic conditions). Due to security checkpoints, it is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion Airport 3 hours prior to departure. The optional Cana Wedding Vows Renewal must be pre-booked a minimum of 60 days prior to departure. Couples must bring a copy of their marriage certificate for submission. If travelling in a group without a Priest, we cannot guarantee the renewal of the wedding vows as a local Priest may not be available to perform the ceremony, in which case you will be refunded for this option. The optional Yardenit Baptismal Renewal must be pre-booked a minimum of 60 days prior to departure. If travelling in a group without a Priest, we cannot guarantee the renewal of the baptismal vows as a local Priest may not be available to perform the ceremony, in which case you will be refunded for this option. Time will be allotted while in Bethlehem for entry into the Nativity Grotto. There is often a wait time that can exceed 2 - 3 hours; therefore, you must be prepared to stand in line for the entire time. Location of daily Mass is subject to availability. If the listed church is not available, an alternative church will be made available. If you are travelling in a group without a priest, we cannot guarantee daily Mass. However, you'll be able to attend Mass on most days, but the Masses will be in public churches and presented in Arabic. In addition to Israel, this tour travels through the occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank. The day of the dinner in local restaurant may differ due to local holidays and religious observances. In order to fully experience this itinerary, you must be able to walk unassisted for 2.5 miles and stand at least 15-60 minutes at a time with no opportunity to sit down. In particular, while touring in Jerusalem, you will be required to walk over cobblestones and up/down steep roads for an extended amount of time. In this destination, temperatures may exceed over 37°C with high levels of humidity, especially while in Tel Aviv, Caesarea and Tiberias. You should bring adequate sun protection and be prepared to walk and stand in the heat with limited to no shade. All rates in Canadian dollars.

**NEW TOUR** 

### JORDAN & ISRAEL: CULTURAL CROSSROADS

15 DAYS · 24 MEALS starting at \$5349

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### HIGHLIGHTS

Dead Sea • Madaba • Petra • 2 Impact Moments • Wadi Rum • Red Sea • Eilat • Desert Agriculture Research Center • Masada • Jerusalem • Yad Vashem • Sea of Galilee • Safed • Golan Heights • Nazareth • Tel Aviv

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Head into the desert on a 4x4 and see the striking landscape of Wadi Rum.
- Engage in a discussion with a Holocaust Survivor at Yad Vashem.
- Impact Moment: Visit a non-profit community centre and learn a traditional craft from local women.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Reflect at Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the site of Jesus Christ's baptism -OR- enjoy time on your own to float in the Dead Sea.
- Day 7 Snorkel in the crystalline waters of the Red Sea -OR- relax aboard a glass bottom boat cruise in search of marine life.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Dine with a local Jewish family during a home-hosted dinner.
- Try your hand at Arabic culinary techniques during an authentic cooking class.
- Visit an unconventional bookstore to enjoy a lunch cooked by locals.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

- Days 2, 3 Dead Sea Marriott Resort, Dead Sea
- Days 4, 5 Petra Marriott, Petra
- Days 6,7 Dan Panorama, Eilat
- Days 8-10 Atlas Arthur Hotel, Jerusalem
- Days 11, 12 Ruth Zefat Hotel, Safed
- Days 13, 14 Atlas Artist Hotel, Tel Aviv



Delve into the past and present of Jordan and Israel, uncovering a land of quiet deserts, modern coastlines, ancient ruins, and spiritual roots.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

The stillness of the desert. The breeze off the coast. The lowest point on Earth. In Jordan and Israel, uncover the truth behind a land cloaked in mysteries, legends, and unwavering cultures.

### **Day 2:** Amman, Jordan - Dead Sea -Tour Begins

Start your journey in Amman, the innovative capital of Jordan. Make your way to the legendary Dead Sea, whose salty shores draw inquisitive nomads, health gurus, and many more. Settle into your tranquil home for the next 2 nights.

### Day 3: Dead Sea - Madaba - Dead Sea 😵

Admire sprawling vistas from Mount Nebo, where Moses shared his vision of the Promised Land. In Madaba, visit St. George's Church, whose Byzantine mosaics illustrate a glimpse into ancient history. Connect with an inspiring entrepreneur at his progressive bookstore. After enjoying lunch cooked by locals, **it's your choice!** Reflect at Bethany Beyond the Jordan (UNESCO), the site of Jesus Christ's baptism -**OR**- enjoy time on your own to float in the Dead Sea's ethereal waters. As the sun sets, get to know your fellow travellers over dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Dead Sea - Petra

Start your morning with an **Impact Moment** at Bani Hamida, a women's rug weaving cooperative, where you'll participate in a hands-on lesson before lunch. Continue on to Petra, a red sandstone city carved into the cliffs. Try your hand at culinary techniques during an authentic arabic cooking class before enjoying your carefully crafted dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Petra

Beat the crowds and the heat of the sun with an early-morning tour of Petra's archaeological remains (UNESCO). With towering bluffs overhead, delve into this ancient crossroad with a local guide. The remainder of the day is yours to discover this "lost city" on your own. (B)

### **Day 6:** Petra - Wadi Rum - Border Crossing - Eilat, Israel

Launch into a land of quiet stillness and open dunes as you make your way to Wadi Rum on a 4x4 vehicle. Take time for lunch before returning back through the desert. Grab your bags and get ready for the second part of your adventure as you cross the border into Israel. A short transfer takes you to your hotel located in Eilat's Marina, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

### Day 7: Eilat 😯

Soak in the atmosphere as **it's your choice!** Spend a morning at the Coral Beach Nature Reserve, snorkeling in the crystalline waters of the Red Sea **-OR-** relax aboard a glass bottom boat cruise of the Gulf of Aqaba in search for marine life. With a free afternoon, perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to the Eilat Mountains, where you'll be able to take in the sun as it sets over four countries: Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. Gather around a bonfire and gaze over the Sinai, the area where Moses led the Jews during their Exodus from Egypt and back to the Promised Land. (B, D)

### Day 8: Eilat - Masada - Jerusalem

Discover why the locals have so much pride in their ability to grow food in this harsh climate at the Desert Agriculture Research Center in the Arava Valley, where you'll learn about drip irrigation and other innovative techniques that allow crops to flourish in the desert. Travel to the desert fortress of Masada (UNESCO), perched upon a cliff next to the Dead Sea. With a guide, explore Herod's Palace and the Roman Camp. Descend the ancient walls by cable car before continuing on to Jerusalem, your home for the next 3 nights. (B)

### Day 9: Jerusalem - Mount of Olives - Old City

Today, you'll begin your exploration of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, where you'll marvel at the panoramic view of the Holy City including the shining Dome of the Rock. Embark on a comprehensive walking tour of the old city, covering multiple religions that have coexisted here for centuries. Pause at the Western (Wailing) Wall and follow the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa. With the remainder of your day at leisure, delve into Jerusalem's Shuk (the Bazaars of the Old City), with each narrow street dedicated to different trades. As you explore, breathe in the smell of freshly baked bread, roasting sesame seeds, and savoury spices. (B)

### Day 10: Jerusalem

Reflect on the sorrows of the past at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, followed by a poignant discussion with a Holocaust survivor. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour through the Judean Hills to Bethlehem. You may also opt to see the city from the different perspective with a tour of Jerusalem at night. (B)

### Day 11: Jerusalem - Sea of Galilee - Safed

Head to Magdala, regarded to be the hometown of Mary Magdalene, and find an ancient city of stone carvings and excavated temples. Sail on the sea in a historic replica boat before continuing on to the Mount of Beatitudes, an overlook where Jesus gave his famous Sermon of the Mount. End your day in Safed, a beautiful little town of weather-worn alleyways. (B, D)

### Day 12: Safed - Golan Heights -Safed

Wander along rumbling waterfalls, quiet ponds, and temple ruins in Caesarea Philippi National Park. Travel by apple orchards on your way to Majdal Shams, a town in Golan Heights. Get to know a variety of the local religions today, first meeting with a member of the Druze community to learn more about this mysterious and secretive sect of Islam. Return to Safed for a walking tour led by an expert. Learn about Kabbalah's mystical beliefs, providing another glimpse into a local religion. Connect with one of the town's Orthodox Jewish families over a home-hosted dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Safed - Nazareth - Tel Aviv Explore Nazareth, the childhood town of Jesus. More than just a religious town, Nazareth's culinary scene and growing businesses brought the city into the 21st century. After visiting the Basilica of the Annunciation, experience an **Impact Moment** at a non-profit community center where local women lead a lesson on traditional crafts. Discover the nearby open-air market before enjoying a homehosted lunch in a historic house, featuring Arab-Israeli favourites such as hummus, baba ghanoush, pastries, and more. Head to the bustling waterfront city of Tel Aviv – the remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll relax in an outdoor café, walk along the beach, or check out the nightlife. (B, L)

### Day 14: Tel Aviv

Make your way through Tel Aviv's historic section, Jaffa, passing by St. Peter's Church, Wishing Bridge, and the Ramses Gate. Then taste your way through one of Tel Aviv's lively street markets as you connect with the locals. This evening, toast to the end of your trip at a farewell reception. (B, L)

### Day 15: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends

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



### **Optional 3-Night Cairo Pre-Tour** Starting at \$1235<sup>+</sup> pp

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Egypt. Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history and timeless wonders.

### Day 2: Cairo, Egypt

Settle into Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past.

### Day 3: Cairo

Start your day by exploring the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum. See the statues, sarcophagi, and treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun. Walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, and more. This evening, connect with your fellow travellers and get a taste of local cuisine at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

### Day 4: Cairo - Giza - Cairo

Fulfil a lifelong dream and head to nearby Giza (UNESCO). Embark on an in-depth visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the world's oldest and largest monuments. Enjoy some free time to explore these ancient temples on your own. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

### Day 5: Cairo - Extension Ends - Amman, Jordan

Wish Egypt goodbye as you depart for Jordan. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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This trip requires a passport. Passport numbers are required in advance. Please provide yours at time of booking. Our air passengers will arrive into Amman and depart from Tel Aviv. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Border crossing between Jordan and Israel will take place on foot. You will be dropped off by your Tour Manager at the Jordanian border, proceed through customs patrol and baggage security, and pay the Jordan departure tax in local currency, approximately 8 Jordanian Dinar (18 CAD) per person, subject to change without advance notice. You will be picked up at the Israeli border where you will meet the Tour Manager for the Israel portion of your tour. Your Tour Manager cannot assist with border crossing and all guests are responsible for handling their own luggage. Total walking distance is approximately 200 meters. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. If travelling during Ramadan, please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Some days will have early departures for excursions to avoid the midday high temperatures. Proper dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. Snorkeling gear is provided at the Coral Beach Nature Reserve. A lifeguard is present on shore at all times. A towel is recommended for laying on the beach. The average annual water temperature in Eilat is 24°C. The water reaches its lowest temperature in March at 20°C and highest in August at 29°C. Occasionally this activity may be unavailable due to sea and weather conditions. Due to fragile health conditions of Holocaust survivors, on occasion this interaction may be replaced with the screening of a poignant recorded testimony. In this destination, temperatures may exceed over 37º C during the day, with cooler evenings, especially while in Petra, Eilat and Jerusalem. You should bring adequate sun protection, appropriate layers and sturdy walking shoes to be prepared to walk and stand in the heat with limited to no shade. You must be able to walk unassisted for 2.5 miles and stand at least 15-60 minutes at a time with no opportunity to sit down. In particular, while touring in Petra and Jerusalem, you will be required to walk over cobblestones and up/down steep roads for an extended amount of time. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Egyptian Museum • Giza Pyramids & Sphinx • Historic Cairo • Aswan • 3-Night Nile River Cruise • Kom Ombo • Edfu • Luxor • Valley of the Kings • Sound & Light Show at Karnak Temple • Amman • Wadi Rum • Petra • Impact Moment at Bani Hamida Cooperative • Dead Sea • Arabic Literature Discussion

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river, on a 3-night cruise.
- Enjoy a viewing of the tombs of King Tut and Ramses VI during a tour of the Valley of the Kings.

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 7 In Luxor, behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II -OR- admire incomparable views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace.
- Day 10 In Petra, spend the afternoon exploring more of Petra's vast archeological site on your own. Perhaps you'll trek up to the "Monastery," one of Petra's legendary monuments -OR- join a local family at their home for tea and friendly conversation about life in the Bedouin community of Wadi Musa -ORvisit Little Petra, a Nabatean outpost located a few miles from its famous big sister.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 11 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a traditional lunch cooked by locals and discuss Arabic literature with a philanthropic entrepreneur.
- Prepare your meal and eat familystyle at an Arabic cooking class.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2-4Kempinski Nile Hotel Garden<br/>City, CairoDays 5-7Farah Nile CruiseDay 8Amman Marriott Hotel,<br/>AmmanDays 9, 10Movenpick Resort,

- Wadi Musa, Petra Days 11, 12 Movenpick Resort and Spa, Dead Sea
- 296 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Feel as if you've stepped into another time as you enter a world of legends, relics, and indescribable beauty – discover the essence of Egypt and Jordan.

### Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Your adventure starts in Cairo, the capital of Egypt. A constant thrum of energy wrapped around you, feel the ever-present heartbeat of the country in the city streets.

### Day 3: Cairo

Spend the morning with an Egyptologist for a lecture on ancient Egypt. Your look into the past continues at the Egyptian Museum, a collection featuring some of the area's oldest artifacts. This evening, connect with your fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner featuring local specialties. (B, D)

### **Day 4:** Cairo - Giza - Cairo - Khan el-Khalili Bazaar

Venture to nearby Giza and embrace the Egypt you have always imagined at the iconic Pyramids. Stand in awe before the Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the colossal Great Sphinx. This afternoon, walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el-Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, handpainted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

**Day 5:** Cairo - Aswan - Philae - Board Ship A 2-hour flight brings you to Aswan, a breathtaking

port city up the Nile. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II. This afternoon, discover the mysteries of Philae's temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Then, board your cruise ship, your home for the next three nights. After a captain's welcome cocktail and dinner, connect with Egypt's culture at an ancient Nubian show. (B, D)

### Day 6: Kom Ombo - Edfu - Esna

Coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Continue on to the mesmerizing Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the ancient god Horus and serving as one of Egypt's best-preserved temples. Sail to Esna before enjoying a festive Galabeya Party, where you might don a traditional Egyptian gown. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: West & East Bank of Luxor 😵

Start the day on Luxor's West Bank, trekking along elaborate tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an exclusive viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Continue on to a local farm nestled along the banks of the Nile. At the farm, discuss this Egyptian way of life between sips of freshly brewed tea. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II **-OR-** admire incomparable views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace which hosted

esteemed guests such as Winston Churchill and the great Egyptologist Howard Carter. This evening, enjoy the sound and light show at Karnak Temple. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Luxor - Disembark Ship -Amman, Jordan

Say goodbye to the land of the pyramids as you fly from Luxor to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Get a peek into this innovative city housing both modern technologies and ancient relics. Tonight's street food dinner includes local specialties of hummus, falafels and kunafa. (B, D)

### Day 9: Amman - Wadi Rum - Petra

Cross Jordan all the way to the south as you leave Amman for the isolated desert of Wadi Rum. Nicknamed the Valley of the Moon, this ethereal landscape resembles nothing found on earth. Cruise through the reserve on an open-air vehicle tour. Enjoy lunch at a local camp before venturing onward to Petra the fabled "Rose Red City." This evening, stroll to an authentic Arabic cooking class. Prepare your meal, featuring fresh ingredients from local markets and traditional Jordanian recipes, before digging in family-style. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Petra 😯

Weave along sandstone carvings as you tour the archeological site of Petra with your guide. Serving as a crossroads between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, Petra contains ages of hidden wonders just waiting to be explored. This afternoon, it's your choice! Keep exploring Petra's vast archeological site on your own. Perhaps you'll trek up to the "Monastery," one of Petra's legendary monuments -OR- join a local family at their home for tea and friendly conversation about life in the Bedouin community of Wadi Musa -OR- visit Little Petra, a Nabatean outpost located a few miles from its famous big sister, and featuring a 2000-year old Nabatean fresco. (B)

### Day 11: Petra - Dead Sea

Connect with the local community during an Impact Moment at a women's rug weaving cooperative, where you'll be able to peruse the rugs designed in traditional styles. Then, arrive at your hotel in the Dead Sea and take advantage of the luxuries and direct access to the legendary sea. (B, L, D)

### Day 12: Dead Sea - Madaba - Dead Sea

Get a glimpse into the foundation of Christian reverence at Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the venerated site of Jesus Christ's baptism. In Madaba, delve deep into St. George's Church and its famous Byzantine mosaics. Then, connect with an inspiring native who encourages literacy through his bookstore. At the store, you'll enjoy a traditional farewell lunch cooked by locals as you chat with the philanthropic entrepreneur, discussing Arabic literature and culture. Before returning to your hotel, gaze upon the Promised Land at Mount Nebo like Moses long before you. (B, L)

### Day 13: Dead Sea - Tour Ends

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of these mystical lands. (B)



### **Optional 3-Night Jerusalem Post-Tour** Starting at \$1645 pp

Day 13: Dead Sea, Jordan - Border Crossing - Masada -Jerusalem, Israel

This morning, travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border into Israel. Travel to the desert fortress of Masada (UNESCO), situated on a cliff next to the Dead Sea. Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car and explore Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp, and the Synagogue. Next, journey on to Jerusalem, looking out over the city from the Mount of Olives. This evening, settle into your hotel for a 3-night stay in the holy city of Jerusalem.

### Day 14: Jerusalem - Old City

On a walking tour of the old walled city of Jerusalem (UNESCO), see the Western (Wailing) Wall and the impressive Kotel Tunnels below. Tread the storied path of the Stations of the Cross. Immerse yourself in the everyday life of Jerusalem's Shuk (the Bazaars of the Old City). As you explore, breathe in the smell of freshly baked bread and savoury spices. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

### Day 15: Jerusalem - Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial -Mahane Yehuda Market

Start the morning with a poignant visit to Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Explore the Children's Memorial and the Hall of Names or walk along the Garden of the Righteous Among the Nations, where trees were planted to recognize non-Jews who, at great personal risk, chose to save Jews from the Holocaust. Then dive into Jerusalem's bustling Mahane Yehuda Market for a walking food tour. Sample fresh hummus and savoury street foods as you connect with the locals. The rest of the afternoon is yours. (B, L)

### Day 16: Jerusalem - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, (B)

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May 2022- April 2023 tour

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May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 2 September 5, 12, 26 October 3, 10, 17, 31 November 7 December 5, 26 departures. Departures prior

January 23 February 6, 13, 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20 April 24

This trip requires a passport. Passport numbers are required in advance. Please provide yours at time of booking. A visa is required for Egypt and Jordan. An Egyptian visa must be obtained at your own expense upon arrival in Egypt, at the approximate cost of 25 US Dollars, paid in cash. You need to purchase the visa before getting in line for immigration. A Jordanian visa is arranged by our local Jordanian agent in advance. The Jordan exit fee is approximately 20 CAD per person, paid in local currency. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or specific entry requirements for this tour. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time without notice, based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Cairo and depart from Amman. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. For inter-flights between Cairo and Aswan and between Luxor and Amman, you should expect early morning departures from your hotel due to early morning flight schedules. You should also expect early morning departures on the days the Pyramids of Giza and the Valley of the Kings are featured. The Egyptian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately 18 US Dollars, per camera, for taking photos or video inside any enclosed sites such as tombs. There is an additional cost to enter inside the Pyramids. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. If you wish to take advantage of any of these extras, your Tour Manager will facilitate the onsite purchase of these tickets by collecting the fees at the beginning of the tour day. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/ or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. Visiting the Tombs of the Valley of the Kings requires descending steep staircases and/or ramps with limited help from handrails. These visits may not be suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing sturdy walking shoes. Temperatures can reach over 37° C, particularly in Aswan, Luxor, Wadi Rum and Petra. Be sure to bring adequate sun protection. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

19 DAYS · 31 MEALS starting at \$3599

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

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

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter on an exciting walking tour.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Visit with a Vietnam war veteran and learn about the war from his perspective.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 15 — In Luang Prabang, venture into the lively outdoor markets at night -OR- return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

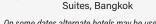
### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking during an interactive class.
- Sample several famous Vietnamese dishes on a walking food tour.
- A local Laotian family welcomes you into their home for dinner.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Dov 1	Overnight Flight
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Days 2 – 4	Mercure La Gare, Hanoi
Day 5	Bhaya Classic
Days 6 - 8	Allegro Hoi An Hotel & Spa, Hoi An
Days 9 - 11	Novotel Saigon Centre, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 12 - 14	Tara Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap
Days 15 - 17	Souphattra Hotel, Luang Prabang
Day 18	Rembrandt Hotel &



On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Delve into an ancient and mysterious world of rural landscapes, bustling cities, and fascinating history in Southeast Asia.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From the villages of Vietnam and the temples of Cambodia to the friendly locals of Laos and the lively energy of Thailand, embark on an unforgettable cultural adventure.

### Day 2: Hanoi, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Hanoi. Known for its French colonial architecture, tree-lined streets, and vibrant street food scene, Hanoi is Vietnam's dynamic capital and second most populous city.

### Day 3: Hanoi

Start your morning with a city tour of Hanoi and the Old Quarter. Visit Ba Dinh Square and the Temple of Literature. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas. Enjoy a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes such as banh mi and pho. Enjoy coffee and views of Hoan Kiem Lake – at a rooftop café. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Hanoi

Today you may choose to start your day early by joining your Tour Manager and locals as they practice tai chi at a local park. After, visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison. This historic site, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs, is now a museum that tells the story of colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Following your visit, sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War to chat with him as he recounts his history. The rest of the day is yours to explore. You may choose to join an optional tour to see the famous water puppets of Hanoi followed by dinner. (B)

### Day 5: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

Journey to Ha Long Bay and board a charming junk boat for an overnight cruise. Once on board,

enjoy fresh seafood as you sail past small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature and history. (B, L, D)

### **Day 6:** Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An

Your day begins with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck at sunrise. After a light breakfast we head off to visit Sung Sot cave, one of the many limestone grottos accessible by boat in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage that is Halong Bay. It is time to say farewell and cruise back to the mainland. Fly to Da Nang and travel to Hoi An (UNESCO), an ancient trading port. (B, D)

### Day 7: Hoi An

Explore the flavours of Hoi An. Board a basket boat and journey along the Co Co River for an immersive cooking class. Learn how to catch seafood in the river and grind rice into flour. Use your ingredients to cook four classic dishes which you'll enjoy for lunch. Later, on a walking tour of the old town, stroll by the ornate Chinesestyle temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. End at the vibrant market. (B, L)

### Day 8: Hoi An

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An. Perhaps you'll visit an art gallery, wander through a cultural museum, or go shopping for the perfect souvenir. (B)

### Day 9: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the energetic urban capital formerly known as Saigon. On an eye-opening city tour, you'll see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Reunification Palace. Explore treasures from local vendors at the Old Market in District 1. (B)

### Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City. (B, L)

### Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City

Spend your morning at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia

This afternoon, board your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia's gateway to the wonders of Angkor. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant accompanied by a traditional Khmer dance performance. (B, D)

### Day 13: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat -Siem Reap

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

### Day 14: Siem Reap - Preah Dak -Siem Reap

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

### Day 15: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos 😵

Connect with locals at the JWOC Community Center and learn about their ongoing projects. Your day continues with a flight to Luang Prabang. Get acquainted with the city with your guide. Then, **it's your choice!** Venture into the lively outdoor markets at night -**OR**- return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

### Day 16: Luang Prabang

Hop into a tuk tuk with a guide and make your way to the city center, including a visit to the National Museum – the former Royal Palace. Continue to Wat Xieng Thong monastery, decorated in eye-catching gold. Meander along the Nam Khan River to Wat Khili, highlighting the local culture and history. After lunch, cruise to the Pak Ou Caves, home to thousands of Buddha statues. End your day with a home-hosted dinner and traditional Baci ceremony – celebrating a significant event in someone's life. (B, L, D)

### **Day 17:** Luang Prabang - Ban Long Lao - Luang Prabang

You may choose to rise early and begin your day with a traditional alms offering to local monks. After breakfast back at the hotel, journey to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao and learn about this ethnic group and their way of life. Set out on an easy hike through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the incredible Kuang Si Waterfall. After a picnic lunch, return to Luang Prabang. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional tour to visit with Laotian weavers. (B, L)

### Day 18: Luang Prabang - Bangkok, Thailand

Fly to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. This bustling city blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure on a Klong dinner cruise. (B, D)

### Day 19: Bangkok - Tour Ends (B)

Return home with memories of your travels through Southeast Asia. (B)

### FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION: BANGKOK



### POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$820 PP

Spend 3 nights in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Coast through the floating market, marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs or just soak in the energy of the city.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

### Choose to add more time to your trip:

### 1-2 NIGHTS

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### DOUBLE SOLO Starting at Starting at \$3599 \$4699 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on August 27, 2022 departure. Prices based on August 27, 2022 departure.

January - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 6, 13, 20 February 10, 17, 24 March 10, 17, 24 April 21, 28 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 7 August 27 September 10, 24 October 1, 8, 22, 29 November 5 December 3, 28 January 14, 26, 28 February 4, 11, 18, 25 March 4, 11, 18 April 15

This trip requires a passport. Visas are required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month single entry Vietnam visa is 50 US dollars and must be obtained prior to departure. To enter Vietnam you will need 1 blank page in your passport. You can obtain the visa for Cambodia at the airport upon arrival. The cost is approximately 30 US Dollars and two complete blank pages are required in your passport along with one passport photo. A Laos visa is required for this tour at your expense. This can be purchased upon arrival in Luang Prabang, Laos. The approximate cost is 35 US Dollars. One blank page is required in your passport. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Hanoi and depart from Bangkok, Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/ or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. It is recommended that you bring an overnight bag (rather than your large luggage) on the overnight Ha Long Bay cruise. This will afford you more room to move about your cruise cabin. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location. Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral will be viewed from the exterior. Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visits due to school schedules, holidays, or weekends. If you would prefer not to hike on Day 17, a vehicle is available to bring you to the falls. Not all vendors accept credit cards or travellers checks; therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

### 14 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>6749

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Tokyo • Asakusa Sensoji Shrine • Ginza • Tea Ceremony • Hakone • Lake Ashi Cruise • Matsumoto Castle • Takayama • Sake Tasting and Hida Beef Dinner • Shirakawa-go • Kanazawa • Kyoto • Bullet Train • Hiroshima • Kaiseki Dinner

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Try your hand at the centuries-old art of the Japanese tea ceremony, gold leaf decorating and stenciling.
- Travel by the famous Shinkansen bullet train.
- Explore the famous Ginza District, the first Western-style shopping district in Japan where modern and history blends.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

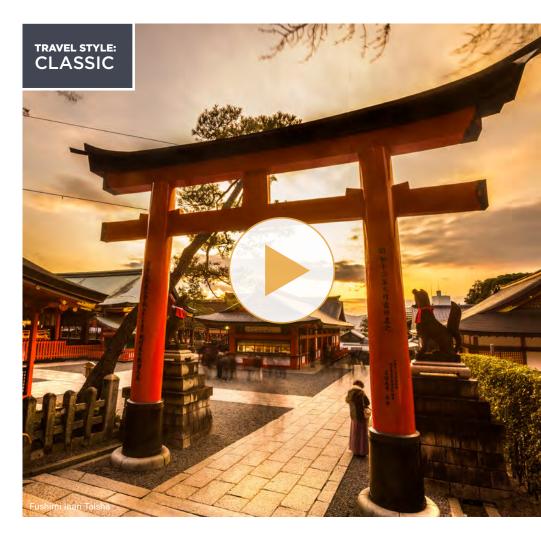
### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a sake tasting at a local sake brewery followed by a Hida beef dinner.
- Experience a traditional kaiseki dinner with geisha show in Kyoto.
- Participate in a sushi-making class.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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Days 2 - 4	Grand Nikko Daiba, Tokyo
Day 5	Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone
Days 6, 7	Takayama Green Hotel, Takayama
Days 8, 9	Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel, Kanazawa
Days 10 - 13	Kyoto Tokyu Hotel, Kyoto

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the tranquility of ancient temples to the energy of bustling cities, find a blend of all things old and new in Japan.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Explore ancient and modern Japanese culture firsthand. Discover peaceful temples and technological marvels set against unimaginable natural beauty.

### Day 2: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Begin in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned all the way up and traditions are rich and long-kept.

### Day 3: Tokyo

Feel the excitement start to build as you pass by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Niju Bridge and Sakurada Gate, the well-known symbols of the Imperial Palace. Walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world, where modern landscape meets rich history. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. Later, amid a lush forest outside of Tokyo, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

### Day 4: Tokyo

Begin the day exploring Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district. Visit the famous Buddhist temple, Senso-ji, the colourful temple famous for the red chochin (lantern) hanging at the entrance gate. Experience the long standing tradition of the Japanese tea ceremony, dating back to the 15th century. During your free time, explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade and feel the energy of the oldest shopping street in Japan. Then, head to Edo Tokyo Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of Tokyo. The museum displays life-size and model scale replicas of towns and buildings of old Tokyo. (B)

### Day 5: Tokyo - Hakone

Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone, renowned for its hot springs. In the shadow of Mt. Fuji (UNESCO), this scenic town hugs the shorelines of Lake Ashi. Make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone. The Owakudani crater was created some 3,000 years ago, when Mt. Hakone erupted. Climb aboard the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car descending from Owakudani for a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji. Next, take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise where you'll see epic views of the local mountains before stopping in the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B, D)

### **Day 6:** Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama

This breathtaking day begins in Matsumoto at Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" because of its striking black exterior. Enjoy the local cuisine as we stop for lunch at a Soba noodle shop. Later, you'll step back in time in the rural Edoperiod town of Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan's 200-year-old sake breweries. Afterward, experience a true Japanese epicurean treat - traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Takayama

The ancient cultures of Takayama come alive this morning in the town's historic district. Take a walk through the past and glimpse the 19th-century Jinya government building. Stroll through the morning market, a 600-year-old open air market with locally grown and produced products, located along the Miyagawa River. Circuit the winding streets, where the town's traditional charms are preserved in the inns and houses. This afternoon, relish some free time to continue your exploration of Takayama on your own. (B)

### **Day 8:** Takayama - Shirakawa-go -Kanazawa

Today, embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountain, this harmonious village is famous for its gassho-zukuri-style houses – thatched-rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer. Journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making since the 16th century. Visit the Samurai district where we will enter the former home of the Nomuras, a wealthy samurai family who served the ruling Maeda family. Then, travel to the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea district. (B, D)

### Day 9: Kanazawa

More than 25 acres of absolute beauty await you today at Kenroku-En – Garden of Six Qualities. From the beauty of Japan's most stunning gardens, dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a hands-on lesson in decorating your own lacquer box! In the centre of town, take in the action of the Omicho fish market before venturing out on your own to really immerse yourself in Kanazawa's dynamic culture. (B)

### Day 10: Kanazawa - Kyoto

Kyoto awaits! The former Imperial capital of Japan is now one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. At the same time, Kyoto's connection with its past is strong; you won't need to look far to see one of its 2,000 temples and shrines. For lunch, participate in a sushi making class and master the art of sushi making. This afternoon, visit Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. (B, L)

### **Day 11:** Kyoto - Bullet Train -Hiroshima - Kyoto

All aboard the Shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Afterwards, head into Hiroshima city to visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO). Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. As this long and moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by the Shinkansen bullet train. (B)

### Day 12: Kyoto

This morning, explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the spectacular rows of orange torii (made famous in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*) that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Move on to the home of the first Shogun, Nijo Castle (UNESCO), and see intricate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Next, learn about the ancient craft of stenciling during a hands on lesson. (B)

### Day 13: Kyoto

Today, spend some time relaxing or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Fully immerse yourself in Japanese culture tonight during a special *kaiseki* farewell dinner and geisha show. (B, D)

### Day 14: Kyoto - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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April 22, 24, 29 \*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 – April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior May 8, 22 June 12 July 10 August 14 September 4, 11, 18, 25 October 2, 9, 16

April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16

April 21, 23, 28

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka. Our air passengers will be departing from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport (depending upon your flight schedule). All transfers will depart from the Kyoto hotel for either Kansai Airport or Itami Airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Return flights should not be booked from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport prior to 9:00 a.m. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. This tour provides authentic dining experiences. Vegan, vegetarian, and even gluten-free diets are uncommon in Japan and not widely catered to. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us at time of booking so we can accommodate you as best as possible. The view of Mt. Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway is weather dependent. Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require guests to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed for sightseeing on these days. **All rates in Canadian dollars.** 

66 A really great tour. We were very fortunate to see Mt. Fuji in all its glory! The geisha show at our farewell dinner capped off a very memorable experience. 
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### JAPAN: PAST & PRESENT

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Tokyo Ginza Asakusa Tea Ceremony Edo Tokyo Museum • Bullet Train • Ise-Shima • Ise Grand Shrine • *Kaiseki* Dinner • Mikimoto Pearl Museum • Ama Pearl Divers Dinner • Kyoto • Golden Pavilion • Arashiyama Bamboo Forest • Women's Association of Kyoto • Gion • Okunoin Cemetery • Monastery Stay • Hiroshima • *Okonomiyaki* Cooking Class & Lunch • Peace Memorial Park & Museum • Discussion with an
  - A-Bomb Survivor Osaka

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stay among Buddhist monks at a monastery on Mount Koya.
- Meet Japan's Ama pearl divers and learn more about their elite profession.
- Visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and Memorial Museum and hear accounts of the atomic bomb's devastation.



From neon-lit streets filled with people to quiet shrines filled only with silence, come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making.

### Featured Tour Extension Optional 2-Night Tokyo Pre-Tour Starting at \$820 pp



This extension is not hosted or guided. A minimum of 3 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

### **Day 1:** Overnight Flight Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Tokyo, Japan.

### **Day 2:** Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Uncover the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned all the way up and traditions are rich and long-kept.

### Day 3: Tokyo

Tokyo is an incredible city for exploration; with a world-class public transportation system that's easy to use and can get you everywhere. The day is yours to spend how you please. Perhaps you will take a tour of the Imperial Palace or visit the Meiji Jingu Shrine. (B)

### Day 4: Tokyo

Enjoy an extra day at leisure as the rest of the group arrives today to begin your cultural journey through Japan. (B)



### **BASE TOUR BEGINS**

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From the tranquility of ancient temples to the energy of bustling cities, find a blend of all things old and new in Japan.

### Day 2: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Say "Konnichiwa!" to the incredible city of Tokyo. Japan is a land of contrasts, and you're about to discover the thousand facets of culture, art, and life that make up its incredible spirit. From neon-lit streets filled with people to quiet shrines filled only with silence, you'll come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making.

### Day 3: Tokyo

This morning, start your first day in Tokyo like a true local – by hopping on the subway. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world. Follow your Tour Manager on a walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. This afternoon, visit Zojoji Temple, standing in the shadow of Tokyo Tower and painting a powerful picture of Tokyo's ancient roots and modern culture. Zojoji is the center of Japanese Buddhism in the region, and the resting place of the royal Tokugawa family. Head back to the hotel through the lush and beautiful Shiba park,





a green oasis in the urban landscape. Tonight, sit down and get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

### Day 4: Tokyo

Head to Asakusa, passing by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Nijubashi Bridge and Sakurada Gate. Experience the subtle and gentle art of the green tea ceremony. In a special demonstration, you'll learn about the ancient practice that is used to calm the mind, shift the focus away from the day-to-day of life, and appreciate the moment. Enjoy free time exploring Nakamise shopping street, where you can stroll between the stalls leading to the Sensoji temple to buy local souvenirs and sweets. Then, head to the Edo Tokyo Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of the city. The museum displays life-size and model scale replicas of towns and buildings of old Tokyo. (B)

### Day 5: Tokyo - Ise-Shima

Climb aboard the high-speed *shinkansen*, or bullet train. Sleek, modern, and comfortable, the bullet train will flash through the idyllic Japanese countryside at 200 miles per hour, but you'll barely feel or hear a thing. Keep an eye peeled for Mt. Fuji in the distance. Arrive at one of the most important shrines in Japan – Ise Shrine. This grand shrine is built to honour the Shinto sun goddess Amaterasu. Wander among the thatched roofs, taking in the serenity of this spiritual wonder. Tonight, your meal will be a traditional and delicious Japanese *kaiseki* dinner, an artfully prepared and presented, multi-course meal using ingredients at the absolute peak of freshness. (B, D)

### Day 6: Ise-Shima

Enjoy a relaxing start today. Perhaps you'll take advantage of the hotel's scenic walking trails that lead to a picturesque beach. Later this morning, you'll head to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum. Explore the island and the legacy of the skilled Ama pearl divers, women who defied conventional gender roles to dive in the sea to harvest oysters and their pearls. Watch divers take the plunge and learn about the history and science of pearl diving. This evening, set out for Azurihama Beach, where you'll venture across the sands to an Ama hut for an incredible dining experience. While local seafood is grilled in a charcoal fire right before your eyes, hear tales from the Ama women about their lives and the sacred rights of their profession. (B, D)

### Day 7: Ise-Shima - Kyoto

Kyoto awaits! Before arriving in Japan's former capital city stop at Nara park and Todaiji Temple. Venture inside the massive building to take some time in this sacred place, and find the huge bronze Buddha statue. Wander the grounds outside and discover the famous "bowing" deer of Nara. Next, it's off to Kyoto. (B)

### Day 8: Kyoto

Begin your day at Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Once the lavish retirement home of a shogun, it was converted to a Zen temple in the 1400s. Depart for the Arashiyama bamboo forest. Set out among the towering bamboo stalks that shade the forest paths and gently sway in the breeze. Later, visit the Women's Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. Here, delve into a wide array of enlightening Japanese activities, guided by your knowledgeable hostess. Sip different sakes, try your hand at making sushi, fold intricate origami shapes, and speak to your hostess about Japan, its culture, and women's roles in this complex society. (B, D)

### Day 9: Kyoto

Head to Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district. Here, your Tour Manager leads you through the narrow cobblestone streets and if you're lucky, you may see a woman in full traditional geisha regalia headed to one of the hidden, exclusive tea houses. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore how you want. Perhaps you'll stay in the Gion district to wander among its temples, shrines, traditional shops and charming cafes. Or, you could make your way to the Nishiki Market, where colourful stalls are filled with fresh foods and local specialties, like pickles, dried seafood, and sushi. (B)

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### JAPAN: PAST & PRESENT (CONTINUED)

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### 12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Dive deep into the culture and social norms of Japan over dinner with the Women's Association of Kyoto.
- Enjoy a traditional, multi-course kaiseki meal.
- Make delicious *okonomiyaki*, savoury pancakes that are a Japanese favourite.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	Hotel the Celestine Tokyo Shiba, Tokyo
Days 5, 6	Nemu Resort, Ise-Shima
Days 7 - 9	Hotel Granvia, Kyoto
Day 10	Sekishoin, Mt. Koya
Days 11, 12	ANA Crowne Plaza, Hiroshima
Day 13	ANA Crowne Plaza, Osaka
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	



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### Day 10: Kyoto - Mt. Koya

Today, head for the mountain village atop Mount Koya. A special and sacred site, Mount Koya is filled with shrines, temples, and monasteries. When you arrive, walk into the heart of the aweinspiring Okunion Cemetery, and make your way to the mausoleum of Kobo Daishi, the founder of Shingon Buddhism. Kobo Daishi hasn't passed on -Buddhist belief says he waits in eternal meditation, answering the calls of those who would pray to him. Settle into your accommodations for the night - a traditional Japanese monastery, complete with sliding paper doors and tatami mats. Meet with one of the monks of the temple and learn about life there before sitting down for dinner, where you'll eat an incredibly delicious vegetarian meal, featuring tempura-fried favourites. (B, D)

### Day 11: Mt. Koya - Hiroshima

If you so choose, you can rise in the early morning to join the Buddhist monks in prayer. Sit in the serenity of the temple shrine as the monks ring their gongs, chant, burn incense, and center themselves for the activities of the day ahead. Then, you'll once again board the *shinkansen* bullet train to Hiroshima. Enjoy lunch at a local cooking studio, where you'll learn how to make Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savoury pancake, a favourite of Hiroshima residents. After, visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO), a sobering reminder of the devastation caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II. Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. (B, L)

### Day 12: Hiroshima

Head back to the Peace Park and Memorial Museum this morning for a powerful **Impact Moment**, a meeting with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the Atomic bomb firsthand. They'll talk about what it was like to live in Japan during that time, the aftermath of that terrible day, and how they keep the memories of those who were lost alive. After, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO), famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic O-torii Gate standing proudly in the water. (B)

### Day 13: Hiroshima - Osaka

Today, journey to your final destination, the energetic city of Osaka. Set out on a walking tour through the famous Dotonbori district. From shopping, to dining, to nightlife, Dotonbori has it all – bathed in the neon glow of huge electric signs. Learn why Osaka is known as the "Kitchen of Japan" as you sample its famous and delicious street food. Tonight, sit down and say your fond farewells to your travel companions at a farewell dinner. Raise a cup of sake and toast to the colourful spirit of Japan, and the adventures you've had. (B, D)

### Day 14: Osaka - Tour Ends

Take a quiet moment to reflect on all the new memories you have created before heading home. (B)

### Featured Tour Extension Optional 4-Night Seoul Post-Tour Starting at \$1645 pp





### Dora Observatory, DMZ

### **Day 14:** Osaka - Seoul, South Korea

Journey from Osaka to the capital city of South Korea, Seoul. An energetic and eclectic modern city with deep roots, Seoul has something for everyone. Your first stop will be the awe-inspiring Gyeongbok Palace. Take a tour of the sprawling grounds and watch the elaborate and ceremonial changing of the guard. Afterwards, head to the top of the Seoul observatory for a view from the sky, the cityscape stretching out to the horizon. Finally, visit Namdaemun Market for a tour of the delicious and unique food stalls. This evening is at leisure to relax after an adventurous day.

### Day 15: Seoul

Today, head to the Korean Demilitarized Zone, or the DMZ, on our private coach. This conflict-ridden stretch of 150 miles between North and South Korea has been sealed tight for the last 68 years, and the struggles of the Korean War have yet to be resolved. Take an exclusive tour of this storied border, seeing Imjingak Park, the Bridge of Freedom, the DMZ Theater & Exhibition Hall, the Dora Observatory, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, and more. This is a rare opportunity to see the "Hermit Kingdom" of North Korea up close, and the long cold war between the two countries. Tonight, your evening is at leisure. (B, L)

### Day 16: Seoul

Start your day by hopping on the subway and heading to Insadong Street, Seoul's charming and colourful shopping area. Tour the narrow maze of alleys that hold tea shops, boutiques, galleries and cafes. Enjoy free time to explore the area, perhaps heading to the Museum of Contemporary History with its multimedia exhibitions, or the National Museum of Korea with its statues, paintings and artifacts. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 17: Seoul

This morning, learn about the struggles in North Korea firsthand when you gather for a private talk with a North Korean defector. Learn about their life in North Korea, how they escaped to the south and are adjusting to their new life and the struggles they face in a new country. After, sit down for a homehosted traditional Korean lunch with a local family, and get insight into daily life for a South Korean family. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

### Day 18: Seoul - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to the energy and splendour of Seoul as you depart for home. (B)

This extension is fully guided by a Tour Manager or local expert. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Additional air segment purchase required.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require guests to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed for sightseeing on these days. Mt Fuji is only visible from train on a clear day and cannot be guaranteed based on weather conditions. In the event that an atomic bomb survivor is unavailable, a legacy successor (relative or friend of a survivor) will meet the group and share their relative's experiences and stories. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. This tour features a one-night experiential stay at a traditional monastery. During this stay, porterage is not available and rolling luggage is not allowed inside. An overnight bag is required and your main luggage will stay on the coach. You will not be able to access your main luggage until we check-in at our Hiroshima Hotel (approx. 5pm following day.) Accommodations at the monastery are traditional. All guests will sleep on tatami mats that are placed on the floor. Western-style beds are not available. Therefore, this tour is not recommended for those with mobility restrictions. Shoes are not permitted inside the monastery. Socks are highly recommended for use during your time here. Meals are also traditional and served on trays that you eat from while sitting on the floor on a cushion. All meals served at the monastery are vegetarian. This tour provides authentic Japanese dining experiences. Any special meal requests, including vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free may not be able to be accommodated as these are not widely catered to. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us at time of booking so we can accommodate you as best as possible. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND** UNCOVERED

### 22 DAYS · 31 MEALS STARTING AT \$7999

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Maori Culture in Wellington . Cook Strait Nelson - Abel Tasman National Park Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks - Franz Josef • New Zealand's Wild West Coast • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Sydney Opera House • Adelaide Hills • Barossa Valley - Sounds of Silence Dinner at Uluru Great Barrier Reef

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Explore New Zealand's pristine wilderness and coastlines on several easy walks.
- · Walk amongst the history and heritage of Maori culture.
- · Spend the day at the Great Barrier Reef at leisure - with included options to snorkel, hike, or chat with a marine biologist.

**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** 

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Dav 9 — View the Franz Josef Glacier with a local guide, traversing an exclusive trail -OR- learn more about Kiwi conservation at the West Coast Wildlife Centre.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 19 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Lunches (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Taste Maori culture at a Hangi lunch.
- · Join a local Kiwi family for a home cooked dinner.
- · At a memorable Sounds of Silence dinner, dine under the stars overlooking Uluru (Ayers Rock).

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3, 4	Rydges, Wellington
Days 5, 6	Rutherford Hotel, Nelson
Day 7	Beachfront Hotel, Hokitika
Days 8, 9	Rainforest Retreat, Franz Josef
Days 10 - 12	Crowne Plaza, Queenstown
Days 13 - 15	Mantra 2 Bond Street, Sydney
Days 16, 17	The Manna by Haus, Hahndorf
Day 18	Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock
Days 19 - 21	Flynn Crystalbrook

Collection Hotel, Cairns





### Uncover the core of Maori culture in New Zealand. Dive into the Outback of Australia. This is Oceania, a paradise in the South Pacific.

### Day 1 - Day 2: Overnight Flight

Encounter the untamed vitality and the captivating culture of New Zealand and Australia.

### Day 3: Wellington, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Your journey starts in New Zealand where you'll feel the heartbeat of Maori culture. Say hello to Wellington, the colourful capital city of New Zealand.

### Day 4: Wellington

Jump right into Maori culture with a traditional powhiri, an elaborate ceremony for welcoming quests. Marvel at the carved wakas, sleek canoes of intricate design, at a Maori culture center. Get exclusive access to an archaeological site not open to the public during a guided exploration of a waterfront pa (Maori for village). Taste Maori heritage in a Hangi dish and discover the roots of the culture at the Te Papa Museum. Admire the rolling waves as you share conversation, connecting over dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Wellington - Picton - Nelson

The Cook Strait will offer a picturesque landscape as you cruise over the stunning waters to the South Island, Visit Nelson, the oldest city on the island. Enjoy an evening at leisure to experience this coastal hub highlighting artisan food markets, and sparkling waters. (B)

### Day 6: Nelson - Abel Tasman National Park - Nelson

Explore the open-air Nelson Market, featuring delicious foods and goods. Chat with artisans as vou walk along the stalls and peruse an everevolving library of Kiwi crafts. Venture on to Kaiteriteri, a coastal paradise where you'll set sail through the natural beauty of Abel Tasman National Park. A picnic lunch awaits at the Anchorage, a scenic bay set amongst sandy coasts. (B, L)

### Day 7: Nelson - Hokitika

Today venture to the natural phenomenon of Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks. Feel the spray of the ocean against these unique limestone formations. Tonight, dine at your beachfront hotel. (B, D)

### Day 8: Hokitika - Franz Josef

Wake up in Hokitika, better known as a "cool little town." Head to Hokitika Gorge for a taste of New Zealand's beloved West Coast nature. Return to town for a tour, ending with a walk along the beach and some free time to explore on your own. Make your way to Franz Josef, New Zealand's glacier country. Discover the area's seaside allure by combing the beach in search of New Zealand jade or perhaps you'll explore the shops and eateries in town. (B)

### Day 9: Franz Josef 😵

Choose how to start your day because it's your choice! View the Franz Josef Glacier with a local quide, traversing an exclusive trail not open to the public -OR- get a glimpse of kiwis at the West Coast Wildlife Centre, where you'll learn more about their conservation and rehabilitation. Enjoy free time to relax. Perhaps you will step into the rainforest and soak in the steamy thermal waters of the Franz Josef Glacier Hot Pools. (B)

### Day 10: Franz Josef - Queenstown

Journey through the thick rainforest and emerge on the "wild" west coast with cliffs and beaches on your right and the southern snowcapped Alps on your left. Pause in Wanaka, nestled along a mountain-lined lake. Continue to Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world, and settle into your home for the next 3 nights. (B)

### Day 11: Queenstown - Milford Sound -Oueenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley

and cross through an ancient beech forest. Cruise along the waters of the dramatic Milford Sound. With cliffs rising up to nearly 4,000 feet, you'll see why this is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

### Day 12: Queenstown

Today is yours! Explore the adventure capital whichever way your heart desires. Perhaps you'll choose an optional tour to Mt. Nicholas Farm, where you'll get a hands-on experience with merino wool. Or you might choose to experience the thrill of a jetboat ride on the Shotover River. Tonight, gather around the table as a welcomed guest when you join a local Kiwi family for a home cooked dinner. (B, D)

### Day 13: Queenstown - Sydney, Australia

Wish New Zealand goodbye and start your Aussie adventure in Sydney. (B)

### Day 14: Sydney

During a city tour, get a glimpse at all of Sydney's highlights, including the historic Rocks neighbourhood, situated along the edge of Sydney Harbour. Continue along to the port Circular Quay before strolling through the Royal Botanical Gardens. Here, you'll delve into Aboriginal culture by learning about native plants and foraging for traditional foods. Go behind the scenes of the legendary Sydney Opera House on an expertled guided tour. As the sun sets, admire the city skyline on a dinner cruise through Sydney Harbour and watch the sun set over the iconic Sydney Opera House. (B, D)

### Day 15: Sydney

Make the most of your final day in Sydney with a full day at leisure where you can take advantage of your included hop-on, hop-off ferry passes! Or, you may choose to go on an optional Sydney Foodie Safari or take in a performance at the Sydney Opera House. (B)

Day 16: Sydney - Adelaide - Hahndorf

Fly to Adelaide, the cosmopolitan hub of South Australia. Indulge in a wine tasting at d'Arenberg Cube, home to eccentric architecture and vibrant surroundings. Visit Hahndorf, a charming village in the Adelaide Hills and the oldest German settlement in Australia. Get a taste of German cuisine and local flavours at tonight's dinner. (B, D)

### Day 17: Hahndorf - Barossa Valley -Hahndorf

Treat your taste buds to a full-day exploration of the Barossa Valley's fine food and wine. Breathe in the calming essence of lavender at Lyndoch Lavender Farm, joining an expert on a guided tour of the estate. Savour a light lunch during a lavender tea party, featuring flavourful bites and lavender sweets. Continue with a tour and tasting at the famous Seppeltsfield Winery, one of the oldest in the Barossa Valley. (B, L)

### **Day 18:** Hahndorf - Adelaide -Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Your adventure continues to Uluru (Ayers Rock). After your flight from Adelaide, enjoy a free afternoon. Then, experience the Sounds of Silence dinner, a gourmet meal overlooking the glowing Uluru. Relax as you eat dinner under a bed of stars, overlooking Australia's greatest natural wonder. (B, D)

### Day 19: Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Cairns

On a guided tour of Uluru's base and the neighbouring Kata Tjuta rock formations, discover the heritage of Australia's Aboriginal people. Fly to Cairns and enjoy an evening at leisure, getting to know this gateway to an underwater paradise. (B)

### Day 20: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you'll soak up the sun on a tiny remote island or consider snorkeling and see the vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist, or join an expert on a trail walk along the island. (B, L)



### **Optional 3-Night Fiji Post-Tour** Starting at \$820<sup>+</sup> pp

Day 22: Cairns - Nadi, Fiji Arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear waters draw visitors from around the world. Now's your time to sit back and recharge from your South Pacific journey.

### Day 23: Fiji

Your day is free to explore everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, D)

### Day 24: Fiji

Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

### Day 25: Fiji - Tour Ends

Your time in Fiji comes to an end today. (B) † Additional air segment purchase required.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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### Day 21: Cairns

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Toast to the end of your journey at a farewell dinner, reflecting on your Outback escapade. (B, D)

**Day 22:** Cairns - Tour Ends Your tour of New Zealand and Australia comes to a close today. (B)

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### EXPLORING NEW ZEALAND'S WONDERS

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### HIGHLIGHTS

Auckland • Bay of Islands • Rotorua • Maori Cultural Experience • Wellington • Christchurch • Mt. Cook Region • Dunedin • Milford Sound • Queenstown • Merino Sheep Farm

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise through the Bay of Islands' famous "Hole in the Rock."
- Overnight in the spectacular Mt. Cook region where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks.
- Visit a working, family-owned farm and learn about daily life in New Zealand's high country.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 18 — Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -OR- take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the region.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

• Experience an authentic Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3, 4	Stamford Plaza Hotel, Auckland
Days 5, 6	Copthorne Hotel and Resort, Waitangi, Bay of Islands
Days 7, 8	Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Days 9, 10	Novotel, Wellington
Days 11, 12	Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square, Christchurch
Day 13	The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook
Days 14, 15	Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin
Days 16 - 18	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

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From geothermal springs and ice fields to stunning fjords and Maori culture, experience New Zealand at its best.

### Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

### **Day 3:** Auckland, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the world's best places to live. Auckland's Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 4: Auckland

Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The afternoon is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city on your own. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional America's Cup sailing experience. (B)

### Day 5: Auckland - Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and travel north to the Bay of Islands, your home for the next 2 nights. This sunsoaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life. Visit the Waitangi Treaty House, the site where Maori and British leaders signed the 1840 treaty establishing New Zealand as a nation. (B, D)

### Day 6: Bay of Islands

Begin the day with a cruise that features the bay's famous Hole in the Rock. Look out at the Cape Brett Lighthouse, standing nearly 500 feet above sea level at the edge of the Cape Brett Peninsula. The rest of the day is yours to independently explore Paihia - the quaint town known as "the jewel of the Bay of Islands." (B)

### **Day 7:** Bay of Islands - Matakohe - Rotorua

Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind and head to Matakohe in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum and come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that can live for 2,000 years. Discover how the early settlers used this abundant tree to build a life for themselves. Later, continue on to the town of Rotorua, known for geothermal activity and Maori culture. (B, D)

### Day 8: Rotorua

Find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua, known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs. See the kiwi bird and learn what is being done to help this endangered species. In the evening, experience ceremonial Maori rituals at an authentic Hangi dinner and performance. (B, D)

### Day 9: Rotorua - Wellington

Today we travel to Wellington, a coastal city nestled against the mountains. Embark on a tour of New Zealand's capital city, known as the "Windy City." See the Beehive - New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church: and the Old Government Building, the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. (B, D)

### Day 10: Wellington

Explore the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating centre dedicated to art, history, and the Maori culture before enjoying an afternoon and evening at leisure. With your free time, perhaps you'll consider a ride on the Wellington Cable Car to the suburb of Kelburn for stunning panoramic views of the city. (B)

### Day 11: Wellington - Picton -Christchurch

Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. Experience what is considered to be one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world. Arrive in Picton on the South Island where you will have free time for lunch. Continue along the breathtaking east coast to the largest city on the South Island, Christchurch. (B)

### Day 12: Christchurch

Christchurch, the "Garden City," is recreating itself after a devastating earthquake in 2011. See firsthand how this city is evolving on a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, a leader in the conservation of New Zealand species. Here, you'll have the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" - kiwi, kaka, tuatara, kea, and takahe - up close and personal. (B)

### Day 13: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region

Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Mt. Cook region, where permanent ice fields and

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glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. The Maori word for Mt. Cook is Aoraki, which means "cloud piercer." This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You can take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. Today (B, D)

### Day 14: Mt. Cook Region - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, situated on the southeast coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Enjoy time to explore this cultural city on your own. (B)

### Day 15: Dunedin

Start your morning with a panoramic tour, visiting Larnach Castle and Baldwin Street - the world's steepest public road. Later, spend time at the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these otherworldly birds. Albatrosses are the focus in many seafaring myths, and their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet. (B)

### Day 16: Dunedin - Queenstown

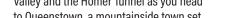
Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley and the Homer Tunnel as you head to Queenstown, a mountainside town set

### Sound - Queenstown

During a cruise of the beautiful Milford

### Day 18: Queenstown 😯

Cruise Lake Wakatipu and head to Mt.



against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. The rest of your day is yours to explore the city dubbed the "adventure capital of the world." (B)

### Day 17: Queenstown - Milford

Sound, you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sites on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. On your return to Queenstown, perhaps you will consider an optional scenic flight, allowing you to see the landscape from an entirely new perspective. (B, L)

Nicholas High Country Farm, a family-owned merino sheep farm. En route, see the Cecil Peak, Bob's Cove and Mt. Earnslaw. During your

visit, follow the behind-the-scenes process from mustering sheep to wool garments. Enjoy a fresh farmer's lunch before sailing back. Later, it's your choice! Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -OR- take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. Gather for a farewell dinner and enjoy a locally sourced meal. (B, L, D)

### Day 19: Queenstown - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)

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May 2022 - April May 4 September 21 October 5, 19	2023 November 2, 16 December 28 January 4, 25	February 1, 15, 22 March 8, 29 April 26

This trip requires a passport and visa. An ETA and Tourism Levy are required for entry. These must be processed in advance of travel through the New Zealand Immigration website https:// nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/ (approximate cost of 12 NZD for ETA) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of 9 NZD for ETA.) The Tourism Levy has a cost of approximately 35 NZD when paid through either method. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Auckland and depart from Queenstown. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.



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### POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$820 PP

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION: FIJI

Escape to a tropical paradise and relax with a fresh fruit drink, read a book, go for a swim, or just bask in the atmosphere of this stunning archipelago.

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### AUSTRALIA'S OUTBACK TO NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND

### 20 DAYS · 27 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>6199

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Sydney • Sydney Opera House • Cairns • Great Barrier Reef • Alice Springs • Uluru • Melbourne • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Mt. Cook National Park • Christchurch

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight in the majestic Mt. Cook National Park.
- Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House – an architectural wonder.
- Cruise Milford Sound, taking in the natural beauty that surrounds you.

### Y IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 13 — Enjoy free time in Melbourne to explore on your own -OR- visit the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and Shrine of Remembrance.



Venture through the natural splendour of New Zealand's Southern Alps and the stillness of Australia's rugged Outback.

### Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including their unparalleled beauty and captivating culture.

**Day 3:** Sydney, Australia - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Sydney, perhaps one of the friendliest metropolises in the world. Tonight join your fellow travellers and toast to the start of your adventure down under during dinner in lively Darling Harbour. (D)

### Day 4: Sydney

See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. In the evening, consider an optional dinner and engaging performance at the famous Opera House. (B)

### Day 5: Sydney

Deepen your exploration of Sydney's many wonders with a day at leisure. Tonight, enjoy scenic vistas of Sydney during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

### Day 6: Sydney - Cairns

Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B, D)







### Day 7: Cairns

Soak up the tropical atmosphere – the morning is yours. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, taking you above the rainforest canopy for a bird's-eye view of unspoiled nature. This afternoon, visit Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. (B)

### Day 8: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you'll soak up the sun on a tiny remote island, located along the outer reef. Or, consider snorkeling in the rolling waves, uncovering a pod of vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist or join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

**Day 9:** Cairns - Alice Springs Experience the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice Springs, the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

### Day 10: Alice Springs

Access the history and culture of the Arrente Aboriginal people by enjoying a guided walk on their sacred land, followed by a talk with an Aboriginal guide. Gain insight into their cultural history and discover what makes this place so special. This afternoon, discover a more modern side to Outback living when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. (B)

### Day 11: Alice Springs - Uluru

Traverse the "Red Centre" and head to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through upheaval and erosion. Tour the base of "the Rock," learning about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Witness the changing colours of Uluru at sunset accompanied by a champagne toast. (B)

### Day 12: Uluru - Melbourne

Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set upon the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. (B, D)

### Day 13: Melbourne 😵

Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens and Melbourne's bustling "laneways." Then, **it's your choice!** Enjoy free time to explore on your own **-OR-** visit the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and Shrine of Remembrance. With an afternoon to yourself, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Little Penguins, where you'll see hundreds of these birds waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their dune burrows. (B)

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CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 17 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Witness Ayers Rock at sunset while you sip champagne.
- Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Dine with a Kiwi family in their home.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight
- Days 3-5 Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Sydney
- Days 6-8 Crystalbrook Bailey, Cairns
- Days 9, 10
   DoubleTree by Hilton, Alice Springs

   Day 11
   Desert Gardens, Uluru
- Days 12, 13 Mantra on Little Bourke, Melbourne
- Days 14-16 Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown
- Day 17 The Hermitage, Mount Cook Days 18, 19 Novotel Christchurch
- Cathedral Square, Christchurch

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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### **Day 14:** Melbourne - Queenstown, New Zealand

Leave Australia behind and fly to Queenstown, New Zealand. One of New Zealand's most popular towns, Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Home to ski resorts, hiking trails and an abundance of natural beauty, the city is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World." Settle into your new home for the next 3 nights. (B)

### **Day 15:** Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

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### Day 16: Queenstown

Enjoy a day at leisure. Shop in the bustling village centre or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. (B)

**Day 17:** Queenstown - Mt. Cook National Park Set off for the 19th-century settlement of Arrowtown, founded in the gold fever. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park – Mt. Cook. Savour some free time in this Alpine paradise. You may choose to take a nature walk or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

### **Day 18:** Mt. Cook National Park -Christchurch

Depart for Christchurch this morning and pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" up close and personal. Later, join a local Kiwi family for a home hosted dinner. (B, D)

### Day 19: Christchurch

Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself during a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. As the day draws to a close, toast to your adventure down under at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

### Day 20: Christchurch - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with unforgettable memories of the South Pacific. (B)









### Featured Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Fiji Post-Tour Starting at \$820 pp<sup>+</sup>

### Day 20: Christchurch -Nadi, Fiji

Today you will arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant South Pacific culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world.

### Day 21: Fiji

Your day is free to explore everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of

### the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, D)

### Day 22: Fiji

Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

### Day 23: Fiji - Tour Ends

Your time in Fiji comes to an end today. (B) <sup>+</sup> Additional air segment purchase required.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

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### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

### Choose to add more time to your trip:

1-2 NIGHTS

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### Optional 3-night Fiji Post Tour Extension:

Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 2 nights and is slightly lower priced. A minimum of 6 passengers is required for this extension to operate. A local representative will accompany you from the airport to the hotel and be available at designated times.

### SOUTH PACIFIC WONDERS

### 15 DAYS · 22 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>4849

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Christchurch • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Merino Sheep Farm • Cairns • Great Barrier Reef • Sydney Opera House



### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Come to know Australia's ancient traditions at the Rainforestation Nature Park.
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

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 Day 8 — Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -OR- take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Join a local Kiwi family for a home cooked dinner.
- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Days 3, 4	Overnight Flight Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square, Christchurch
Days 5 - 8	Millennium Hotel, Queenstown
Days 9 - 11	Bailey Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns
Days 12 - 14	Novotel Sydney Darling Square, Sydney

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### See what life is like "Down Under" on this incredible journey along the coast of Australia and through New Zealand's South Island.

### Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead, and begin your adventure of a lifetime.

### **Day 3:** Christchurch, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Arrive in the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as "the Garden City" is recreating itself. Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner and start your South Pacific journey off on the right foot. (D)

### Day 4: Christchurch

Start your morning with a city tour of Christchurch. Then, pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" - the Kiwi, the Kea, the Tuatara, the Kaka, and the Takahe - up close and personal. (B)

### Day 5: Christchurch - Queenstown

Depart Christchurch and make your way south to Queenstown. Known as the "Adventure Capital of the World," Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Arrive in Queenstown in the afternoon and have time to explore independently before dinner. (B, D)

### Day 6: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via

the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

### Day 7: Queenstown

A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village, or join an optional tour taking you through the majestic Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed. Regardless of how you choose to spend your day, gather tonight for a home hosted meal and get to learn from your hosts what it is like to live in this amazing city. (B, D)

### Day 8: Queenstown 😵

Cruise Lake Wakatipu and head to Mt. Nicholas High Country Farm, a family-run merino sheep farm. En route, see Cecil Peak, Bob's Cove and Mt. Earnslaw. In your exclusive visit, follow the behind-the-scenes process from mustering sheep to wool garments. Enjoy a fresh farmer's lunch before sailing back. Later, **it's your choice!** Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the area. Gather for a "farewell to New Zealand" dinner. (B, L, D)





### **Day 9:** Queenstown - Cairns, Australia

Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site the Great Barrier Reef. Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B, D)

### Day 10: Cairns

Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Rainforestation Nature Park where an Indigenous Pamagirri guide will show you through some of their oldest customs and traditions. Then, visit Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. End your visit at Hartley's with a dinner of local favourites. (B, D)

### Day 11: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the reef from your base on Green Island. Enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride, stroll the island's walking trails, relax on the beach, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter, an optional outer reef tour is also available. (B, L)

### Day 12: Cairns - Sydney

The morning is yours. Enjoy your last few hours in Cairns by relaxing and taking in the tropical atmosphere. Then, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B)

### Day 13: Sydney

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### Day 14: Sydney

Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight, say farewell to Australia while on a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour, showcasing the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

### Day 15: Sydney - Tour Ends

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### Day 17: Fiji

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

### Day 18: Fiji - Tour Ends

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### Day 4: Auckland - Rotorua

Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Known as the Maori capital of New Zealand, over one-third of Rotorua's population has Maori roots dating back over 1,000 years. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration and learn about the Maoris as well as their lives before European colonists arrived in *Aotearoa* (New Zealand) and since. This immersive experience features authentic Maori entertainment such as the poi dance and the famous "Haka" war challenge. (B, D)

### Day 5: Rotorua

This morning you visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness a landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling

mud pools and other geothermal wonders. The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs by teaching the tribal youth these traditional skills. Take part in an interactive demonstration on the art of weaving. You will also view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove the Kiwi from the endangered species list. Then, visit the Agrodome for a fun sheep shearing demonstration. After dinner, relax or explore on your own. (B, D)

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The morning is yours. Enjoy your last few hours in Cairns by relaxing and taking in the tropical atmosphere and surrounding neighbourhood. Then, this afternoon, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B)

### Day 16: Sydney

See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. In the evening, consider an optional dinner and engaging performance at the Sydney Opera House. (B)

### Day 17: Sydney

Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight, say farewell to Australia while on a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour, showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

### Day 18: Sydney - Tour Ends

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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### FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION: FIJI ADD 3 NIGHTS IN FIJI

### POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$820 PP<sup>+</sup>

Relax on palm-lined beaches and revel in warm weather in Fiji, where you'll stay for 3 nights. Fiji, known for its azure lagoons, lush landscapes, and welcoming locals, is the perfect place to unwind after a tour.

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### THE COMPLETE SOUTH PACIFIC

### 27 DAYS · 37 MEALS STARTING AT \$9399

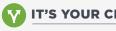
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### HIGHLIGHTS

Melbourne . Little Penguins . Tasmania Barossa Valley Wine Tasting
 Uluru Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Sydney Opera House • Auckland • Rotorua • Wellington - Christchurch - Mt. Cook -Queenstown - Milford Sound

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn about the endangered Tasmanian Devil and the conservation efforts aimed at its survival.
- · See koalas in their natural setting during a stop at a koala conservation center.
- Explore the Great Barrier Reef from a glass-bottom catamaran and choose from a collection of included activities.
- · Tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta at the base of Uluru (Ayers Rock).
- · Witness the Little Penguins on the beach at Phillip Island.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

 Day 6 — Embark on an early morning walking tour of Hobart -OR- take the morning to relax and enjoy a walking tour in the afternoon.



From the underwater splendour of the Great Barrier Reef to the towering peak of Mt. Cook - this is the South Pacific.

### Day 1 - Day 2: Overnight Flight

Cross the International Dateline as you begin a comprehensive adventure through Australia and New Zealand.

### Day 3: Melbourne, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Melbourne. Set upon the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. (D)

### Day 4: Melbourne

Set out on a panoramic city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens and Melbourne's bustling "laneways." After, enjoy time to explore this lively city on your own before heading to Phillip Island, where you'll visit koalas in their natural setting at a conservation centre. Continue to the nature reserve that houses the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. Protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows. Learn more about these inquisitive birds at the interpretation centre. (B)

### Day 5: Melbourne - Hobart

A flight to Hobart, Tasmania brings you to Australia's second oldest city. An island state of Australia, Tasmania is surrounded by more than 300 scattered isles. Its rugged and pristine beauty provides the backdrop for your 3-night stay. (B, D)

### Day 6: Hobart 😯

Today, it's your choice! Embark on an early morning walking tour of the city -OR- take the morning to relax and enjoy a walking tour in the afternoon. No matter how you start your day, visit the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Center and learn about this unique marsupial, its fight for survival, and the plan to save it from extinction. Tour the Port Arthur Historic Site, the best-preserved example of Australia's original penal colonies. En route, witness the coastal rock formations of Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen, and the Blow Hole. (B)

### Day 7: Hobart

Enjoy a free day to explore Tasmania's capital city



on your own. Perhaps you'll indulge in the city's upand-coming café culture, meander along the lively harbour, or just take some time to relax. (B)

### Day 8: Hobart - Adelaide - Barossa Valley

Fly to Adelaide and make your way to Barossa Valley, Australia's beloved wine region. Renowned among connoisseurs, the valley's award-winning winemakers attract visitors from around the world. (B)

### Day 9: Barossa Valley

Today travel to the Seppeltsfield Winery for a private tour and tasting of their world-class wines. Quench your palate with varietals ranging from fruit-forward Chardonnays to earthy Pinot Noirs. (B, D)

### **Day 10:** Barossa Valley - Adelaide - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

This morning, transfer to Adelaide and make your way to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. Tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta and the beautiful area surrounding the base of "The Rock." As the day draws to a close, sip a glass of champagne as Uluru's hues change dramatically with the setting sun. (B)





### Day 11: Uluru - Cairns

Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO). Before your departure, perhaps you will choose to partake in an optional excursion where you will enjoy a camel ride, taking in the magnificent Uluru at sunrise. (B)

### Day 12: Cairns

Rise high on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable ride over the rainforest canopy. Embrace the opportunity to explore the forest floor up close with access to specially designed boardwalks. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy your tropical surroundings. (B, D)

### Day 13: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef -Cairns

Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you'll soak up the sun on a tiny remote island, located along the outer reef, or consider snorkeling in the rolling waves, uncovering a pod of vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist, or join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

### Day 14: Cairns - Sydney

Fly to the dynamic city of Sydney. This evening, personalize your culinary experience with Diner's Choice – choosing from a variety of local restaurants for an included dinner along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

### Day 15: Sydney

See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. You'll have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. In the evening, consider an optional dinner and engaging performance at the famous Sydney Opera House. (B)

### Day 16: Sydney

Enjoy a day at leisure. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. As the most populous city in Australia, Sydney is full of endless ways to spend your day. (B)

### Day 17: Sydney - Auckland, New Zealand

Fly to New Zealand and arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails". A city tour features the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street, the Auckland Harbour Bridge, and spectacular views from the harbourside. (B, D)

### Day 18: Auckland - Rotorua

Head to Rotorua's dramatic geothermal landscape. Find culture behind every corner – over one-third of Rotura's population boasts Maori roots, making it known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. (B, D)

### Day 19: Rotorua

Discover Te Puia – New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness how the Maori keep their culture alive by teaching traditional carving and weaving. At the Agrodome, see a sheep-shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. (B)

### Day 20: Rotorua - Wellington

Make your way to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city and the world's southernmost capital city. Built on the foreshore of a harbour and ringed by mountains, this gives the city the nickname "Windy Wellington." (B, D)

### Day 21: Wellington

Come to know Wellington on a tour including the

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### THE COMPLETE SOUTH PACIFIC

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### 27 DAYS · 37 MEALS STARTING AT \$9399

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### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

24 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 11 Dinners (D)

- At sunset, enjoy a champagne toast while gazing at Uluru.
- Taste world-class wines during a private tour of Seppeltsfield Winery.
- Join a local Kiwi family for a homehosted dinner.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3, 4	Citadines on Bourke, Melbourne
Days 5 - 7	Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart
Days 8, 9	Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, Barossa Valley
Day 10	Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock
Days 11 - 13	Pullman International, Cairns
Days 14 - 16	The Tank Stream, Sydney
Day 17	Stamford Plaza, Auckland
Days 18, 19	Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Days 20, 21	Novotel Wellington, Wellington
Day 22	Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square, Christchurch
Day 23	The Hermitage, Mount Cook
Days 24 - 26	Heritage Hotel, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament, historic St. Paul's Church, and the Old Government Building – the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Explore the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongawera, a fascinating centre dedicated to art, history and the Maori culture. (B)

### **Day 22:** Wellington - Picton - Christchurch

Today, experience what has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world" as you sail across the Cook Strait on your way to the historic city of Christchurch, the "Garden City." Enjoy some free time to explore. Perhaps you'll stroll through the city's gardens or learn about its more recent history at the Quake City exhibition. This evening, join a local Kiwi family for a home-hosted dinner. (B, D)

### **Day 23:** Christchurch - Mt. Cook National Park

Experience New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. Revel in the Alpine paradise of Mt. Cook – a larger-than-life experience. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

### Day 24: Mt. Cook National Park -Queenstown

Make your way to Queenstown, nicknamed the "Adventure Capital of the World." Nestled on Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown is surrounded by stunning natural beauty. (B)

### Day 25: Queenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through a beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the breathtaking Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, consider returning to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

### Day 26: Queenstown

A free day in Queenstown offers limitless activities set amidst breathtaking Alpine scenery. You could choose to go on an optional tour through the charming Queenstown countryside, showcasing the filming locations of many blockbuster movies. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and toast to a fabulous trip. (B, D)

### Day 27: Queenstown - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Queenstown. (B)





Sydney Opera House



### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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### Featured Tour Extension Optional 3-Night Fiji Post-Tour Starting at \$820<sup>†</sup> pp

### Day 27: Queenstown - Nadi, Fiji

Today you will arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant South Pacific culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world.

### Day 28: Fiji

Your day is free to explore everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, D)

### Day 29: Fiji

Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

### Day 30: Fiji - Tour Ends

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

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66 We had a wonderful time. Saw all that we wanted to see and saw things we never knew we wanted to see. 99

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- Collette Traveller

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### TROPICAL COSTA RICA

9 DAYS · 14 MEALS starting at <sup>\$</sup>1849

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste - Monteverde Cloud Forest - Arenal Volcano - Lake Arenal Cruise - Cano Negro Refuge - Zarcero

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery.
- Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its whimsical topiary garden.
- Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat cruise.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Climb high into the trees of Monteverde and embark on a "Hanging Bridges" tour -OR- zip line through the cloud forest.

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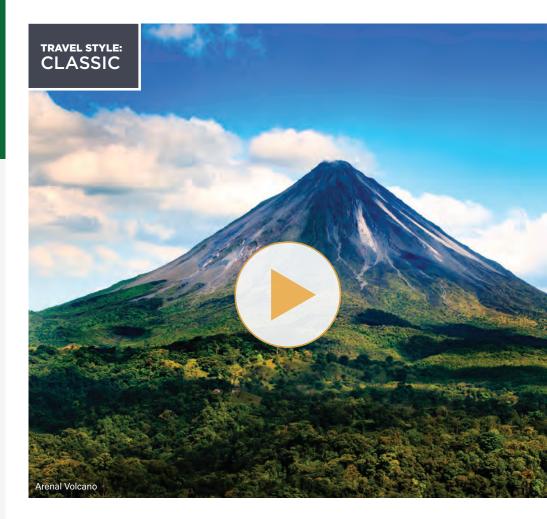
### 8 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica during your visit to a coffee plantation.
- Taste your way through a cooking demonstration featuring local ingredients.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose
- Days 2, 3 Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows - Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste
- Days 4, 5 El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Days 6, 7 Mountain Paradise Hotel or Arenal Springs Resort, Arenal
- Day 8 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Discover Costa Rica's good life on a rendezvous with exotic fauna, lush rainforests, and endless coastlines.

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

Your trip to Costa Rica opens in the colourful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

### **Day 2:** San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste

Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B, D)

### Day 3: Guanacaste

Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara, one of the top sunset spots in Costa Rica. Soak in the spectacular colours as the sun illuminates the natural landscape. (B, D)

### Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde

It's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where you're

sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal! (B, D)

### Day 5: Monteverde 😯

It's your choice! Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem -**OR**- take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. If you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica. (B, D)

### Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal

Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery. Learn about indigenous trees and Monteverde's reforestation efforts. Cross beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await your discovery. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and





most important lake. Later, check in for another 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. Taste your way through a cooking demonstration featuring local ingredients. (B, D)

### Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro -Arenal

Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax during an optional spa visit. (B)

### Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose

Today, get a little whimsical as we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. See the bustling Plaza de Cultura. This evening, bid farewell to paradise over a wonderful dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

### Day 9: San Jose - Tour Ends

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





### **Optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post-Tour** Starting at \$755 pp

### Day 9: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Explore the region's wildlife by boat, viewing macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Enjoy a memorable 2-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and amazing wildlife. Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws: 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (L, D)

### Day 10: Tortuguero National Park

An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Learn more about your surroundings with a visit to the world's first Sea Turtle Conservancy and discover how to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. (B, L, D)

### Day 11: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose

Return to San Jose for your last night in Costa Rica before your return home. (B, L)

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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January - April 2022 (different itinerary - see note\*) January 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 20 January 22, 24, 26, 29, 31 February 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 February 16, 17, 19, 21, 23 February 26, 28 March 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18 March 19, 21, 23, 26, 28 April 2, 4, 23, 25, 27, 30

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2022 - April 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2022 - April 2023 (featured itinerary) May 14 June 18

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from San Jose. Airport transfers are available for purchase. We want you to enjoy your tour with us; therefore, it is important that you know this tour is an adventure! You will view spectacular scenery while experiencing the culture and heritage of the region. We have selected small, comfortable hotels for their locations and they may be considered rustic. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 We had a very caring and knowledgeable tour manager. He was really great, and knew the country very well. ?? - Collette Traveller

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### COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

### 13 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$3099

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### HIGHLIGHTS

Tortuguero National Park • Cooking Demonstration • Sarapiquí • Tirimbina Rainforest Center • Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting • River Safari • Forest Reserve Guided Walk • Hanging Bridges • Arenal Volcano • Manuel Antonio National Park • Jungle Crocodile Safari & Bird Watching

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Learn about Costa Rica's ecosystem and local culture.
- Visit the world's first sea turtle research station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Explore Arenal during a captivating 3-night stay.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Zip line over the canopies and through the jungle -OR- embark on a moderate hike across lava fields.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 12 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Taste why cacao is called "the food of the gods" and observe the process of converting this seed from bean to bar.
- Enjoy a traditional Costa Rican dinner.
- Learn how to cook using a coconut before making some delicious local candy.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 2, 3	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
Days 4, 5	Tilajari Hotel Resort, San Carlos
Days 6 - 8	Arenal Springs Resort & Spa, Arenal
Days 9 - 11	Marriott Los Suenos, Playa Herradura
Day 12	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

This tour uses small hotels and eco-lodges to immerse you in natural scenery.



### From thrilling water journeys to ethereal jungle expeditions, discover what *pura vida* means to you.

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

*Pura vida.* In English, it translates to "the simple life." But *pura vida* is so much more: it's an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It's time to experience what *pura vida* means to you. You're on your way to explore a place that's unlike anywhere else in the world, where *pura vida* is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica.

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

Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat to your hotel before heading further down the rivers and canals to the world's first sea turtle research station. Next, a local will teach you all about his village and its previous history as a coconut plantation. Watch as he demonstrates how they use coconuts before trying your hand at making a local favourite: coconut candy. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on a nature cruise, getting a glimpse into the life of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. (B, L, D)

### **Day 4:** Tortuguero National Park -Sarapiquí - San Carlos

Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Center. Spend time at a cacao plantation and see the process of converting the seed from bean to bar, tasting for yourself why cacao is called "the food of the gods." Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the butterfly and botanical gardens lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: San Carlos

Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the *finca* of a local family and try specialty snacks such as banana bread,





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gourmet Costa Rican coffee and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

# **Day 6:** San Carlos - Hanging Bridges - Arenal

Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at a cloud forest taking shape around you. Settle into your resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

### Day 7: Arenal 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle **-OR-** make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax in the hotel's naturally heated pools. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned *finca* with an included farm to table lunch. (B, D)

### Day 8: Arenal

In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day

is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps you will opt to immerse yourself in wildlife as you float along a river on the Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge cruise, or, if you're feeling adventurous, opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience. Or simply hang back at the resort, choose a spa service, explore the grounds, and soak in one of Arenal's famous hot springs. (B)

### **Day 9:** Arenal Volcano - Coffee Plantation - Playa Herradura

This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known beans. Take a tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next 3 nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific. (B, D)

### Day 10: Playa Herradura

Today is yours to spend as you please. Take advantage of your resort's many amenities and enjoy a quiet day by the pool or at the spa. If you're looking for more adventure, there are ample opportunities in the surrounding area to fish, hike and enjoy nature. (B)

### **Day 11:** Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Playa Herradura

Welcome to Manuel Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. (B)

# Day 12: Playa Herradura - Tarcoles - San Jose

See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tarcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 13: San Jose - Tour Ends

Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from San Jose. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Your main luggage stays in San Jose and joins you upon your return to the mainland. White water rafting is subject to the operator's safety restrictions. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 Everything about our tour was excellent.
 Our guide had a real passion for the nature of
 Costa Rica and provided a great experience.
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# MACHU PICCHU & GALAPAGOS WONDERS

### 14 DAYS · 27 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>8499

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Cooking Class • Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio • Home Hosted Meal • Machu Picchu • Cuzco • Colonial Quito • "Middle of the World" • 4-Night Galápagos Cruise

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods in the Peruvian Andes.
- Wind through the Andes to Machu Picchu in a domed train.
- Stand tall in the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.

### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Visit the Incan ruins of Sacsayhauman Fortress -ORexplore the neighbourhood of San Blas' charming cobblestone streets.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Lunches (L) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Master two of South America's classics, ceviche and pisco sours, at an interactive cooking class.
- Indulge in a farm-to-table meal in a local community.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Mercure Hotel Alameda, Quito

Days 10 - 13 M/Y Passion

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Journey from the Land of the Incas to the Galápagos archipelago, enjoying a 4-night cruise aboard a yacht.

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

Touch down in Lima, the "City of Kings." Across ancient lands and earthly legends, experience the mysticism of the Peruvian Andes.

### Day 2: Lima

Become fascinated by Lima's history on a tour through the historic centre (UNESCO) where the Cathedral at Plaza de Armas stands out among the colonial architecture. Visit the former home of a conquistador. Get to know new friends over a menu of Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

# Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

Fly over the Andes on your way to Cuzco – the heart of the Inca civilization. Follow the trails with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Learn about centuries-old methods of traditional textiles at Awana Kancha – known as the "palace of weaving." Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market full of vibrant colours. Discover why Peru has consistently been named the world's top food travel destination during a fun-filled interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco sours. Settle in to your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B, D)

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

Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the Incas Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo, the only Incan settlement that has remained continually inhabited since its inception. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see how he utilizes the intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Mix with a nearby community and delve deep into the cultures of modern Andean people. Learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving, listen to their music and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-to-table meal of local specialties. (B, L)

# **Day 5:** Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Hop aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train, where views of the Andes astound through domed windows as you climb toward the "Lost City of the Incas." Spend the day exploring the mysteries of Machu Picchu, wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains. (B)

### Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Enjoy some leisure time this morning. You may choose an optional excursion to Machu Picchu at sunrise, or maybe you'll explore the local markets before boarding the Vistadome back to the Sacred Valley. Continue to Cuzco and feel the local culture at a special community dining experience. (B, D)

### Day 7: Cuzco 😯

Start your morning with a local guide on your tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha Temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, **it's your choice!** Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, it's **Diner's Choice!** Choose from restaurants featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

### Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

This morning, fly to Ecuador's stunning capital city – Quito, your home for the next two nights. This city is a UNESCO World Heritage site full of lively culture and vibrant history. (B)

### Day 9: Quito

Visit the Children International community centre, supported by the Collette Foundation. Meet some of the children who are thriving here, thanks to the centre's healthy cooking and nutrition education. Next, tour Quito's Presidential Palace. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

### **Day 10:** Quito - Santa Cruz, Galápagos - Embark Ship

Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Santa Cruz. Launch your eco-adventure aboard the M/Y *Passion*, an exclusive 14-person yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After lunch, set sail toward Black Turtle Cove, a lagoon where rays and turtles swim under the shadow of the mangrove trees. (B, L, D)

### Day 11: Genovesa Island

Make your way to Genovesa Island and anchor in Darwin Bay. Keep your eyes peeled for red-footed boobies trotting around the prickly pear cacti. The afternoon brings you to El Barranco where lava cliffs shelter tropical birds and the rocks offer the perfect sunbathing bed for seals. Hike along a trail to the edge of a cliff before trekking further inland, pausing aside wildlife. (B, L, D)

# Day 12: Marchena Island - Santiago Island

Grab your snorkel and jump into the water at Punta Espejo. Home to dolphins and hammerhead sharks, this is the perfect spot to enjoy two morning snorkeling excursions. Later, join an expert-led discussion to learn how the ocean currents affect the nature found on the Galápagos Islands. Continue to Santiago Island and walk across a hardened lava flow in Sullivan Bay. Along the coast you might find some Galápagos penguins waddling around. (B, L, D)

### **Day 13:** Bartolome Island - Santa Cruz Island

Start the day at Bartolome, named after one of Darwin's fellow researchers. Ascend the wooden stairs to the island's summit, providing an incomparable vista spread out before you. Climb back down to the white sand beach frequented by nesting sea turtles. Don your snorkel and float in the clear water. After lunch, continue on to the island of Santa Cruz. Head toward Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill) and spend time in its saltwater lagoon, where flamingoes and black-necked stilts wade through the water. Venture further onto the island and discover an iguana nesting site. (B, L, D)

**Day 14:** Santa Cruz Highlands -Disembark Ship - Quito - Tour Ends After breakfast, disembark your yacht in Puerto Ayora. Continue on toward the Santa Cruz Highlands, where you will visit a ranch that hosts giant tortoises in their natural habitat. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito, where a day room will be available close to the airport before your flight home. (B)

### Featured Pre Tour Extension



### **Optional 2-Night Peruvian Amazon Pre-Tour** Starting at \$820<sup>†</sup> pp

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

Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Lima.

### Day 2: Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Peruvian Amazon Basin

Fly from Lima to the Puerto Maldonado airport where you meet your naturalist guide. Board a canoe and transfer to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción Lodge. After a welcome lunch, walk along the trails and learn about the rainforest's composition, its uses, the human impact and its relevance to the world climate. At dusk, once again take to the water on a motorized canoe. Your evening excursion will teach you about the river's ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior and the southern sky's constellations. Then, you'll enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room. (B, L, D)

### **Day 3:** Tambopata National Reserve - Lake Sandoval

After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a trek through Tambopata National Reserve. Board a dugout canoe and glide along, taking in your peaceful surroundings. Keep an eye out for the giant river otter, blue and yellow macaw, red howler monkey and black caiman. After lunch, the Inkaterra canopy walkway awaits. Begin at the Interpretation Center to learn about the project. Then ascend 98 feet in the air and cross a series of hanging bridges that connect the treetops, taking in the breathtaking panoramas surrounding you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique nocturnal sounds. Your day concludes with dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Puerto Maldonado - Lima

After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) where you may wait for your flight back to Lima, the Peruvian capital. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

### Choose to add more time to your trip:

### 1-2 NIGHTS

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This trip requires a passport. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to book train tickets to Machu Picchu and to confirm flights to the Galapagos Islands. Our air passengers will arrive into Lima and depart from Qiuto. Alignort transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights to this program are not included in the land price of your tour and must be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. For guests wishing only purchase, the internal flights than your international air must be arranged into Lima and out of Qiuto. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 8:00 µm, on the last days Rates do not include the approx. 20 US Dollars INGAL Atrains Control Card to be paid at the airport in Quito prior to your jarvial at the Galapagos aniport (approximate total 165 CAD). The currency in Ecuador is the US Dollar. Entrance tees are Government driven and may change due to the unique nature of the government restrictions on the Galapagos Islands. Visitors are required to have updrate to kee with you while on tour (17 you optied not to purchase our travel protection, you will be transfer to a purchase our travel protection, you will be required to have proof do verage that you are required to kee with you while on tour (17 you optied not to purchase our travel protection, you will be required on the your encourage. We assume no responsibility for any expense associated will you failure to builts coalins are also associated on the sourchase our travel protection (19 you are coaling as a limited quantity of cabins available in each chain to adity and and a surcharge may be available for Suites located on Lower or Main Decks. The Upper deck upgrade so nay be available for Suites located on the our and as surcharge may apply. Every sailing will have an anximum of 14 passengers; however, live are unable to fill the minimum capacity of so not havailable are to induced the prior day

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# PERU: FROM MACHU PICCHU TO LAKE TITICACA

### 10 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT \$3599

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Local Andean Cultures • Ollantaytambo Ruins • Home-Hosted Lunches • Machu Picchu • Cuzco • Lake Titicaca • Uros Floating Islands

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Travel above the city of Cuzco to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress -OR- embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco.

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### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
- Delight in a home hosted farmto-table lunch at a local Quechua community.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1, 2DoubleTree by Hilton<br/>El Pardo, LimaDays 3, 4Casa Andina Premium
- Sacred Valley, Yucay Day 5 Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
- Days 6, 7 Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
- Days 8, 9 GHL Lago Titicaca, Puno

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the sacred citadel of Machu Picchu to the floating islands of Lake Titicaca, the magical wonders of Peru are waiting behind every corner.

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

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

### Day 2: Lima

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

# **Day 3:** Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. While en route to your hotel, explore different towns in the valley, each a representation of the region's unique culture. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B)

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

This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get firsthand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby Quechua community and interact with the locals. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties. (B, L)

# **Day 5:** Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semitropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the

mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stav at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration and learn how to craft the perfect ceviche and pisco sour before your dinner featuring a Peruvian menu. (B, D)

### Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or you may choose to visit Machu Picchu at sunrise. Return to the Sacred Valley by Vistadome train. Upon arriving in Cuzco, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure. (B)

### Day 7: Cuzco 😯

Start your morning with a local guide on a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, it's vour choice! Travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress -ORembark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, it's Diner's Choice! Choose from restaurants featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

### Day 8: Cuzco - Puno

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

### Day 9: Puno - Uros Floating Islands - Lake Titicaca - Chullpas de Sillustan - Puno

The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the centre of Incan legends. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca; experience walking on the island's spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, cruise to a local rustic village for a home-hosted meal and swap stories with Peruvian families before visiting the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani - an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. (B, L)

### Day 10: Puno - Lima - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival, head to the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a

collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artifacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a farewell dinner on the arounds of the museum before departing for Lima's airport and your connecting flight home. (B)

### 0 **Featured Post Tour Extension**



### **Optional 3-Night Peruvian Amazon Post-Tour** Starting at \$820<sup>+</sup> pp

Dav 10: Lima Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Lima.

### Day 11: Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Peruvian Amazon Basin

Fly from Lima to the Puerto Maldonado airport where you meet your naturalist guide. Board a canoe and transfer to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción Lodge. After a welcome lunch, walk along the trails and learn about the rainforest's composition, its uses, the human impact and its relevance to the world climate. At dusk, once again take to the water on a motorized canoe. Your evening excursion will teach you about the river's ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior and the southern sky's constellations. Then, you'll enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room. (B, L, D)

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### Day 13: Puerto Maldonado -Lima - Tour Ends

After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) where you may wait for your flight back to Lima. Later, depart Lima for your overnight flight home. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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October 1, 8, 22

This trip requires a passport. You must obtain an entry stamp in your passport from Peru's immigration office at the port of entry. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lima. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Due to tour scheduling, return flights on the last day of your tour should be booked after 10:00 p.m. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to book train tickets to Machu Picchu. If passport information is incomplete or inaccurate within 60 days, there is a strong possibility that we will be unable to confirm you on the same travel schedule as the rest of your group. You will be subject to any additional charges incurred from failing to provide passport information within the designated time frame. Highest elevation is approximately 3,810 meters (Puno). During this tour you will spend 4 consecutive days at altitudes over 3,353 meters. Please be advised that backpacks brought into Machu Picchu cannot exceed 40x35x20cms or have a capacity larger than 20 liters. Backpacks that exceed the indicated measurements can be left in storage, at an approximate cost of 2 US Dollars. Also, please take notice that bringing in single-use plastic bottles, plastic bags, plastic straws or Styrofoam containers has been forbidden. We suggest bringing reusable water bottles. In general, hotels outside of Lima are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators, which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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# PATAGONIA: EDGE OF THE WORLD

### 14 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>5919

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

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

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Get a glimpse into Argentine culture at a lively tango performance.
- Meet and swap stories with local gauchos (cowboys).
- Embark on a 4-night cruise through the fjords and ethereal wilderness of Patagonia.



### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### 12 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Spend the day at a Patagonian *estancia* and connect with the locals at a traditional lamb roast.
- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner while onboard your cruise ship.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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Days 2, 3	Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires
Days 4, 5	Esplendor by Wyndham El Calafate, El Calafate
Days 6, 7	Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales
Days 8 - 11	Stella Australis
Day 12	Los Acebos, Ushuaia
Day 13	Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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Take a step into a world of pure nature in Patagonia, where crystal-clear waters meet mountainside glaciers.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Snowcapped mountains towering in the distance. Vibrant teal waters lapping against the shore. Glaciers carving their way through the valleys. This is Patagonia – a rugged wonderland of nature nestled along Argentina and Chile.

# **Day 2:** Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins

Your journey starts in Buenos Aires. The city radiates a Latin-infused rhythm interwoven with its European heritage. Meet your fellow travellers for a cocktail reception at your hotel, located in the heart of the chic and stylish Recoleta neighbourhood. Head to a local restaurant with your new friends and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (D)

### Day 3: Buenos Aires

Embark on a panoramic city tour and coast down the famous Avenida 9 de Julio, where Parisian architecture and verdant trees line the world's widest avenue. Discover the city's most wellknown sites and stop at the famous Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Eva Peron. Enjoy free time to explore San Telmo, where street performers tango on the sidewalks and vibrant street murals dance along the walls. Return to Recoleta for an evening at leisure. (B)

### Day 4: Buenos Aires - El Calafate

Fly to El Calafate, gateway to Patagonia's natural splendour and known as the "National Capital of the Glaciers." Get acquainted with the city on a brief walking tour before enjoying free time to explore on your own. Gather in the evening for dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate

In Los Glaciares National Park, allow the wonder of Perito Moreno Glacier to take hold of your senses. This gigantic tower of vibrant ice rests against blue-green waters – an awe-inspiring blanket to the natural world. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs, listening to the resounding crack of ice sheets breaking free. (B)

### **Day 6:** El Calafate - Puerto Natales, Chile

Make your way into Chile at Puerto Natales. En route, stop to spend time with some local gauchos at a typical Patagonian *estancia*. Enjoy





a traditional lamb roast lunch as you chat and learn about the culture. Venture through the edge of the Patagonian countryside before settling into your hotel, featuring unparalleled views of lakes and mountains. (B, L)

# **Day 7:** Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales

Venture into Torres Del Paine National Park, a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Among the jagged mountains, ethereal teal waters, and expansive grasslands, you may spot soaring condors, inquisitive *guanacos* (Ilamas), and independent felines. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls as you make your way through what is considered to be one of South America's most incredible national parks. (B, D)

### **Day 8:** Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas - Board Ship - Chilean Waters

Discover the coastal metropolis city of Punta Arenas with an expert guide, where brightly coloured houses meet modern skyscrapers. As the day draws to a close, leave the mainland on the *Stella Australis*, your home for the next four nights. Head for one of the most remote corners of the world as you sail through Chilean waters. (B, D)

# Day 9: Ainsworth Bay - Tucker Islets

Dock in Ainsworth Bay. As you take your Zodiac to shore, keep an eye out for the area's extensive birdlife or perhaps a colony of elephant seals. Spend your day with a choice of two guided excursions: you may explore a peat bog and beaver habitat or embark on an active hike along a glacial moraine. Back on the ship, sail to the Tucker Islets where you'll head to shore for a close-up view of the Magellan penguins. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

Take a Zodiac to shore and stand in awe before the Pia Glacier, a colossal mass of ice slowly crawling down the mountains, followed by a choice between two hikes. Back onboard the ship, continue through the Beagle Channel and into Glacier Alley. These impressive masses of ice are so large that most of them are named after countries – including Holland, Italy, Germany, and France. (B, L, D)

### Day 11: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

Disembark at Cape Horn National Park, home to an archipelago of islands considered to be the "End of the Earth." This afternoon, anchor at fabled Wulaia Bay and visit the historic radio station, formerly used by the Chilean Navy. Choose how you explore the area with an expert guide, selecting between three different hikes of varying difficulty. Each choice will offer sprawling vistas of the gentle bay. (B, L, D)

# **Day 12:** Disembark Boat - Tierra del Fuego National Park - Ushuaia

Embark on your final sail through Patagonia as you enter Argentine waters, docking at Ushuaia. End your Patagonian adventure at Tierra del Fuego National Park. With the wind in your hair and fresh air in your lungs, breathe in the peace and serenity around you, intensified by the dramatic landscape of waterfalls, glaciers, and forests. (B)

### Day 13: Ushuaia - Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires and make the most of some time at leisure. Gather for a farewell dinner at La Ventana Tango House, where you'll savour Argentine cuisine before viewing an authentic tango performance. (B, D)

### Day 14: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends

Say adios to Argentina as your tour draws to a close this morning. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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



### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

### Choose to add more time to your trip:

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Oct 2022 - March 2023 October 20 November 5, 29 December 7, 31 January 24 Exberging 9, 17	Staterooms Category B Lower Second Deck Category A Lower Second Deck Category AA Main Third Deck Category AAA Upper Fourth Deck	<b>Double</b> \$5919 \$6809 \$7154 \$7429	<b>Solo</b> \$7719 \$9434 \$9914 \$10189
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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Buenos Aires. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation. Port taxes and fees (subject to change without advance notice) are included in the land only tour cost. Hikes of varying difficulty will be offered during each of the landings. Details of the length terrain and difficulty will be provided by the ship's crew. Cape Horn landing is strongly dependent on weather and sea conditions. All shore landings are dependent on weather and sea conditions, and at the discretion of the cruise line. Due to unpredictable sailing conditions or National Park directives, all of the timing and landing details featured in the cruise portion of your itinerary are subject to change. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each category. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking. If the preferred cabin category is not available at time of booking, the next closest category will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Cabin category choices are: Cabin B (second deck), Cabin A (second deck), Cabin AA (third deck), Cabin AAA (fourth deck), or Cabin AAA Superior (fourth deck with larger room). Cabin availability is first come, first served and upgrade pricing will apply. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board the cruise is 15 US Dollars per person, per day for the staff and crew, handed in at the reception desk on the last day of the cruise. Accepted currencies for tipping include: US Dollars, Euro, Argentinian or Chilean pesos. Upon entry into and exit from Argentina, all passengers, regardless of their citizenship, are submitted to biometrics checks, such as digital fingerprints and a digital photograph, at the immigration counter. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All shore landings excursions to/from the ship are by small boats called "Zodiacs," which requires a level of fitness to board and disembark these inflatable crafts. At all times you are accompanied by expedition staff. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Passengers should consult their physician should they have any concerns regarding their physical condition. It is recommended that you bring hiking boots for specific excursions. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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# JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

### 14 DAYS · 34 MEALS starting at \$21599

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

Buenos Aires • Ushuaia • The Drake Passage • Authentic Expedition Ship • Zodiac Forays • Penguin Colony Close-Ups • Kayak Excursions • Photography Guidance • On Board Educational Sessions

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover multitudes of Antarctic wildlife including seals, whales, albatross and chinstrap, gentoo and Adelie penguins.
- Enjoy nearly 24 hours of sunlight as you absorb your surroundings ashore and from the expedition ship's many observatory decks.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

• Savour fresh and varied meals aboard the expedition ship while admiring the scenery around you.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Day 2	Overnight Flight Alvear Art Hotel, Buenos Aires
Days 3 - 12	National Geographic Explorer
Day 13	Alvear Art Hotel, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Discover the magic and wonder of Buenos Aires, Ushuaia and the "White Continent" – Antarctica.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

In association with Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic, Collette proudly offers an active, immersive adventure exploring Antarctica in an authentic expedition style. See more of the legendary landscapes and inhabitants – encounter iconic penguins, leopard seals, and marine mammals; kayak among icebergs and Zodiac cruise past resting leopard seals; and hike on the continent with the best ice team on Earth. Through the efforts of an undersea specialist, you will also experience the seldom-seen Antarctic undersea. Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

# **Day 2:** Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the "Paris of South America." Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of European-style architecture and South American spirit. This afternoon, enjoy a panoramic city tour highlighting its Beaux-Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron. In the early evening, gather for an informal reception at the hotel. (L)

# Day 3: Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship - At Sea

This morning we fly over Patagonia before

landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Enjoy lunch while cruising the Beagle Channel. Later, embark the National Geographic Explorer, an authentic expedition ship uniquely equipped with a hull strengthened to "ice-class" and advanced navigation equipment for polar expeditions. With just 81 cabins and a maximum capacity of 148 passengers, the spacious and modern National Geographic Explorer offers a roster of tools for exploration and a variety of public areas for viewing the incredible passing landscape. In the ship's spacious lounge, you will have informative presentations and a nightly recap of the day's activities. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: The Drake Passage - At Sea

Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named after the explorer Sir Francis Drake. Set between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, a crossing of the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable - a milestone in any adventurer's personal travel history. Warmer waters of the north meet the colder, denser waters of the south here in the Antarctic Convergence, making the area rich in marine life. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Antarctica

The next six days are filled with discovering Antarctica, the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for





over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent is like nowhere else on the planet. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Antarctica

The voyage keeps a flexible schedule (daily activities are contingent on weather conditions) to take advantage of the unexpected. With nearly 24 hours of daylight, make the most of your days with daily explorations. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Antarctica

You may take a Zodiac foray amongst towering icebergs under a bright sun, walk along the shoreline amid a huge penguin colony, hike to a summit for a breathtaking view, or kayak along a cliff-side rookery in search of blue-eyed shags. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Antarctica

Today you could have the thrill of watching the ship crunch through the packed ice or step ashore to the cries of thousands of Gentoo penguins. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Antarctica

Learn from the experts how to identify different penguin species and get photo tips from a National Geographic photographer while watching those same penguins. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Antarctica

Onboard, the undersea specialist may present video from that day's dive with

rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface. The expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more and experience more. (B, L, D)

### Day 11: At Sea

Leave Antarctica and sail back to Ushuaia, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. The ship's spotters will keep an eye out for marine life, albatross and other seabirds that cross the ship's bow. (B, L, D)

### Day 12: At Sea

You may want to enjoy a wellness treatment, spend time in the gym, catch up on the book you haven't had a minute to read, or participate in on board discussions reflecting on all you have seen and learned. (B, L, D)

### **Day 13:** Ushuaia - Disembark Ship -Fly to Buenos Aires

After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia with time for independent exploration before proceeding to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires\* for an overnight stay. (B, L)

**Day 14:** Buenos Aires - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Buenos Aires. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights to and from Ushuaia are not included in the land-only cost of your tour. Internal flights must be purchased through us. The Ushuaia airport departure tax of approximately \$30 CAD is included in the cost of your tour. Park fees and permits are included in the land cost of your tour. Onboard gratuities and alcohol (except super-premium brands) are included in the price of your tour. Special clothing is required for shore landings; please refer to your pre-departure documents for important details. Guests will receive a complimentary parka for use during landings, which can be taken home at the end of the voyage. Rubber boots and other cold weather gear can be purchased or rented through our gear partner, Ship-to-Shore, at your own expense. This tour is operated by Lindblad Expeditions and will have Lindblad representatives accompanying you throughout the program. This program is not CAA MCV exclusive and a CAA MCV Tour Manager will not be accompanying you. \*Upon your return to Buenos Aires, a representative will not be accompanying you, but will be available at an off-site location. Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges. Expedition ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Cabins available are as follows: Category 1 (Main Deck with porthole); 2 (Main Deck with large windows); 3 (Main Deck with large windows and larger room); 4 (Upper and Veranda Decks); and 5 (Upper Deck with Balcony). Please see pricing for upgrade fees for higher decks. Other cabin upgrades may be available on a request basis. Under the terms of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), Lindblad is required to carry medical information regarding all passengers. Prior to issuing travel documents, a confidential medical information report will be mailed to you by CAA MCV. EVERY section of this form must be completed, and all three parts should be returned together directly to Lindblad. Forms can be submitted via fax, mail or email. Specific instructions for submitting health forms can be found on the forms themselves. Transfers to/from the ship are by small Zodiac boats. Landings are either "drv" or "wet" and you might have to wade ashore in shallow water. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Unfortunately, this level is not appropriate for individuals who use wheelchairs or walkers. All conditions do not apply to all days so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counsellors to determine if this tour is right for you. All rates in Canadian dollars.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*



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

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

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

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

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

When can I check into my hotel? 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 travellers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

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

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

Are all theater performances suitable for children? Some theater performances may be unsuitable for children – consult your Tour Manager.

### documentation

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

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

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

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

### extending your stay

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

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

### extras

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

### late bookings

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

### on-tour experience

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

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



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

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

**Level 1:** You're a leisurely traveller. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

**Level 2:** You like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy straightaways to a couple hills or flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Level 3: You're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal.

You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

**Level 4:** You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and hiking are things you may enjoy) and few thousand steps a day isn't out of the norm. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 90 minutes), traversing dusty or uneven terrain, standing for periods of time, varying altitudes and temperatures, and don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late-night experiences, and full days. Unfortunately, this level is not appropriate for individuals who use wheelchairs or walkers.

### 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 when you reside within a 100 km radius of the airport.\* Please confirm at time of booking. Not valid on group travel.

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

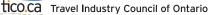
### the Collette Passport Club

What is the Collette Passport Club? 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.



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# **AIR** *information*

# THE CHOICE IS YOURS *three great air options*

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare <sup>3</sup>	Elite Airfare⁴
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home! <sup>1</sup>	٠	•	•
Roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included <sup>2</sup>	•	•	•
Dedicated Concierge Service			•
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			•
Express Check-In <sup>5</sup>			•
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	٠	<ul> <li>part b</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>part b</li> </ul>
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	•		//
Deposit now, pay the balance later	٠		//
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All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			٠

# 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.



<sup>1</sup>This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of most major Canadian gateways and purchase an air-inclusive tour. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. <sup>2</sup>These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling on select flights. 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). <sup>3</sup>Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. <sup>4</sup>Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase air; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. <sup>5</sup>Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. *(\*)* North America or the Caribbean.



# **RESERVATION** *information*

### Land Rates

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

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

### Payments

### Land Package Deposit

- A \$300 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 non-refundable second deposit is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica
- For Oberammergau only reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required. An additional \$1,500 non-refundable second deposit is due one year prior to departure.

### Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- · A \$600 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation
- For Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$800 deposit is required. An
  additional \$1,000 non-refundable second deposit is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica
- For Oberammergau air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$800 deposit is required. An additional \$1,500 non-refundable second deposit is due one year prior to departure.

### Instant Purchase Air

 If you have selected Instant Purchase air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus the land package deposits noted above; all of which is non-refundable.

Should you decide to purchase our Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of this Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver which protects you from penalties in the event you have to cancel your entire tour package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details).

### **Final Payment**

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

### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette: 1-800-468-5955 reservations@gocollette.com

### PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

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

### **Revision Fees**

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

### **Cancellation Charges**

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

• More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.

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

### Exceptions:

### Ocean Cruises:

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

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

- · More than 90 days prior to departure, the nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 85% of total price
  30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price
- Galapagos & Antarctica:
- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 90 days prior to departure: 60% of total price
- 89 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

### Oberammergau

- More than 120 days prior to departure a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 120 91 days prior to departure 75% of total price
- 90 days 0 days prior to departure -100% of total price
- \* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the client, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of these terms and conditions, you will be refunded 100%.

### Airfare

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

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

### Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

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

### Currency

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

### **Proof of Citizenship: Passports & Visas**

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

### **Travel Conditions**

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

### **Door to Door Transfer Service**

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

### **Travellers Needing Special Assistance**

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time your booking is made.\* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveller thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

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

# RESERVATION information



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 airline/airport, hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self-interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low-cost insurance to cover these risks. Collette is not responsible for submitting your insurance claim.

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

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines impose additional charges if you choose to check baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

### **Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette**

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip.

Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to cancel, re-schedule or make other adjustments to any guided vacation departure in any circumstances deemed necessary, including in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control, including for tours designated as "guaranteed departures." If cancellation is made by Collette any time prior to the departure date of the guided vacation, except when a customer fails to pay the final balance on time, Collette, at its sole discretion, will offer a comparable vacation on an alternate departure date, or reserves the right to offer a future travel credit. Collette will refund any difference in price if the alternative date is of a lower price, however the guest will be responsible for additional costs if the alternative is priced higher. Collette will not be liable for cancellation, brought about due to force majeure or other circumstance beyond its control that prevents or interferes with any aspect of the tour, also including governmental and administrative actions. Collette is not responsible for other travel arrangements, including air tickets.

Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit.

All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 335 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

### **GENERAL DISCLAIMER**

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

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

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

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

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

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

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

### FORUM SELECTION AND CHOICE OF LAW

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

### **DISPUTES/CLASS ACTION WAIVER**

YOU AGREE THAT YOU WILL ONLY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST COLLETTE IN YOUR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS ACTION OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING. COLLETTE SHALL NOT IN ANY CASE BE LIABLE FOR OTHER THAN COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, AND YOUR PAYMENT OF A DEPOSIT ON A TOUR MEANS THAT YOU AGREE TO THESE CONDITIONS OF SALE AND EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO PUNITIVE DAMAGES.

### ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

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

### SEVERABILITY

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

### **Consumer Protection Plans**

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, and the Travel Industry Council of Ontario. These associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member. Full details are available from these organizations or Collette. Collette is pleased to provide this additional protection to our clients.

### Collette's Travel Protection Plan (for Canadian citizens or residents only\*)

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For all Canadian Residents who purchased a Travel Protection Plan prior to March 1, 2021, see plan details at www.tripmate.com/wpOR426C.

For all Canadian Residents who purchased a Travel Protection Plan March 1, 2021, or after, the Post Departure coverage and benefits are administered by TuGo and underwritten by Industrial Alliance. TuGo will provide your specific policy document and an individual policy number that will be sent directly to you as confirmation of your enrollment. The policy will be emailed from: donotreply@tugo. com. If you have further questions about your policy, please call TuGo at 1-855-929-8846 or email info@tugo.com.

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

Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Tours Canada, Ltd: The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by Industrial Alliance of Canada. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee to Collette at the time of booking guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposits), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Hotel and meal costs only (up to \$200/day and MAX \$2,000 total) incurred as a result of post tour government imposed quarantine may be eligible for reimbursement under this this plan. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets that you purchase from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased Instant Purchase Nonrefundable airline tickets, this Part A Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for any such nonrefundable airline tickets in the event of a cancellation.

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

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

The Travel Protection Plan fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant (paying client) only. Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot and will not be held liable for any wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Tours Canada, Ltd. and its own employees, directors and officers.

### Where to Present Part A Claims

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

Collette

ATTN: Customer Service Department

40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3

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

PART A - Provided By Collette

Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee & Unused Services Waiver up to Trip Cost

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by Industrial Alliance of Canada.

Part B Insurance Benefits is administered by North American Air Travel Insurance Agents Ltd. doing business as TuGo®. (\*NOT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF QUEBEC).

TuGo will provide your specific policy form and an individual policy number that will be sent directly to you as confirmation of your enrollment. The policy will be emailed from: donotreply@tugo.com. If you have further questions about your policy, please call TuGo at 1-855-929-8846 or email info@tugo.com.

### Schedule of Benefits

The following plans are included in your insurance package:

	COVERAGE		MAXIMUM LIMITS PER INSURED	
	Emergency	Medical	\$1,000,000*	
Accidental Death & Dismemberment		Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000	
	Baggage	-Baggage & Personal Effects	\$25,000	
		-Baggage Delay	\$500**	

\*Some benefits within this coverage have their own limits. Refer to the policy wording for details.

\*\* This limit is subject to the overall maximum limit for baggage coverage.

### Non-Insurance Services

OneWorld Assist Inc. doing business as Claims at TuGo is our claims and assistance provider and performs all assistance services and administers claims on our behalf under this policy. Claims at TuGo provides ISO 9001:2015 certified service.

For hospitalizations, contact Claims at TuGo immediately:

From Canada & USA	1-800-663-0399
From Mexico	001-800-514-9976 or 800-681-8070
Outside North America & Mexico (global toll-free)	*800-663-0399
Worldwide (collect)	604-278-4108
When you call, please be ready to provide: • The partner code listed on your policy declaration	
Generali Global Assistance Concierge Services	
To speak with Generali Global Assistance (GGA) for conci	erge services only, simply call:

From Canada & USA......1-833-430-3653 

ops@gga-usa.com

When you call, please be ready to provide:

The partner code listed on your policy declaration

A phone number where Generali Global Assistance may reach you

Please Note: Plan cost is based upon the cost of your trip. Benefits are described on a general basis only. The information on this website is only an outline of the coverage available, and is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy. Please refer to the individual policy documents for complete details. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by province jurisdiction. You will receive a policy and a Description of 24-Hour Emergency Assistance Services which describe the benefits and limitations in detail.

Payment for the plan(s) is required at time of purchase and is non-refundable outside of the 10-day free look period. Prices and coverage are subject to change. For full plan details, please call TuGo at 1-855-929-8846 or email info@tugo.com (except for the Part A: Cancel for Any Reason Waiver).

Any notices of claim or correspondence concerning a claim should be promptly sent to: Claims Contact Information

For hospitalizations, contact Claims at TuGo immediately: From Canada & LISA 1 000 662 0200

From Mexico	
Outside North America & Mexico (global	toll-free)*800-663-0399

Worldwide (collect)..... 

\*Visit tugo.com/claims for international access codes.

Email claims@tugo.com

- When you call, please be ready to provide:
- . The partner code listed on your policy declaration

### Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost below of the Travel Protection Plan includes both the optional Part A Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc. and the Part B insurance benefits underwritten by TuGo, as well as non-insurance assistance services. Pricing is available for either Part A or Part B on a stand alone basis, please contact Collette for more information.

### Land Only Clients:

- \$199 adult/\$199 child for all North America escorted tours under 6 days
- \$349 adult/\$249 child for all North America escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$449 adult/\$299 child for all international tours (not otherwise listed below)
- \$499 adult/\$349 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$549 adult/\$299 child for Galapagos tours
- \$599 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- \$999 adult/\$499 child for Antarctica tours

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

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

- · \$249 adult/child for all North America tours under 6 days
- \$399 adult/child for all North America tours of 6 days or more
- \$499 adult/child for all international tours (not otherwise listed below)
- \$549 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$599 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- \$649 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- \$1099 adult/child for Antarctica tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan for air-inclusive clients can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

To review full plan details, see our travel protection plan info on the terms and conditions pages of our website. 339 For reservations, contact your Travel Professional or call Collette at **800.468.5955**. Visit **collette.com/offers** for special savings.





The Best Travel Protection Plan in Guided Travel! • Private Sedan Service Included (See inside for details.)



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Collette has taken home the 2021 Travel Weekly Readers Choice Award for Best U.S. Tour Operator!

We are humbled to be recognized for our diverse tours throughout the USA and thank you for your votes; YOU are the reason that we work hard every day to be the tour operator that you can trust.



### OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR WELL-BEING & HAPPINESS

Each guest that travels with us deserves a memorable and fulfilling travel experience. And we intend to deliver on that promise. Your well-being and enjoyment remain our top priority – just as they have been since we started in 1918.

Our team consults with health and security experts all around the world to create wellness protocols so we can manage the current travel landscape in the best possible way for you. At the end of the day – your journey should be fun and memorable. As always, we will take care of all the details so you can relax and be happy as you discover the world.

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