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# SMALL GROUP TOURS BIG EXPERIENCES

# GO Deeper... CRACK THE SURFACE.



# GO Extraordinary... FIND COMMON GROUND.



On **Icelandic Adventure** (pg. 72), bundle up and ascend Langjökull glacier via mountain truck and go "Into the Glacier" to experience the purest blue ice color in this man-made tunnel, the world's largest.



"Travel far enough, you meet yourself." - DAVID MITCHELL

Dear Traveler.

There are moments on tour that can set your soul on fire. Moments that take you completely by surprise. Like talking to a bookstore owner in Jordan about Arab literature. Overnighting in a tree house in Australia. Exploring Switzerland completely by train. Having a conversation with an atomic bomb survivor in Japan.

These moments can spark understanding or shift your perspective. And you won't find them in any guidebook. Each day on an Explorations tour reveals life in a new way.

Travel is the greatest educator – and our small group Explorations tours are designed to connect you with your fellow travelers, guides, and locals. And go deeper.

On these tours, you'll explore the world by diving in deep. And you'll learn more about yourself on your journey.

Explore with us. We can't wait to meet you on these amazing, less-traveled roads.



Faclyn Jaclyn Leibl-Cote President



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A Chobe River safari cruise affords incredible wildlife views.

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# ACTIVITY LEVELS

Our Tour Activity Levels help to set expectations on tour. Look for this rating on every tour and gauge your ideal speed.

#### LEVEL 1

**You're a leisurely traveler**. 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.



# BECAUSE YOU ARE A Traveler

## No other reason needed.

Break away from the crowd...Dive deeper... Discover the world around you and more of yourself with every journey.

On a small group Explorations tour, the average group is made up of about 16 travelers who'll share the road, a few meals, and many special moments throughout the journey. Travel in ways that are authentic, connected, and extraordinary.

#### LEVEL 3

You're an on-the-go traveler. 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. Expect some longer days balanced with free-time.

#### 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 a 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.



Hard to replicate and impossible to forget, every experience is enhanced through the people you'll meet and unique perspective you'll gain into local culture. These are the connections that will shape your understanding of a destination.



camping, and riding a camel. Getting an understanding of the history and evolving culture of the country was exceptionally good [...]. I enjoyed the Moroccan people, their friendliness and helpfulness.

BEVERLY H. ON COLORS OF MOROCCO



SAHARA DESERT Morocco

# RIDE INTO THE SAHARA...

...first by 4x4 jeep, and then by camel back, en route to your tented camp in the desert.

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NUBIAN HOME HOST, FATOUMA Egypt

# BE WELCOMED INTO A NUBIAN HOME IN EGYPT...

...as your host, Fatouma, presents a tasting of flaky bread, homemade cheese, and tea.

>> Journey Through Egypt & Jordan, pg. 30



# LOSE YOURSELF JUST A LITTLE...

...in England's legendary Lake District, tracing the footsteps of William Wordsworth or on a guided hike through valleys and trails.

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Explore together. The people you meet will enrich the journey.

On **Colors of Morocco** (pg. 26), travelers meet and learn about a nomadic community in the Sahara Desert with their tour manager by their side.







#### **Tour Manager**

From logistics to tips, consider the Tour Manager your go-to advisor, historian, in-the-know friend, and expert on fun.

#### **Fellow Travelers**

Traveling in a deep and meaningful way matters to you. You'll be in good company with a small group of like-minded individuals.

#### **Local Guides**

See the sights with our local experts, who know the lay of the land and share its spirit – ready with tidbits for curious explorers.

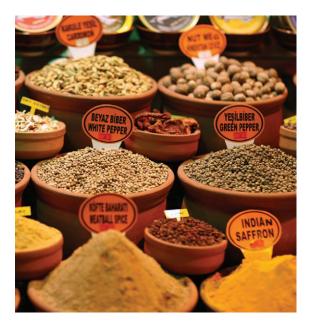
#### **Local Community**

Get to know what life's like in another part of the world through impactful interactions with local people along the way.



# Meals THAT CONNECT YOU

**Go beyond just a taste** – savor authentic, meaningful meals, from home-hosted dinners to hands-on cooking classes and intimate local restaurants to street food.



#### EXPLORE THE TASTES IN TÜRKIYE...

...as you walk through Istanbul's Golden Horn district and famous Spice Market.

» NEW! Treasures of Turkey, pg. 54

# All the meals on this trip were amazing,

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

DEBORAH M. ITALY'S TREASURES





#### SMALL BITES IN A CULINARY CAPITAL...

...in San Sebastian, discover tasty *pintxos*, the Basque version of tapas.

» NEW! Flavors of Portugal & Spain, pg. 78

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**Immerse yourself in a destination** with stays in culturally reflective accommodations. Each hotel (4-star and above) ensures your exploration never stops, even when you're relaxing in your lodgings.



The northern lights were amazing. So glad we experienced another world beyond words."

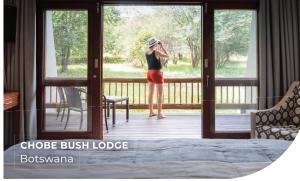
DONNA H. THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND



#### **BOUTIQUE HOTELS**

Settle in for luxe stays that can feel otherworldly and like home all at once.





#### LODGES

In environmentally focused lodges, you stay connected with your natural surroundings along with the comforts you seek. Experience this wonder in a safari lodge in South Africa, or, from your rainforest lodge in Costa Rica's Tortuguero National Park.

# Flexibility THAT MAKES IT "YOU"

Explore your destination your way with built-in free time, optional experiences, and choices. No one traveler follows the same path—choose your own.

On **Journey Through Scotland & England** (pg. 88), embark on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails in Grasmere.

#### **BALANCE & CHOICE ON TOUR**

#### **It's Your Choice**

Some days offer two activities at the same time. You decide the one for you.

#### **Free Time**

Enjoy the perfect mix of guided experiences and time on your own. Truly explore a place when you set off independently.

#### **OPTIONAL ADDITIONS**

#### **Excursions**

Swap free time for more guided experiences in destination by adding optional excursions.

#### Add a Day (or two, or more!)

Stay awhile? Easily add extra time in the city where the tour begins or ends.

#### Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions offer a seamless connection to more adventures in another destination, including meals, hotels, transportation, and more.

#### Back-to-Back

Many Collette tours line up so you can combine two tours into one unforgettable trip!

# OUR COMMITMENT







#### **Reward Yourself**

Each time you book, earn credit towards the next tour.

#### **Travel Protection**

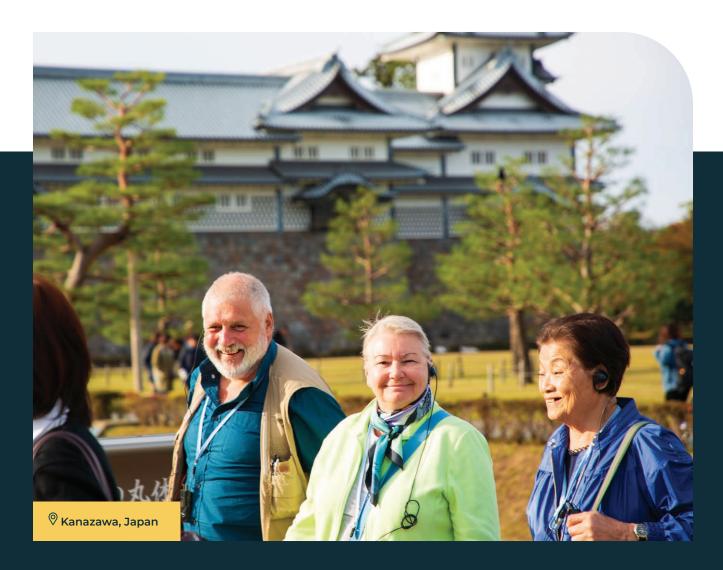
Book worry-free with our industry-leading travel protection plan.

#### Sustainability

Travel the world knowing your impact: **Explorations tours are carbon neutral.** 

#### Airfare

Add airfare to your booking and let us handle the rest – plus private transportation to the airport. *See pg. 104 for details.* 



# THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

#### 14 DAYS · 33 MEALS STARTING AT \$4249

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Nairobi • Aberdare National Park • Shaba National Reserve • Samburu National Reserve • Sundowner • Lake Nakuru • Masai Mara • Karen Blixen Home • Amboseli National Park • 11 Game Drives • Africa's "Big 5"

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit with Rothschild giraffes up-close at a sanctuary.
- Learn the traditions of the Samburu people during a visit with a tribe member.
- Enrich yourself in the culture during a visit to a Masai village.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 11 Lunches (L) - 10 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Enjoy Kenya's scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife as you traverse the African plains on an intimate safari adventure.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

Prepare to see an Africa you've only known in your dreams, and one you never knew existed. Explore Kenya's wildlife, up close and personal, against stunning vistas across the plains of Africa.

#### Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

A continent of adventure stirs the soul in Kenya, the heart of safari country. Your adventure begins today!

#### Day 3: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

After breakfast, travel to Aberdare National Park. Inside this isolated volcanic range, peaks reach as high as 14,000 feet. Indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil stirs under brilliant waterfalls. Set your eyes on Mweiga Hill, where a welcome party of giraffes wait to greet you at your lodge. Overlooking the park, enjoy the lodge's amenities at leisure this afternoon. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves – home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife – particularly two species you can only find north of the Equator: Grevy's zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs  a starkly beautiful semi-desert. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" – lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Marvel at the striking contrast of sand, sky, and bush during a morning game drive inside Samburu National Reserve, a tiny gem of Kenya's North Country. Return to Shaba Reserve for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5." Make sure to look up for the approximately 350 species of birds that call this region home. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, enjoy a traditional Sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park

Journey to the forests of Aberdare National Park in the heights of the Aberdare Mountain Range. An amazing experience awaits you upon arrival to your lodge, The Ark. This incredible place is

an experience all on its own. Surrounded by forest and wildlife, The Ark offers four viewing decks that make it easy to watch the game go by. Tonight, learn more about the conservation efforts and anti-poaching measures in the region. Many animals visit the Ark's floodlit water hole throughout the night. So you don't miss any of the action, you can choose to be notified through the unique buzzer system of any wildlife sightings. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Aberdare National Park -Lake Nakuru

To the middle of the Earth and beyond! Hit the road for a spectacular, mountain-kissed journey on the way to Nyahururu waterfalls. One of the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and wooded, bushy grassland. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Lake Nakuru

Wake up in the embrace of Nakuru's acacia forest. During this morning's game drive, make sure your binoculars are ready - this is rhino country. Find this park absolutely brimming with wildlife, on the ground and in the air. Regale in a true taste of Africa: a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush. Unwind at your lodge before continuing your journey through the park on an afternoon game drive. Return just in time to witness one of Nakuru's unforgettable sunsets. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara **Game Reserve**

Welcome to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, one of Kenya's best spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodations in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience on your game drive this afternoon. After a Mara sunset, head over to your tent and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." During our early morning game drive, enjoy the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. This is truly nature's greatest theater, where savanna, cloud shadows and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true Out of Africa experience. Visit the Giraffe Sanctuary and get up close and personal with these fantastic creatures. (B, L)

#### Day 12: Nairobi - Amboseli **National Park**

This morning, experience an **Impact** Moment when you visit Ocean Sole, a social enterprise that turns ocean debris into colorful works of art. Learn about their mission to clean the waterways and grow the Kenyan economy. You'll also get a chance to peruse their collection of products before continuing on to Amboseli National Park. Later, learn about Masai culture during a visit to a local village (an enkeng in Maa, the Masai language). Take to the plains for an afternoon game drive in the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a "seedball." The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your stay in Amboseli. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 13: Amboseli National Park**

Today will start with an early morning game drive followed by breakfast back at the lodge. All of Amboseli is at your feet during morning and afternoon game drives. This unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make





#### POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$1799<sup>+</sup> PP

Extend your adventure with an optional 5 night tour of Tanzania. Witness even more wildlife and spot the Big 5 with game drives in Serengeti National Park. CALL FOR DETAILS OR VISIT COLLETTE.COM/146 † Additional air segment purchase required.



#### (2) 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. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

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an impact on the continent you've grown to love. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Amboseli National Park - Nairobi - Tour Ends Return to Nairobi for your departure home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4249 Pricing is per person, land only, SOLO Starting at **\$5249** and varies by departure date Prices based on April 4, 2024 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES AVAILABLE**

January - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. 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 51 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Should you wish to use an alternate visa service provider, additional processing fees may apply. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Nairobi. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 2:00 p.m. Park fees 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. (Approximately 33 pounds). 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 traveling to and from.

The 5 night Tanzania extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert. The approximate cost of a Tanzania visa, purchased at the border, is approximately \$100 USD, for US and Canadian citizens, payable in USD cash only. This requires a second blank page in your passport in addition to the required blank page for your Kenya visa. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (Approximately 33 pounds). Park fees and concession fees in Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment.

## EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

15 DAYS · 29 MEALS STARTING AT \$4799

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.
- Learn about African elephants during a sanctuary visit.
- 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 2 Southern Sun O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg	
Days 3 - 5 Ivory Tree Game Lodge or Black Rhino Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park	
Days 6, 7 The Wallow, The Elephant Camp, or Old Drift Lodge, Victoria Falls	
Days 8, 9 Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane	
Days 10, 11 Spier Hotel, Stellenbosch	

Days 12 - 14 Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel or The Portswood Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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#### Get ready for an unparalleled journey through the cultural diversity and abundant wildlife of southern Africa.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

Victoria Falls

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. Allow your mind to wander as you stare up at the sky in awe, marveling at the parade of stars and constellations only seen in the Southern Hemisphere. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 5: Pilanesberg National Park**

Discover more wildlife with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5." (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 followed by dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Victoria Falls

Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and witness some of their unique behaviors. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** during our visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and learn how their programs are having a positive impact in the local communities and animals. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead where we will meet the village chief and learn about their traditional ways of living. 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, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (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 favorites and delicacies. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Chobe - Cape Town, South Africa - Stellenbosch

The winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. 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 historic 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 heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets 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 historic 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. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honored 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 travelers 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 travelers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)

# FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

**EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED** 

PRE TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$899<sup>+</sup> PP

Visit Dubai, one of the world's fastest growing and most intriguing countries. With its many famous man-made structures, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveler. CALL FOR DETAILS OR VISIT COLLETTE.COM/466 † Additional air segment purchase required.



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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note\*) (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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The 3 night Dubai extension is Hosted. 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. No advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days. Simply disembark your flight at Dubai International Airport and proceed to Immigration where your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

## AFRICAN SAFARI: KENYA & TANZANIA

#### 15 DAYS · 38 MEALS STARTING AT \$5869

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 -**OR**spend 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 savory welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

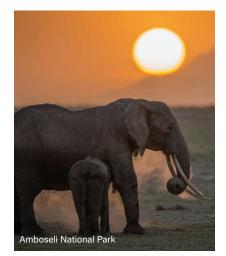
Make your way to Amboseli National Park, nestled along the border of Tanzania and looking out on the great Mt. Kilimanjaro. After lunch, get a glimpse into Kenyan culture and interact with locals at a Masai village. Settle into your accommodations for the next two nights – a deluxe tented camp with the comfort amenities of a proper lodge. (B, L, D)

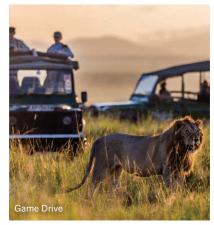
#### **Day 5: Amboseli National Park**

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 colorful 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 Masai 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 😵

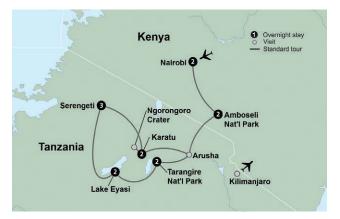
Decide how you spend the morning because **it's your choice!** Learn from a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village about their trade **-OR-** spend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria. Then, head to Tarangire, the forested national park known for its giant 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 travelers. (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 (

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. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

January – March 2023 (different itinerary – see note\*) May 2023 – April 2024 (featured itinerary)

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\*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 – April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

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 Kilimaniaro. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 3:00 p.m. Park fees are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. 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 traveling to and from. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs.

**NEW TOUR** 

# WILDERNESS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: SAFARI BY LAND & WATER

15 DAYS · 33 MEALS STARTING AT \$5599

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe National Park • 3 Cruises on the Chobe River • Hwange National Park • Private Lake Kariba Safari Boat • Victoria Falls • 7 Game Drives & Game Cruises • Home Hosted Meal

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise Chobe River for a unique way to search for game species in Chobe National Park.
- Board a privately chartered safari boat on Lake Kariba for 3 nights.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 8 — While at Hwange National Park choose to join a morning game drive -OR- a morning game walk with a specialized ranger. A privilege few people ever get to experience!

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 10 Lunches (L) - 10 Dinners (D)

- Share a simple traditional meal during a home hosted lunch in Victoria Falls.
- Enjoy a beach barbecue on the shores of Lake Kariba.
- Savor an al fresco dinner on the banks of the Zambezi River.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre or Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 3 - 5	Chobe Bush Lodge, Chobe National Park, Kasane
Days 6 - 8	Iganyana Tented Camp, Hwange National Park
Days 9 - 11	Lake Kariba Safari Boat
Days 12 - 14	Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Journey through Southern Africa from its wild plains and dry woodlands to rivers and lakes on a true safari adventure by land and water.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

You're on your way to southern Africa, where your search for wildlife will take you from grasslands and dry woodlands to rivers and lakes.

#### Day 2: Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city! This afternoon, transfer to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening before your adventure begins.

# Day 3: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, ZW - Chobe National Park, Botswana

This morning, board a plane for a short flight to Victoria Falls, where you will meet your Tour Manager before continuing to your lodge for the next three nights in Botswana. Enjoy some time at leisure at the lodge before embarking on a private cruise on the Chobe River. Perhaps you'll see some hippopotamuses or crocodiles while you scan the water. After, return to the lodge and gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

#### **Day 4: Chobe National Park**

Rise early with the sounds of the local wildlife ahead of your first game drive in Chobe National Park, an excellent location to search for the Big 5. You and your fellow travelers will ride in open-air vehicles with a local expert who will be able to tell you all about the creatures you'll see along the way. Later in the morning, enjoy some free time, either at the lodge or to drive into the nearby town of Kasane. After lunch at the lodge, return to your private boat and take to the waters of the Chobe River once more, in search of elephants and aquatic birds. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 5: Chobe National Park**

Start your day early with a private game cruise on the Chobe River and see the animals visiting the water. After your search, return for some free time at the lodge, perhaps relaxing at the pool or stopping by their beauty salon. After lunch this afternoon, enjoy a game drive in Chobe National Park, where you may spot buffalo, hyenas, or zebras. Later, enjoy a dinner cruise along the gentle waters of the Chobe River during an exclusive boat ride with your fellow travelers. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park

Enjoy your last game drive in Chobe National Park for a final opportunity to see nature at its best. After breakfast, take a 90-minute drive to Victoria Falls, where we will stop for lunch. Savor fresh, local ingredients while you look over the gorge to the Zambezi River below. Next, it's off to Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, for a late afternoon game drive. This national park is home to over 100 types of mammals and 400 bird species, giving you the chance to look out for cheetahs, lions, giraffes and so much more. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 7: Hwange National Park**

Today you'll spend a full day on a game drive in Hwange National Park. By enjoying a picnic lunch break, you can venture deep into the bushland and maximize your chances to spot buffalo, elephants and more. Return to the lodge for dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Hwange National Park 😵

This morning, search for the Big 5 your way, because **it's your choice!** Return to an open-air vehicle and enjoy a morning game drive **-OR-** join an expert national park guide on a game walk, giving you the rare opportunity to search for wildlife up close, including seeing some plants, insects, and reptiles you may not spot otherwise. After, return to the lodge and relax over tea and pastries. This afternoon, you will be returning to the park for another glimpse into the animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Hwange National Park -Binga - Lake Kariba

After breakfast, depart Hwange and venture to the town of Binga. The drive provides views of the local countryside seldom seen by travelers. Upon arrival, you will embark on a private safari boat on Lake Kariba, which will be your home for three nights. With limited access to technology, revel in the experience of floating along the still waters, seeing breathtaking sunsets, and searching for local wildlife in the water. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Lake Kariba

Trade in your safari boat for a smaller tender boat, perfectly sized to cruise upriver channels off the lake. You will return to the safari boat for brunch. Later, enjoy the chance to try your hand at fishing in Lake Kariba from a tender boat. This evening, you and your fellow travelers will take to the shore and enjoy a barbecue dinner on the beach. The stargazing conditions overhead, coupled with the delicious meal, will be a dining experience you won't soon forget. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Lake Kariba

Start your day with a return to land. Alongside an expert ranger, venture out on a two-hour walking safari, offering a more secluded atmosphere than the national park game searches you have experienced. Return to the safari boat for brunch later this morning and enjoy another trip and chance to fish on tender boats in the afternoon. Before having dinner on the safari boat, take time to admire the stunning red and orange hues of the setting sun over Lake Kariba. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Lake Kariba - Binga -Victoria Falls

Your safari boat experience will come to a close this morning as you return to Binga and begin the trek for Victoria Falls. Upon arriving at the Ilala Lodge, take time to have lunch and rest after your journey. The rest of the day is yours. You can explore, as the lodge is just minutes from the awe-inspiring waterfall, or enjoy the facility's amenities, like its pool. (B, L)

#### **Day 13: Victoria Falls**

Bring your ponchos because this morning, your day begins with an exhilarating visit to Victoria Falls. At 5,600 feet wide and 354 feet tall, this waterfall is one of the world's largest. Walk along the edge of the falls beside the powerful, rushing water. Next, take a short drive to Chinotimba township. Visit a local market, where you can barter for goods. After, you will visit the modest home of a local family for lunch. Your host will prepare an authentic, simple meal with you and share what life is like in around Victoria Falls. Following your home visit, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional tour taking a relaxing cruise on the Zambezi River, (B, L)

#### **Day 14: Victoria Falls**

Your last full day on tour will bring you up close to elephants at a local sanctuary. Hear stories from these gentle giants' caretakers and learn about the efforts to understand, care for, and protect these intelligent and inspiring creatures, all while marveling at the animals interacting and walking by their side. Continue learning about animal conservation and care with a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust. The staff at the VFWT will review some of the incredible work they do, ranging from wildlife rehabilitation to community outreach and disease research. You will

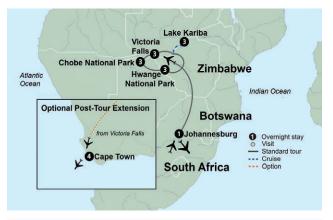




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#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

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have the afternoon free to do as you wish. This evening, you will join your fellow travelers for a 3-course farewell dinner under the stars on the bank of the Zambezi River. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg, South Africa -Tour Ends

Say goodbye to your safari companions as you depart your African adventure and head home. (B)

 
 DOUBLE SOLO
 Starting at \$5599 Starting at \$6199
 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on September 14, 2023 departure.

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE MAY 2023 - APRIL 2024

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The 4 night Cape Town Extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

# COLORS OF MOROCCO

#### 15 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$3399

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

#### **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.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 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 colors 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 Flower Town Hotel & Spa, 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.



Get to know the vibrant culture and colorful 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. Visit the Chellah Necropolis, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. 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 travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Rabat - Fes

Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route, 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, 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). 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 Meknes and Volubilis. On this full-day tour, experience Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco where you will see the Bab Mansour gate. After an included lunch, travel to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. (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 traveling 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. (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. 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 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 colors and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Marrakech

Today experience an **Impact Moment** and 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, and upon arrival visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privatelyled tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colorful artistry of ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then bid farewell to your fellow travelers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*) May 2023 September 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

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#### See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Casablanca. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive into Casablanca before 4pm. 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. 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 traveling 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 10-April 10, 2024.

The Optional 4 Night Chefchaouen & Tangier Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

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#### JORDAN & ISRAEL: CULTURAL CROSSROADS

#### 15 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$4249

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

#### **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 center 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)

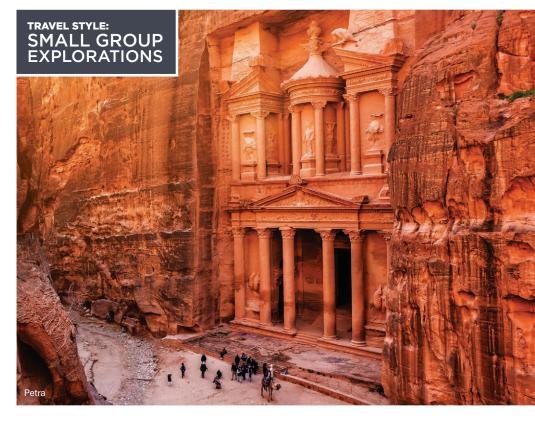
- Dine with a local Jewish family during a home-hosted dinner.
- Try your hand at Arabic culinary techniques during an authentic cooking class.
- Visit an unconventional bookstore to enjoy a lunch cooked by locals.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Dead Sea Marriott Resort, Dead Sea, Jordan
Days 4, 5	Petra Marriott, Petra
Days 6, 7	Dan Panorama or Dan Neptune Eilat Hotel, Eilat, Israel
Days 8 - 10	Atlas Arthur Hotel, Jerusalem
Days 11, 12	Ruth Zefat Hotel, Safed

Days 13, 14 Atlas Artist Hotel, Tel Aviv

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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**

#### Day 2: Amman, Jordan - Dead Sea - Tour Begins

Start your journey in Amman, the capital of Jordan. Make your way to the Dead Sea. As the sun sets on the turquoise tides, get to know your fellow travelers over dinner at your hotel. (D)

#### Day 3: Dead Sea - Madaba - Dead Sea 😵

Visit Mount Nebo, where Moses shared his vision of the elusive 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. (B, L)

#### 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. Enjoy an authentic Arabic cooking class. After you prepare your meal, discover the unique blend of flavors for 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). Delve into this ancient crossroad with a local guide. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

#### Day 6: Petra - Wadi Rum - Border Crossing - Eilat, Israel

Today, make your way to Wadi Rum. Cruise through the reserve on the back of a pick-up truck and take in the vast landscape around you. 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 😯

Today, **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. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Eilat - Masada - Jerusalem

Visit 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 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. (B)

#### Day 9: Jerusalem - Mount of Olives - Old City

Today, head to the Mount of Olives, where you'll marvel at the panoramic view of the Holy City. Get ready to see Jerusalem on foot and embark on a comprehensive tour of the old city. Pause at the Western (Wailing) Wall, follow the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, and walk in the footsteps of millions before you. 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 passed down through generations. (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. (B)

# Day 11: Jerusalem - Sea of Galilee - Safed

Head to Magdala, regarded to be the hometown of Mary Magdalene. Sail in a historic replica boat before continuing on to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave his famous Sermon of the Mount. (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 and green groves on your way to Majdal Shams, a town in Golan Heights. Meet 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 and 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. 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 favorites such as hummus, baba ghanoush, pastries, and more. Head to Tel Aviv and enjoy a day at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 14: Tel Aviv

Make your way through Tel Aviv's historic section, Jaffa, passing by St. Peter's Church, Wishing Bridge, Ramses Gate, and the unique Suspended Orange Tree. 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 Extension

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Egypt. Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend, and lore as you walk amongst timeless wonders.

#### Day 2: Cairo, Egypt

Settle into Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past. This evening, connect with your fellow travelers and get a taste of local cuisine at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Cairo

Start your day by exploring the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum. See the statues, reliefs, 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 colorful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

#### Day 4: 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. Take advantage of 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.



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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2022 – April 2023 May – June 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*) September 2023

September 2023 – April 2024 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 – April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Jordan 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 Jordan 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 (13 US Dollars) 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 Managers cannot assist with border crossing and all guests are responsible for handling their own luggage. Total walking distance is approximately 750 feet. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Snorkeling gear is provided at the Coral Beach Nature Reserve. A towel is recommended for laying on the beach. The average annual water temperature in Eilat is 76°F. The water reaches its lowest temperature in March at 68°F and highest in August at 84°F. 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. 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. Modest dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc. If traveling 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 22-April 22, 2023 and from March 10-April 10, 2024. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. In this destination, temperatures may exceed over 105° F during the day, with cooler evenings, especially while in Petra, the 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. 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.

The Optional Cairo Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert. Grand Expyrtian Museum is projected to open Fall 2022. If opening is delayed, groups will visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. During your free time at the Pyramid in Giza, you may wish to visit the inner chamber of the Great Pyramid of Pharaoh Cheops. Accessing the Great Pyramid arequires agility as you will have to climb up steep, narrow steps (approximately 1-1 ½ feet tall) on the side of the Pyramid without the help of handrails. From there, you may access the inner chamber and will need to crouch and at times to crawl up the narrow shaft with minimal help of handrails. This activity is not suitable for guests who have claustrophobia. Access to the interior of the Great Pyramid requires a separate ticket, for an additional cost of approximately 35 US Dollars. The ticket can only be purchased on site and your Tour Manager will assist you with this request. 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.

## JOURNEY THROUGH EGYPT & JORDAN

#### 14 DAYS · 26 MEALS STARTING AT \$3699

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Egyptian Museum • Giza Pyramids & Sphinx • Historic Cairo • Aswan • 3-Night Nile River Cruise • Kom Ombo • Edfu • Luxor • Valley of the Kings • Amman • Wadi Rum • Petra • Impact Moment at Bani Hamida Cooperative • Dead Sea • Arabic Literature Discussion

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Discover the secrets of the Nile on a 3-night cruise.
- View of the tombs of King Tut and Ramses VI.
- Connect with locals at a women's rug weaving cooperative.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 8 In Luxor, visit a farm and learn about rural life between sips of freshly brewed tea -OR- admire views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace.
- Day 11 In Petra, spend the afternoon exploring its vast archeological site on your own -OR- join a local family at their home for tea and conversation about life in their Bedouin community -OR- visit Little Petra, located a few miles from its famous big sister.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 12 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

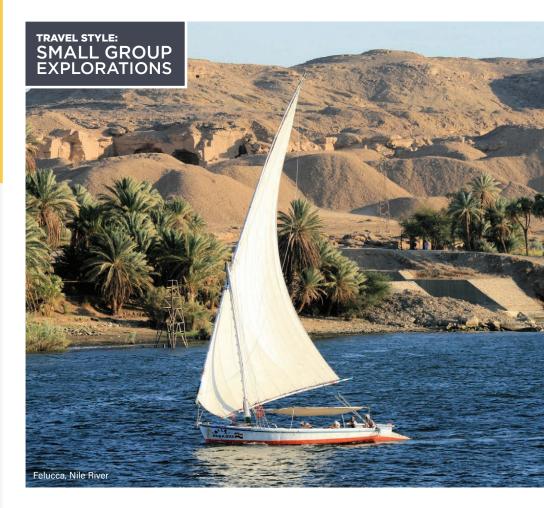
- Taste your way through street food culture during dinner in Amman.
- Enjoy a traditional Bedouin lunch baked in the sand of Wadi Rum's desert.
- Prepare your meal and eat familystyle at an Arabic cooking class.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

- Days 2 4 Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
- Day 5 Anakato Wadi Kiki Nubian
- Houses, Aswan
- Days 6 8 Sonesta St. George 1
- Day 9
   Amman Marriott Hotel, Amman

   Days 10, 11
   Movenpick Resort, Wadi Musa, Petra
- Days 12, 13 Movenpick Resort and Spa, Dead Sea
- 30 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience a dramatic world beyond imagination as you enter into lands of legends, relics, and indescribable beauty.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

Feel as if you've stepped into another time as you enter a world of legends, relics, and indescribable beauty. Eons of history and iconic wonders, mouthwatering bites of savory cuisine, and stretching sunsets fading against the desert horizon – 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. Located strategically along the banks of the Nile, generations of wanderers have traversed these grounds just as you do now. This evening, connect with your fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner featuring local specialties. (D)

#### Day 3: Cairo

This morning, join your Tour Manager-Egyptologist for an introductory talk on ancient Egypt. Get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties before navigating Cairo's famous traffic on your way to the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum, a collection featuring some of the country's oldest artifacts. (B)

#### Day 4: Cairo - Giza - Khan el-Khalili Bazaar - Cairo

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 Great Sphinx's stoicism, a colossal structure jutting out of the desert sand, full of mystery and intrigue. 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 worldfamous souk of Khan el-Khalili. Peruse colorful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

#### Day 5: Cairo - Aswan

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 relocated there during the construction of the High Dam. Experience the Nubian culture of Upper Egypt as you transfer by motorboat to your riverside lodge, with its colorful decorations and naïve architectural style. This afternoon, learn more about the Nubian people, their ancestral heritage and language during a walk in the nearby village, before relaxing over dinner at your lodge. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Aswan - Philae Temple -Board Ship

This morning, discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. Then, board your cruise ship and settle in for the next three nights. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artifacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Kom Ombo - Edfu

Coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by as you sail on to the mesmerizing Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the ancient god Horus. Relax during an afternoon on board as you glide down the Nile, before enjoying a festive Galabeya Party, where you might don a traditional Egyptian gown. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Luxor - Valley of the Kings -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 included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for lunch. This afternoon, it's your choice! Visit a local farm nestled along the banks of the Nile, where you will learn about rural life in Upper Egypt between sips of freshly brewed tea -OR- admire expansive views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace which hosted esteemed guests such as Agatha Christie, Winston Churchill and the great Egyptologist Howard Carter. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Luxor - Disembark Ship -Amman, Jordan

Early this morning, 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 10: 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 the back of a pick-up truck and take in the vast landscape around you. Enjoy lunch at a local camp before venturing onward to Petra, the fabled "Rose Red City." In the evening, stroll down the street 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 11: 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 2000year old Nabatean fresco that finds no corresponding in its larger neighbor. (B)

#### Day 12: Petra

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)

#### Day 13: Dead Sea - Madaba -Mount Nebo - 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. This evening, celebrate the end of your Middle Eastern journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14: Dead Sea - Tour Ends

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of these mystical lands. (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 – April 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*) May 2023 September 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

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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 15 US Dollars 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. If opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum is delayed, groups will visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. 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. 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 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. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Please be aware that the airline schedule is subject to change and that the option may take place on the early morning of embarkation day. Visiting the Valley of the Kings requires walking on sand and mostly unpaved paths. In addition, visiting the tombs requires navigating through multiple steep staircases and/or ramps with limited help from handrails. During your free time at the Pyramids in Giza, you may wish to visit the inner chamber of the Great Pyramid of Pharaoh Cheops. Accessing the Great Pyramid 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. From there, you may access the inner chamber and will need to crouch and at times to crawl up the 300-foot narrow shaft with minimal help of handrails. This activity is not suitable for quests who have claustrophobia. Access to the interior of the Great Pyramid requires a separate ticket, for an additional cost of approximately 35 US Dollars. The ticket can only be purchased on site and your Tour Manager will assist you with this request. Temperatures can reach over 105° F, particularly in Aswan, Luxor, Wadi Rum and Petra. Be sure to bring adequate sun protection. If traveling during the month of Ramadan (March 10-April 10, 2024), 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. While in Cairo, Aswan and Luxor, you may depart between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to transfer to the airport for your internal flights (including the option to Abu Simbel). On days visiting Giza, Edfu, Valley of the Kings and Petra, expect early morning departures from your hotel and ship between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to ensure you profit from the cooler hours of the day and reach the sites ahead of the larger crowds. While in Jordan, your program includes many long drives. In particular, your transfer from Amman to Petra via Wadi Rum involves 8 hours of driving, and your transfer from Petra to the Dead Sea involves 5 hours of driving.

# MYSTERIES OF INDIA

#### 15 DAYS · 26 MEALS STARTING AT \$2599

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Old Delhi • Jaipur • Hawa Mahal • Amber Fort • Home-Hosted Dinner • Ranthambore National Park • Abhaneri Stepwell • Taj Mahal • Chandela Temple Complex • Varanasi • Ganga Aarti Ceremony

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Travel to Khajuraho on an exciting train journey.
- Venture through the main streets and back roads of Old Delhi via rickshaw.
- Marvel at the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Return to your hotel to simply relax while in Ranthambore
 -OR- visit Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local artisans.

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 13 Breakfasts (B) - 7 Lunches (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a home-hosted dinner.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	The Park New Delhi, Delhi
Days 5 - 7	Radisson Jaipur City Center, Jaipur
Days 8, 9	Sawai Vilas, Ranthambore
Days 10, 11	Crystal Sarovar Premiere, Agra
Day 12	Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho
Days 13, 14	Radisson Hotel, Varanasi
Day 15	Lemon Tree Premier, Delhi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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From the iconic tigers of Ranthambore to the legendary Taj Mahal, step into a world of captivating mysteries and vibrant color.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

Discover India's perfect synthesis of nature, spirituality, and regal legacy. From the fabled Taj Mahal to the iconic tigers of Ranthambore, step into a world of captivating mysteries and vibrant color.

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

A paradise of contradiction, Delhi features a bustling energy, age-old monuments, and an all-encompassing vitality that courses its way through the busy streets. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi.

#### Day 3: Delhi

Start your morning at the expansive Humayun's Tomb, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments dating back to the 1500s. This sprawling complex inspired countless mausoleums, including the legendary Taj Mahal. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather with your group in the evening for a welcome dinner featuring Indian specialties. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Delhi

Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw – your mode of transportation for an

exhilarating tour of old Delhi. See the city's friendly vendors as you travel down narrow streets and busy corridors. Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, and stand in awe before its iconic red sandstone towers. Your exploration of New Delhi continues on a journey by the city's famous monuments, including the India Gate and Parliament building. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Delhi - Jaipur

Wish the city goodbye and embark on a scenic drive through the countryside. Stop for lunch in a local restaurant before arriving in Jaipur, the "Pink City." See Hawa Mahal, the former home of a *maharaja* (Indian prince). Marvel at the city's architectural brilliance as you stroll through the heart of the Old City during your free time. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Jaipur

Take in the extensive palace complex of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power. Head to the palace by means of a vintage jeep, scaling the hills overlooking Jaipur. In the evening, get to know a local family as you join them for a hosted dinner in their home. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jaipur

Set out to explore the beautiful city of Jaipur, starting with the City Palace. Nearby, take in the impeccable masonry of the Jantar Mantar - the world's oldest stone sundial. The afternoon is yours to discover Jaipur however you please. (B)

#### Day 8: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park

Travel to Ranthambore National Park where we will seek out tigers in their natural habitat. Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organization has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary. Connect with a naturalist, introducing you to India's extensive wildlife. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Ranthambore 😵

Board a canter (open-air truck) for your first game drive. Seek out barking deer, Indian gazelles, and exotic birdlife. Follow the tigers' paths in search of the sanctuary's renowned wildlife. Then, it's your choice! Return to your hotel to relax -OR- experience an Impact Moment with a visit to Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local women artisans. No matter what you choose, return to the wild for another chance to seek out marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, and the park's famous Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Ranthambore - Agra

Today we depart early as we make our way to Agra, a city rich with the splendors of the past. Along the way, visit the impressive Abhaneri step well. Built over 1,000 years ago it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently. Then stop for lunch and get another taste of local flavors. Home to stone forts and marble mausoleums, Agra features a lively culture and picture-perfect architecture. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Agra

The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was built as an expression of love by Emperor Shah Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning, when the colors of the sky dance on the bright facade and shimmer in its reflective pool. Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. During a second Impact Moment, enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout - a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

#### Day 12: Agra - Khajuraho

Start your morning with a train ride to Jhansi where you will connect with your coach and make your way to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range, find a city of stone temples and mystifying sculptures. Make the most of time at leisure this afternoon to explore the area on your own. (B, L, D)

#### Day 13: Khajuraho - Varanasi

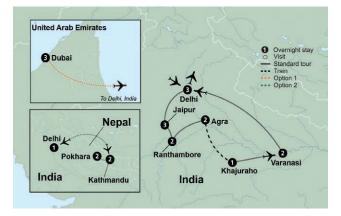
Take in the Chandela Temple complex, home to unparalleled temple architecture and intricate stone carvings. Fly to Varanasi - India's holiest city - where spiritual energy radiates from the ground up. Sail along the River Ganges and pass by the *ghats* (banks) where locals wade into the river. From the Dasaswamedh Ghat, enjoy a reserved seat to experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky. (B)

#### Day 14: Varanasi

Take advantage of a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the River Ganges. Travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama - later known as Buddha – gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Discover this holy site and gain insight into the country's divine past. Celebrate your adventure through India alongside new friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a room has been reserved for you to freshen up before your return flight home. (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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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. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

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#### DOUBLE Starting at \$2599 Pricing is per person, land only, SOLO Starting at \$3599 and varies by departure date.

Prices based on September 18, 2023 departure.

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2022 - April 2023 September 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note\*) (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for September 2023 – April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate visa cost is \$135 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Passport information is required in advance. Please provide at time of booking. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Delhi. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Delhi may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre night may be required (at an additional cost). Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 8:00 p.m. on the last day. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. 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. 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 traveling to and from

#### **Optional Extension Notes.**

The 3 night Dubai extension is Hosted. 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 5 night Nepal extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

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66 Our tour guide was the best! He took good care of us - answered all our questions- went out of his way to make sure we understood- he was the best tour guide I've ever had - very accommodating - pleasantalways had a smile on his face...everyone in our group loved him! 🤊

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**NEW TOUR** 

# JAPAN: PAST & PRESENT

STARTING AT \$4999

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Tokyo • Ginza • Asakusa • Tea Ceremony • Tokyo National Museum • Bullet Train • Ise Grand Shrine • Toba • 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

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#### 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.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (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*, savory pancakes that are a Japanese favorite.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Hotel the Celestine Tokyo Shiba or Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, Tokyo
Days 5, 6	Hotel Altia Toba or Shimo Kanko Hotel, Toba
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.



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.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

#### Day 2: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Say "Konnichiwa!" to the incredible, eclectic city of Tokyo. You'll soon discover that you could explore Japan for a thousand years and only experience a part of what this country has to offer.

#### 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. Shop at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. This afternoon, visit Zojoji Temple, standing in the shadow of Tokyo Tower. Zojoji is the center of Japanese Buddhism in the region. Head back to the hotel through the lush and beautiful Shiba park. Tonight, enjoy 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 a green tea ceremony and learn about the ancient practice during the ceremony. Enjoy free time exploring Nakamise shopping street to buy local souvenirs and sweets. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of the city. (B)

#### Day 5: Tokyo - Toba

Climb aboard the high-speed *shinkansen*, or bullet train which flashes through the Japanese countryside at 200 miles per hour. 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 honor the Shinto sun goddess Amaterasu. Tonight, enjoy a Japanese *kaiseki* dinner, a delicious multi-course meal. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Toba

Today, 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 afternoon, visit an *ama* hut for an incredible dining experience. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Toba - Kyoto

En route to Kyoto, stop at Nara Park and Todaiji Temple. Venture inside the massive building to take some time in this sacred place. Next,





it's off to Kyoto, one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. (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. Depart for the Arashiyama bamboo forest. Set out among the towering bamboo stalks that gently sway in the breeze. Later, visit the Women's Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. With your hostesses, sip different sakes, try your hand at making sushi, fold intricate origami shapes, and speak about Japan, 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. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore how you want. (B)

#### Day 10: Kyoto - Mt. Koya

Today, head for the mountain village atop Mount Koya, filled with shrines, temples, and monasteries. Walk into the heart of the Okunion Cemetery, and make your way to the mausoleum of Kobo Daishi. 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 before sitting down for dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Mt. Koya - Hiroshima

If you so choose, rise in the early morning to join the Buddhist monks in prayer. Then, you'll once again board the shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Enjoy lunch at a local cooking studio, and learn how to make the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savory pancake. After, visit the Peace Memorial Park, and see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO), reflecting the devastation caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II. Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. (B, L)

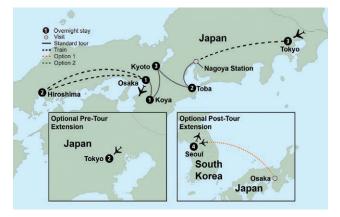
#### Day 12: Hiroshima

At the Peace Park and Memorial Museum this morning meet with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the Atomic bomb firsthand. 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. (B)

#### Day 13: Hiroshima - Osaka

Today, journey to Osaka. Enjoy a walking tour through the famous Dotonbori district. From shopping, to dining, to nightlife, Dotonbori has it all. Sample its famous and delicious street food. Tonight, at your farewell dinner raise a cup of sake and toast to the adventures you've had. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Osaka - Tour Ends (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

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#### **TOUR DATES AVAILABLE**

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note\*) (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

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. 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. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour.

## FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

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## KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

#### 19 DAYS · 31 MEALS STARTING AT \$2699

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 • 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.

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#### 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

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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 & Suites, Bangkok

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#### 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. After working up an appetite, 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 – the "Lake of the Restored Sword" – at a rooftop café. Later this evening, join your fellow travelers 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, 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 and connect with him as he recounts his history. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you see fit. 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 vistas of low green mountains, small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history, and archaeology. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang -Hoi An

Your day begins with a Tai Chi lesson. 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. Then 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

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 on the banks of the Thu Bon. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Hoi An

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An. Walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town on your own. 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. Head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display 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. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before traveling 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, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture. 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 center of the city. (B)

#### Day 14: Siem Reap - Preah Dak -Siem Reap

Start your day at the Visitor Center of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. 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. 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, the spiritual capital of Laos. 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. Meander along the Nam Khan River to Wat Khili. After lunch, cruise to the Pak Ou Caves, shrouded in mystery and 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, journey to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao. Set out on an easy hike through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the 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

Board your flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Tonight, join your fellow travelers and toast to the end of your adventure on a Klong dinner cruise. (B, D)

#### Day 19: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of your travels through the kingdoms of Southeast Asia. (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 – April 2023 (different itinerary – see note\*) May 2023 September 2023 – April 2024 (featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Visas are required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a onemonth single entry Vietnam visa is 40 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. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral will be viewed from the exterior. 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 travelers checks: therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use. 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. Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visits due to school schedules, holidays, or weekends. 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.

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# **AUSTRALIA &** NEW ZEALAND **UNCOVERED**

#### 22 DAYS · 31 MEALS STARTING AT \$5999

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

#### 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 • 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 - with included options to snorkel, hike or more!

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

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 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.
- Sip lavender tea and enjoy culinary treats at a lavender farm in Barossa Valley.
- 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	Hotel Nelson, Nelson
Day 7	Beachfront Hotel, Hokitika
Days 8, 9	Rainforest Retreat, Franz Josef
Days 10 - 12	Peppers Beacon or Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown
Days 13 - 15	Park Royal Darling Harbour, Sydney
Days 16, 17	Peppers Waymouth, Adelaide
Day 18	Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock
Days 19 - 21	Flynn Crystalbrook

Collection Hotel, Cairns

#### On some dates alternate hotels may be used. 38



## 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. Say hello to Wellington, the colorful capital city of New Zealand.

#### **Day 4: Wellington**

Enjoy a traditional powhiri, an elaborate Maori ceremony for welcoming guests. 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 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 on your way to the South Island. Visit Nelson and enjoy an evening at leisure to experience this coastal hub. (B)

#### Day 6: Nelson - Abel Tasman National Park - Nelson

Explore the open-air Nelson Market. Chat with

artisans as you peruse an ever-evolving library of Kiwi crafts. Venture on to Kaiteriteri, a coastal paradise where you'll set sail through the graceful natural beauty of Abel Tasman National Park. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the Anchorage, a scenic bay set amongst gentle waves and sandy coasts. (B, L)

#### Day 7: Nelson - Hokitika

Today venture to the natural phenomenon of Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks. Tonight, dine at your beachfront hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Hokitika - Franz Josef

Wake up in Hokitika, better known as a "cool little town." Visit Hokitika Gorge and then return to town for a tour, ending with a walk along the beach and some free time. 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. (B)

#### Day 9: Franz Josef 😵

Today, it's your choice! View the Franz Josef Glacier with a local guide, 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 conservation and rehabilitation of this national icon. Enjoy free time to relax. (B)

#### Day 10: Franz Josef - Queenstown

Journey through the thick rainforest and emerge on the "wild" west coast. Flanked by beaches and the snowcapped Alps, there will be no shortage of riveting landscapes. Pause in Wanaka, and then continue to Queenstown to settle into your home for the next 3 nights. (B)

#### Day 11: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley and cross through an ancient red beech forest. Cruise along the waters of the dramatic Milford Sound, taking in the natural splendor around you. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting). (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 cruise Lake Wakatipu. Once on land, enjoy a BBQ lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Queenstown - Sydney, Australia

Today, enter Australia, starting your Aussie adventure in Sydney. (B)

#### Day 14: Sydney

During a city tour get a glimpse at all the main highlights Sydney has to offer. Then, take a step into the past and explore the historic Rocks neighborhood. Continue along to the port Circular Quay and stroll 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 Sydney Opera House on an expert-led guided tour. As the sun sets, admire the city skyline on a dinner cruise through Sydney Harbour and watch the sky transform into a myriad of pinks and oranges over the iconic Sydney Opera House. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Sydney

Enjoy your final day in Sydney with a full day at leisure and take advantage of your included hop-on, hop-off bus passes! Perhaps go on an optional Sydney Foodie Safari or take in a performance at the Sydney Opera House. (B)

#### Day 16: Sydney - Adelaide

Set off on a short flight to Adelaide and indulge in a wine tasting at d'Arenberg Cube. Discover why the wine maker is referred to as the "Willy Wonka of Wines." (B, D)

#### Day 17: Adelaide - Barossa Valley -Adelaide

Enjoy 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. Savor a light lunch during a lavender tea party, featuring flavorful bites and lavender sweets. Your vintner voyage continues with a tour and tasting at the famous Seppeltsfield Winery. (B, L)

# Day 18: Adelaide - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Your adventure continues to Uluru (Ayers Rock). After your flight from Adelaide, relish in free time this afternoon before gathering for an unforgettable evening in this Aboriginal destination. Experience the Sounds of Silence dinner, a gourmet meal overlooking the glowing Uluru. Savor dinner under a bed of stars, overlooking Australia's greatest natural wonder. (B, D)

#### Day 19: Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Cairns

Get a close look at the iconic, massive red rocks emerging from the earth, sprung up as if beckoned toward the clouds. On a guided tour of Uluru's base and the neighboring 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 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)



# EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

#### POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$599<sup>+</sup> PP

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#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS		
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#### Day 21: Cairns

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax or explore the tropical city of Cairns. 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)

 
 DOUBLE SOLO
 Starting at \$5999 Starting at \$7999
 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

 Prices based on September 18, 2023 departure.

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023	May 2023
(different itinerary - see note*)	September 2023 - April 2024
	(featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. ETAs (Electronic Travel Authority) are required for this tour. For travel to Australia: Your ETA must be processed in advance of travel through the Australian Immigration website by visiting https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/ electronic-travel-authority-601#HowTo or by downloading the Australian ETA app on a smartphone. The approximate cost of the ETA application is \$20 Australian Dollars. Please allow for up to 72 hours for processing. For travel to New Zealand, your NZeTA must be processed in advance through the New Zealand Immigration online system by visiting https://nzeta.immigration.govt. nz/ (approximate cost of 12 NZD) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of 9 NZD) in addition to Tourism Levy of 35 NZD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Wellington and depart from Cairns. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights, can be purchased through us. For your Great Barrier Reef excursion, there will be minimal amenities available on the remote island. Please be sure to bring everything you may need for the day including water and a change of clothes.

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# EXPLORING NEW ZEALAND'S WONDERS

#### 19 DAYS · 26 MEALS STARTING AT \$4999

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Auckland • Bay of Islands • Rotorua • Maori Cultural Experience • Wellington • Christchurch • Mt. Cook Region • Dunedin • Milford Sound • Queenstown • Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration

#### **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 Walter Peak High Country farm for a sheepdog demonstration.

### V 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) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Experience an authentic Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture.
- Enjoy a BBQ on the western shore of Lake Wakatipu.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Days 3, 4	Overnight Flight 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	Distinction, Christchurch
Day 13	The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook
Days 14, 15	Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin
Days 16 - 18	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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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." This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 4: Auckland

Today, your panoramic city tour features the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The afternoon is yours to explore 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 Whakarewarewa, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Explore an authentic Maori village where people live using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have done for centuries. 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 and 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 center dedicated to art, history, and the Maori culture before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure to explore on your own. (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 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 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. (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, D)

#### 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 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 - Queenstown

During a cruise of the beautiful 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)

#### Day 18: Queenstown 😵

Cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a BBQ lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration 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)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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

SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

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**NEW TOUR** 

# MAJESTIC CITIES OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

#### 14 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT \$3499

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Berlin • Dresden • Prague • Diner's Choice • Prague Castle • Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Viennese Candy Workshop • Budapest • Dinner with Locals • Matthias Church • Krakow • Auschwitz

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn from a Berliner their experiences living in East Germany prior to the fall of the Wall.
- Be whisked by train from Prague to "The City of Music" – Vienna, Austria.
- Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.

## Y 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- indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest, one of the largest spa baths in Europe.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Join local residents for a community hosted dinner in Dunaalmas.
- Learn the secrets of Viennese confectionery during a candy-making demonstration.
- Dine at the famous Marchfelderhof, an iconic restaurant with rich Viennese tradition.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Arcotel John F. Hotel, Berlin
Days 4, 5	Majestic Plaza Hotel, Prague
Days 6, 7	Hotel Erzherzog Rainer, Vienna
Days 8 - 10	Up Hotel, Budapest
Days 11 - 13	Holiday Inn City Center,

Days 11 – 13 Holiday Inn City Center, Krakow

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Explore a land where world history and fairy-tale charm come to life in the culturally rich, majestic 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 travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Berlin

This morning, meet with a Berliner to learn about life in communist East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Later, see many of the sights discussed when you explore 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 complete your Berlin guided tour by visiting West Berlin. (B)

#### Day 4: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic

Depart for Prague this morning, the "City of a Thousand Spires." En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony. Meet a local guide for a tour highlighting its baroque splendor and architectural treasures such as Frauenkirche, the Cathedral of our Lady and the Royal Palace. 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 classic Czech cuisine in a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to Prague Castle and 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. Learn about the poignant history held in Prague's Jewish Quarter when you pass the Old Jewish Cemetery and Synagogue. The afternoon is yours to enjoy Prague as you wish! (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, the Marchfelderhof, an iconic restaurant with rich





Viennese tradition where dinner mixes with local cultural flavor 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. Learn more about Vienna's sweet confectionary history when you visit a candy workshop where candies are still being made according to traditional recipes dating back over 150 years. After time for lunch on your own in this beautiful city, participate in one of its most treasured traditions during a Viennese Waltz lesson before sampling coffee and cake in a Viennese café. (B)

#### Day 8: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque countryside enroute to Budapest. Make a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history during a short walking tour before taking time to enjoy lunch on your own. Continue through the Hungarian countryside to the Village of Dunaalmas. Connect with the villagers and learn how to make a traditional strudel before joining a community-hosted dinner. Continue on to lovely Budapest, a city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the other. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Budapest

This morning 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. This evening, perhaps you'll join in an optional dinner followed by a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. (B)

#### Day 10: Budapest 😵

This morning, **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-** indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest, one of the largest spa baths in Europe. This afternoon is yours to explore however you wish. (B)

#### Day 11: Budapest - Banská Bystrica, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop for lunch in Banska Bystrica, a historic town nestled on the banks of the Hron River with architecture dating back to the middle ages. Your home for the next three 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, L, D)

#### Day 12: Krakow - Auschwitz -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. This afternoon, 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 sobering history and resilience of the human spirit. The evening is yours to spend as you wish. (B)

#### Day 13: Krakow

The morning is yours to enjoy the city on your own. Consider joining an optional excursion to the Wieliczka Salt Mines, a UNESCO World Heritage site. 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 1 2 3

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

June -December 2023 March - May 2024

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# PEAKS OF EUROPE: THE ALPS TO THE DOLOMITES

#### 13 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$4499

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Chamonix • Mont Blanc • GoldenPass Train • Gstaad • Jungfrau • Lucerne

- Alpine Walks & Nature Experiences
- Innsbruck Dolomites Cortina •
   Prosecco Region Venetian Villa Stay

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Inhale fresh alpine air with 4 unique mountaintop experiences.
- Discover the local flora and fauna during a nature walk with a local alpinist.
- Meet the pups of Barryland, a foundation that protects Switzerland's national dog – the St. Bernard.

#### V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — Ascend the Aiguille du Midi via cable car -OR- take in the views aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 11 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Savor the flavors of Switzerland during a *raclette* brunch at a dairy farm.
- Taste the fruits of Italy's Prosecco region, with a vineyard visit and tasting.
- Toast to the end of your journey at a farewell dinner in a Venetian Villa.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 2, 3 La Folie Douce Hotel, Chamonix
- Days 4, 5 Golf Hotel Le Hauts de Gstaad, Gstaad
- Days 6, 7 Sunstar Alpine Hotel, Grindelwald
- Days 8, 9 Seelos Hotel NIKO, Seefeld
- Days 10, 11 Hotel Bellevue Suites & Spa, Cortina D'Ampezzo ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Bellevue Hotel by upgrading your accommodations to a mountain
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#### 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, Liechtenstein, Austria and Italy.

#### Day 2: Chamonix, France - Tour Begins

Say *bonjour* to Chamonix – the perennial skihub nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. Take the afternoon 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, decide how to explore the legendary Mont Blanc – the birthplace of mountaineering – because **it's your choice!** Ascend the Aiguille du Midi by cable car to an elevation of over 12,600 feet (3,842 meters). This is the closest you can get to the summit of Europe's tallest peak **-OR-** relax aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc rack-railway taking in its vintage charm and the impressive views from the Eagle's Nest, located 7,782 feet above sea level (2,372 meters). This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the woods in the bottom of the valley. (B)

#### Day 4: Chamonix - GoldenPass Train -Gstaad, 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. An afternoon train ride on the GoldenPass whisks you through the pastoral Swiss landscape en route to Gtsaad. Check in to your home for the next 2 nights before relaxing over dinner at a local restaurant located in a traditional chalet. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Gstaad

Venture into Gstaad this morning and explore this car-free town dotted with iconic ski chalets immersed in the surrounding countryside. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to Glacier 3000, ascending via cable car to its 9,700-foot summit (2,965 meters). Take in the views over the Bernese Oberland while dining at a mountaintop restaurant. Scan the horizon for famous peaks such as the Grand Combin, or even the legendary Matterhorn, before taking the exciting walk across a suspension footbridge spanning two summits. (B)

#### Day 6: Gstaad - Trümmelbach Waterfalls - Grindelwald

Travel through the alpine meadows of the Bernese Oberland, an area renowned for its cheese production. Visit an artisanal creamery producing *raclette* cheese and taste the local produce during a brunch on the farm. Continue on to Trümmelbach, a complex of waterfalls located inside a cavern in the Lauterbrunnen Valley. This afternoon, head on to Grindelwald, nestled at the base of legendary Mount Eiger. Settle in for a 2-night stay in this charming alpine village. (B, L)

#### 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, D).

#### Day 9: Seefeld

This morning explore the idyllic town of Seefeld in a horse-drawn carriage, pausing to take in the unspoiled beauty of the Tyrolean mountains and forests. This afternoon cross into Germany on an optional tour of Oberammergau, the worldrenowned home of the Passion Play. This Bavarian village of traditionally painted houses comes together every 10 years to perform a marathon 10-hour folk theatre rendition of the Passion in thanksgiving for escaping the plague of 1633. After visiting the theatre site and town, indulge in homemade Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant before returning to Seefeld. (B)

#### 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. The evening continues to be 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 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)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April – May 2023 (different itinerary – see note\*) June - October 2023 April - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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# SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS

#### 12 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT \$4999

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 • Lavaux Terraced Vineyards • Wine Tastings • Lucerne • Mount Stanserhorn

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover Neuchâtel's historic quarter 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.

# V 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)

- Savor 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 1Overnight FlightDays 2 4Best Western Premier Hotel
- Beaulac, Neuchatel
- Days 5, 6 Hotel Monte Rosa, Hotel Alex, or Hotel National, Zermatt
- Days 7 9 Astra Hotel, Vevey

Days 10, 11 Hotel Astoria, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Willkommen! 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 travelers 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 quarter, 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 favorites and a sample of 4 different wines. (B)

#### Day 4: Neuchâtel

Enjoy a day at leisure in Neuchâtel to explore as you please, taking full advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass. Perhaps you'll stroll along Lake Neuchâtel and enjoy the views from a waterfront café or travel to the walled town of Morat by boat. (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 what villages like Zermatt and its cableways are doing 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 exploring the sights and sounds independently during an afternoon at leisure. (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. Join your travel companions for dinner this evening. (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

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Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

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LUCERNE	CHOOSE FROM:
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(different itinerary - see note*)	

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661 loved traveling by train. Staying at the same hotel for 2 to 3 days gave us time to rest and explore the area. ?? - Collette Traveler **NEW TOUR** 

# NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND FRANCE

#### 12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$4399

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Amsterdam • Canal Cruise • Kinderdijk • Bruges • Reims • *Route du Champagne* • Paris • Parisian Retro Cars • Montmartre • The Louvre Museum • Seine River Cruise

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend 2 nights in the storybook Belgian town of Bruges (UNESCO).
- Immerse yourself in France's countryside during an exploration of its *Route du Champagne* (UNESCO).
- Ride through the "City of Light" in an open-roof retro car.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 8 — Stroll through the vineyards for a visit to the eco-museum of Verzenay -OR- climb the 101 steps to the top of the museum's lighthouse for unencumbered views of the Champagne countryside.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Taste Dutch specialties on a food tour of Amsterdam's Jordaan district.
- Tour a traditional brewery in Bruges and sample some legendary Belgian beers.
- Meet local cheese enthusiasts in Meaux and sample their famous Brie.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 4Swissôtel, AmsterdamDays 5, 6Hotel Aragon, BrugesDays 7, 8Continental Hotel, ReimsDays 9 - 11La Maison Favart, ParisOn some datesIternate hotels may be used.



Dutch windmills, cozy streets, bubbling champagne, and the "City of Light" – experience the essence of 3 must-visit 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.

#### Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins

Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes – this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel, located in the heart of the city center and your home for the next 3 nights. Get a taste of the local flavors and meet your fellow travelers 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. Then, discover Amsterdam's rich culinary heritage on a locally-led food tour of the multicultural Jordaan district. During your walk, you will get to experience a historic *proeflokaal* (tasting room) and partake in a tasting of genever, local Dutch gin. 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, L)

#### **Day 4: Amsterdam - Optional Excursion**

Make the most of a free day in Amsterdam. You could visit the Van Gogh Museum and explore the Anne Frank House. Or opt to spend the day in Royal Delft. This picture-perfect town has changed little since the times of Johannes Vermeer, who captured its charm in the most iconic paintings of the Dutch Golden Age. Your guided tour concludes with a visit to the Royal Delft porcelain factory which has been producing the renowned hand-painted, blue motives since the 16th century. Try your hand at painting a tile before returning to Amsterdam for an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 5: Amsterdam - Kinderdijk -Bruges, Belgium

Cross the Dutch countryside to Kinderdijk (UNESCO), where iconic Dutch windmills spin slowly over the marshy landscape. Experience the story of wind, water, and of the Dutch willpower that harnessed the elements during a guided tour of the Nederwaard Museum Mill built in 1738. This evening, step into a storybook when you end your day in Bruges, settling in for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Bruges

This morning, wander the cobblestone streets of Bruges during an orientation walk. Cruise through fairytale canals before connecting with local traditions – tasting Belgian chocolate and learning about the intricate craft of lace making. After an afternoon at leisure, conclude the day with a visit to a local brewery, tasting Belgium's most quintessential beverage. (B)

#### Day 7: Bruges - World War I Battlefields - Reims, France

Today, traverse the Flanders, a major battle theatre on the Western Front during the First World War between 1914-18. A local expert recounts the area's eventful history as you pause to see the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the same battlefields that inspired John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields". Early this evening, 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 - Champagne Winery - Reims 😵

Discover Reims, uncovering the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture during a guided walking tour. Step into the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims, gazing up at a sea of colorful 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 during a tour and tasting at a nearby maison du champagne. Then immerse yourself in the countryside because it's your choice! Stroll through the vineyards for a visit to the eco-museum of Verzenay -OR- climb the 101 steps to the top of the museum's lighthouse for unencumbered views over the rolling hills of the Champagne countryside. (B)

#### Day 9: Reims - Meaux - Paris

Make your way to Paris this morning. Pause in Meaux, the capital of brie cheese – one of France's famous soft cheeses. Learn about the artisanal production methods and aging process from a local cheese enthusiast before sampling some product for yourself. This afternoon say *bonjour* to Paris, your home for the next 3 nights. Explore your new neighborhood until the sun fades and the "City of Light" debuts its sparkling grandeur. Then, spin the wheels of time from the backseat of a retro car, cruising through the chic boulevards to the Montmartre neighborhood, where hip bohemia meets heaven-seeking basilicas. (B, L)

#### **Day 10: Paris - Optional Excursion**

This morning, the ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre's entrance serves as your gateway into another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19th-century canvases. In company of an expert guide-lecturer, marvel at masterpieces such as the Venus de Milo and Delacroix's Liberty Leading the People before making your way to da Vinci's renowned Mona Lisa. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore Paris as you please. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the Tuileries Garden or elegant Place Vendôme with its glittering vitrines displaying jewelry and high-fashion designs. 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**

Be romanced by Paris - today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you'll visit the Orsay Museum, a former railway station that now houses the world's best impressionist art. Or channel your inner royal on an optional excursion to the magnificent Royal Palace of Versailles. Relive history 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 before returning to Paris. Tonight, enjoy a romantic dinner cruise along the Seine River. Set against Paris' glittering skyline, dine on French specialties while peering up at the Eiffel Tower and gently gliding under romantic bridges. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Paris - Tour Ends

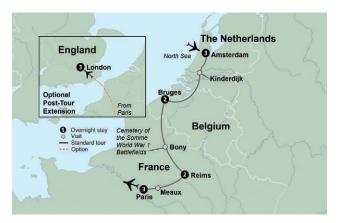
Say *au revoir* to Europe as you depart for home. (B)





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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2022 March – May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*) June – November 2023 May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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Netherlands, Belgium & France featuring Keukenhof Gardens

Peruse the world's largest flower garden. \* DATES AVAILABLE: MARCH - APRIL 2023 MARCH - APRIL 2024

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# A TASTE OF THE BALKANS

#### 16 DAYS · 23 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dubrovnik • Kotor • Mostar • Sarajevo

- Home-Hosted Dinner Plitvice Lakes
   Impact Moment Motovun Rovini •
- Truffle Hunt Ljubljana Lake Bled • Zagreb



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Meet the famous Lipizzan horses and take a carriage ride to a picnic lunch in the meadows.
- Impact Moment: Visit a Serbian community center, and learn how the local women are keeping the community alive through their traditions and crafts.

#### 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) • 4 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.
- Enjoy local fresh fish in Dubrovnik.

#### 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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Uncover a region where rocky coastlines and towering mountains meet a complex history and medieval city walls.

#### **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 travelers and look out over the sparkling Adriatic Sea during dinner, featuring local seafood dishes. (D)

#### Day 3: Dubrovnik 😵

Tour ancient streets of Dubrovnik, and feel the history and timelessness of the city. Then, **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. Sail on a private boat to the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. Visit the church before continuing on to the Kotor's Old Town (UNESCO). Settle into your historic hotel – an 18th-century building that is part of the original city walls. Then, explore this beautiful city on your own. (B)

#### Day 5: Kotor

Today is yours to continue exploring Kotor. You might choose to join your Tour Manager and hike up the 2.7 miles long Kotor City walls all the way up to the fortress of St. John. Perhaps this afternoon you'll go on an optional excursion to a familyowned olive grove for a tour and some 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. 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!** Meet a local siege survivor, spending time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum and the bobsled track on Trebević Olympic Mountain **-OR-** visit Gallery 11/07/95, which documents the city's 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. Later, connect with locals at a home-hosted dinner. Enjoy regional favorites 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 Your hotel in Plitvice supports a Serbian community center. Experience an Impact Moment when you learn how the local women are keeping the community alive through their traditions and crafts. As the day ends, enjoy an included dinner at your hotel's restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Plitvice Lakes - Motovun

Take in the forested landscape of Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO) with a guide. Walk along the cascading lakes and the free-flowing waterfalls before cruising through the park by boat. Head to the Istrian Peninsula. Enjoy an authentic "under the bell" lunch, where lamb and vegetables are slow-roasted under a giant iron bell for hours. Settle into the Roxanich Wine and Heritage Hotel, your home for the next 3 nights. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Motovun - Rovinj - Motovun

Travel off the beaten path to the fishing village of Rovinj. 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 and enjoy lunch. Arrive in Ljubljana's city center, your home for the next two nights. Embark on a city tour to acquaint yourself with this incredible city. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 14: Ljubljana - Bled - Ljubljana Today, ride in a Pletna Boat to the isle of Bled, and then get a chance to sample delicious *kremšnita* (cream cake). Return to Ljubljana to enjoy the remainder of your day on your own. (B)

#### Day 15: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

Continue your journey to Zagreb, the storied capital of Croatia. After discovering the city with local guide, 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 Extension

Starting at \$999<sup>+</sup> pp



#### Day 16: Zagreb, Croatia - Belgrade, Serbia

Journey from Zagreb to Belgrade, the awe-inspiring capital of Serbia. Once you stop to settle into your hotel, take a guided walking tour around this historic city, where Roman, Byzantine, Austrian, and Serbian empires have left their marks on the landscape. 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. 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 River. (B, D)

#### Day 18: Belgrade

Today, journey to the unique and beautiful city of Novi Sad. Take a city tour before having some free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll want to take in the views of the city from atop the impressive Petrovaradin Fortress or explore the charm of the nearby Stari Grad neighborhood with its monuments, cafes, and shops. 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, and depart with fond memories of Serbia and its incredible culture. (B)

<sup>†</sup> Additional air segment purchase required.



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April – May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*) June – October 2023 March – April 2024 (featured itinerary)

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The Optional Belgrade Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully guided extensions feature all the great inclusions of a full tour. Daily breakfast, some lunches and dinners, sightseeing, and a local experience are all included and led by a local guide. Your overnight accommodations and transfers to/from the airport are included. This is a great way to fully experience a new destination before or after your tour. The transfer from Zagreb to Belgrade, Serbia, will be done by an English – speaking driver. Your Serbian local guide will meet you at the hotel upon arrival.

# ESSENCE OF FRANCE

#### 12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • Le Marais Food Tour • Seine River Cruise • High-speed TGV train • Aix-en-Provence • Truffle Hunting • Cassis • Grasse • Perfume Workshop • Nice • Saint Paul de Vence • 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 through the Mediterranean shrub to view the rugged landscape from above.

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 10 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

- 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 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 Renaissance Paris Republique Hotel, Paris
- Days 5 8 Boutique Hotel Cezanne or Grand Hotel Roi René, Aix-en-Provence
- Days 9 11 Splendid Hotel & Spa or Hotel Apollinaire, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



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 romantic Paris, chromatic Provence and the sparkling 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, the brilliant capital of France. A 3-night stay in the "City of Light" showcases its vibrant atmosphere, cuisine and history. 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 with your Tour Manager, embrace the freedom to set off later as you wish. The first stop is the hip and historic district of Le Marais. Join a local foodie and venture to the neighborhood's beloved venues, getting a taste of the cozy shops and Parisian flavors before pausing at a local bistro for a glass of wine and the plat du jour. In the early afternoon, walk down to Île de la Cité, and take in the progress of restoration efforts of Notre Dame Cathedral. Later, glide along the Banks of the Seine (UNESCO) on a river cruise admiring the Eiffel Tower and the city's famous bridges. Spend the evening as you please. Perhaps you'll stroll along the grand Champs-Élysées or venture to the Louvre Museum. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Paris

Experience Paris at your own pace today. Perhaps you'll venture to bohemian Montmartre, pausing to observe modern artists at work in Place du Tertre. 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 that took over 40 years to complete. 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 - Aix-en-Provence

*Au revoir,* Paris! Grab your bags and let a TGV – France's high-speed train – whisk you away to colorful Provence. Arrive in Aix in the late afternoon and make yourself at home for the next 4 nights. This evening savor the flavors 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* (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 savor a lunch featuring freshly prepared Provençal specialties whipped up by your chef. Back in Aix, the balance of the afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll take a stroll along Le Cours Mirabeau. This tree-lined, pedestrianized avenue is dotted by fountains and cafés cherished by locals and visitors alike. (B, L)

#### Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Cassis -Choice on Tour 😵

Journey to the fishing village of Cassis. Sheltered by the Calanques National Park on one side and the mighty Cap Canaille on the other, Cassis charms with its multicolored houses and array of small fishing boats, yachts and sailboats guietly bobbing in the town's harbor. 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 in the leading resort town of the Côte d'Azur. This evening taste Mediterranean-inspired French cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Nice - Saint Paul de Vence - Nice

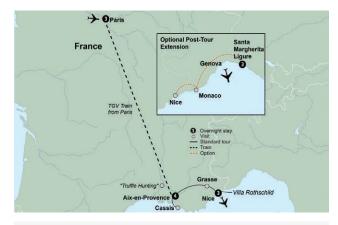
This morning, discover Nice's famed flower market and be enchanted by the brightly colored blooms before journeying to historic St. Paul de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. Explore this charming walled medieval village, soaking in its distinctive light said to have inspired artists such as Matisse and poet Jacques Prévert. Back in Nice this afternoon, bask in the sunshine at a local café or perhaps take in an artist's perspective at the Chagall National Museum. (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 travelers 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)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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December 2022 - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

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**NEW TOUR** 

# TREASURES OF TURKEY

#### 16 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$3599

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Istanbul • Hagia Sophia • Topkapı Palace • Grand Bazaar • Spice Market • Food Tour

 Bosphorus Cruise - Gallipoli - Pergamon
 Ephesus - Aegean Coast Boat Ride -Impact Moment - Konya - Cappadocia



- Cruise the Dalyan River to the Aegean Coast.
- Explore the towering rock formations of Cappadocia.
- Experience a transcendent Whirling Dervishes ceremony.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 8 — Bathe in the thermal spring waters of the Cleopatra Antique Pools -OR- take a guided golf-cart tour of Pamukkale's Roman ruins.

## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 14 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district and Spice Market.
- Savor organic wines at a vineyard on the Dardanelles Strait.
- Learn family recipes during a handson cooking class at a restaurant in Cappadocia.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	Port Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul
Day 5	Hotel Cura, Çanakkale
Days 6, 7	Izmir Marriott Hotel, Izmir
Day 8	Doga Thermal Hotel, Pamukkale
Days 9, 10	Arp Hotel, Dalyan
Day 11	Hilton Garden Inn, Konya
Days 12 - 14	Exedra Hotel, Cappadocia
Day 15	Port Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Explore ancient ruins and legendary architecture, otherworldly landscapes and underground cities in the country that bridges the gap between east and west.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

You're on your way to Turkey, a country straddling two continents (Europe and Asia) and brimming with rich culture, diverse people, and sublime landscapes.

#### Day 2: Istanbul, Turkey - Tour Begins

Welcome to Istanbul, the bridge between East and West. Settle in to your hotel for the next three nights, and then meet your fellow travelers at a welcome briefing before taking the rest of the evening to relax as you please.

#### Day 3: Istanbul - Blue Mosque - Hagia Sophia - Topkapı Palace

Today, sample some of Istanbul's most iconic sites, like the 17th century Blue Mosque, followed by the Hippodrome, the former sporting and social center of the Roman Empire. Then continue on to Hagia Sophia (UNESCO), a church-turned-mosque and a true embodiment of Byzantine architecture, followed by Topkapı Palace and Harem. While we explore the city's legendary history and architecture, please know that Istanbul is also known for its legendary traffic, which is an iconic experience that requires great patience! This evening gather at a local restaurant where the chef will delight you with Ottoman-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Istanbul - Spice Market -Bosphorus Cruise

Explore Turkey's culinary heritage as you taste

your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district during a walking to that includes a visit to the city's famous Spice Market and multiple tastings of Turkish specialties sampled from local street vendors. This afternoon, take in the high-rises and minarets of Istanbul's majestic skyline as you cruise the Bosphorus Strait. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps you'll choose to go on an optional excursion to an historic Hammam, to enjoy an authentic Turkish scrub and foam bath. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Istanbul - Gallipoli - Çanakkale

Early this morning leave Istanbul behind and ride along the sparkling Sea of Marmara during your full-day transfer to Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Head to a local organic winery for a tasting. Finally, cross the Dardanelles Strait to Çanakkale, a small coastal city and your home for the night. The evening is yours to enjoy. (B)

#### Day 6: Çanakkale - Carpet Weaving Experience - Ancient Pergamon - Izmir

Another long but rewarding day of travel begins with a transfer to the countryside of Pergamon, where you'll learn about the traditional Turkish craft of carpet weaving. This afternoon, visit the Ancient City of Pergamon (UNESCO), where you'll take a short cable car ride up to the acropolis and tour the Greek ruins. End the day in Izmir (known as Smyrna in antiquity), your home for the next two nights. Enjoy free time this evening to explore the seafront promenade. (B, L)

#### Day 7: İzmir - Ancient Ephesus -Şirince - İzmir

This morning, your in-depth tour of Ancient Ephesus (UNESCO) takes you to the Terrace Houses for a walking tour of these impressive residential villas. Walk the paths that Paul the Apostle once walked. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Archeological Museum where most of the artifacts from the excavations are exhibited. This afternoon, travel to charming Sirince, a hilltop village once inhabited by the Greek community. Here, relax at a café, taste a traditional Turkish coffee, and meet with locals who offer Turkish coffee grounds readings for those who want to get their fortunes told! Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own. (B)

#### Day 8: İzmir - Pamukkale

Start the day by learning about the folklore of the *nazar boncuk* (evil eye) at a workshop. Next, continue your journey inland to Pamukkale (UNESCO) to visit the famous Cotton Castle. While here, **it's your choice!** Visit the Cleopatra Antique Pools and bathe in thermal spring water surrounded by columns from the ancient city **-OR-** take a guided tour of the archeological site via golf cart and visit the local museum. Whichever you choose, all will have free time to visit the site's "Cotton Candy" pools as well. Tonight, enjoy a relaxed buffet dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Pamukkale - Ancient Kaunos - Dalyan

Today, return to the coast after a fullmorning transfer to the quaint riverbank town of Dalyan. In the early afternoon, tour the ruins of Ancient Kaunos. The evening is yours. (B)

#### Day 10: Dalyan - Coastal Boat Ride - Impact Moment - Dalyan

After breakfast, sail along the river connecting Dalyan to the Mediterranean Sea. After lunch in a local restaurant, get ready for your **Impact Moment** at a loggerhead turtle rescue and conservation center. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Dalyan - Isparta - Konya

Prepare for a full day of travel, beginning early and following the path of the ancient Silk Road trading route. Your first stop is in Isparta where the landscape and climate have proven ideal for the cultivation of aromatic plants. Visit an eco-center that uses sustainable practices to cultivate their organic crops. After a light lunch of Turkish pancakes, continue on to Konya, pausing for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Konya - Sultanhanı Caravanserai - Cappadocia

This morning, visit the Mevlana Museum, the world center of the Whirling Dervishes. Next, visit Sultanhanı, one of the largest surviving caravanserai along the Silk Road. Arrive in Cappadocia in the early afternoon for a tour of one of the region's famous underground cities. These subterranean towns, some built almost 3000 years ago, provided refuge for their inhabitants during times of war and invasions. As you head onto your hotel, take in the ethereal scenery and mesmerizing rock formations created by thousands of years of volcanic activity and erosion. This evening, check into your home for the next three nights-a cave hotel with rooms carved out of the soft stone of the natural landscape. (B)

#### Day 13: Cappadocia - Göreme Open-Air Museum

Get an early start with an optional balloon ride that takes you soaring above the "fairy chimneys" and rock dwellings dotting the hills and valleys below you. After reconvening with your fellow travelers, immerse yourself in Cappadocia's lunar landscape. Visit Göreme's Open-Air Museum (UNESCO), a vast site comprising 11 early Christian rock-cut churches and monasteries often adorned with colorful frescoes. For lunch, join a local family at their home for a taste of homecooked burek (a savory pastry filled with cheese or potatoes), accompanied by tea. This evening, come together for a Whirling Dervishes ceremony. (B, L)

#### Day 14: Cappadocia - Love Valley -Cooking Class

Start the day with a countryside walk in Love Valley. Then, visit a pottery workshop and learn how locals make use of the area's natural resources by extracting clay from the surrounding soil and developing pottery into an art form. This afternoon, participate in a hands-on cooking class learning how to make traditional Cappadocia dishes, and enjoy the results for dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Cappadocia - Istanbul -Grand Bazaar

This morning, take a short flight back to Istanbul. Stop at the colorful Grand Bazaar, an intricate complex of covered streets and shops. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant along the waterfront. (B, D)

#### Day 16: Istanbul - Tour Ends

Your exploration of Turkey comes to a close today. (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May - November 2023 March - May 2024

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport and a visa. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Istanbul. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flight between Kayseri and Istanbul is not included in the cost of your tour and must be arranged by us. The exact flight time may vary from early morning to mid-afternoon. In some cases, your visit to the Grand Bazaar may be moved to Day 3. Some of our hotels on these programs are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches, in which case you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area. If traveling 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 10-April 10, 2024. Modest attire is required for visiting religious sites. Mosque visits require removing your shoes. We recommend wearing or bringing a pair of socks to use during the Mosque visits. Women will have to cover their heads with a scarf and wear long skits or trousers, while men will need to wear trousers or shorts that fall below the knee. The natural pools of Pamukkale's "Cotton Castle" are visible from a viewpoint. Due to the reduction in the strength of the natural water spring, only about 15% of the pools have water in them. Accessing the pools requires the ability to walk barefoot on wet, slippery limestone. Due to the fragile nature of the limestone, the use of any kind of shoes is forbidden. We suggest bringing a towel with you if you plan to access the pools. Bathing in the pools is not allowed. If you choose the Cleopatra Antique Pools, please note that the admission includes access to changing rooms with lockers and showers You are responsible for bringing your own towel and bathing suit. Swimming stops will be made weather permitting. Swimming stops from the boat require the use of a pool ladder to enter and exit the water. If joining the optional hot air balloon ride you will depart the hotel around 5AM and return in time for breakfast, prior to joining the tour group for your included activities. Agility is required for climbing into and out of the balloon's basket. The balloon ride is subject to wind and weather conditions. The option is available for sale only prior to the tour and must be purchased no later than 30 days prior to departure. When demand exceeds availability the hot air balloon operators retain the right to cancelling reservations even when previously confirmed. If this situation should occur, you will be refunded. This tour is not exclusive to Collette travelers and therefore you may be with passengers from other tour companies. Please note the Whirling Dervishes ceremony is a religious ceremony (not a performance) and photography will not be permitted, though the Dervishes may linger for pictures afterwards. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas. In particular, the sightseeing in Istanbul on Days 3 and 4 requires a minimum of 2 miles of walking per day. You will be walking over cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks, at time uphill. At the archeological sites of Pergamon, Ephesus, and Kaunos and in Cappadocia, many activities require walking on uneven, unpaved terrain, often with loose stones. Visiting sites such as the Underground City and the Göreme Open-Air Museum require climbing and descending steep staircases and/or ramps with limited to no help from handrails. Some of these visits may not be suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia. Agility is required for boarding the boats for your included tours on days 4, 9, 10. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you will 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.

# ITALY'S TREASURES

#### 12 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$3499

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Italian Lakes Region - Stresa - Wine Tasting - Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion - Tuscan Countryside - Italian Cooking Class - San Gimignano - Siena - Florence - Bologna - Venice

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Discover colorful 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.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlor in San Gimignano.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on cooking lesson.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Regina Palace Hotel with an upgrade to a lake view room. CALL FOR DETAILS
- Days 4, 5 Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Grande Albergo or Hotel Due Mari, Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera
- Days 6 9 Villa Lecchi, Villa San Lucchese or Villa San Paolo, Tuscany

Days 10, 11 Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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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. This evening, 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 enjoy your breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. As the day draws to a close, visit a family-run wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some antipasto snacks. (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 colorful 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 - San Gimignano -Tuscany

This morning, journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a familyowned villa welcomes you. After a tour of the house and grounds, you'll engage in a hands-on cooking lesson. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan lunch and toast to your host with local Chianti wine. Later, take in Tuscany's landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards 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 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 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 (neighborhood) whose community Museum is centered around the colorful Palio horse race. Retreat to your Tuscan villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Tuscany - Florence -Tuscanv

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, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. You'll also wander past the Palazzo Vecchio, the Signoria and Santa Croce squares. Enjoy time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa. (B)

#### 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 lasagna. 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 savory 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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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS	UP TO 1 WEEK
PRE OR POST NIGHT	STOPOVER
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#### **TOUR DATES AVAILABLE**

October 2022

June - October 2023 March - May 2023 March - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note\*) (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

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# OLD WORLD SICILY & MALTA

#### 15 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>3999

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Palermo • Monreale • 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

- 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.
- Delve into the belly of Palermo on a walking food tour.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Explore the cloisters of Monreale's cathedral, taking in the serene atmosphere of the monastic complex -OR- ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo.
- Day 14 Visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta -ORtour the masterpieces of Valletta's Cathedral.

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

13 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Taste award-winning olive oil and learn about the Slow Food movement at a local farm.
- Delve into the history of Marsala wine during a visit to a local cellar.
- Explore the flavors of Maltese cuisine during a family-style tasting dinner.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Hotel Porta Felice, Palermo
Days 4, 5	I Mulini Resort, Trapani
Day 6	Baia di Ulisse Hotel, Agrigento

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your stay at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel with an upgrade to a Sea View room. CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 7 - 9 NH Collection Hotel or Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: During your stay in Taormina, you can choose to upgrade to a Deluxe Sea View room. CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 10, 11 Poggio del Sole Hotel, Ragusa Days 12 - 14 The George Urban Boutique Hotel, St. Julian's

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



Explore Sicily and Malta – two island paradises nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Look past the Italy you think you know and see how this coastal farmland balances ancient traditions and modern comforts.

#### Day 2: Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins

Start your journey in Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's welcoming capital city. Uncover the island's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and delicate Classical designs. Come to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Palermo 😵

Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical center and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food, which layers Oriental and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in the serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Palermo - Impact Moment -Trapani

Experience an **Impact Moment** with Addiopizzo, an anti-Mafia nonprofit that supports locals who refuse to pay the Mafia's protection fees. Visit Capaci and Cinisi, the site of two terrorist acts led by the Mafia, and pay tribute to fallen activists. Chat with locals for a personal perspective and learn how they overcame the Mafia's reign. As the day draws to a close, settle into Trapani for two nights and watch the sunset fade against the crashing waves and whirling windmills. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Trapani - Isle of Mozia - Marsala -Optional Excursion

Venture to the isle of Mozia, once a great trading port for the Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilizations. On the way, sail next to a submerged Roman road, once traversed on foot. Explore Mozia with a guide, visiting the ruins of its ancient port, and a museum featuring impressive Greek statuary. Then continue to Marsala, heading down into a cellar for a sampling of its renowned wines paired with a tasting of locally produced foods. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Erice to visit Maria Grammatico's famous bakery for a pastry-making class. (B, L)

# Day 6: Trapani - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples - Agrigento

Take in the rugged landscape of the Belice Valley scarred by the 1968 earthquake, which transformed the humble village of Gibellina into a sprawling piece of contemporary land-art. Head to an awardwinning olive grove and learn about the Slow Food movement, which supports local cultures and preserves traditions. Try their unique olive oil at lunch before departing for Agrigento, where ancient roots and medieval buildings blend into modernity. Wander through the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with a quide. (B, L, D)

#### 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 theaters 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)

#### Day 8: Taormina

Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theater. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

#### Day 9: Taormina - Mount Etna -Taormina

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. (B)

#### Day 10: Taormina - Ragusa

Make your way to Ragusa (UNESCO), an ancient city perched upon a hill. Meander through its Baroque neighborhood 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 picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica, where you'll enjoy a savory 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 neighborhood at a Band Club, where locals gather to learn music and marching for the local festivals. 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 colorful harbor 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 harbor, 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 travelers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands. (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)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS		
PRE NIGHT PALERMO	POST NIGHT ST. JULIAN'S	
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DOUBLE SOLO	Starting at <b>\$3999</b> Starting at <b>\$4799</b>	Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on December 4, 2023 departure.		

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

February -	May	2023
(different itinerary	- see no	ote*)

June 2023 September 2023 – May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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66 What was most enjoyable was the friendships made within this small group. We all got along so well together and had so much fun and laughs with each other. 99

- Collette Traveler

**NEW TOUR** 

# MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL JOURNEY

#### 16 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$4699

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Barcelona - La Sagrada Família - Costa Brava - Winery Visit - Impact Moment - Aix-en-Provence - French Riviera -Monaco-Montecarlo - Portofino - Cinque Terre - Florence - Truffle Hunting -Tuscan Villa Stay

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Take in the Spanish coastline during a walk between the villages of Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc.
- **Impact Moment:** dine at a *restaurant solidaire* (solidarity restaurant) in Marseille that uses its profits to give meals to the poor.
- Set out through the rolling hills of Tuscany in company of a truffle hunter and his truffle-sniffing dogs.

#### V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 4 In Barcelona, visit Catalunya's National Museum of Art -OR- ascend the Montjuïc Castle for bird-eye views over the bustling port.
- Day 8 —In Marseille, explore the Cosquer Cave replica, an outstanding example of primitive rock art -ORdiscover the city's 600 year soap heritage during a visit to the museum of "Marseille" soap.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 14 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Dine on traditional Catalan specialties in a 17th-century farmhouse-restaurant.
- Visit an ancient abbey turned winery for a tour of the cellars and tasting.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 **Overnight Flight** Hotel Catalonia Passeig de Days 2 - 4 Gracia, Barcelona, Spain Day 5, 6 Park Hotel San Jorge, Calonge, Costa Brava, Spain NH Collection, Marseille, Days 7, 8 France Days 9, 10 Hotel Massena or Hotel Aston La Scala, Nice, French Riviera Day 11 - 13 NH Collection Genova Marina, Genoa, Italian Riviera

Days 14, 15 Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany

#### 60 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Venture along the glittering Mediterranean coast on an immersive journey connecting the Spanish, French and Italian Rivieras.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

You're on your way to the Mediterranean coast for a journey connecting the Spanish, French and Italian Rivieras. From chameleonic Barcelona to sun-kissed Nice; from glamorous Monaco to the rolling hills of the Chianti countryside, embark on a coastal journey combining rich scenery, art, culture, food, and wine.

#### Day 2: Barcelona, Spain - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in the spirited city of Barcelona, famed for its exceptional architecture and vibrant culinary scene. Settle in for a 3-night stay. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 3: Barcelona

This morning, explore the Catalonian capital as it was meant to be explored – on foot. Ramble along the bustling La Rambla boulevard, famous for its street artists and performers. Wander along the Gothic Quarter's labyrinthine streets and delve into one of Barcelona's lively food markets pausing to savor a traditional paella lunch. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll venture Park Güell or join an optional food tour of the Eixample district, interlacing Modernist architecture with tasty tapas. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Barcelona 😯

Gain a different perspective on Barcelona during a panoramic tour showcasing the expansive Plaça de Catalunya, the Columbus Monument, and Antoni Gaudí's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). Then, **it's your choice!** Visit Catalunya's National Museum of Art in company of a local guide **-OR-** hop on a cable car and ascend the Montjuïc Castle for bird-eye views over the bustling port. This afternoon, visit the awe-inspiring Sagrada Família (UNESCO). Work on Gaudí's visionary basilica began in 1882, and is scheduled to be completed in 2026, on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. As the day draws to a close, dine on traditional Catalan specialties at a farmhouse turned restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava

Set out for Girona, a medieval town known for its Old Quarter. Explore the Barri Vell in company of a local guide and enjoy some free time to stroll along its riverbanks. Admire Girona's colorful houses before heading to the Catalonian coast for a 2-night stay at a seaside hotel. Costa Brava is an incredibly alluring place, and the perfect region to spend your days relaxing in your sea-view room or exploring its secluded coves and beaches. (B)

#### Day 6: Costa Brava - Figueres - Besalú

Take in the Spanish coastline during a coastal walk between the charming villages of Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc. Then, travel to nearby Figueres, where the surreal outside architecture of the Dalí Theatre-Museum matches the artist's legendary works inside. After taking in the mindboggling art of Salvador Dalí, you'll continue on to the medieval village of Besalú. This evening, relax over dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Costa Brava - Winery Visit -Marseille, France

Bid *adiós* to Spain this morning as you cross into France during a full-day transfer. Along the way, pause at an ancient abbey founded almost 10 centuries ago. Explore its tumultuous history during a guided visit that concludes with lunch and a taste of its locally produced wine. Check into your hotel in the early evening and make yourself at home in Marseille. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Marseille 😵

Founded over 26 centuries ago, Marseille is France's oldest city. In company of an expert quide, explore Le Panier district, the city's eminently walkable old town. Narrow lanes lined with flowers and street-art embellished facades suddenly open onto the blue waters of the Old Port, the city's museum and cultural hub. The area was entirely rejuvenated when Marseille was elected European Capital of Culture in 2013. Then, it's your choice! Delve into the area's prehistoric past with a visit to the Cosquer Cave, an outstanding example of primitive rock art admirably replicated in the Villa Méditerranée Museum -OR- hop on a local ferry and discover one of the city's heritage trades during a visit to the museum of "Marseille" soap, which has been crafted in the area for over 600 years. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll venture to the hilltop cathedral of Notre Dame offering panoramic views of the city or take a scenic cruise of the Calangues National Park. This evening's Impact Moment comes in the form of dinner at a socially responsible restaurant that uses its profits to provide meals to the impoverished for a symbolic cost. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Marseille - Aix-en-Provence - Nice, French Riviera

Let the colors and light of southern France captivate you as you explore Aix-en-Provence. Perhaps you'll visit the *atelier* (artist studio) of Paul Cézanne, frozen in time since the painter's death in 1906. Or acquaint yourself with the Provençale lifestyle browsing the town's food shops in search of the perfect olive tapenade. An afternoon transfer takes you to Nice, a coastal pearl known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. Join an orientation walk of the old town before setting off for an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 10: Nice

The day is yours to explore Nice. Perhaps you'll stroll along the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais before finding your favorite café and soaking in the local life. Or join an optional tour to historic St. Paul de Vence. After exploring this charming walled medieval village, continue to Grasse, the capital of French perfume. Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as *Nez* (Nose) before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Genoa, Italy

Bid *au revoir* to France this morning as you head to Monaco, the second smallest country in the world. 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 Monte Carlo for views of its famous Casino. Cross into Italy during an afternoon-long transfer to the bustling port city of Genoa. In the early evening, settle into your hotel for a 3-night stay in the Italian Riviera. (B)

#### Day 12: Genoa - Portofino - Genoa

Taste your way across Genoa's old town during a walking tour of this ancient Maritime Republic. This afternoon, board a boat to visit glamorous Portofino. Spend time exploring the colorful harbor, dotted with fishing boats and yachts. This evening pause for a taste of the Italian Riviera at a local restaurant renowned for its cheesefilled focaccia and homemade pesto sauce. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Genoa - Cinque Terre -Genoa

Spend the day exploring the colorful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre. 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 14: Genoa - Florence - Tuscan Countryside

A morning-long transfer takes you to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. Home to Italy's best art and architecture, Florence is a work of art all on its own. Marvel at Ghiberti's 'Gates of Paradise' and Brunelleschi's dome at the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral. Take in the towering Palazzo Vecchio, before concluding your guided walking tour in the expansive Piazza Santa Croce. Enjoy an hour at leisure before savoring Tuscan specialties for dinner at a local restaurant. In the early evening journey further into the surrounding hills for a 2-night villa stay in the Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Tuscan Countryside -Truffle Hunting - San Gimignano

Let a memorable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt, led by a



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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local expert and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Set out on foot through rolling hills and olive groves in search of the elusive tuber-shaped fungi before sampling the results for lunch. Then spend time in San Gimignano, whose medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

#### Day 16: Tuscan Countryside - Tour Ends

Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey along the Mediterranean coast comes to an end today. (B)

 DOUBLE SOLO
 Starting at \$4699 Starting at \$5999
 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

 Prices based on November 4, 2023 departure.
 TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

 May – November 2023 March – May 2024

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after November 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 Barcelona and depart from Florence. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The cable car to Montiuic is suspended at a height between 50 to 150 feet above ground: this activity may not be suitable for people with vertigo. On the rare occasion when the Sagrada Família in Barcelona should not be available, you will visit another top attraction instead. The Little Train tour operates from February to mid-November. In the other months, you will transfer to the Monte Carlo district by public bus. The boat ride to Portofino operates on a weather permitting basis between March and early November. When the weather is uncooperative, you will still visit Portofino, but you will travel there by public bus. Traveling to Cinque Terre requires the ability to climb 3 one-foot-tall steps holding on to 'pool-ladder' style railings in order to board the trains. The trains are crowded, and seating is not guaranteed. Trains are subject to delays and prone to public transportation strikes. In the event of a major strike, we may swap the days of the Portofino and Cinque Terre visits. Access to the Cinque Terre can be restricted by the local government in case of severe weather alerts. In the rare occasion of a multi-day strike or weather alert, we will replace Cinque Terre with another attraction. The truffle hunting activity takes place in the countryside on unpaved paths and in wooded areas. To participate you must wear comfortable, sturdy walking or hiking shoes. You should expect large crowds Barcelona, Portofino, the Cinque Terre and in Florence, which requires minimum 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Barcelona, Marseille, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco, Genoa, Portofino, Cinque Terre, Florence, and San Gimignano. 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.

# TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

#### 11 DAYS · 15 MEALS starting at \$2799

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.

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 9 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Experience a home-cooked meal in one of Umbria's country homes.
- Sample pecorino sheep-milk cheese at a local farm in the Orcia Valley.
- Savor the famous Brunello red wine during a musical tasting at a winery in Montalcino.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 Hotel Kolbe or Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome
- Days 3 5 Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria
- Days 6, 7 Hotel Corsignano, Pienza, Tuscany
- Days 8 10 Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Northern Tuscany Countryside or Villa Casa Grande Hotel, Figline, Northern Tuscany, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



On a journey through the less-traveled 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 traveled, 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 splendors 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. Embark on a walking tour to see centuries of architectural history, from the Ponte delle Torri aqueduct to the gilded elegance of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Explore more of Spoleto on your own before learning about olive oil at a family-run *frantoio* (olive presser). Venture into a local restaurant in the Nera Valley, where you'll enjoy a cooking class in a former 12thcentury 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 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 honored guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

#### Day 6: Umbria - Pecorino Cheese Farm -Orcia Valley - Pienza

Leave Umbria for the villages of Tuscany, nestled among the rolling hills and cypress trees of the Val d'Orcia region (UNESCO). Taste the flavors of the region at a local pecorino cheese farm. Snack on some of the cheesemaker's creations and take in the views of the sparse farmhouses and open fields on your way to Pienza (UNESCO), a Renaissance village where flowers and plants adorn the cobblestoned streets. (B, L)



#### Day 7: Pienza - Bagno Vignoni - Brunello di Montalcino Winery -Pienza

Traverse the Tuscan countryside to the unique hamlet of Bagno Vignoni, whose central piazza is filled with thermal water once used to cure pilgrims who stopped here on their way to Rome. Then explore hilltop Montalcino, namesake to one of Italy's great red wines, the Brunello. Tour a winery's estate and cellar before indulging in a multi-sensory tasting, pairing wine with music. Back in Pienza for the evening, maybe you'll explore the countryside along one of the many white roads that cut through the farmland. (B)

#### 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 glittering 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, both historic and modern. 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 travelers 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 Extension** Starting at \$899 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 neighborhood of Trastevere, Rome's medieval heart.

#### Day 3: Rome - Market & Food Tour -Vatican Museums

Start your morning with a stroll in Rome's ultra-local Testaccio neighborhood. Soak up the lively atmosphere-with home-makers stocking up in local delis, market workers stopping for a quick espresso at a corner café, retirees soaking up the sun on the benches of a nearby piazza. Taste your way through Rome's beloved Testaccio farmers' market before pausing at a local trattoria restaurant for a dish of pasta and a glass of wine. 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 all the way 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 around the city on your own and toss a good luck coin into the Trevi Fountain. In the early evening, meet with your fellow travelers to start off your exploration of the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside. (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

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#### **TOUR DATES AVAILABLE**

October - November 2022 June - November 2023 March - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

March - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 – May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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The Optional 2 Night Rome Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert. Between March and October, you will visit the Vatican Museums in the evening of your second day in Rome. During the months of January, February, November and December, you will visit the Vatican Museums in the early morning of your second day in Rome. The Vatican Museums may operate on a different day/time on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays. Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive in Rome no later than 2:00 p.m.

# SICILY AND ITS ISLES

#### 14 DAYS · 21 MEALS STARTING AT \$3699

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Palermo • Monreale • Impact Moment • Trapani • Isle of Mozia • Marsala Winery Tour • Olive Oil Farm • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Ragusa • Isle of Salina • Caper Farm • Taormina • Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Ascend the sides of Mount Etna (UNESCO) on off-road vehicles.
- Soak up the relaxed ambiance of the Aeolian Islands (UNESCO) with a 2-night stay on the Isle of Salina.
- Delve into the belly of Palermo on a walking food tour.

#### V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — Explore the serene cloisters of Monreale's cathedral -OR- ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Taste award-winning olive oil and learn about the Slow Food movement at a local farm.
- Enjoy world-renowned Marsala wine on a wine cellar tour.
- Savor capers and sweet Malvasia wine at a local producer on Salina island.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Porta Felice, Palermo
Days 4, 5	I Mulini Resort, Trapani
Day 6	Baia di Ulisse Hotel, Agrigento

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel with an upgrade to a Sea View room. CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 7, 8Poggio del Sole Hotel,<br/>RagusaDays 9, 10Hotel La Salina Borgo Di<br/>Mare. Salina

Days 11 - 13 NH Collection Hotel, Taormina

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the NH Collection with a upgrade to a Premium Sea View room. CALL FOR DETAILS





Explore Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

You're on your way to Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Here, you'll see how this coastal farmland balances ancient traditions and modern comforts.

#### Day 2: Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins

Start your journey in Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's capital city. Uncover the island's heritage, teeming with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and delicate Classical designs. Come to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Palermo 😵

Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical center and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Palermo - Impact Moment -Trapani

Experience an Impact Moment with Addiopizzo,

an anti-Mafia nonprofit that supports locals who refuse to pay the Mafia's protection fees. Visit Capaci and Cinisi, the site of two terrorist acts led by the Mafia, and pay tribute to fallen activists. Chat with locals for a personal perspective and learn how they overcame the Mafia's reign. As the day draws to a close, settle into Trapani for two nights and watch the sunset fade against the crashing waves and whirling windmills. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Trapani - Isle of Mozia - Marsala -Optional Excursion

Venture to the isle of Mozia, once a great trading port for the Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilizations. On the way, sail next to a submerged Roman road, once traversed on foot. Explore Mozia with a guide, visiting the ruins of its ancient port, and a museum featuring impressive Greek statuary. Then continue to Marsala, heading down into a cellar for a sampling of its renowned wines paired with a tasting of locally produced foods. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Erice to visit Maria Grammatico's famous bakery for a pastry-making class. (B, L)

# Day 6: Trapani - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples - Agrigento

Take in the rugged landscape of the Belice Valley





scarred by the 1968 earthquake, which transformed the humble village of Gibellina into a sprawling piece of contemporary land-art. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about the Slow Food movement, which supports local cultures and preserves traditions. Try their unique olive oil at lunch before departing for Agrigento, where ancient roots and medieval buildings blend into modernity. Wander through the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with a guide. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Agrigento - Ragusa

Make your way to Ragusa (UNESCO), an ancient city perched upon a hill. Meander through its Barogue neighborhood with an expert quide, 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 8: 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 savory brunch at a ricotta farm before continuing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Ragusa - Milazzo - Ferry to Aeolian Islands - Isle of Salina -Lingua

Grab your bags and hop on a ferry in Milazzo. Sail by Vulcano and Lipari on your way to Salina, a far-flung isle surrounded by vibrant blue waters and dark volcanic rock. Somewhat off the beaten path, Salina is one of the less-traveled Aeolian Islands, preserved as a vacation getaway for Italians. Settle into the hamlet of Lingua for a 2-night stay. (B)

#### 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 accompanied by a glass of Malvasia, a locally produced dessert wine. 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 Ionian 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)

#### Day 12: Taormina

Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theater. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

#### Day 13: Taormina - Mount Etna -Taormina

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. This evening, toast to your Sicilian sojourn at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Taormina - Tour Ends

Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with memories of Italy's favorite island. (B)



#### (1)(2) **3** (4) TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS		
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#### **TOUR DATES AVAILABLE**

October 2022 - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June 2023 - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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#### ALSO AVAILABLE



#### Old World Sicily & Malta

Discover how ancient traditions blend into modern society on a tour of timeless Sicily with 3 nights in Malta. CALL FOR DETAILS.

🖈 DATES AVAILABLE OCTOBER 2022 - MAY 2023 JUNE 2023 - MAY 2024

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# ITALY: AMALFI COAST TO PUGLIA

#### 14 DAYS · 18 MEALS STARTING AT \$3799

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Naples • Impact Moment • Pompeii • Wine Tasting • Minori • Amalfi • Positano • Ravello • Eboli • Matera • Grottaglie • Lecce • Tarantella Folk Music & Dance Performance • Ostuni • Ape Calessino Tour • Alberobello

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Zoom through Ostuni like a local in the backseat of a 3-wheeled Ape Calessino car.
- In Matera, 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.

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 12 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample wines just outside of Pompeii, created from the volcanic countryside.
- Make your way through Lecce's city center with a multi-stop dinner.
- Gaze out at the deep blue Bay of Naples and looming Mt. Vesuvius as you dine on regional specialties.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

- Days 2, 3 Royal Continental Hotel, Naples ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Royal Continental Hotel with a frontal sea view room upgrade. 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 Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello, Puglia

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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.
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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 travelers alike. 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 center (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. Visit the Sansevero Chapel, home to the Veiled Christ statue, rumored 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

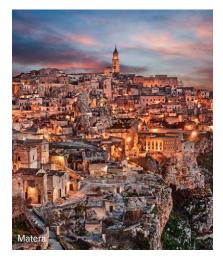
Feel the ghosts of the past as you wander through Pompeii with a guide. After you've explored the public baths and private villas, get a new perspective on the volcanic countryside with a visit to a nearby winery. Layers of ash have transformed the timeworn soil into a fertile vineyard. Enjoy a wine 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-colored





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)

#### Day 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 multicolored 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 -Alberobello

Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town surrounded by olive trees. Zoom through the town like a local in the backseat of an open-air Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car. Enjoy time on your own before arriving in Alberobello. 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 evening to independently explore. (B)

#### Day 13: Alberobello

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: Alberobello - Tour Ends

Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT NAPLES CALL FOR DETAILS

EVEN MORE TIME? Combine Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

DOUBLE Starting at \$3799 SOLO Starting at \$4599 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on November 2, 2023 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES AVAILABLE**

November 2022 March - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June - November 2023 March - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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BEST OF ITALY 12 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$3399

**NEW TOUR** 

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Venice • Gondola Ride • 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 *Remèr* oar-making workshop.
- Enjoy classical music during a concert of Vivaldi's famous Four Seasons.
- Explore the Po River Delta during a pontoon boat sailing of this UNESCO wetland region.

#### V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 Relax at your hotel with a wine-infused mud treatment -ORspend the day in Ravenna for a guided tour of its mosaics (UNESCO).
- Day 10 Explore Rome on a walking tour of its Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces -OR- search for the vestiges of the Empire during a tour featuring the Catacombs.

#### 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 flavors of *Trastevere* 
   Rome's medieval district during a food tour dinner.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1
   Overnight Flight

   Days 2, 3
   Maison Venezia UNA Esperienze or Hotel NH Venezia Rio Novo, Venice

   Days 4 - 6
   Borgo Conde Wine Resort, Forli, Romagna Countryside
- Days 7, 8 Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence
- Days 9 11 Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome
- 68 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Be whisked away into the beauty and history of Italy when you journey to Venice, Florence, and Rome.

#### 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 travelers over a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Venice - Gondola 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 *Remèr* oar-making workshop, one of only a handful still active in the city. Then, join a local guide for a walking tour of Venice's most iconic sights. Pause for the perfect view over the Bridge of Sighs and take in St. Mark's Square, adorned with marbled palaces and gilded basilicas. Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. This evening, glide along the canals during a gondola ride before delving into Venice's classical music heritage while attending 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 the 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 fisherman 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 center 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 centered on Romagna's most typical pasta dishes with colorful 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 your way: 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. 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 quide, 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 of incredible Italy. (B)



#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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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. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS		
PRE NIGHT VENICE	POST NIGHT ROME	
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 Prices based on December 3, 2023 departure.

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

January – May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June 2023 – May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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# THE BALTICS REVEALED

#### 11 DAYS · 14 MEALS STARTING AT \$2699

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 neighborhoods by bike with a local guide.
- Day 8 Wander through the wetland with a pair of bog shoes
   -OR- walk above the shrubs on a boardwalk.
- Day 9 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<br/>Grand Palace Hotel, RigaDays 8 - 10Hotel Palace, TallinnOn 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 create 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



Trakai Island Castle



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 labor as you dig into the flavorful 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 flavors in the historical center 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, colorful squares and Medieval era buildings. Explore Riga's old town architectural treasures. Perhaps you'll join a full-day optional excursion into the Latvian countryside and the town of Sigulda, traveling 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 😵

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 -ORwalk 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 the 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

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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. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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 DOUBLE SOLO
 Starting at Starting at Prices based on April 8, 2024 departure.
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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April – May 2023 (different itinerary – see note\*) June – October 2023 April – May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after November 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 Vilnius and depart from Tallinn. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Bog shoes are not permitted certain times of the year (typically mid-April to mid-June) 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.

# ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

#### 10 DAYS · 15 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 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.
- Ascend the massive Langjökull glacier via mountain truck.
- Learn about the 300 years of fishing history during a visit to a maritime museum.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Soak in the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, a favorite local spot
 -OR- hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by lava pinnacles and mystical caves.

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

- Indulge in Icelandic-inspired cuisine at a local restaurant.
- Taste homemade specialties during an Impact Moment visit to Jóhanna's goat farm.
- Taste a piece of lava bread and learn how locals use geothermal energy to cook food.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

Days 4, 5 Fosshotel, Myvatn ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

During your stay at the Fosshotel Myvatn, you may choose to upgrade to a Lake View Room. CALL FOR DETAILS

- Day 6 Laugarbakki Hotel, Laugarbakki
- Days 7, 8 Hotel Hamar, Borgarnes
- Day 9 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

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, harbor, 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 harbor 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 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. 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, journey to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Connect with the local culture during a visit to a maritime museum illustrating fishing techniques, such as the century-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you'll also taste hákarl – cured shark meat. 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 color 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, mineral-rich 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)



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

#### Day 10: Reykjavik - Ilulissat, Greenland - Post-Tour Extensions Begins

Fly from Iceland to the picturesque coastal town of Ilulissat, Greenland. Ilulissat is the Kalaallisut word for "icebergs," and the Ilulissat Icefjord (UNESCO) offers unforgettable views of colossal fast-moving icebergs. Once you arrive, meet with your local guide before transferring to your nearby hotel. Embark on a walking tour with your guide who will review everything you need to know about navigating the town and point out local landmarks, restaurants, and more. Return to the hotel this evening for a 2-course meal crafted with slow-grown local produce and other ingredients, all sourced from Greenland and other Nordic nations. (D)

#### Day 11: Ilulissat - Eqi Glacier - Disko Bay - Ilulissat

This morning you'll embark on a full day excursion to the Eqi Glacier! Listen to the thundering sound of ice breaking from the active glacier, disrupting the otherwise peaceful stillness. Savor a buffet lunch on board the ship and take in the stunning views until evening, when you will return to the hotel for another fresh, locally sourced dinner. After, enjoy an evening cruise among the icebergs and see these natural wonders as the sun lingers into the night. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Ilulissat - Sermermuit - Ilulissat

Today, head to Sermermiut for a private guided hike through history and culture. Sermermiut, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was an Inuit settlement at least 4,000 years ago. Due to the climate and permafrost, this site along Disko Bay offers a remarkably well-preserved look at life here before European settlers came to Greenland. Next, visit the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre and learn about the history of ice, see how it has impacted culture, and how climate change is impacting the ice. After, return to Ilulissat for an afternoon at leisure to explore how you wish. Later, connect with your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Ilulissat - Reykjavik, Iceland

Return to Iceland today, and enjoy some free time to explore Reykjavik however you choose. (B)

# Day 14: Reykjavik - Extension Ends

Today you depart with lasting memories from this trip across Nordic nations. (B)

<sup>†</sup> Additional air segment purchase required.



# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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Prices based on June 15, 2023 departure.

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*) June – September 2023 May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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The Optional Greenland Extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

66 Brilliant tour of Iceland. Ticked all my boxes.
 Went to all the important sites at the right pace.
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# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

## 8 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$3699

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.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 11 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in Finnish cuisine at Helsinki's local restaurants.
- Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2, 3Lilla Roberts Hotel, HelsinkiDays 4 - 6Kakslauttanen Arctic<br/>Resort - West Village,<br/>KakslauttanenROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

Upgrade your stay to a Kelo glass igloo for all 3 nights at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 7 Lilla Roberts Hotel, 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. See the steel monument dedicated to the composer Sibelius. 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 epicenter 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 1 2 3 4

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

POST NIGHT HELSINKI CALL FOR DETAILS

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2022 - March 2023 November 2023 - March 2024 (featured itinerary)

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#### See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

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66 The most enjoyable thing was the flawless ease with which the entire trip was planned and executed, seeing the northern lights, the meals, the fun activities. In one word: PERFECTION! ?? - Collette Traveler

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# THE AZORES: JEWELS OF PORTUGAL

## 14 DAYS · 21 MEALS STARTING AT \$2699

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Off-Road Sete Cidades Experience • Terra Nostra Botanical Garden & Thermal Pool • Furnas Valley • Home-Hosted Dinner • Angra do Heroismo • Algar do Carvao • Natural Volcanic Pools • Volcanic Stone House Stay • Pico Wine Museum

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Traverse the entire rim of the Sete Cidades caldera and gaze upon the twin lakes.
- · Swim in natural volcanic pools.
- Spend 3 nights in the eco-friendly lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte, Pico Island.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 4 In Furnas, enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra local pool -OR- embark on a guided visit to the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden.
- Day 9 Visit the Horta Museum where ethnographic pieces paint a picture of the history of the island
   -OR- visit the Scrimshaw museum where the island's whaling past comes to life through a private whalebone carving collection.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

• Experience a truly unique *cozido das furnas* lunch in Furnas valley. Enjoy a home hosted meal at a village in the Sao Miguel Island.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Overnight Flight** Day 1 The Grand Hotel Açores Days 2 - 5 Atlântico, Sao Miguel, Azores ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Grand Hotel Acores Atlântico with an upgrade to an ocean view room, CALL FOR DETAILS Days 6, 7 Zenite Boutique Hotel & Spa, Terceira, Azores Day 8, 9 Hotel do Canal, Faial, Azores Days 10 - 12 Aldeia da Fonte Nature
- Hotel, Pico, Azores Day 13 Iberostar Selection Lisboa, Lisbon
- 76 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 splendor 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 Sete Cidades caldera's highest point on an off-road adventure. On your way, gaze down upon the blue lake (reflecting the sky) and the adjacent green lake (reflecting the lush vegetation). As you take in the greenery around you, an **Impact Moment** introduces how our partnership with a local company is supporting reforestation efforts on the island. Celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 4: São Miguel 😵

Start the day with a visit to one of the few remaining

basket weavers on the island. Learn how willow basket making has evolved and how this fatherson enterprise has kept this traditional craft alive. Then, **it's your choice!** Enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra pool, built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores **-OR-** embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden. For lunch, enjoy a traditional *cozido das furnas* meal, where your food is cooked in the earth's volcanic heat. 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. (B, L)

#### Day 5: São Miguel

Today enjoy a full free day to explore Sao Miguel at your own pace. Or you may choose to join a Flavors of Sao Miguel optional tour where you will taste your way through some of the unique products this island has to offer. At a local quinta, taste Azorean gin, blended with botanicals and seaweed and learn how a local foundation supports local marine conservation. End this optional excursion with a light lunch of locallysourced ingredients. Regardless of how you choose to spend your day, gather tonight for a home-hosted dinner at a local village. (B, D)

#### Day 6: São Miguel - Terceira

Say hello to the colorful island of Terceira. Stand along the edge of the crater at Serra do Cume viewpoint and take in the patchwork of infinite

green. Learn about the Holy Ghost Chapels, known locally as Imperios, and customs surrounding this tradition. Get to know Angra do Heroismo (UNESCO) with a local guide. Restored in traditional style, the city features white facades and vibrant trims. Tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Terceira

The morning is yours. Perhaps you will join a morning optional tour to the western side of the Terceira Island visiting coffee and banana plantations along the way and ending at a family owned cheese factory for a light lunch made up of local products. Gather later and head underground with an expert guide to Algar do Carvao, the "Cavern of Coal." Feel the guiet stillness as vou descend into this ancient lava tube. End the day with a swim in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos. Enjoy a free evening or entice your taste buds on an optional wine and tapas home experience. (B)

#### Day 8: Terceira - Faial

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 Center. Mingle amongst the locals at a local market and sample another variety of locally produced cheese. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Faial 😯

Have some time for yourself before joining a walking tour of Horta. Its marina and painted murals are a testament to the island's importance to sailing crews that visit the island during their voyages across the Atlantic. Then, it's your choice! Visit the Horta Museum where ethnographic pieces and Sacred Art paint a picture of the history of the island -OR- visit the Scrimshaw museum where the island's whaling past comes to life through a private whalebone carving collection at the famous Pete's Café. (B)

#### Day 10: Faial - Pico

Board a ferry to the nearby island of Pico. Enjoy a light lunch, sampling drinks paired with local cheeses and meats, snacking on different Azorean favorites. Make a stop at Lagoa do Capitao and spy Sao Jorge Island in the distance. End the day at the rustic lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte, an eco-sustainable hotel and your home for the next 3 nights. Enjoy dinner at this cliffside abode. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Pico

Today visit the Pico Wine Museum before tasting these exclusive wines at a winery. Then, visit the whaling museum highlighting the historical ties of the industry to the culture of the islands. Learn about the

importance of whaling to Pico through the 1980s and the transition from hunting to protecting these giants of the oceans! (B)

#### Day 12: 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, join your fellow travelers for an included dinner tonight. "Bom proveito!" (B, D)

#### Day 13: Pico - Lisbon

Say farewell to the Azores Islands when we depart Pico for Lisbon. Enjoy some time at leisure for some last minute shopping or explore the capital city on your own. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Say adeus (goodbye) to Portugal and the Azores as you depart this coastal paradise. (B)





EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

#### Day 14: Lisbon

Experience Lisbon, Portugal's capital city where old traditions intermingle with modern twists. See the city on a lively tuk-tuk tour, zooming through the the city's neighborhoods from the back seat of an open-air vehicle. After becoming acquainted with the area, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore on your own. Day 15: Lisbon

See the city from a different perspective - via tram! With a local guide, hop on and learn to navigate this widespread 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 favorite flavors. (B, D)

#### Day 16: Lisbon

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure; maybe stroll along Praça do Comércio, or visit São Jorge Castle for a sprawling panorama of the city. (B)

#### Day 17: Lisbon

Wish Lisbon goodbye as you depart for home. (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. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### **1-2 NIGHTS**

PRE NIGHT PONTA DELGADA CALL FOR DETAILS

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#### DOUBLE Starting at \$2699 Pricing is per person, land only. Starting at \$3399 and varies by departure date. SOLO

Prices based on March 22, 2024 departure. **TOUR DATES AVAILABLE** 

March - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June - October 2023 March - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after November 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 São Miguel and depart from Lisbon. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of booking. The internal flights from São Miguel to Terceira (30 minutes), Terceira to Faial (30 minutes), and Pico to Lisbon (2 hours, 30 minutes) are not included in the price of this tour. Internal flights must be purchased through us. Bathing suits are required if partaking in the thermal water pools. The Whale and Dolphin Watching optional tour may not operate if either weather or sea conditions are adverse. This tour uses semi-rigid boats that may not be suitable for all individuals.

The Optional 3 Night Lisbon Extension is Hosted. 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.

**NEW TOUR** 

# FLAVORS OF PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

## 16 DAYS · 21 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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 -La Rioja - Pamplona - Bullfighter's Home Experience - San Sebastian - Cider House Dinner - Bilbao - Guggenheim Museum -Pintxos Tapas Pub Crawl

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Spend 2 nights in a picturesque *quinta* estate in the Douro River Valley.
- Visit a bullfighter's home in Pamplona and learn about this tradition.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 14 — 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- enjoy time at leisure in San Sebastián.

# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 14 Breakfasts (B) 2 Lunches (L) 5 Dinners (D)
- Explore wine cellars in the Douro and Rioja regions and enjoy wine tastings.
- Go on a "pub crawl" to taste *pintxo* tapas.
- Enjoy a *petiscos* cooking class in the Douro River Valley.
- Tour a cider house before savoring ciderinfused cuisine in Spain's Basque region.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	Iberostar Selection Hotel, Lisbon
Days 5 - 7	Porto Royal Bridges Hotel, Porto
Days 8, 9	The Wine House Hotel - Quinta da Pacheca, Douro River Valley
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Quinta da Pacheca with an upgrade to a unique wine barrel room for 2 nights. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 10	NH Collection Palacio de
	Castellanos, Salamanca
Days 11, 12	Eurostars Fuerte Ruavieja,
	La Rioja
Days 13 - 15	NH Collection Aranzazu,
	San Sebastian

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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!

## Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Arrive in Lisbon, the trendy capital of Portugal. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travelers 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. Climb aboard a private tram to discover Lisbon from its hills. Travel through historic neighborhoods where postcardworthy vistas greet you at every turn. Walk to the Chiado neighborhood and embrace its bohemian vibe or return back to the hotel by subway. (B)

## Day 4: Lisbon

Explore Lisbon today at your own pace. 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 travelers 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

Today, head to Coimbra, home to the famous University of Coimbra, built in the 14th century. Embark on a panoramic tour of this famed city. Step off the bus as you walk the preserved 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 may 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. (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. Many of Braga's locals place great importance on religion and the city has one of the highest concentrations of churches in Portugal. After, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. (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 traditional winery. En route to Douro, stop in Amarante, a quaint town set on a bend in the Rio Tamega. 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

Enjoy a relaxed morning at Quinta da Pacheca. Then, roll up your sleeves and join 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 travelers for a cruise down the Douro River on a traditional wooden rabelo boat. (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 savoring 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, home to the legendary Festival 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 colorful, 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 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 Marques de Riscal Winery nestled in the center of Spain's beautiful Basque country – one of the most fascinating wineries to behold with its famously avant-garde design. Taste some of the wines and walk the vineyards. (B)

#### Day 13: La Rioja - San Sebastian

Today, set off for an extensive walking tour of the coastal city of San Sebastian. With its strong regional character, quaint old town and beachfront life, you will feel like a local as you meander through charming neighborhoods boasting with traditional architecture. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own before rejoining your fellow travelers for a panoramic tour along the coastal road, finding picture-perfect views that will take your breath away. (B)

#### Day 14: 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 -ORtake a leisurely hike along the "Camino of Saint James" and make your way back to the city center, enjoying a healthy, scenic experience in this beautiful destination. Lastly you can 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 travelers to Astigarraga - famous for its hard cider - for a truly special dinner inside of a sagardotegi, a cider house. Tour the sagardotegi learning all about the importance of cider in Basque cuisine, before savoring a traditional meal. (B, D)

#### Day 15: San Sebastian - Bilbao -San Sebastian

Head to Bilbao to visit the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, 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 quintessential 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. Enjoy some free time in the Bilbao before returning to San Sebastian and toasting the end of your unforgettable journey! (B, L)

# Day 16: San Sebastian - Tour Ends

Today, your tour of Portugal and Spain comes to a close. (B)



# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS	UP TO 1 WEEK
PRE NIGHT	STOPOVER
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DOUBLE<br/>SOLOStarting at \$3999<br/>Starting at \$4899

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Prices based on December 3, 2023

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

February – May 2023 (different itinerary – see note\*) June 2023 – May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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#### ALSO AVAILABLE



# Flavors of Portugal & Spain with Barcelona

Taste the essence of Portugal and Spain as you wander through historic cities with rich culture and vintage wines.

★ DATES AVAILABLE JUNE 2023 - MAY 2024

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# SPAIN & PORTUGAL: COSTA DEL SOL TO THE PORTUGUESE RIVIERA

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$2999

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

#### **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.

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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 Espana 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

**Days 9 – 11** Pestana Cidadela, Cascais On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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 travelers and your Tour Manager for a welcome reception.

#### Day 3: Málaga

Discover the port city of Málaga with a local guide. Walk through the colorful market stalls, sampling an almond snack or two, 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 culture 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. Enjoy a guided visit of the Picasso Museum, viewing paintings by this iconic artist. After dinner, wrap up your day of exploration with a walk to see this fascinating city at night. (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 center 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 colorful 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 Espana, and Maria Luisa Park. Get a true taste of Seville when you indulge in light tapas lunch. Then, visit the Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest gothic cathedral in the world. View the ornate architecture of the cathedral and see Christopher Columbus' tomb along with the Giralda bell tower. 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 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, 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 flavors, 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 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 savor 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 favorite 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 travelers during a farewell dinner featuring savory Portuguese flavors. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Cascais - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)





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Explore Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Enjoy a guided tour of the city's historic center and visit the Prado Museum. Then, explore the city on your own using your metro card.

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### **1-2 NIGHTS**

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

January - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June 2023 - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Malaga and depart from Lisbon. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to local festivities, the order of your included visits in Cordoba may change.

The Optional 3 Night Madrid Extension is Hosted. 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. Guests are responsible for handling their own luggage when getting on and off the train.

66 I enjoyed Malaga, Spain – a beautiful, old city. The surrounding areas were lovely. I love the cathedrals made from mosques. It was interesting to see the cultures blended together. 99 - Collette Traveler

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# COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

## 10 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$2699

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin • Irish National Stud • Rock of Cashel • Distillery Tour • Kinsale • Garnish Island • Dingle Peninsula • Aran Islands • Cliffs of Moher

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- 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.

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 7 — Take a walk along the coast from Dunquin Pier -OR- visit the Blasket Centre.

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

- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Savor traditional Irish cuisine at a popular local restaurant.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2, 3Hampton Hotel or Hotel Riu<br/>Plaza The Gresham, DublinDays 4, 5Garryvoe Hotel, East Cork,<br/>CorkDays 6, 7Dingle Harbour Lodge,<br/>DingleDay 8Aran Islands Hotel, 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-traveled 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 travelers 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 color 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 afternoon you may join an optional tour to a traditional pub for lunch, followed by a visit to the Guinness Storehouse. This evening, enjoy authentic Irish cuisine at a local restaurant. (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

This morning head to the coastal town 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 -Dingle

Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed, Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbor of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains onto the colorful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula. Tonight, settle into a charming seaside lodge — your home for two nights. (B)







# Day 7: Dingle - Dingle Peninsula - Dingle 😵

This morning explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, with a drive along Slea Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. The locals will remind you that beyond the water "the next parish over is Boston." Then, it's your **choice!** Take a walk along the coast from Dunguin Pier, a secluded bay surrounded by cliffs -OR- visit the Blasket Centre, which shares the story of the people of the Blasket Islands, highlighting their struggles with the elements and the tenacity of their community. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the colorful streets and harbor of Dingle. This evening dinner will be at a pub located in a nearby village. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Dingle - Aran Islands (Inishmore)

Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure, the likes of which you've never seen. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Upon arriving in Inishmore's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh. Learn about the island's 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your cozy island chalet. The humble accommodations in the heart of Inishmore allow the striking, rocky coast to be the star of your stay. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Aran Islands (Inishmore) -Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

In the morning, visit Dun Aonghusa, a prehistoric hill fort facing the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the Seven Churches, a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. After, you'll meet a family who harvests seaweed, and taste the unique flavor of this nutrient-rich food that supported Ireland's people during times of famine. Nearby, get a glimpse at a colony of seals on your way to visit another family-run enterprise: a goat farm. Savor the flavors of their locally-produced cheese during a sampling. Later, enjoy time in Kilronan village to explore and see the famous Aran sweaters, After, take in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. 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

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS	UP TO 1 WEEK
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March - May 2023
(different itinerary - see note*)

June – October 2023 March – May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Dublin and depart from Shannon. Airport transfers are available for purchase. 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. Due to the remoteness of Dingle and the Aran Islands, hotels are carefully chosen, yet also reflective of the rustic nature of the landscape and are 3-star properties.

66 I loved driving through the countryside, but my favorite was the visit to Inis Oirr. What a group of people who live there and share their experiences.
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 Collette Traveler

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# SCOTLAND: **ISLES OF LORE** & LEGEND

## 12 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$3399

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Glasgow - Sheepdog Demonstration -Auchindrain - Scottish Highlands - Loch Melfort - Oban - Isle of Mull - Isle of Iona • Urquhart Castle • Moray Firth Cruise • Culloden - Blair Castle - Dundee - Whisky Distillery - Invisible Cities Walking Tour

## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Wander the ruins of a 13th-century medieval fortress.
- · See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm.

# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 In Glasgow, visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery with its iconic art collection -OR- explore the Riverside Museum, dedicated to transport.
- Day 10 In Dundee, see the ship RRS Discovery that transported Shackleton to Antarctica -ORexplore the Victoria & Albert Design Museum.



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

· Sip the famous "water of life" in a local whisky distillery.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow
Days 4 - 6	Loch Melfort Hotel, Arduaine, Oban
Days 7, 8	Craigmonie Hotel, Inverness
Day 9	The Landmark Hotel, Dundee
Days 10, 11	Voco Edinburgh - Haymarket, Edinburgh
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Discover the mystical side of Scotland, with its legends, whisky, clans and historical cities.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

Rolling landscapes of green hills and rocky coastlines. Lively cities of friendly locals and the renowned "water of life." This is Scotland - where legends live long, and storybook pages come to life.

#### Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Glasgow, a cultural trove of art, music, and history. Get ready to experience the eclectic architecture, friendly locals (Glaswegians), and rich traditions that make this city such a fascinating place. Settle into your hotel before joining your fellow travelers this evening for dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Glasgow 😵

Soak in the rich culture of Glasgow. Join a local guide on a walking and coach tour that leads you through historic George Square and the beautiful Beaux-Arts style architecture that surrounds it; to Provands Lordship-the oldest surviving house in the city; the medieval Glasgow Cathedral; prestigious Blythswood Square; and the futuristiclooking Science Centre. After lunch on your own in central Glasgow, it's your choice! View one of Europe's great art collections at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery -OR- see the city's fabulous technology

and transport collections at the Riverside Museum, situated on the banks of the River Clyde. (B)

#### Day 4: Glasgow - Loch Lomond -Auchindrain - Loch Melfort

Leave the city behind, traveling along sloping fields and rolling clouds to arrive in Loch Lomond. Visit a family-run farm with spectacular views of the lake and surrounding hills. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration and enjoy Scottish snacks before departing for Luss. Explore this quaint lakeside village of stone cottages and bright flowers, then enjoy lunch on your own before jumping back on the bus to Auchindrain. Learn about Scotland's rural history during a guided tour of this wellpreserved farm township that dates back to the 16th century. 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 neighboring the National Trust's Arduaine Gardens. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Loch Melfort - Oban - Loch Melfort

This morning, put on your comfy shoes and

embark on a guided walking tour of historic Oban. Learn why the town is considered the "Gateway to the Isles," uncover the history of the iconic McCaig's Tower, and find out what's buried under the North Pier as you traverse the scenic harborside town with a local expert. Afterwards, enjoy some free time, perhaps exploring Oban's food stalls and seeing for yourself why it's considered the seafood capital of Scotland. Return to your hotel in Loch Melfort to relax and spend the remainder of the day as you please. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Loch Melfort - Isle of Mull -Isle of Iona - Loch Melfort

It's time to island hop. Take the ferry from Oban to the Isle of Mull, a picturesque island that is the largest of the Inner Hebridean Islands. Continue to the Isle of Iona, one of Western Europe's oldest Christian religious centers. Journey to Iona Abbey on foot and enjoy free time to explore the tranquility of the grounds on your own before returning to Mull and back to your hotel in Loch Melfort. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Loch Melfort - Glencoe -**Loch Ness - Inverness**

Geological wonders await you in the Highlands. Head to the National Nature Reserve in Glencoe and stop at the visitor center to learn about the spectacular Glencoe mountain range, then walk the trails and experience this unique landscape for yourself. After lunch, continue on to Loch Ness. Wander the ruins of the legendary Urguhart Castle and imagine all that transpired inside the walls of this 13th-century medieval fortress. Afterwards, travel to Inverness, capital of the highlands, to settle in to your hotel for the night. (B, D)

#### **Day 8: Inverness**

Head out on the water and cruise Moray Firth, traveling up the Beauly Firth to the Caledonian Canal and then back out as far as Munlochy Bay. Keep your eyes peeled for otters, porpoises, seals, and numerous shore birds along the way. Continue to Culloden Battlefield, where in 1746, a half hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. Experience the 360° battle-immersion theater at the visitor

center, and see artifacts from the conflict. Later this afternoon, return to Inverness, and have some time at leisure to explore. (B)

#### Day 9: Inverness - Blair Atholl -Dundee

Immerse yourself in history today at Blair Castle & Gardens, the ancestral home of Clan Murray. Explore the ornate 18th century interiors and wander the nine acres of walled gardens where you may spot a peacock roaming free. After lunch, continue to Bamff Ecotourism. Meet the owners of this tranguil estate and learn why they're helping to reintroduce the wild beaver population to Scotland. Continue on to Dundee, an up-and-coming city on the banks of the River Tay. (B, D)

# Day 10: Dundee - Edinburgh 😵

This morning, it's your choice! Visit Discovery Point, home to the RRS Discovery, the ship that took Scott and Shackleton to Antarctica in 1901 -OR- get inspired at the V&A Dundee, Scotland's highly acclaimed design museum. This afternoon, enjoy a whisky tasting tour at a distillery built on an old monastery. Your day ends in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. (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 Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. 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 whisky-inspired farewell dinner highlighting the flavors of Scotland and toast to your Scottish explorations. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home. (B)



# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

March - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*)

March - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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#### ALSO AVAILABLE



#### Scotland: Isles of Lore and Legend featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Enjoy tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo Show.

★ DATES AVAILABLE JULY - AUGUST 2023

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Glasgow and depart from Edinburgh. Airport transfers are available for purchase. If you choose to arrange your own air, please note you must arrive into Glasgow airport no later than 4:00 p.m. If your flight arrives into Edinburgh airport, you must arrive no later than 2:00 p.m. In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these programs are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area. Travelers arriving in Edinburgh from August 4-26, 2023 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show. Please inquire at time of reservation.

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# THE BEST OF IRELAND

# 15 DAYS · 21 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin • Belfast • Pearse Lyons Distillery • Giant's Causeway • Derry • Seanchaí Experience • Galway • Cliffs of Moher • Dingle • 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.
- Enjoy a traditional Irish game of hurling.

# 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.

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# CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Savor new Irish cuisine during dinner in Dublin.
- Taste the local whiskey at Pearse Lyons Distillery.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Hyatt Centric The Liberties, 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	Dingle Harbour Lodge, Dingle
Days 13, 14	Kilkenny River Court Hotel, Kilkenny

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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**

Wild Atlantic Way

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. 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. Visit the Pearse Lyons distillery in Dublin, located in a church. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. Later you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by dinner at a traditional pub. (B)

Day 4: Dublin - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning, cross the border into Northern

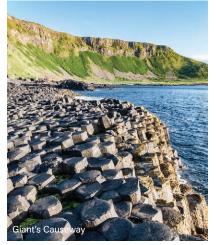
Ireland and arrive in Belfast. Cruise through town in a traditional black taxicab with a guide, taking in different murals along the way. Pause at the Peace Wall, which separates the Catholic and Protestant communities, adorned with political graffiti. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in Belfast before joining your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Belfast - Giants Causeway -Belfast

Today visit the ethereal Giant's Causeway, walking in the footsteps of mystical legends. 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 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 guide and learn how Galway went from a major trading city in the medieval period, through to the present day. Tonight dinner is at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### 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 a tour of the monastery. (B)

#### Day 11: Galway - Cliffs of Moher -Dingle

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 colorful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a pub. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Dingle - Dingle Peninsula - Dingle

This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, visiting Slea Head, where the locals will remind you that beyond the water, "the next parish over is Boston." After returning to Dingle, the rest of the day is yours to explore how you choose. (B)

#### Day 13: Dingle - Kilkenny

Today, enjoy a lunch at a traditional Irish pub, owned by the same family for 200 years. Listen to stories about the family ancestors, and the social role that pubs play within rural communities. Afterwards, watch a hurling demonstration, a traditional sport of Ireland, with the opportunity to participate yourself! Continue to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming cities. (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 1 2 3

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin. Our return transfers will depart from Kilkenny for Dublin airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:00 a.m. Travel time between Kilkenny and Dublin airport is approximately 90 minutes. Cruise operates seasonally. When not available, you will instead visit Enniskillen Castle and Fermanagh County Museum.

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Collette Traveler

# JOURNEY THROUGH SCOTLAND & ENGLAND

14 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT \$3999

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Edinburgh Castle - Lake District - Liverpool - Cotswolds - Bath -Glastonbury Abbey - Cornwall -Great Western Railway - London

## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Overnight in a 16th-century Elizabethan manor house.
- Relax as you journey through the countryside by train from Cornwall to London.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- **Day 5** In the Lake District, visit Rydal Mount, home of poet William Wordsworth -**OR**- embark on a guided hike through valleys and trails.
- Day 6 In Liverpool, explore the strawberry fields that inspired John Lennon -OR- tour Albert Dock and visit the Merseyside Maritime Museum.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Personalize your evening with Diner's Choice in Bath.
- Enjoy lunch at the historic Bell Inn nestled in the charming village of Willersey.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	VOCO, Edinburgh
Days 4, 5	Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Lake Windermere

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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	Clayton Hotel City of London, London
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From poetic countryside to bustling capitals, experience the different sides of Scotland and England.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Flight**

From poetic countryside 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 Kingdom.

#### 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 locally inspired dinner. (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 the Pan Am Memorial at Lockerbie Cemetery and 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

This morning explore the Cotswolds, taking in the rolling hills and honey-colored stone homes that make this one of England's most beautiful areas. Visit the quaint village of Broadway, and enjoy lunch at the historic Bell Inn located in the village of Willersey. 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, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Cornwall

This morning, visit the Eden Project. Dubbed the Eighth Wonder of the World, it is a dramatic global garden housed in some of the world's largest biodomes. This afternoon, explore the idyllic fishing village of Mevagissey, and meet a local fisherman to learn about the history of fishing and tourism in Cornwall. (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. You may choose to join an optional excursion to the Tower of London followed by lunch at a traditional pub. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

#### Day 14: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through Great Britain comes to a close today. (B)



# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

12 DAYS · 23 MEALS STARTING AT \$2399

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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 — Embark on one of Costa Rica's most thrilling zip lining experiences and take in views of the Arenal rainforest -OR- enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park; cross lava fields and pause to enjoy spectacular views of the volcano.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 11 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Taste for yourself 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 Mountain Paradise Resort & Spa, Arenal
- Days 9, 10 Marriott Los Suenos, Playa Herradura
- Day 11 Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose



From thrilling water journeys to ethereal jungle expeditions, discover what *pura vida* means to you when you explore the essence of Costa Rica.

#### 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. 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 afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, 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 favorite: coconut candy. (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, 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, if you're feeling adventurous, you'll 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 2 nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every color of the rainbow. (B, D)

#### Day 10: 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 11: Playa Herradura - Tárcoles - San Jose

See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' 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 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)



#### (1)(2) **3** (4) TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS				
PRE NIGHT SAN JOSE	POST NIGHT SAN JOSE			
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#### DOUBLE Starting at \$2399 Pricing is per person, land only, SOLO Starting at \$3099 and varies by departure date. Prices based on June 17, 2023 departure.

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note\*)

(featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

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. 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 and eco-lodges for their locations and they may be considered rustic. Air conditioning and elevators are not available in all properties used on this tour. Travelers must be in good health as sightseeing requires walking on uneven terrain; wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour.

> 66 Everything about our tour was excellent. Our guide had a real passion for the nature of Costa Rica and provided a great experience. 🤊 Collette Traveler

# **PATAGONIA: EDGE OF THE** WORLD

## 14 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$5199

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.



#### 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
Days 2, 3	Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta or Palladio Hotel Buenos Aires MGallery, Buenos Aires
Days 4, 5	Esplendor by Wyndham El Calafate, El Calafate
Days 6, 7	Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales
Days 8 - 11	Ventus Australis
Day 12	Los Acebos, Ushuaia
Day 13	Palladio Hotel Buenos Aires MGallery, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# **TRAVEL STYLE:** SMALL GROUP



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 **Beains**

Your journey starts in Buenos Aires. The city radiates a Latin-infused rhythm interwoven with its European heritage. Meet your fellow travelers for a cocktail reception at your hotel, located in the heart of the chic and stylish Recoleta neighborhood. Head to a local restaurant with your new friends and indulge in savory Argentine flavors. (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 well-known 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 splendor 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 travelers. (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 (llamas), 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 this coastal metropolis city of Punta Arenas with an expert guide, where brightly colored houses meet modern skyscrapers. As the day draws to a close, leave the mainland on the Ventus 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 penquins. (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 savor 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

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#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### **1-2 NIGHTS**

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DOUBLE Starting at \$5199 Pricing is per person, land only, Starting at \$7099 SOLO and varies by departure date.

Prices based on October 20, 2023 departure.

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

(different itinerary - see note\*)

November 2022 - March 2023 October - December 2023 January - March 2024 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for October 2023 – March 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Buenos Aires. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Port taxes and fees (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of printing, per guest 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. Travel with a maximum of 210 people while cursing on the Ventus Australis. While you will be joined by other travelers on the ship, your dedicated Tour Manager will be with your group for the entire journey. 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 quest 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 traveling 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.

# PERU: MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA

# 10 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT \$2399

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

#### **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 colorful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.



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.



#### 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.



- Days 1, 2 Hilton Garden Inn Lima Miraflores, Lima
- Days 3, 4 Casa 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 center, 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 travelers 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 center 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 colorful 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 your train to Machu Picchu for breathtaking views through panoramic 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, stay 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 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 your choice!** Travel above the city 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, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, dine at your leisure at a local restaurant featuring the local flavors 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 center before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 9: Puno - Uros Floating Islands - Lake Titicaca - Chullpas de Sillustani - Puno

The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the center 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 grounds of the museum before departing for Lima's airport and your connecting flight home. (B, D)

#### Optional 3 Night Peruvian Amazon Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$599<sup>+</sup> pp



#### Day 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 up the Madre de Dios River to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion Lodge. After a welcome lunch, take a walk through the Concepcion 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' behaviour and the southern sky's constellations. Then, you'll enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room. (L, D)

#### Day 12: Tambopata National Reserve -Lake Sandoval

After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a trek through Tambopata National Reserve. Arrive at pristine Lake Sandoval and board a dugout canoe. Glide along taking in your peaceful surroundings. Keep an eye out for the endangered giant river otter, blue and yellow macaw, red howler monkey, black caiman, and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish, the paiche. After lunch, the Inkaterra canopy walkway awaits. Begin at the 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 and discovering the wildlife that surrounds you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique nocturnal sounds of the rainforest. Your day concludes with a wonderful dinner. (B, L, D)

#### 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)

<sup>†</sup> Additional air segment purchase required.



## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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 Starting at Starting at Prices based on June 24, 2023 departure.
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#### **TOUR DATES AVAILABLE**

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note\*) (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 – April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. 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. 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 torur. 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 pm. The highest elevation is approximately 12;200 feet (Puno). During this tour you will spend 4 consecutive days at altitudes over 11,000 feet. Please be advised that backpacks brought into Machu Picchu cannot exceed 16:44x8in 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 traveling to and from.

The 3 night Peruvian Amazon Extension is Hosted. 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. Fnjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. When traveling in the Amazon you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. The lodge does not have air conditioning. Wi-Fi is free in the main area when electricity is running. Electricity will only be available between 4:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. You will be traveling by small river boats to reach the lodge and by cance during some excursions and should be reasonably fit in order to board comfortably. You will be walking on nature trails which may be muddy and over one mile in length. To experience the Amazon fully, we recommend that all travelers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. In addition, guests who require assistance walking or yow to travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour. The Hacienda Concepcion has fully screened cabanas, mosquito net protection and private bathrooms in each room. Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours. This extension is not a Collette exclusive program. There may be non-Collette passengers joining you on included features.

# MACHU PICCHU & GALAPAGOS WONDERS

## 14 DAYS · 27 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>6349

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 in a train to Machu Picchu.
- Stand tall in the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.

# V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Visit the Incan ruins of Sacsayhauman Fortress -ORexplore the neighborhood 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 Coral II

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 personal 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 center, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, where the elegant 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 artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

# Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

Fly 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 colors. 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 techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Mix with a nearby community and learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving, listen to their music and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-totable meal of local specialties. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas -Machu Picchu

Hop aboard your train to Machu Picchu, where views of the Andes astound through panoramic windows as you climb toward the "Lost City of the Incas." Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu or *La Ciudadela* (the Citadel), is one of the world's most spectacular archaeological sites. (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 your train 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, enjoy flexible dining at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

This morning, fly to Ecuador's stunning capital city – Quito, your home for the next two nights. (B)

#### Day 9: Quito

Today, tour the Presidential Palace in Quito's colonial center. 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 - Baltra - Embark Ship - Santa Cruz Highlands, Galápagos

Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Baltra to launch your eco-adventure aboard the M/Y *Coral II*, an exclusive yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After dry landing on Santa Cruz Island head from the coast to the dense humid forests and the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. In addition to famed Galápagos Giant Tortoises you may also spot many different kinds of birds, such as tree and ground finches, vermillion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets. (B, L, D)

# Day 11: Isabela Island - Fernandina Island

On Isabela Island enjoy deep-water snorkeling at the Bolivar Channel. Then, take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe a great diversity of sea and coastal birds; Nazca and blue-footed boobies, brown pelicans, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Continue on to make a dry landing on Fernandina Island, where the large marine iguanas mingle with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Isabela Island

Make a wet landing today on the volcanic black beaches of Urbina Bay - home to giant tortoises, land iguanas, and more. Enjoy time to snorkel, possibly swimming alongside with sea turtles, sea lions, and tropical fish. Travel from Urbina to Tagus Cove for a dry landing. Take the trail that leads to Darwin's salt-water crater lake, offering views of lava fields and volcanic formations. A dinghy ride along the shoreline highlights a variety of seabirds, such as Bluefooted Booby, Brown Noddy, terns, and - depending on the season - a large number of Galápagos Penguins which the only penguin species to live in the tropics. (B, L, D)

#### Day 13: Santiago Island

Walk in Darwin's footsteps today on Santiago Island. Begin with a wet landing at Egas Port's black volcanic sand beach. Take a unique trail formed of volcanic ash that transitions halfway to uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of Santiago is home to the bizarre, yellow-crowned night heron. Colonies of fur seals swim in volcanic rock pools. After landing in Sullivan's Bay on southeastern Santiago Island, walk through the otherworldly landscape of solidified pa-hoe-hoe lava flows, formed during the last quarter of the 19th century. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14: Santa Cruz - Disembark Ship - Quito - Tour Ends

Your last landing in the Galápagos is on the north side of Santa Cruz at Bachas Beach where ponds entice Galápagos Flamingos to visit and iguanas to sunbathe. This beach is also one of the main sea turtle nesting sites in the Galápagos and home to the remains of barges that sank during World War II. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito, where a day room will be available close to the airport before your flight 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. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

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#### Prices based on May 1, 2023 departure

#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2022 January – April 2023 (different itinerary - see note\*) May 2023 August - October 2023 January - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

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\*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Lima and depart from Quito. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program in Pru and Ecuador are not included in the land price of your tour admust be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be licketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. For guests wishing only to purchase internal flights that are purchased will be licketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. For tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 8:00 purn, on the last day Galapaps National Park entrance fees (approximately 100 US Dollars) and MiSAL Aransit Control Card (approximately 20 US Dollars) are included in the land price of your tour. These fees are government driven and may change due to the unique nature of the government restrictions on the Galapags Islands. Othoard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board cruize. 15 - 20 US dollars per person, per day, for the on-board crew and 10 -15 US dollars per person, per day, for the no-board crew and 10 -15 US dollars per person, per day for the no-board crew and 10 -15 US dollars per person, per day sort Styroßam containers has been forbidden. We suggest briging an baard cruize. 15 - 20 US dollars, Also, please take note that briging in single-use places take note day. Bay, places takes not included in the price of your tour. Suggested US dollars on the cabacyabs to tottes, plastic starks or Styroßam containers has been forbidden. We suggest briging anteens or reusable water bottles. In general, hotels in Peru (outside of Lima) are small with now or two levels and do not have elevators which may require you to climb 10-15 teps to get to/from the room. While cruising the Galapagos, our ship's program is subject to change due to weather conditions or national park directives, as well as seasonality which may influence animal behaviors. The captain may deviate from the publiched interary for any

The 3 night Peruvian Amazon extension is Hosted. 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 sighteeses. When traveling in the Amazon you will encounter ful days of sighteesing, frequently in warm temperatures. The lodge does not have air conditioning. Wi-F is free in the main area when electricity is running. Electricity will only be available between 4:00 are not 10:30 pm. and 3500 pm. to 10:00 pm. You will be traveling by small inver boats to reach the lodge and by cance during some excursions and should be reasonably fit in order to board comfortably. You will be walking on nature trails which may be muddy and over one mile in length. To experience the Amazon fully, we recommend that all travelers be in reasonably god health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, this to usin is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. In addition, guests who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we stronoly recommend a different tour.

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**NEW TOUR** 

# MONTANA: EXPLORING BIG SKY COUNTRY

## 11 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>5499

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Bozeman • Yellowstone • Old Faithful • Mammoth Hot Springs • Yellowstone • Grand Canyon • Helena • Gates of the Mountains • Great Falls • Glacier National Park • Going-to-the-Sun Road • Whitefish • White Water Rafting • Flathead Lake • Kootenai Traditions • Historic Museum at Fort Missoula • Smokejumper Visitor's Center

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore both the Northern and Southern Loops of Yellowstone National Park.
- Learn about native culture at the Flathead Reservation.

# 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) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

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

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 AC Hotel Downtown, Bozeman
- Days 2, 3 The Ridgeline Hotel at Yellowstone, Gardiner
- Days 4, 5 DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown, Helena
- Day 6 Great Bear Lodge at St. Mary Village, St. Mary
- Days 7, 8 The Firebrand Hotel or Lodge at Whitefish Lake, Whitefish
- Days 9, 10 DoubleTree by Hilton Edgewater, Missoula
- 98 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# 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

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 the northern and southern loops of Yellowstone, America's first national park. Get your cameras ready, there's a good chance you're going to come across roaming bison, roaring geysers, and more.

#### Day 2: Bozeman - Yellowstone Southern Loop - Gardiner

This morning, pass through Yellowstone's western gate and venture into the Lower Loop. Your first stop will be at the Grand Prismatic Spring, where steaming 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. No drive through Yellowstone is that quiet, though – bison, elk, bears, eagles, wolves, and antelope call this incredible slice of wilderness their home, and you might spot them at any time. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Gardiner - Yellowstone Northern Loop - Gardiner

Today, explore Yellowstone's northern loop. Your

first stop will be Mammoth Hot Springs. Here, bubbling pots of geothermal water trickle down the step-like terraces, creating incredible shapes and colors. Next, head to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone lookout, where you'll find yourself standing over the massive, 20-mile-long canyon. Its craggy walls are streaked with brilliant whites, pinks, and oranges from the volcanic minerals contained in the rocks. The Yellowstone River roars along at the bottom over three different waterfalls. Later today, return to your hotel in Gardiner. (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 and welcoming mountain city of Helena on a narrated, train trolley tour. See the opulent mansion district,

marvel at the Cathedral of St. Helena, and roll by governor's homes. Pass by a restored miners' village, enjoy the unique architecture along Last Chance Gulch, and catch a glimpse of the Old Fire Tower. After exploring the city a bit, 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 Lewis and Clark. Climb aboard a boat and follow the path they took on their legendary journey across this vast wilderness. Meriwether Lewis himself named this stunning canyon the Gates of the Mountains. Tonight, return to Helena for an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 6: Helena - Great Falls - St. Mary 😵

Today, venture to Great Falls, where the mighty Missouri River thunders down from the Rocky Mountains. 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 vour choice! Visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center where you can learn about the trials of the legendary expedition **-OR-** explore the exhibits at the C.M. Russell Art Museum during a guided tour, where you'll see the art of Charles Russell, a cowboy-turned-artist, as well as his original home and log studio. Afterwards, continue to St. Mary. (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. Next, head to Whitefish where forests, lakes, rivers, and mountains unfold in every direction. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Whitefish 😵

This morning, enjoy some leisure time in the quaint, picturesque town of Whitefish. 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. A true favorite in Montana, huckleberries can be found in snacks, drinks, candy, and more. 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, tell tales about your river escapades while sitting 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. Quaint, small towns dot the shores here, built with the beautiful backdrop of nature behind them. 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 final stay on your journey, 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 Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, a 32-acre site with over 20 structures including a collection of nearly 50,000 artifacts that tell the fascinating history of Missoula County. Next, visit the Smokejumper Visitor Center and 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. This evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow travelers, 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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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. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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> TOUR DATES AVAILABLE June – September 2023

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# ROAMING COASTAL MAINE

# 7 DAYS • 9 MEALS STARTING AT \$2799

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 • Freeport • Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens • Boothbay

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park.
- Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.
- Sample the vintages during a wine tasting.

# IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 2 — Visit the Portland Museum of Art, Maine's oldest and largest public art institution -OR- join a locally-guided walking tour through Portland's oldest neighborhood and learn about its diverse beginnings.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 6 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunches (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.
- Savor a Maine inspired welcome dinner.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 AC Hotel Portland Downtown Waterfront, Portland, ME
- Days 3, 4 Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor, ME
- Days 5, 6 Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME

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.

#### Day 2: Portland 😵

Discover the essence of this vibrant harbor 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. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit the Portland Museum of Art, Maine's oldest and largest public art institution whose collection includes pieces from Andy Warhol and Claude Monet **-OR-** join a locally-guided walking tour through Portland's oldest neighborhood and learn about its diverse beginnings. 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. Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road







with a local guide. Take in the sweeping views from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. 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 -Freeport

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 favorite, 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 in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Freeport - Boothbay -Freeport

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. Return to Freeport where you will visit the Maine Beer Company for an **Impact Moment**. Enjoy a guided tasting and learn all about the brewery's "Do What's Right" program in which they commit to employee wellness, minimizing their carbon footprint, and donating proceeds to environmental nonprofits. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Freeport - Portland - Tour Ends

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



# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4

You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE May - October 2023

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66 The restaurants were wonderful as well as the planned events such as the oyster farm and wine tasting.
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 Collette Traveler

# ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS

7 DAYS • 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$3499

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.

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6 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
- Learn all about the Iditarod as you dine on the property of a legendary racing kennel.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Hilton, Anchorage, AK

- Day 3 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna, AK
- Days 4 6 Pike's Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

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 at your hotel. 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 downto-earth 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 snowcovered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready – the train conductor will



Dog Mushing



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 owner's 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 1 2 3 4

Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR DETAILS

#### CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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#### TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

February – March 2023 (different itinerary – see note\*) February – March 2024 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for February – March 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

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66 The tour guide was fantastic—very organized, knowledgeable, and eager to help in way she could! Loved the small size of the group which allowed us to really get to know each other. 
- Collette Traveler

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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!	•	•	•
Roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included <sup>2</sup>	•	•	•
Dedicated Concierge Service			•
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			•
Express Check-In⁵			•
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	•	• part b	• part b
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	•		4
Deposit now, pay the balance later	٠		//
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		•	
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 in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways when you purchase an air-inclusive tour. Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. <sup>2</sup>These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are traveling on select flights. Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). <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>6</sup>Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. Not policible with Instant Purchase Airfare.

# **RESERVATION** INFORMATION

#### Land Rates

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

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

#### Payments

#### Land Package Deposit

- A \$349 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$549 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

#### Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- · A \$698 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
- Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$898 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

#### Instant Purchase Air

 If you have selected Instant Purchase air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus the land package deposits noted above; all of which is non-refundable.

Should you decide to purchase our per-person Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. This Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver (a non-insurance feature provided by Collette), 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 Instant Purchase airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan reimburses 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, and Galapagos for which the balance is due 120 days before departure. Payment may be made by charging to clients' Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx.

#### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette: 1-800-611-3361

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, 162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attn: Accounts Receivable

#### **Revision Fees**

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

#### **Cancellation Charges**

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

- · More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 60 16 days prior to departure: 40% of land or cruise price
- 15 1 day prior to departure: 75% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Exceptions:

#### Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- · 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### **River Cruises:**

- · More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Galapagos & Antarctica:

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

\*Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, 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 inclusive 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 Airfare includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post-days and extensions). Instant Purchase airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, the Instant Purchase airfare may be reimbursed if you cancel your trip for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable and 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, both of which 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/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

#### **Travelers Needing Special Assistance**

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

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

#### **Holiday and Museum Closures**

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

#### Motorcoach Washrooms

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

#### Seat Rotation

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

#### Maps and Photos

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

#### **Baggage Disclaimer**

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self-interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. Be sure to ask your travel professional about such restrictions before departing for your tour.

#### **Checked Baggage Charges:**

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

#### Collette Compass App

Precise Location in Background: The Collette Compass app collects location data to display the real-time risk alerts and personalized assistance notification features, even when the app is closed and not in use. This option can be changed later by going to the device settings.

#### **Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette**

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to a thome. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip.

Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to 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

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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, delay, rescheduling or other adjustment or impact to a departure or itinerary or other aspect of the vacation 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 titneraries 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 107 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 regigent 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 traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encounters. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the Tour Manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. If you are traveling with children, you are solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times.

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. In addition, any comments that you submit as a review or your social media posts may be used for Collette's promotional purposes. Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Collette reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without notice.

#### FORUM SELECTION AND CHOICE OF LAW

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND INTERPRETED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS IN

RHODE ISLAND SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AND SOLE JURISDICTION OVER ANY DISPUTE, CONTROVERSY OR SUIT ARISING RELATIVE TO THIS AGREEMENT.

#### 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, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member.

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

Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.

#### **Collette's Travel Protection Plan**

For anyone who traveled prior to December 31, 2022 and purchased a Travel Protection Plan, visit this website for plan details: www.tripmate.com/wpF430C

For anyone traveling after January 1, 2023, visit this website for plan details: https://policy. travelexinsurance.com/365ZA-0123

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

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

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

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

For Residents of MN, MO, NY and WA Only: The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver (Part A) can be purchased separately without the purchase of the Travel Protection Plan. Contact Collette at 1-800-832-4656 in order to purchase the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver separately.

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

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

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

#### Where to Present Part A Claims

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

#### Collette

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

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

The following is an outline of the Non-Insurance Travel Assistance Services and Insurance Benefits provided in Part B.

Part B Insurance Benefits are provided by Zurich American Insurance Company: On tour, insurance benefits can be provided if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need to be evacuated due to covered medical reason; suffer a baggage loss or delay of more than 24 hours; are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT		
<ul> <li>Trip Cancellation</li> </ul>	Amount Purchased up to \$1500*		
Trip Interruption	150% of Trip Cost up to \$10,000		
<ul> <li>Missed Connection (3 hours)</li> </ul>	\$1,500		
<ul> <li>Travel Delay (12 hours)</li> </ul>	\$2,100 (\$150 per day)		
<ul> <li>Emergency Medical Expense</li> </ul>			
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$50,000		
Emergency Medical Evacuation, Medical			
Repatriation & Return of Remains	\$50,000		
<ul> <li>Accidental Death &amp; Dismemberment</li> </ul>	\$25,000		
<ul> <li>Baggage and Personal Effects</li> </ul>	\$1,500		
<ul> <li>Emergency Dental Expense</li> </ul>	\$750		
<ul> <li>Baggage Delay (24 hours)</li> </ul>	\$200		

\*This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase air tickets and any single supplement penalties you are assessed if your Family Member or Traveling Companion has his/her Trip Canceled. This does not cover any other land, air or water Travel Arrangements.

#### PART B Insurance Benefit Exclusions & Limitations

Unless otherwise stated in the plan, this plan will not pay for any loss arising directly or indirectly out of, or as a result of, or from, or that occur to, or are as a result of the actions of, the Insured or the Insured's Family Member, or Traveling Companion, or Business Partner for the following:

1. suicide, attempted suicide, or intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane (while sane in CO and MO); 2. mental, nervous, or psychological disorders; 3. being under the influence of drugs or intoxicants, unless prescribed by a Physician; 4. Normal Pregnancy, resulting childbirth, and elective abortion; 5. participation as a professional in athletics while on a Covered Trip; 6. Participation in organized amateur or interscholastic athletic or sports competition or related practice events; 7. riding or driving in any motor competition; 8. off-road driving, whether as a driver or as a passenger; 9. declared or undeclared war, or any act of war; 10. civil disorder; 11. service in the armed forces of any country; 12. Nuclear reaction, radiation or radioactive contamination; 13. operating or learning to operate any aircraft, as pilot or crew; 14. mountain climbing, bungee jumping, snow skiing, skydiving, Parachuting, free falling, cliff diving, B.A.S.E. or base jumping, hang gliding, parasailing, travel on any air supported device other than on a regularly scheduled airline or air charter company, or extreme sports; 15. mountaineering where ropes or guides are commonly used including ascending and descending a mountain requiring specialized equipment, including but not limited to anchors, bolts, carabineers, crampons, lead/top-rope anchoring equipment and pick-axes; 16. scuba diving if the depth of the water exceeds 75 feet; 17. The Insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony; 18. elective medical or holistic treatment or procedures; 19. Failure of any tour operator, Common Carrier, other travel supplier, person or agency to provide the bargained-for travel arrangements/services; 20. a loss that results from a sickness, disease, or other condition, event or circumstance, that occurs at a time when this Policy is not in effect for the Insured; 21. Epidemic or Pandemic; 22. a diagnosed sickness (if insurance is purchased after such diagnosis) from which no recovery is expected and that only palliative treatment is provided and that carries a prognosis of death within 12 months of the effective date of the applicable coverage under this Policy; 23. sickness, injury or death if the plan is purchased after entering a hospice facility or receiving hospice treatment; 24. any Trip taken outside the advice of a Physician; 25. or a Pre-Existing Condition including death that results therefrom (within the stated lookback period within your insurance policy. Does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation and Repatriation benefit.)Additionally, this plan will not pay for any loss arising directly or indirectly out of, or as a result of, or from, or that occur to, or are as a result of the actions of, the following that occur to the Insured: any amount paid or payable under any Worker's Compensation, disability benefit or similar law; a loss or damage caused by detention, confiscation or destruction by customs, or; medical treatment during a Covered Trip, or arising from a Covered Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment. The following additional exclusion applies to Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits: We will not pay for loss caused by or resulting from sickness of any kind.

Excess Insuránce Limitation: The insurance provided by this Plan shall be in excess of all other valid and collectible Insurance or indemnity.

The Part B Insurance Benefits are underwritten by: Zurich American Insurance Company, a New York domiciled company with its principal place of business at 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196 (NAIC # 16535).

#### **Non-Insurance Services**

Zurich Travel Assist 24-Hour Assistance Services Included

Non-Insurance Services are not insurance benefits underwritten by Zurich American Insurance Company. Travel Assist Services are provided by: Zurich Travel Assist

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW: This is intended as a general description of certain types of insurance and services available to qualified customers through the companies of Zurich in North America, provided solely for informational purposes. Nothing herein should be construed as a solicitation, offer, advice, recommendation, or any other service with regard to any type of insurance product underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company, 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196. Your policy is the contract that specifically and fully describes your coverage, terms and conditions. The description of the policy provisions gives a broad overview of coverages and does not revise or amend the policy. Coverages and rates are subject to individual insured meeting our underwriting gualifications and product availability in applicable states. If you have questions about coverage available under our plans, please review the policy found at https://policy.travelexinsurance.com/365ZA-0123 or contact us. Travelex Insurance Services Inc. 810 N 96th Street, Suite 300, Omaha, NE 68114. Toll Free 844.246.8481. Email: customersolutions@travelexinsurance.com. Consumers in California may also contact: California Department of Insurance Hotline 800.927.4357 or 213.897.8921. Travelex Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Consumers in Maryland may contact: Maryland Insurance Administration 800.492.6116 or 410.468.2340. Insurance coverages underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC # 16535).

Any inquiry regarding claims may be directed to Zurich Travel Assist at claims@zurichtravelassist.com, P.O. Box 968019, Schaumburg, IL 60196-8019; 800-501-4781. Inquiries regarding new, existing or denied claims and any other claims questions may also be directed to this address.

Travel Retailers Disclaimer: The purchase of this product is not required in order to purchase any other travel product or service. Your travel retailer might not be licensed to sell travel insurance and will only be able to provide general information about the product. An unlicensed travel retailer may not answer questions about the terms and conditions of the insurance offered and may not evaluate the adequacy of your existing insurance coverage. The products being offered provide insurance coverage that only applies during your covered trip. You may have insurance coverage from other sources that provide similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon the coverage. You may wish to compare the terms of the travel policy offered through Travelex with any existing life, health, home and automobile insurance policies, you may have. If you have questions about your coverage under your existing insurance policies, contact your insurer or insurance agent or broker.

#### **Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)**

The cost charged is for the full Travel Protection Plan, which includes a Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc., insurance benefits underwritten by Zurich American Insurance Company, as well as non-insurance assistance services provided by Zurich Travel Assist and Travelex. Individuals looking to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each travel plan component, please contact Travelex.

#### Land Only Clients:

- \$149 adult/\$149 child for all domestic escorted tours under 6 days
- \$299 adult/\$199 child for all domestic escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$399 adult/\$249 child for all international tours (not otherwise listed below)
- \$449 adult/\$299 child for all Canadian Rockies train tours
- \$499 adult/\$349 child for all cruises, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$499 adult/\$349 child for Galapagos tours
- \$949 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 cost. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

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- \$199 adult/child for all domestic tours under 6 days
- \$349 adult/child for all domestic tours of 6 days or more
- \$449 adult/child for all international tours (not otherwise listed below)
- \$499 adult/child for all Canadian Rockies train tours
- \$599 adult/child for all cruises, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$599 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- · \$999 adult/child for Antarctica tours

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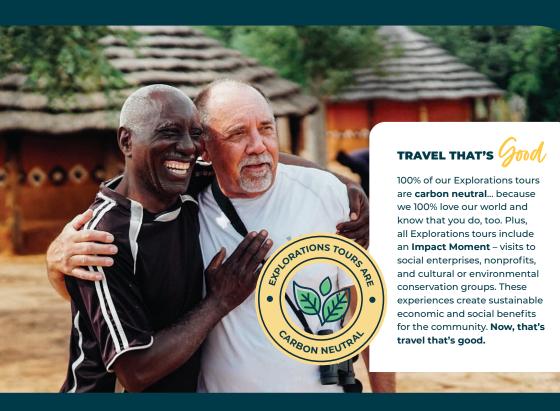
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