

## Season's Greetings, Travelers!

The gift of travel: Our favorite way of bringing joy to the world!

Let this guide inspire you for your next adventure and with ideas to spread a world of cheer this holiday season.

Happy Holidays! ¡Felices fiestas!

Joyeuses fêtes! Καλές γιορτές!

Schöne Feiertage! Buone feste!

Chúc bạn kỳ nghỉ lễ vui vẻ!

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Ii holide ezimnandi! Boas Festas!







## Holiday Jingles '



Listen to Collette's Holiday Spotify Playlist!

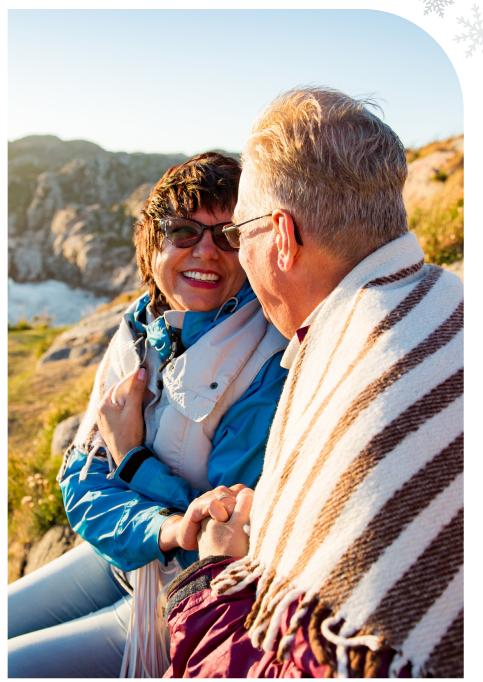
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## **Gifts of Travel**

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

Forget the partridge in a pear tree. We're rounding up trips and festive tips that'll make every kind of traveler merry this season.









Which of our 12 traveler types matches you best? Get inspired to find the perfect trip – plus a flurry of travel-inspired traditions, gifts, and more!

- 1 History Buff
- 2 Foodie
- 3 Winter Wanderer
- 4 Seabreeze Seeker
- 5 Railway Fan
- 6 Nature Lover

- 7 Changemaker
- 8 Seasoned Traveler
- 9 New(ish) Traveler
- 10 Unpack-Once Explorer
- 11 Epic Journeyer
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You reach deeper and make connections to the past to enrich the *present*.

## **History & Holiday Traditions**







Seeing where it took place gives one a better understanding of what went on.

- Collette Traveler

## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE HISTORY BUFF

## Fa la la la... fascinating history



### Spotlight on Washington, D.C.

Walk the path forged by leaders in America's capital city.

- · View the World War II Monument, Vietnam Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.
- · Tour Mt. Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington.
- Take a guided tour of Ford's Theatre where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.





### **Treasures of Egypt**

Retrace the steps of the pharaohs in ancient Egypt.

- Explore the Valley of the Kings and the 4000-year-old Karnak Temple.
- · View the tombs of the kings Tutankhamun and Ramses VI.
- · Visit the pyramids of Giza, the last of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the world.





### Scotland: Isles of Lore & Legend

Discover the mystical side of Scotland.

- · Walk in the footsteps of Scottish ancestors, touring a Highland farm township.
- · In Oban, uncover the history of the iconic McCaig's Tower.
- · Wander the ruins of Urquhart Castle, a 13th-century medieval fortress.



Been there, tasted that. You love to unwrap the local culture through its cuisine.

## Serve up festive cuisine to bring the whole world home for the holidays.



English Christmas Trifle
The sight of these layers of cake,
berries, and cream is a sure way
to spread cheer!



Ho Ho Pho! (Pronounced "Ho Ho Fuh")



We were able to experience the food culture, the wines, and the Italians' way of life.

- Traveler on Italy's Treasures

## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE FOODIE

## Eat, drink and be merry!



### Flavors of Portugal and Spain

Taste the essence of Portugal & Spain in the Douro & Rioja regions.

- · Go on a "pub crawl" to taste pintxo tapas.
- · Tour a cider house before savoring cider-infused Basque cuisine.
- Enjoy a dinner complete with locally-sourced, traditional Portuguese cuisine.





## Italy's Treasures

Vineyards, olive groves, and unforgettable cuisine. This is l'Italia.

- · Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a cooking lesson in a villa.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlor in San Gimignano.
- Take a walking tour of Bologna, Italy's food capital, sampling local delicacies such as parmigiano cheese, mortadella and lasagna.





### **Essence of Thailand**

Uncover the beautifully balanced mosaic of diverse flavors and beauty in Thailand.

- · Savor Bangkok's famous sweet, spicy, and salty street food.
- · Join a Lanna family for a home-hosted meal and learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden and hear all about the herbs grown here.



Bring on the bows and snow! You'll take the first sleigh to a festive destination.





**Gift Idea**A snow globe featuring one's favorite place in the world!



## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE WINTER WANDERER



## Tis the season to be jolly



### **European Christmas Markets**

Set out on a holiday adventure through Prague, Vienna & Budapest.

- · Tour the Prague Castle and explore its famous Christmas market.
- Travel via train to Dresden, Germany to experience the world's oldest Christmas market.
- · Tour Budapest's outdoor markets aglow with lights.





### **Spotlight on New York City Holiday**

"Start spreading the news"... New York glistens during the holidays.

- · Experience the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall.
- · Take a photo in front of the colossal Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center.
- · Take your seat for a Broadway show.
- · Bundle up as you ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.





### The Northern Lights of Finland

Discover Finland's charming winter wonderland.

- · Find majestic Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.
- Overnight surrounded by wilderness in a glass igloo and a Finnish log cabin.
- Mush your way to breakfast in a Finnish sleigh and lead your own dog sled team.



Salty air, sunny coasts, luxury ships... you're happy to be on Santa's "nautical" list.



#### Did You Know?

In Greece, you'll find boats wrapped in strings of lights. Old Saint Nick is the patron saint of sailors, and boats are decorated on December 6th for Saint Nicholas Day. The country's ancient maritime history means boats have always been part of the culture, and they were decorated long before a modernized version of Christmas (including decorated trees) came along.

The small yacht was great for travel, socializing and a unique experience.

- Traveler on Croatia & Its Islands



## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE SEABREEZE SEEKER

## I saw three ships come sailing in...



### **Croatia & Its Islands**

Set sail and relax on sunny islands exploring Croatia and the Adriatic Coast.

- · Board a private 4-star ship, your home for seven nights.
- Cruise to the sunny island of Hvar, coasting by coves and bays tucked along the Adriatic Sea.
- · Cruise the Blue Cave, a stunning grotto with a luminous blue glow.





## Patagonia: Edge of the World

Take a step into a world of pure nature, where crystal-clear waters meet mountainside glaciers.

- Enjoy a 4-night cruise through the fjords of Patagonia.
- In Ainsworth Bay, zodiac to shore, looking for birdlife and elephant seals.
- · Sail to the Tucker Islets and catch a glimpse of the Magellan penguins.





### **Greece Island Hopper**

Feel the energy of the past and allow the ocean breeze to ruffle your hair in Greece.

- · Climb aboard a high-speed boat to Mykonos, an island paradise surrounded by the Aegean Sea.
- Discover the picture-perfect village of Oia on Santorini, gem of the Mediterranean.



## TRAVERSE THE PACIFIC COAST

Experience a breathtaking journey aboard one of Holland America Cruise Lines' lovely ships on our Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise tour.





You're all aboard for rail travel's perks. Oh, what fun it is to ride... on a train!



Loved traveling by train and viewing not only the majestic Alps, but the beautiful valleys with the small villages.

- Traveler on Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains



## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE RAILWAY FAN

## Santa's got a choo choo train



Canadian Rockies featuring Rocky Mountaineer Explore the scenic mountains and valleys of Western Canada in style.

- · Spend two days onboard the Rocky Mountaineer viewing roaring river canyons and mountain peaks.
- Enjoy elegant dining aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, as well as unlimited alcohol as you're on your way from Vancouver, B.C. to Banff, Alberta.





Switzerland: Hidden Trails & Majestic Peaks Leave the coach behind and travel completely by train on this small group tour.

- · From the Alps to the Swiss Riviera, journey across Switzerland by train.
- Travel via train to Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake."
- · From Neuchâtel, travel via train to Bern, the Swiss capital city.





### Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains

Aboard Alpine railways, journey across Switzerland and Italy.

- Ride 3 legendary train routes the GoldenPass Panoramic Train, the Glacier Express, and the Bernina Pass Train.
- Take in breathtaking Alpine views from the GoldenPass panoramic train.
- Traverse bridges and tunnels aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express through the heart of the Swiss Alps.



The outdoors is your merry place. You wrap yourself up in nature and joy!

Historical sites such as Thingvellir as well as the volcanic features at Mývatn and geysers and waterfalls and glaciers and wildlife ... added up to a rich and fulfilling visit to Iceland.









## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE NATURE LOVER



#### Costa Rica: A World of Nature

Discover the pura vida lifestyle in nature's paradise.

- · Visit the sea turtle research station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Hop aboard a river boat for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion.
- · Stand suspended over the rainforest floor as you journey across a network of hanging bridges.

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## Machu Picchu & Galapagos Wonders

**Experience the pristine landscapes of the Galapagos.** 

- On a private yacht, embark on a 4-night cruise of the Galapagos Islands with a naturalist guide.
- · Uncover the mysteries of Machu Picchu, wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle.

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#### Icelandic Adventure

Discover Iceland's adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

- Travel the Golden Circle, visiting Thingvellir National Park, Geysir thermal field, and the Gullfoss waterfall.
- · Interact with friendly Icelandic horses.
- · Go whale watching in Skjálfandi Bay with specialized RIB zodiac boats.



You set out to see the world and spread joy in it, too.



## **An Impact Moment:**

We believe travel should be a force for good and are committed to creating tours that move the needle. On our small group Explorations tours, we partner with social enterprises, nonprofits, and cultural or environmental conservation groups to ensure that our visit generates sustainable economic and social benefits for the community.

For it is in giving that we receive.

- St. Francis of Assisi



## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE CHANGEMAKER

Our small group Explorations tours are 100% carbon neutral.



## Kingdoms of Southeast Asia

APOPO's Visitor Center in Siem Reap gives you the chance to discover the history of conflict in Cambodia. Here, "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Meet the professional "rats" at a demonstration and learn about their history with war.

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## Mysteries of India

**Dastkar Ranthambore** 

In Ranthambore National Park, you have the option to visit Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local women artisans to help them generate income for this region.





## Spain & Portugal

Flamenco

In Seville, participate in a flamenco lesson at Fundacion Cristina Heeren de Arte Flamenco, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the art of flamenco in Spain and internationally. After your lesson, sit back for a traditional flamenco performance and appreciate the art of the dance.



You've followed the yonder star – and you're ready to go farther.

Being able to assist and learn from the women at the cooking school was incredibly enjoyable.

- Traveler on Colors of Morocco





## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE SEASONED TRAVELER

## Get into the spirit of a place



### **Essence of France**

**Explore the charming culture of France.** 

- Explore like a local; ride Le Métro in Paris and a TGV high-speed through the French countryside.
- · Hunt for truffles with a local chef and his truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Taste locally made cheese when you visit a goat farm in the Provençal countryside.





### **Colors of Morocco**

Where vibrant culture meets a colorful tapestry of beauty.

- Explore the Sahara desert by 4x4, making your way to your desert camp.
- In Marrakech, take an interactive cooking class at a women's cooperative for a true taste of Moroccan hospitality.
- · Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.





### Japan: Past & Present

A Cultural Journey from Tokyo to Osaka

Dive into a culture thousands of years in the making.

- Meet the ama pearl divers and dine with them, learning of their centuries-old tradition.
- Meet an atomic bomb survivor (or relative of one) in Hiroshima and hear stories of devastation and survival.



You've caught the travel bug. Now's your time to shine like Rudolph around the world.



### **Did You Know?**

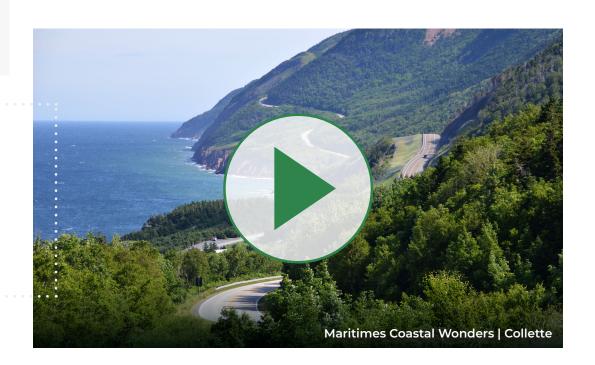
Throughout Italy, traveling musicians carry on a tradition of festive bagpipe playing during the holiday season.

The whole region was beautiful. It was a place I always wanted to go.

- Traveler on Maritimes Coastal Wonders

Our tour guide was a wealth of historical and cultural information. This added so much to the experience of visiting a country for the first time.

- Traveler on Shades of Ireland



## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE NEW (ISH) TRAVELER

## On Dasher, On Dancer



### **Shades of Ireland**

Journey through the Emerald Isle.

- · Stand in awe at the top of the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher.
- $\cdot$  Stay overnight on the grounds of a castle.
- Explore Dublin's bustling streets and the stunning Ring of Kerry.





## Reflections of Italy

Piazzas, canals, and Italian romance.

- · Spend two nights in iconic Venice, the "floating city".
- · Discover masterpieces of the Renaissance in Florence.
- · Set out on a locally guided tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica.

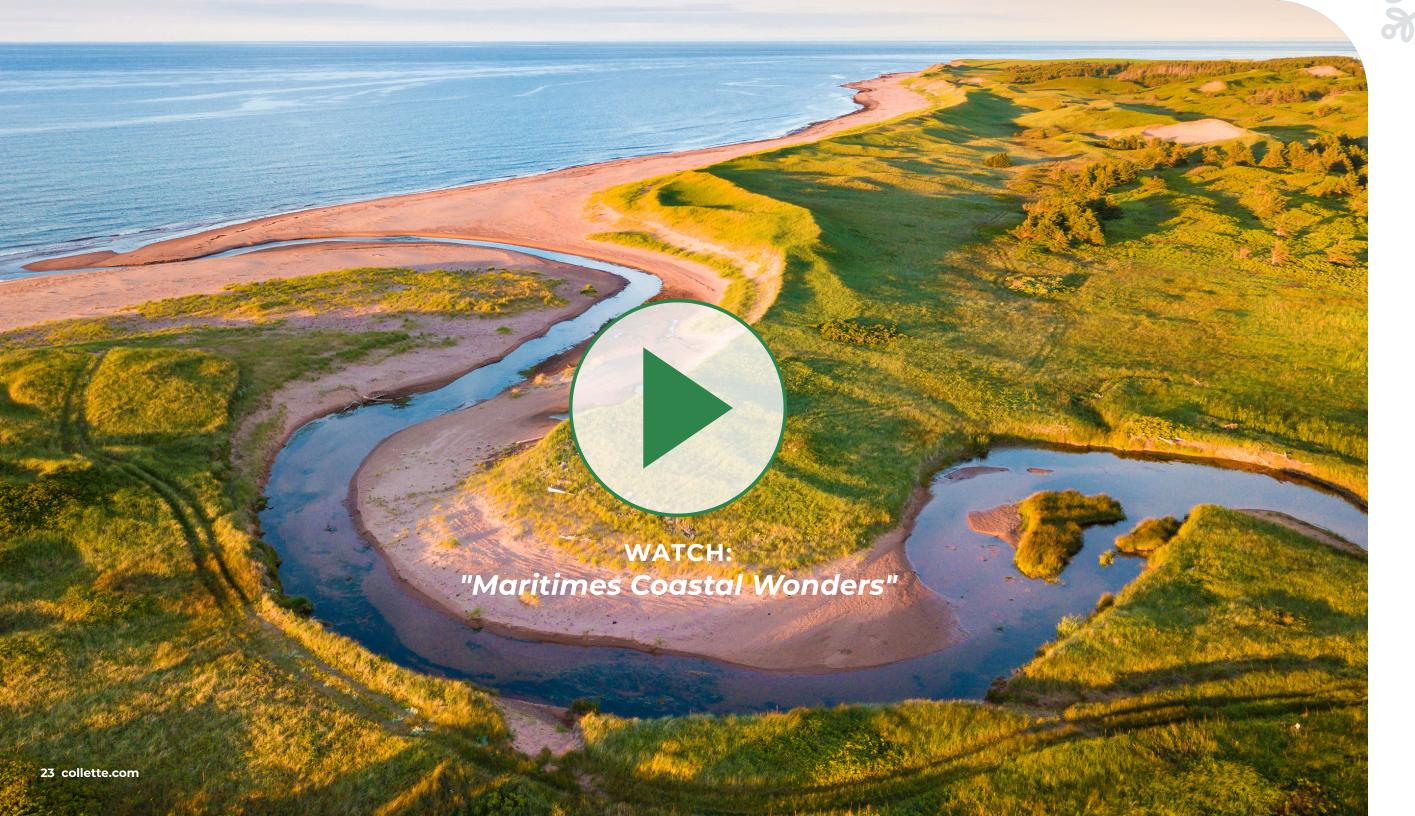




### **Tropical Costa Rica**

Visit a tropical paradise and find the "pura vida".

- · Spend two nights in Monteverde's lush cloud forest.
- Relax for two nights at a resort in balmy Guanacaste.
- Choose how you'll experience the forest canopy: with a hanging bridges nature walk or zip line.





Experience Atlantic Canada on our Maritimes Coastal Wonders tour.

















To you, exploring a single destination is like unwrapping one big present for days and days.

## **Highlights of the Spotlight tour:**

- A single hotel as home base throughout the tour in the heart of the action.
- Planned excursions to the must-see sights and locals' scene.
- Plenty of free time to explore your way.



A feel like A got to really experience Paris.

Traveler on Spotlight on Paris

## **TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR**

# THE UNPACK-ONCE EXPLORER The perfect gift for overpackers like Santa



### Spotlight on Santa Fe

It's called "The City Different" - come find out why.

- · Make tamales at the Santa Fe School of Cooking.
- · Visit Bandelier National Monument to see the canyons and cliff dwellings of the Pueblo Indians.
- · Tour the Santa Fe Plaza, the historic heart of the city.





## **Spotlight on Boston**

Are you ready for a "wicked" good time?

- · Visit the places where the American Revolution took root.
- · Walk the grounds of Harvard University, guided by a student.
- · Enjoy an Italian meal in Boston's famed North End.





## **Spotlight on Paris**

Embrace the joie de vivre in Paris.

- · Explore the priceless treasures in the Louvre Museum.
- · Savor dinner at the Eiffel Tower overlooking the City of Lights.
- · Tour the Palace of Versailles and its gardens with a local guide.



When you hear those trips of a lifetime calling "yoo-hoo," you say, "Giddy up, let's go!"





## **TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR**

## THE EPIC JOURNEYER A Happy New Year for Big Adventures



### Journey to Antarctica: The White Continent Venture to the "White Continent" - the 7th continent.

- · Cross the Drake Passage aboard the National Geographic Explorer into Antarctica.
- · With nearly 24 hours of sunlight, search for Antarctic wildlife like seals, albatross, whales, plus chinstrap, Gentoo and Adelie penguins - and get tips from a National Geographic photographer.





### Wilderness of Southern Africa: Safari by **Land & Water**

Take off for a true safari adventure.

- · Search for the "Big 5" roaming in Chobe National Park and Hwange National Park.
- Enjoy 3 nights on a privately chartered safari boat along the stunning Lake Kariba, teeming with birdlife and game species.





### The Complete South Pacific

Embrace the stunning beauty of Australia and New Zealand.

- · Tour the "Kata Tjuta" sandstone domes at the base of Uluru (Ayers Rock).
- · Explore the Great Barrier Reef aboard a glass-bottom catamaran.
- · Get a private tour of the famous Sydney Opera House.



A special event wrapped up in a dream destination – that's the gift with your name on it!



The highlight of the tour was the Tattoo. I have been looking forward to seeing the Tattoo for about four years and it did not disappoint!

- Traveler on one of our Scotland tours featuring The Royal Edinburgh Tattoo

## TOURS ON THE NICE LIST FOR THE EVENT V.I.P.

## Festivities for the rest of the year



### Mackinac Island ft. the Tulip Time Festival

Experience the tranquil beauty of Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes region along with this vibrant event.

- · View extraordinary flowers in bloom at the Tulip Time Festival.
- Learn about the history of this celebration dating back to 1929, and see the floral displays with a local guide.
- · Spend two nights at the stunning Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.





### The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Join one of Collette's tours of Scotland during select dates in August for the chance to experience this special event.

- This epic show, unique every year, takes place at the haunting Edinburgh Castle illuminated under the open sky.
- · Military pageantry and cultural celebrations, culminating with a spectacular fireworks display, set the stage for an amazing evening.

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#### New Year's Eve

**Start the New Year off in style - on these tours:** 

- London & Paris featuring New Year's Eve in Paris.
- Sunny Portugal featuring New Year's Eve in Funchal, Madeira.

## Hallmark Channel Very Merry Giveaway

Enter through December 25th for a chance to win a holly jolly Collette tour for two.













For reservations, call Collette at: 800.340.5158 or contact your local Travel Professional.

