





# Holiday offers perfect for you

With more tours than ever before to choose from, and with our fantastic early booking offers, there really is no better time to book your holiday than right now!

### Tours from just £819pp

We pride ourselves on offering you the best value for money for your holiday and with our tours starting from just £819 per person, we think you'll like the price. All you need to do is add your flight!

### Save up to £500 per couple

If you book your 2017 / 2018 tour early, you could save up to £500 per couple on selected tours. See each tour for the available discount. The lead in price includes any applicable early booking discounts.

### Loyalty discount

Many customers choose to travel with us time and time again, and as a little thank you, we offer up to £100 per person discount for bookings made within 12 months of returning from the previous tour.

#### No surcharge guarantee

Once we have confirmed your booking, we guarantee that we will not pass on any unexpected fuel surcharges or currency exchange charges, so the price of your holiday is protected at all times.

#### **Gratuities included**

For tours departing from 1st January 2017, all gratuities\* will be included in our tours, making them even more inclusive than ever. See individual tours for details.

\* excludes cruises

#### **Guaranteed departures**

We have guaranteed thousands of tour departure dates across over 150 tours, so you can book your tour with the peace of mind that your chosen guaranteed departure will operate.



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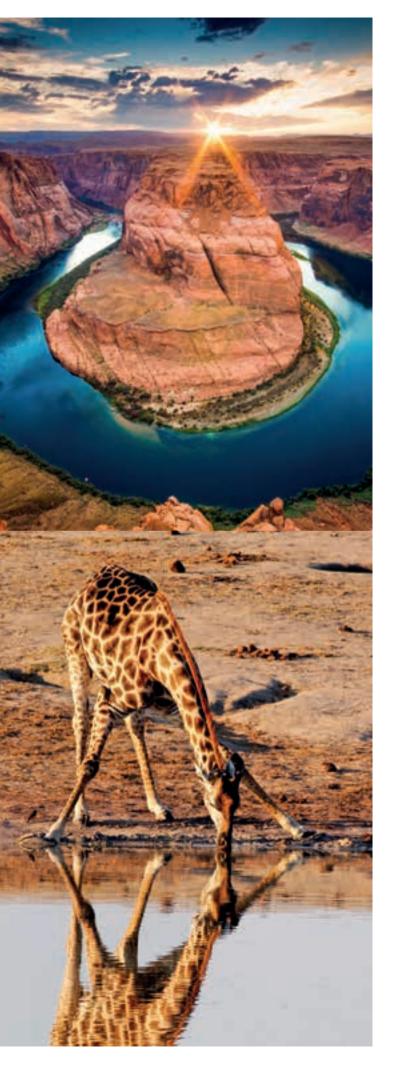
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### **Welcome to Thomas Cook Tours**

Welcome to our biggest ever collection of exciting adventures, in one easy guide taking you on an amazing journey around the world for 2017 and 2018.

You'll find over 120 of our captivating tours in this brochure taking you from the national parks of North America, to the wonders of Central and South America, from the culture of Europe, to the ancient sites of Asia, and from the wildlife of Africa to the Outback of Australia.

For 2017, we've also included more into every tour than ever before. In addition to many meals, excursions, amazing hotels and our very own tour managers, we have now included tour gratuities which is one less thing you need to plan for.

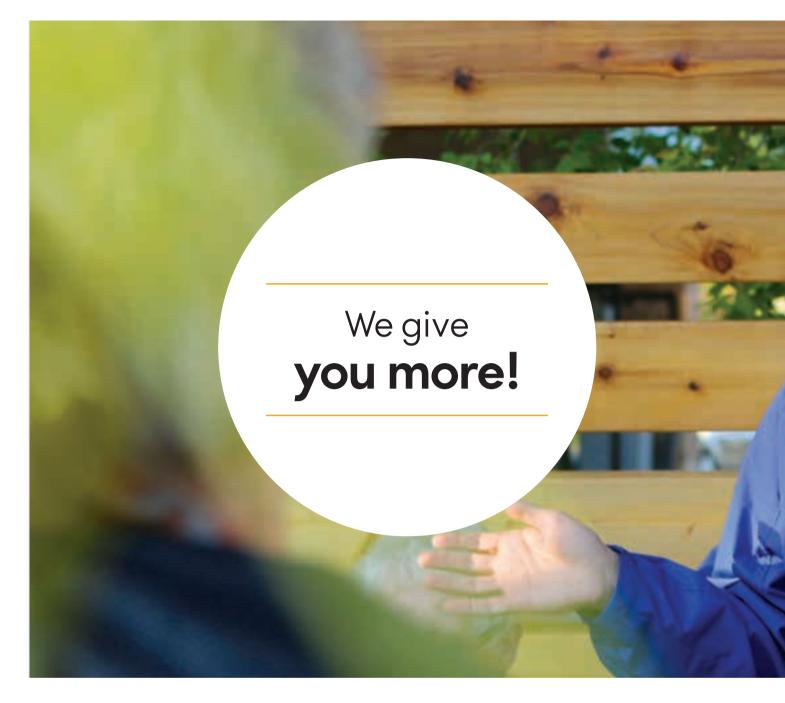
We understand how individual all our customers are. To help tailor your holiday around you, we are now presenting you with just the tour price for all of our tours. This enables us to find you the best priced flight for you, based on the local airport of your choice. You can also be as flexible as you like by adding on any tour extensions and additional hotel nights to create your perfect holiday!

We are sure you'll find an adventure that suits you, and we look forward to welcoming you on a tour very soon.









# Thomas Cook Tours gives you MORE in every way...

Since 2013, we have partnered with Collette, a family owned company with nearly 100 years' experience in touring holidays. This coupled with the heritage of Thomas Cook, is the perfect recipe for amazing journeys around the world. These inclusive tours offer you **MORE** for your money, and with a focus on service we give you **MORE** of what makes travel special.

#### More expertise

Collette has decades of experience organising high quality tours and proudly shares our passion for delivering quality travel experiences, and our commitment to high levels of customer service. This partnership enables us to feature a greater variety of tours, and many more departure dates, with a continued focus on attention to detail and value for money.

Collette also prides itself on the travel experience of the team here in the UK. The team has travelled on multiple tours to all corners of the globe, and they can offer their expert advice on pretty much anything about your tour and your chosen destination.

#### More choice

We recognise how individual all our customers are, and this year we have introduced more choice for you on tour, so you can tailor your holiday exactly the way you want it. We will always ensure you see main attractions but we'll then weave in how you experience the rest.

You can choose where you'd like to dine on tour, with our Diner's choice. You can also choose excursions you'd like to experience with our Choice on Tour! We have also included ample free time on tour so you can explore as much or as little as you choose. It's your holiday after all!

#### More flexibility

We can be as flexible as you need us to be. Your tour is just one part of your holiday, and we can tailor all the other elements for you. You can choose to fly out before the tour starts, and enjoy a few days acclimatising.

Alternatively, you stay on for longer at the end of the tour to relax before you return to the UK. If you are looking for a longer adventure, you could join two tours back to back or you could opt for one of our tour extensions, where you really do have 2 holidays in 1. You decide! Then let us tailor your holiday for you.



#### More value

We believe in offering you the best value for money for your holiday. For 2017, we've included so much more into our tours than ever before. You'll find more meals and excursions included in every itinerary.

In addition, we have also included your on tour gratuities, which can be worth up to £300 per person on tour. All these combined with our already great quality hotels around the world, and outstanding tour managers guiding the way, we are sure you won't be disappointed.

#### More care

Giving back is part of who we are. We care more and we believe in giving back to the local communities we visit. Many tours visit our Foundation projects around the world, where during the tour, we take part in local activities helping to enrich the lives of those we meet every day.

In addition, we also support a host of community projects closer to home, helping out those who are less fortunate than ourselves...

#### More peace of mind

Collette is a family owned business with no debt, and every tour is fully protected. If you book just the tour with us, you'll be covered by our ABTA protection. If you book a flight inclusive tour, you'll be covered by our ATOL protection. On every tour you'll be accompanied by one of our experienced, friendly tour managers. Not only are they chosen based on their own rich backgrounds and experience, but also on their natural caring nature and personality.









# Offering you More on tour than ever before...

Travelling is such an enriching experience, and we strive to get you under the skin of your chosen destination, and here's how...



#### More choice

We recognise that everyone is different and this extends to how you experience the amazing sights we visit. This year, we have introduced Choice on Tour, where you can choose from the INCLUDED experiences which suit your interests. For example, on Costa Rica: A World of Nature tour, choose how you want to see Arenal Volcano National Park. Embark on a zip-lining experience through the rainforest or traverse the volcano's former lava fields.



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#### More accommodation

Whether it's the amenities the history, the view or the location, your predominantly 4 and 5 star accommodation often turn into highlights all of their own. We carefully select each hotel around your itinerary to ensure you experience the true essence of your destination. So from overnight stays in national parks, to Irish castles we have them all!



#### More culinary experiences

Food is a wonderful way to experience new cultures. Our authentic culinary inclusions take you deeper into the destination, and local traditions, whilst satisfying your taste buds. We aim to dine in local restaurants, where you can share experiences with those who call your destination home and on select tours, we offer a Diner's Choice, which allows you to choose where to enjoy your included dinner.







# What's your style of touring?

Whether you want to travel across an entire country, delve into local culture, or get under the skin of some of the world's great cities, we have a style of travel to suit you.



#### Classic

Our flagship collection of tours delivers worldclass experiences across all seven continents. Featuring some of our most popular tours, these itineraries blend the must-see sights with the more exclusive inclusions you might never experience on your own - and all at a great value.



#### **Explorations**

From vibrant cities to remote villages, immerse yourself in other worlds. As part of a small group, of up to 24 people, enjoy hotels chosen to capture the spirit of the destination, savour local cuisine, and take the time to explore on your own. You really get under the skin of your chosen destination!



#### **Spotlights**

During your single hotel stay, immerse yourself in the fanfare of a grand city or unwind in the timeless countryside. Let us set the stage as we bring into focus the culture, history and cuisine that make these places special. Each has their own story to tell and they are yours to discover.



#### **River cruising**

Our river cruises feature small, intimate vessels for travel through a variety of beautiful waterways. Step off your ship with your tour manager and you'll truly come to know the people and places along the river.

#### Your guide to our tour pace (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









We have graded our tours to help you choose the right tour for you. You'll find the tour pace on each

Level 1: A very leisurely paced tour which involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some steps or boarding a coach, as well as walking around the hotel.

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

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

Level 4: You need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, uneven terrain, climbing steps and be comfortable with periods of standing.

Level 5: This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all of the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities.

# More New Tours... More New Experiences... More New Moments...

Whether you are an experienced traveller looking for your next adventure or are new to guided travel, there's now so much more to explore!

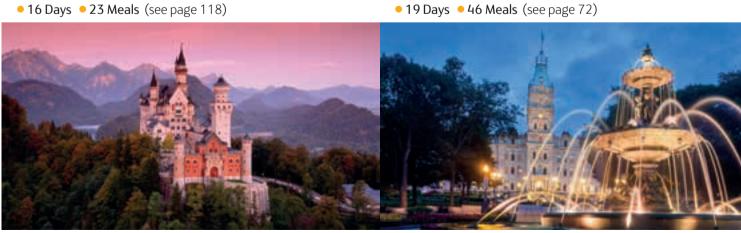


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Portugal, Spain & France

• 16 Days • 23 Meals (see page 118)



### Romantic Road and Fairy Tale Road

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### Charming French Canada

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Amsterdam & London
• 7 Days • 9 Meals (see page 145)



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From Castles to Causeways
• 19 Days • 28 Meals (see page 159)



**Captivating Europe**• 19 Days • 27 Meals (see page 140)



Taste of Vietnam
• 14 Days • 27 Meals (see page 90)



Best of Britain & Ireland

• 23 Days • 32 Meals (see page 154)



The Complete European Journey
• 22 Days • 32 Meals (see page 142)



New England Charm
• 8 Days • 11 Meals (see page 25)

# Enjoy 2 holidays in 1!

We have an amazing range of carefully planned extensions, which have been created with you in mind to ensure you are able to maximise your time away from home. From relaxing in the tranquillity of Fiji to the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong, we are sure you'll find an extension to suit you!



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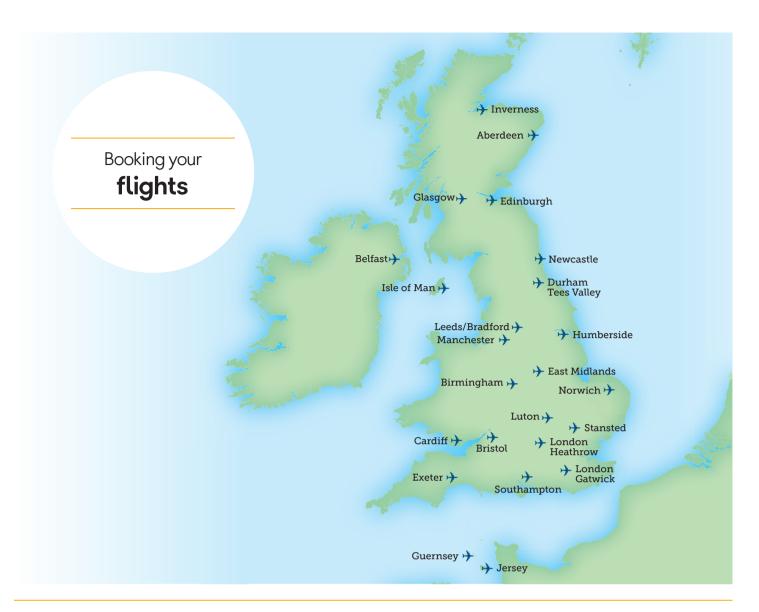


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# Booking flights with us is easy...

...and we can be as flexible as you need to be. We can organise flights from most of the UK's regional airports, with our preferred airline partners. We can advise you on the best airlines for each tour and the best routes, but you can choose who you'd prefer to travel with. We'll find the best price for you based on your chosen departure date and local airport.

#### More local

From Exeter to Inverness, we can fly you from your local airport to join our tours around the world minimising the need to travel to London. Let us find the best priced and most convenient flight for your holiday choice.

You could also stopover on route to your chosen tour. The choice is endless. Travel to Australia and stopover in Hong Kong, for Asia stopover in Dubai or take in New York or Boston on your way to West Coast USA...the choice is yours.

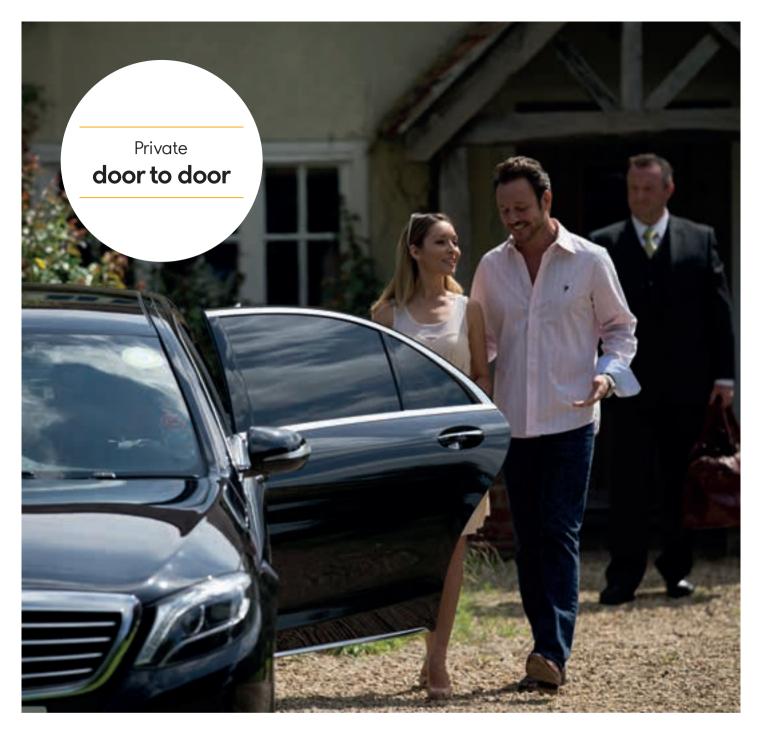
#### More class

We can also organise to upgrade your flight to business, premium economy, or first class and arrive refreshed and ready for an adventure. We have great partnerships with many airlines and often have access to exclusive flight upgrade fares. Just let us know your preference at time of booking.

#### More peace of mind

When you book a flight inclusive holiday with us, if your tour itinerary changes for any reason, or the flight schedule changes, we will manage all the changes for you. Your holiday will also be fully bonded under our ATOL licence giving you full protection for your holiday.





# Travelling in style

One of the last elements of a holiday you normally think about is how to get to the airport. We believe your holiday starts as soon as you leave your front door. So, when you book a flight inclusive holiday with us, you'll be able to start your holiday in style with our private door to door service...

#### More comfort

Your driver will collect you from your home and take you directly to your chosen UK departure airport. You'll travel in the comfort and style you'll become accustomed to on your tour. Your transfer is exclusively for you and no one else! Just sit back, relax and start looking forward to your adventure with us.

#### More convenient

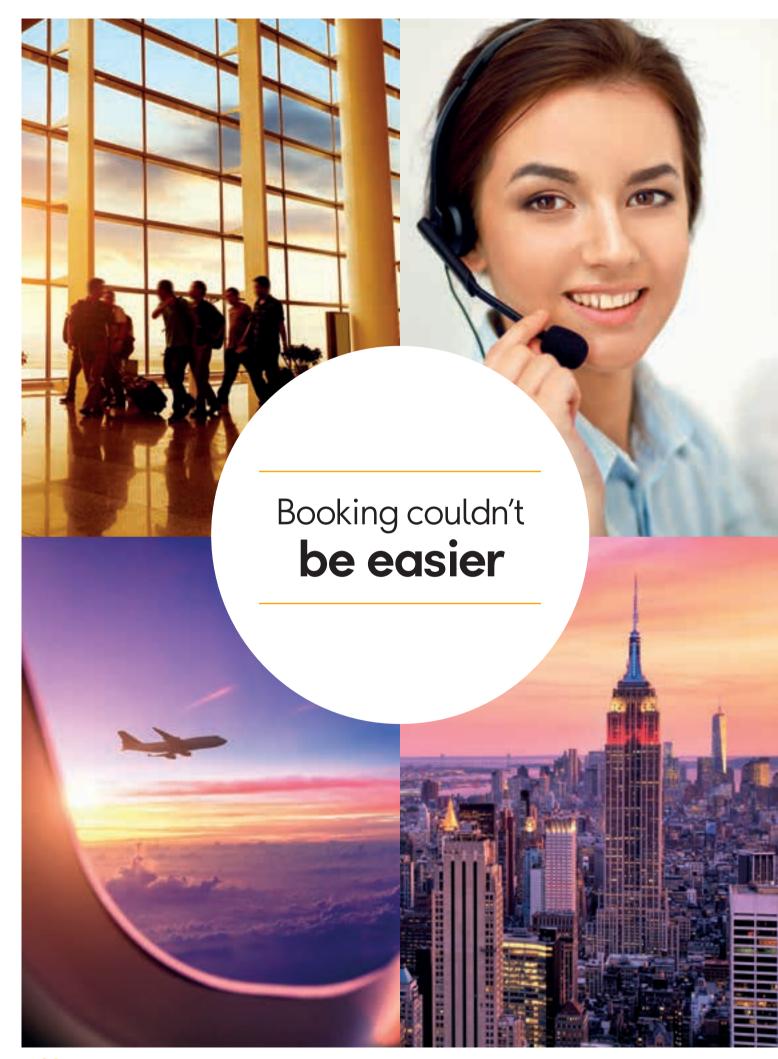
When you return from your holiday, your driver will meet you as you arrive in the terminal after you have collected your bags. They will then take you to the car and they will whisk you away from the airport and take you straight back home, without any diversions, in the comfort you have been accustomed to on your tour.

#### More choice

Alternatively, if you prefer to drive yourself to the airport, you could take advantage of our complimentary hotel stay and airport parking at the airport of your choice. You could choose to enjoy your hotel stay at the beginning of your tour, if you have an early morning flight, or you could extend your holiday for an extra night if you have a later flight back. Just let us know your preference at time of booking\*

\*Subject to availability





### Three easy steps to help you on your way

We can tailor your holiday, just for you. You decide and we'll organise everything for you from start to finish. Let us create a hassle-free holiday just the way you want it.



#### Choose your tour

# Choose from over 150 tours across over 50 countries

You can find more information on all of our tours online where you can also find our up to date availability and prices. Not only are we all passionate and experienced travellers but we continually provide our teams with opportunities to travel enhancing their experience and knowledge. They can provide you with detailed information about your chosen tour and offer advice on which itinerary is suitable for you. They are on hand to help you choose the right tour for you.

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# Do you want to stay for longer?

#### Pre / post tour stays

On many of our tours we can organise for you to fly out a few days before your tour starts or stay on after your tour has come to an end, to enjoy some chill out time!

#### Tour extensions

We have a range of extensions available on selected tours enabling you to enjoy 2 holidays in 1!

#### **Back to back tours**

Many of our tours have been organised so you can combine 2 tours within one holiday, really maximising your immersion overseas. Call us or go online for more details.

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# Let us find you the best way to get there

When you book your flight with us, we'll also include:

- Private door to door airport transfers
- ✓ Overseas airport transfers
- ✓ Full ATOL protection

At the time of booking, we will search for best competitively priced flights for your chosen tour departure and preferred UK departure airport, providing you with choice and flexibility tailored to your needs. The earlier you book, the better the price.

Conditions: Private door to door airport transfers and overseas airport transfers are only included when you book your flight with us. Private door to door airport transfers, are included up to 150 miles from your home to your UK departure airport. For distances over this a supplement will apply. Saving up to £500 per couple: Offer applies to new bookings made after 01 July 2016. The lead in prices on each tour in the brochure includes any applicable early booking offer. All our latest tour prices are available online. Please note: If you do choose to book your own flights you will be responsible for the associated costs of any flight or tour changes. Your flight ticket cost may not be bonded in the event of the airline or travel agent failure. In addition you will have to pay for the flight in full at the time of booking. If your tour is amended or cancelled, you will be liable for the cost of your flight and the flight may have a limited or no refund value. If you do decide to book your own flights, we recommend that you book fully flexible flights which are refundable.





# Oberammergau 2020

The tiny Bavarian hamlet of Oberammergau once again prepares for a flood of travellers who will come from all over the world to see the Passion Play. In 1634, its villagers performed a play that depicted the life and death of Jesus Christ and promised to perform it every ten years if God would spare them from the Bubonic Plague. The village was spared the plague and now the Passion Play has become an epic event – and one that puts Oberammergau on the world's centre stage. The play is now performed repeatedly over the course of five months during every ten years.

The next Passion Play is in 2020 from May to October (386 years since it was first performed)

#### Our Provisional Itineraries will be: (subject to change)



# Imperial Cities and The Passion Play

- 8 nights
- 2 Budapest, 2 Vienna, 2 Prague, 1 Innsbruck, 1 Oberammergau

#### Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria with The Passion Play

- 8 nights
- 3 Lucerne, 3 Innsbruck, 2 Oberammergau



#### **Italy and The Passion Play**

- 10 nights
- 3 Rome, 1 Perugia, 2 Florence, 2 Venice, 2 Oberammergau



# Alpine Countries and The Passion Play

- 11 nights
- 2 Vienna, 2 Salzburg, 2 Oberammergau,
   1 Black Forest, 2 Zermatt, 2 Bern



# Croatia, Medjugorje and The Passion Play

- 10 nights
- 1 Munich, 1 Oberammergau, 2 Bled, 1 Split, 3 Dubrovnik, 1 Plitvice National Park, 1 Zagreb



# Alpine Explorer with Glacier Express and The Passion Play

- 9 nights
- 2 Lago Maggiore (Stresa),
   2 Zermatt, 1 St Moritz, 2 Innsbruck,
   2 Oberammergau



#### **About the Passion Play**

- There are 2,000 performers, musicians & stage technicians
- All performers are residents of the village
- The play is performed 5 days a week
- The theatre capacity is 4,800
- The play is performed in German with a printed English translation
- The play runs from mid May to early October 2020
- It runs for 102 days

#### How the day is structured:

Each performance lasts for 5 hours
 From 2:30 – 5 PM & 7:30 – 10:00 PM
 Dinner break: 5 – 7:00 PM



#### Things to know

- ✓ We pay deposits up-front to secure tickets
- ✓ The tickets go on sale 2017
- We will launch provisional itineraries and pricing by mid-2017
- The Oberammergau committee controls who is allocated tickets and hotel accommodation
- We visit Oberammergau on tours throughout the year, not just for the Passion Play

# Register your interest online today at:

www.thomascooktours.com/passionplay Pricing and itineraries coming soon!







FEATURING

# USA Canada Alaska

From the glorious, snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies and the European influenced charm of Quebec, to the excitement of lively New York City, the epic national parks and the unique southern hospitality found in America's South. Thomas Cook Tours will guide you through a tapestry of colourful destinations found only in North America.

#### **USA**

The United States is truly beautiful from 'sea to shining sea.' Hidden among the world-class cities such as New York and San Francisco and amid the mesmerising natural beauty of the national parks, you will find an array of cultural surprises. Come to know some genuine southern hospitality, keep time with the jazz of New Orleans or watch history come to life in Washington, D.C.

#### Canada

There's always more to see in Canada. Beyond the stunning landscapes and luxury resorts of the Canadian Rockies, Canada offers the wide-open urban spaces of Vancouver and the international vibe of Montreal and Quebec City. Your own experience will take you to many different places as you discover this incredible country.

#### Alaska

Prepare yourself for the Alaskan wilderness. Known for its awe-inspiring beauty and abundant wildlife, America's last frontier is packed with thrilling sights. Glaciers, breath-taking mountains, waterfalls and sheer rock walls set the perfect scene, whether you are aboard a cruise ship or making your way to Denali National Park.



Explore New England's natural beauty, traditional charm and friendly people. Step back in time at Plimoth Plantation and sample a typical Thanksgiving feast. In Provincetown join a whale watch cruise and visit the beautiful islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

#### Your tour

#### DAY 1 Providence

Your tour starts in Providence, the capital of Rhode Island.

#### DAY 2 Providence - Newport - Providence

Start your day with a sightseeing tour of Providence, "America's Renaissance City" before visiting Newport, the "Yachting Capital of the East." Make your way along breath-taking Ocean Drive en route to Bellevue Avenue which is lined with extraordinary mansions. Then tour the Marble House, the gorgeous summer home of Mr. and Mrs. William Vanderbilt.

#### DAY 3 Providence - Boston, Massachusetts

Travel north to the historic city of Boston. Take a city tour which includes highlights such as Beacon Hill and the historic North End then this afternoon is at leisure where you can explore Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

#### DAY 4 Providence - Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Today, delve into a traditional way of life as you tour a New England cranberry bog and learn about dry harvesting from a local grower. Stop in the celebrated town of Plymouth, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620. See legendary Plymouth Rock and enjoy a guided tour of the original Plymouth Colony and Gristmill. Experience the Pilgrim way of life with a visit to Plimoth Plantation, a re-creation of a 17th-century village.

#### DAY 5 Cape Cod - Hyannis - Nantucket

Your day begins with a panoramic tour of Hyannis and visit the poignant Kennedy Memorial. Next, board the high speed ferry to Nantucket where you will have free time at leisure to explore the island's waterfront or shop for a famous Nantucket basket.

#### DAY 6 Cape Cod - Martha's Vineyard

A ferry ride transports you to the beautiful island of Martha's Vineyard. A local guide will show you all the highlights of the Vineyard including quaint gingerbreadstyled cottages and a once-famous whaling port. Later, depart the island and cruise back to Cape Cod. Tonight, explore downtown Falmouth, a wonderful place to visit, shop and dine.

#### DAY 7 Cape Cod - Provincetown

This morning you'll travel to Provincetown, located on the tip of the Cape where you can choose to set out on a whale watch cruise that takes you out to Cape Cod Bay or embark on a scenic adventure through the iconic sand dunes of the Cape. Tonight, complete your New England experience as you indulge in a traditional seafood and lobster feast.

#### DAY 8 Cape Cod

Your tour ends in Cape Cod.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE:







#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the extravagant Marble House mansion, a national historic landmark
- ✓ Explore Plymouth where the pilgrims landed in 1620
- ✓ Get to know the people at a working New England cranberry bog, a thriving crop of Cape Cod









#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Providence, Providence & Sea Crest Beach Hotel, Falmouth.

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,709

**NOTE: •** On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to itinerary scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 12:00 noon.

#### **Tour start date**

2017

MAY 05, 12, 19, 22, 29 **JUN** 02, 09, 15, 16, 22, 23

**JUL** 06, 07, 14, 21, 28 **AUG** 04, 11, 17, 18, 25, 31 **SEP** 01, 07, 08, 11, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29

**OCT** 03, 06, 09, 12, 13, 16,

2018

**APR** 26

#### Book your flight with us...

...and receive free private UK airport transfers and overseas transfers.







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Be charmed by the awe-inspiring colour transformations of New England. From the heart of historic Boston to the farms, coast and mountains of the north, you will see vivid greens of summer give way to the warm golds and reds of autumn.

#### Your tour

#### **DAY 1 Boston, Massachusetts**

Your tour starts in the heart of Boston.

#### **DAY 2 Boston**

Your day begins with a sightseeing tour that features the Old South Meeting House, Public Gardens, Old North Church and Beacon Hill. Stop at the famed Faneuil Hall Marketplace, bustling with various street performers and tonight, enjoy dinner at a favourite local restaurant.

#### DAY 3 Boston - Woodstock, Vermont - Stowe

Set out for Vermont, the "Green Mountain State." Traditional white steeple churches, quaint villages and tree-covered mountainsides dot the charming landscape of your journey. Visit the impressive 165 feet deep, mile-long Quechee Gorge.

#### DAY 4 Stowe

Begin your day at the Cold Hollow Cider Mill and learn how to make the local cider followed by a tasty tour of the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory! This afternoon, eniov time at leisure in Stowe.

#### DAY 5 Stowe - North Conway, New Hampshire

Soak in the lovely New England countryside as you journey through the White Mountains of New Hampshire to North Conway. Visit the Rocks Estate, home to the North Country Conservation & Education Centre. Tour the farm and learn about the history and importance of maple sugaring in the region, including a visit to a virtual tap room.

#### DAY 6 North Conway - Lake Winnipesaukee

This morning visit New Hampshire's picturesque lakes region. Board the M/S Mount Washington and spend the next hour cruising stunning Lake Winnipesaukee After your cruise, visit the charming town of Wolfeboro, the "oldest summer resort in America.

#### DAY 7 North Conway - Boothbay Harbour, Maine

Today you arrive in beautiful Boothbay Harbour, the "boating capital of New England." View the rugged coastline on a drive along picturesque Ocean Point Road. This afternoon, enjoy a relaxing cruise through Boothbay Harbour for spectacular views of the coast, including lighthouses, summer homes and spot local wildlife, such as the harbour seals. Learn about New England's lobster industry and watch as a lobster trap is pulled aboard the boat to view the day's catch.

#### DAY 8 Boothbay Harbour - Kennebunkport - Boston Today you travel through the seaside community of Kennebunkport, along the spectacular Ocean Drive. See Walker's Point, former President George H. W. Bush's summer home, which is situated on a rocky promontory. Your tour then ends in Boston

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Watch apples transform into cider the oldfashioned way
- ✓ Tour a farm and learn about maple sugaring in the region
- ✓ Explore the Rocks Estate, home to the North Country Conservation & Education Centre
- ✓ Visit the impressive 165 feet deep, mile-long **Ouechee Gorge**



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Boston Park Plaza, Boston. Stowe Mountain Lodge, Stowe. Red Jacket Mountain View Resort & Spa, North Conway. Spruce Point Inn Resort & Spa, Boothbay Harbour

MEALS: 10 meals (7 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trips **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,809

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 4:00 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

**SEP** 23, 26, 28, 29, 30

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From stunning landscapes to its remarkable people and history, this journey along New England's coastline takes you from the mountains, uncovering their many unique charms to the coastal waters brimming with life and activity.

#### Your tour

DAY 1 Providence, Rhode Island

Your tour starts today in Providence.

#### **DAY 2: Providence - Newport**

This morning you'll head to Newport, the Yachting Capital of the East, and return to America's Gilded Age as you make your way along breath-taking Ocean Drive en route to Bellevue Avenue. You'll take in a Broadwaystyle show before returning to Providence.

#### DAY 3 Providence - Manchester Village, Vermont

After breakfast, you'll explore Providence before heading off to Vermont with traditional white steeple churches, quaint villages and tree-covered mountainsides along your journey. Along the way, you'll take in a local theatre show before your arrival in Vermont.

#### **DAY 4 Manchester Village**

Today you'll explore Hildene House, the impressive former home of Robert Todd Lincoln, before spending time getting to know this historic village and take advantage of the town's popular outlet stores and boutique shops.

#### DAY 5 Manchester Village - Woodstock - Windsor -Bethel, Maine

Today's journey will take you through the Green Mountains to western Vermont's Billings Farm and Museum. You'll take a break in Woodstock, before heading to Windsor. Here you can choose to learn about craft beer brewing or discover the secrets of distilling vodka, gin and whiskey at Silo Distillery, or take a stroll through the Path of Life Garden. You'll then continue on to the majestic White Mountains of Maine

#### DAY 6 Bethel - Kennebunkport - Portsmouth, New Hampshire

The first stop on today's journey is the seaside resort town of Kennebunkport with its spectacular Ocean Drive. You'll visit Walker's Point and then enjoy some time to explore the quaint town centre on your own. Continue on to charming coastal Portsmouth, one of America's oldest cities.

#### **DAY 7 Portsmouth**

Today you can choose how to discover Portsmouth! Get a glimpse into the lives of early American settlers at Strawbery Banke or, take to the water for a harbour cruise\*: or spend some time independently exploring the many speciality shops and restaurants of this traditional New England waterfront community. Tonight, enjoy a true taste of New England during your farewell dinner featuring the local delicacy – lobster!

#### **DAY 8 Portsmouth**

Your tour ends today in Portsmouth.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Enjoy two local theatre performances
- ✓ Explore Hildene House and the estate's vintage
- ✓ Discover Vermont's farming culture at Billings and Museum
- ✓ Learn about brewing craft beer
- ✓ Enjoy a harbour cruise in Portsmouth



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Omni Providence Hotel, Providence. The Equinox, Manchester. The Bethel Inn, Bethel. Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel, Portsmouth

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,239

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Please note the harbour cruise is not available for early June departures and may not be available in inclement weather On these occasions, Strawbery Banke will be included for all guests • Due to itinerary scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 a.m • For Sep and Oct dates an alternative itinerary will be used where theatre shows are not included.

#### **Tour start date**

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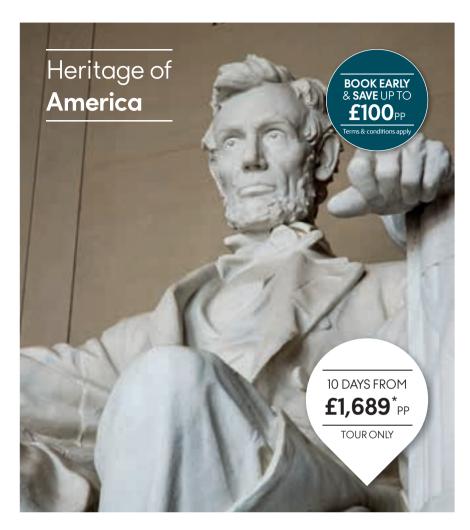
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Take a journey through American history and explore the rich cultural heritage of American democracy. From the heart of New York City to America's capital, Washington, D.C. You will visit many time honoured landmarks for an unforgettable journey.

#### Your tour

#### **DAY 1** New York City

Your tour starts in New York City.

#### **DAY 2** New York City

Start the day with a welcome breakfast at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner. Then tour the "Big Apple." The afternoon is yours to explore at leisure

#### DAY 3 New York City - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania -Gettysburg

This morning choose from a menu of New York diners for breakfast. Next, travel to Philadelphia and take a tour of "the Birthplace of a New Nation". Travel through the Amish Country of Lancaster, the second-largest Amish community in America, before arriving in Gettysburg.

#### **DAY 4 Gettysburg**

Visit the Gettysburg National Military Park and Museum. Then discover the Museum of the American Civil War and explore its galleries. This afternoon is free time.

#### DAY 5 Gettysburg - Shenandoah Valley Charlottesville, Virginia

Travel through Shenandoah National Park via the famous Skyline Drive along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Stop at a local vineyard and take a tour of the winery followed by a tasting. This afternoon, explore Charlottesville's historic Downtown Mall, before dining at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 6 Charlottesville - Williamsburg

Visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson. This afternoon, arrive in the historic town of Williamsburg

#### DAY 7 Colonial Williamsburg - Yorktown -Williamsburg

Visit Colonial Williamsburg where costumed actors populate the streets and buildings, bringing the customs and sentiments of 1770 to life. This afternoon visit the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. Tour the museum's vibrant galleries and interactive exhibits.

#### DAY 8 Williamsburg - Washington, D.C.

Visit Mount Vernon, the home of the first U.S. president, George Washington. Then, travel to Washington, D.C. and explore the world-famous Smithsonian Institution's countless treasures. Choose between a visit to the famed National Air and Space Museum or the National Museum of American History

#### DAY 9 Washington, D.C.

Take a guided tour of America's capital to visit the Capitol building, the White House, monuments and museums. This afternoon, visit Arlington National Cemetery to view the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites.

#### DAY 10 Washington, D.C.

Your tour ends in Washington, D.C.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











Tour Managers

TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore Gettysburg, one of the most important battle sites of the Civil War
- ✓ Stroll the grounds of historic Colonial Williamsburg
- ✓ Learn about the traditions of the Amish community
- ✓ Travel the famous Skyline Drive along the Blue Ridge Mountains



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Sheraton New York Times Square, New York. Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg. Doubletree by Hilton, Charlottesville. Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel, Williamsburg. Omni Shoreham, Washington.

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,349

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Tour start date**

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**MAR** 02, 09, 16





**APR** 06, 13, 20, 27

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Indulge in luxury as you step back in time at some of America's most historic hotels including the stunning Omni Shoreham Hotel, the 250-year-old Omni Homestead Resort, the 200-year-old Omni Bedford Springs Resort, and the elegant Equinox Resort & Spa.

#### Your tour

DAY 1 Washington, D.C.

Your tour starts in Washington

DAY 2 Washington D.C. - Hot Springs, Virginia

This morning tour Washington, D.C. to view the Mall, the White House, and visit the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the U.S. Capitol building.

#### **DAY 3 Hot Springs**

Take a tour of your resort which opened ten years before the Declaration of Independence was signed. Then either soak up the rich mineral waters in the springs at your resort or spend a day exploring the local trails by mountain bike.

#### DAY 4 Hot Springs - Fallingwater - Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania

Travel to Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wright's famous creation before visiting the 200-year-old Omni Bedford Springs Resort. This hotel boasts eight mineral springs on its property. This evening, enjoy dinner at a charming historic tavern dating back to the 1700s.

#### DAY 5 Bedford Springs - Bethlehem - Hudson River Valley, New York

Today you'll travel to the charming historic city centre of Bethlehem, named on Christmas Eve by the Moravians who settled here in 1741. Then head to the Hudson River Valley where you'll settle into your elegant hotel that rests along the river's edge.

#### **DAY 6 Hudson River Valley**

Your day begins at the iconic U.S. Military Academy at

West Point, then you'll see the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and explore his lifelong home, Springwood estate. Later dine at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 7 Hudson River Valley - Saratoga Springs -Manchester, Vermont

Today visit Saratoga Springs, home to the famed racetrack. Visit Hildene House, the former home of Robert Todd Lincoln, the former Chairman of the Pullman Company. Later, arrive at the tranquil Equinox Resort & Spa

#### DAY 8 Manchester - Woodstock - Windsor

Travel through the Green Mountains to Billings Farm and Museum, a working dairy farm. Explore Woodstock, named the "quintessential New England village". Then travel to the village of Windsor where you can either learn about craft beer brewing at the Harpoon Brewery or you can discover the secrets of distilling vodka, gin and whiskey at Silo Distillery.

#### DAY 9 Manchester - Boston, Massachusetts

This morning cross the border into Massachusetts, arriving in the lively city of Boston. A local guide will show you this historic city on a sightseeing tour.

#### **DAY 10 Boston**

Your tour ends in Boston.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Tour the U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- ✓ Explore Franklin D. Roosevelt's Presidential Library and Museum
- ✓ Wander through Hildene House, the former home of the Lincoln family
- ✓ Visit Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wright's famous creation



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington. The Omni Homestead Resort, Hot Springs. Omni Bedford Springs Resort, Bedford Springs. The Thayer Hotel, West Point. The Equinox Resort & Spa, Manchester. Boston Park Plaza, Boston.

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,379

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Tour start date**

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<b>MAY</b> 01, 15, 29	<b>AUG</b> 07
<b>JUN</b> 05, 12	<b>SEP</b> 04, 25
JUL 17, 24	<b>OCT</b> 09, 16

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Experience the best of the "Big Apple" in this spectacular five day tour. Stay centrally in the heart of midtown close to Central Park and Times Square, perfect for visiting the famous sights around New York City.

#### Your tour

**DAY 1** New York City, New York Your tour starts in New York City.

#### **DAY 2 New York City**

This morning, enjoy your breakfast at a local eatery before setting out to embrace the energy of this fascinating city on a locally guided tour of the "Big Apple", featuring the Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Little Italy, Chinatown, the Empire State Building, Central Park and other time-honoured landmarks. Visit St. Paul's Chapel in lower Manhattan, a place where George Washington once worshipped and where recovery workers came for rest and care during their time at the World Trade Centre site. This afternoon, visit the 9/11 Memorial. Then, the choice is yours! You can choose to spend more time at the 9/11 museum, a poignant tribute to the lives lost at the World Trade Centre site in September 2001. Or, visit the One World Observatory for spectacular views of the City. This evening, it's diner's choice! Choose your prefect spot for dinner from a selection of popular restaurants in Times Square. Following dinner, take your seat for your chosen Broadway show!

#### **DAY 3 New York City**

Start your day with a fun-filled breakfast at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner, a 50s-themed restaurant featuring the singing waiting staff. Next, board a ferry to Ellis Island. Take in the incredible views of the towering Statue of Liberty as your ferry cruises by her. More than 12 million people have passed through Ellis Island on journeys of immigration. Since 1886, "Lady Liberty"

has welcomed immigrants and visitors to New York Harbour. Created as a token of friendship between the U.S. and France, the Statue of Liberty has become a global symbol of freedom. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the city that never sleeps.

#### **DAY 4 New York City**

This morning it's another diner's choice...your breakfast is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a selection of the city's great restaurants. Enjoy some free time to discover the city at your own pace. Your tour manager will have plenty of suggestions for great ways to spend your time. Perhaps a shopping spree at some of the world's most famous department stores, including Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue! This afternoon, the curtains rise for your second Broadway show.

#### DAY 5 New York City

Your tour ends in New York City.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.

#### Sheraton New York

The Sheraton New York hotel has an amazing location near Times Square and it is just a few steps from the theatre district, walking distance to Central Park and moments from the iconic sights and energy of Midtown Manhattan.











Tour Managers

**TOUR STYLE:** Spotlights

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3)









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Take your seats and watch the curtain rise at two **Broadway shows**
- Choose to discover either the 9/11 Museum or the One World Observatory
- ✓ Take the ferry over to the Statue of Liberty on Ellis Island.



#### **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Sheraton New York Times Square,

MEALS: 5 meals (3 Breakfasts & 2 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,699

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Special Christmas seasonal departure dates available. Please call for

#### **Tour start date**

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<b>JAN</b> 19	<b>JUL</b> 06, 20
<b>FEB</b> 23	<b>AUG</b> 03, 10, 31
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<b>APR</b> 06, 20, 27	<b>OCT</b> 05, 12, 19, 26
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With a superb, centrally located, base in the heart of Washington DC, this city break provides a firsthand insight into the epic story of American democracy, which comes to life in America's capital city through its buildings, monuments and museums.

#### Your tour

#### DAY 1 Washington, D.C.

Your tour starts today in Washington.

#### DAY 2 Washington, D.C.

Your day begins with a visit to the U.S. Capitol Visitor Centre for a guided tour of this historic and storied building, before learning more about the history of America's capital on a tour with a local expert. Along the way you'll see the White House, National Mall, World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial and many monuments and museums. Your day will end with a special dinner.

#### DAY 3 Washington, D.C.

After breakfast, you'll visit the White House Visitor Centre where you will gain insight into the many transitions this historic residence has undergone. Then, uncover some of the treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with a visit to your choice of the famed National Air and Space Museum or the National Museum of American History. You will have some free time this afternoon to explore Washington at your leisure.

#### DAY 4 Arlington National Cemetery - Mount Vernon, Virginia - Alexandria

This morning, you'll visit Arlington National Cemetery for a guided tour including the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites. This afternoon, you'll visit Mount Vernon, the home of the first U.S. president, George Washington, before heading to Alexandria, a charming community nestled along the Potomac River, where you can choose where you'd like to dine in one of the amazing restaurants.

#### DAY 5 Washington, D.C.

Today, will start with a visit to the Washington National Cathedral. This magnificent church took 83 years to complete and has been host to poignant moments in America's history such as state funerals, Presidential inaugural masses and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last sermon. This afternoon, you'll visit Ford's Theatre\* where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. Your day will finish with a tour to Petersen House, the boarding house to which the fatally injured Lincoln was carried, before enjoying dinner on your last night in Washington DC.

#### DAY 6 Washington, D.C.

Your tour ends today in Washington, D.C.

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#### Loews Madison Hotel

This centrally located luxury hotel in Downtown Washington, D.C. is the ideal combination of historic charm and modern style. Just minutes from the White House, Loews Madison Hotel offers exceptional accommodation close to the most coveted destinations in Washington, D.C.











Tour Managers

**TOUR STYLE:** Spotlights

**TOUR PACE:** (1)(2)(3)









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Discover the gems of the Smithsonian Institution, with its world-renowned museum collections
- **Explore Arlington National Cemetery**
- ✓ Peek into the life of America's first president at Mount Vernon
- Discover the Washington National Cathedral
- ✓ Visit Ford's Theatre where President Lincoln was assassinated



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Loews Madison, Washington, D.C.

MEALS: 8 meals (5 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,559

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Ford's Theatre is a working, professional theatre and there may be occasions when access is restricted or not available.

#### **Tour start date**

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**MAR** 22

**APR** 04, 05, 12, 17, 19, 26

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Discover the treasures of North America on a tour that features the East Coast's greatest cities. Take a stroll around the city of Montréal and explore the capital city of Ottawa, then view the stunning Niagara Falls and sightseeing in New York before exploring Washington, D.C.

#### Your tour

#### **DAY 1 Boston**

Your tour starts in Boston.

#### DAY 2 Boston - Montréal, Quebec, Canada

Today, you'll cross the border into Canada and arrive in Montréal where you'll embark on a sightseeing tour highlighting the main sights.

#### **DAY 3 Montréal**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Montréal. If you'd like to venture further afield, you can join an optional tour to Quebec City and take in the sights on a city tour.

#### DAY 4 Montréal - Ottawa, Ontario

Travel south to Ottawa. Upon arrival, enjoy some leisure time to stroll through the Byward Market.

#### **DAY 5 Ottawa**

Take a city tour featuring the main sights on your way to the Rideau River and Rideau Falls. Next, see the Parliament up close during a guided tour that explains the history of these breath-taking buildings.

#### DAY 6 Ottawa - Niagara Falls

Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel to the thundering Niagara Falls. Upon arrival, enjoy some leisure time to explore the lively town at your own pace.

#### **DAY 7 Niagara Falls**

Of course, a visit to Niagara Falls would not be complete without experiencing an incredible cruise at the base of the falls. Board the boat to see and feel the falls up close. This afternoon, enjoy some leisure time at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Then continue to Rockway Vineyards for a winery tour and learn about Canadian

ice-wine with a wine expert. Sample some of the delicious wine before sitting down to dinner.

### DAY 8 Niagara Falls - New York City, New York, U.S.

Today's journey takes you south, back across the U.S border into New York. Later, arrive in New York City.

#### DAY 9 New York City

Start your day with a fun-filled breakfast at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner, a 50s themed restaurant featuring singing waiting staff, followed by a city tour. Enjoy some leisure time this afternoon and it's diner's choice this evening. Choose your perfect spot from a selection of popular restaurants in Times Square.

#### DAY 10 New York City - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Washington, D.C.

This morning it's another diner's choice! Choose where you'd like to have breakfast from a selection of restaurants. Then journey to Philadelphia and take a city tour that highlights Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Continue on to Washington, D.C.

#### DAY 11 Washington, D.C.

Today you'll embark on a guided city tour before your leisure time to explore the city independently. This evening, say farewell to your fellow travellers and celebrate your adventure.

#### DAY 12 Washington, D.C.

Your tour ends in Washington, D.C.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Take an incredible cruise at the base of Niagara Falls
- ✓ Tour a local winery and learn about Canada's ice-wine
- ✓ Choose your perfect spot for breakfast and dinner from a selection of popular restaurants in New York City



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston; Omni Mont-Royal, Montréal; Lord Elgin, Ottawa; Sheraton on the Falls, Niagara Falls; Sheraton New York Times Square, New York; The Omni Shoreham, Washington, D.Cd

MEALS: 18 meals (11 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,099

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • During your stay at the Sheraton on the Falls, upgrade to a "falls view" room is available at an additional cost. Please call or go online

#### **Tour start date**

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**APR** 19

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Experience the history, charm and hospitality of Georgia and South Carolina on a seven day journey through the heart of the South, exploring the highlights of Charleston, Savannah, Jekyll Island, Jacksonville and St Augustine.

#### Your tour

#### **DAY 1 Charleston, South Carolina**

Your tour starts today in Charleston.

#### **DAY 2 Charleston**

Charleston has survived the Civil War, major fires, an earthquake and hurricanes - and still exudes elegance, charm and grace. Today you'll tour the city with a local guide to get to know the city. Following your tour you can visit a plantation or, the Naval & Maritime Museum. This evening, enjoy a local speciality – the famous Shecrab soup - at dinner!

#### DAY 3 Charleston - Savannah, Georgia

The day starts with some free time to explore Charleston before you head south along the coast to Savannah. You'll have the afternoon to wander around this enchanting city's tree-filled squares. Spend some time exploring Factors Walk and River Street, where old cotton warehouses have been converted into trendy shops, taverns and restaurants.

#### DAY 4 Savannah - Jekyll Island

Your day starts with a four of Savannah's Historic District before you visit Andrew Low House and Gardens. Located on a Wilmington River, you'll visit the Bonaventure Cemetery, before continuing south along the unspoiled Georgia coast of vast marshlands, winding rivers and beautiful beaches. Later, arrive at the exclusive Jekyll Island Club Hotel, situated in the midst of the fabled Golden Isles

#### DAY 5 Jekyll Island - St. Simons Island

Jekyll Island was once the winter retreat of prominent affluent families and their grand cottages still stand.

A tram takes you on a tour of the Jekyll Island Historic District – one of the nation's largest restoration projects. The Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan once holidayed here along the 240-acre river edge. Visit another of the fabled Golden Isles, quaint St. Simons Island. See its striking 106' tall lighthouse and visit the Museum of Coastal History. Later, enjoy leisure time to explore the quaint shops and restaurants in the village.

#### DAY 6 Jekyll Island - St. Augustine, Florida -**Jacksonville**

Your final full day will see you travelling south to the oldest city in the USA, St. Augustine. Here you'll take a guided trolley tour highlighting the Old Spanish Quarter, historic Bayfront, Old Town which dates back to 1572, and the Plaza de la Constitucion with its shops and restaurants. Spend time at leisure this afternoon and come to know more of the city's many cultural attractions. This evening, you'll be taken on to Jacksonville where you'll have a farewell dinner.

#### DAY 7 Jacksonville

Your tour ends today in Jacksonville.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore one of America's oldest plantations
- ✓ Visit Savannah's famous Bonaventure Cemetery
- ✓ Spend time at St. Simons Island with a 106' tall lighthouse
- Ride a tram through the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District
- ✓ Stay at the exclusive Jekyll Island Club, once the most exclusive club in the world

#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hyatt Place Historic District, Charleston. Hilton Garden Inn, Savannah, or Doubletree, Savannah. Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island. Omni Hotel Jacksonville, Jacksonville.

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, tram and trolley

GROUP SIZE: Approx. 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,739

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to flight schedules, a pre-night in Charleston or a post-night in Jacksonville may be required (at an additional cost). Please enquire at the time of booking • Special Christmas seasonal departure dates available. Please call for details.

#### **Tour start date**

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28, 29 **FEB** 04, 18, 25 MAR 04, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

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**JAN** 21, 28





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From the impressive city of Chicago, to the quaint town of Frankenmuth, and to the luxury which exudes on Mackinac Island, this tour will show you the many angles of this Midwestern region, giving you the true flavour of life here.

#### Your tour

#### DAY 1 Chicago, Illinois

Your tour starts today in Chicago.

#### DAY 2 Chicago

Begin your day with a guided tour of Chicago, including the Magnificent Mile, the Wrigley Building, the Loop, the Lakefront, and a walking tour through Millennium Park. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

#### DAY 3 Chicago - Grand Rapids, Michigan -Frankenmuth

As you leave Chicago for Frankenmuth, you'll take a break to explore the city of Grand Rapids, with its streets full of shops, museums and restaurants. Later, you'll arrive in the quaint town of Frankenmuth and enjoy a locally guided tour of the town before some free time

#### DAY 4 Frankenmuth - Dearborn

Today, the choice is yours! Visit Greenfield Village or the Henry Ford Museum for an experience in living history! At Greenfield Village, take in the homes and workshops where famous American icons including the Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, and Henry Ford were once inspired. Or, learn how the car changed American life and society as you explore the Henry Ford Museum. Upon returning to Frankenmuth, visit the largest Christmas store in the world – Bronner's.

#### DAY 5 Frankenmuth - Mackinac Island

After breakfast you'll travel to Mackinac Island, where you'll take a journey back in time to a simpler era. You'll stay at the Grand Hotel which is a National Historic Landmark. This guiet island of yesteryear evokes a

nostalgia that truly inspires the senses. The evening is

#### DAY 6 Mackinac Island

Today, you'll take a horse-drawn carriage for an island tour that includes stops at the Surrey Hills Carriage Museum and Arch Rock. After, you'll have some free time to enjoy Mackinac Island's quiet pleasures or take a walk downtown to visit the shops and buy some fudge. Later, you'll take dinner at the elegant Salle à Manger.

#### DAY 7 Mackinac Island - Traverse City

This morning, you have some free time to relax before departing for the cherry capital of the United States, Traverse City. Along the way, you'll see the coastline of Grand Traverse Bay, before arriving at your beachside resort. Today, you'll visit the Music House Museum where you will hear the sounds of yesteryear produced by rare antique musical instruments and machines dating between back to 1870. This evening, you'll have a private vineyard tour and wine tasting at a local winery on Leelanau Peninsula; followed by dinner.

#### DAY 8 Traverse City

Your tour ends today in Traverse City.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1)(2) **3** 









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the streets of Chicago
- ✓ Visit the Henry Ford Museum
- ✓ Explore the workshops of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Robert Frost
- ✓ Enjoy a vineyard tour and wine tasting in Traverse City
- ✓ Take a horse-drawn carriage tour of Mackinac Island



#### **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Courtyard by Marriott Magnificent Mile, Chicago. Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth. The Grand Hotel. Mackinac Island. The Bayshore Resort, Traverse City.

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, horse drawn carriage and cruise

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,119

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The Grand Hotel experience includes dressing up for dinner. After 6:30 p.m., ladies should wear a dress, skirt and blouse or smart trousers and gentlemen are required to wear a jacket and tie.

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>APR</b> 29	<b>AUG</b> 04, 11, 25
<b>MAY</b> 09, 11	<b>SEP</b> 04, 22, 29
<b>JUN</b> 07, 09, 16	<b>OCT</b> 02, 04
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Join us on a cultural journey through the Deep South enjoying Cajun cuisine, visiting antebellum mansions, the bayou and the magic of the French Quarter makes this an unforgettable experience that will last a lifetime.

#### Your tour

#### **DAY 1 New Orleans, Louisiana**

Your tour starts in New Orleans.

#### DAY 2 New Orleans

This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of New Orleans with a local guide. Begin along historic Esplanade Avenue, see St. Louis Cemetery No.3 which holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries. Then, relax during a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain which leads to St. Charles Avenue, whisking you past gorgeous mansions. You'll spend this afternoon at leisure.

#### **DAY 3 French Quarter**

Set out on a walking tour of the famous French Quarter. Stroll past the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city's most recognisable landmarks. Continue on to the bustling French Marketplace and explore Pirates Alley, the Cabildo, the Presbytere and the Pontalba. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure then this evening experience a spectacular dinner and a lesson in Cajun cuisine at the New Orleans School of Cooking.

#### DAY 4 New Orleans - Baton Rouge - Natchez, Mississippi

This morning you travel to Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana. Take a tour of the Louisiana State Capitol Building and learn about the state's most influential political figure, Governor Huey Long. Continue to Natchez where this small city, resting on a bluff high above the Mississippi River, personifies the grace and elegance of the South. This evening you are invited to an exclusive dinner at Twin Oaks, the privately-owned

home of locally acclaimed chef Regina Charboneau.

#### DAY 5 Natchez

Learn about the rich history of Natchez as a local guide takes you on a captivating tour of this pre-Civil War town. Tour Longwood, an impressive octagonal mansion that today remains unfinished. Experience a taste of the southern lifestyle as you spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure in Natchez.

#### DAY 6 Natchez - Lafayette, Louisiana

Depart for Lafayette, the heart of Cajun Country. En route, visit Martin Accordions, a family-owned accordion

#### **DAY 7 Cajun Country**

Today, immerse yourself in the Cajun culture. Begin at the Acadian Cultural Centre at Jean Lafitte National Park for an introduction to the history and culture of Cajun Country. Next, visit Vermilionville, a 23-acre living history museum and folk life park. Later, cruise along the eerie bayous and through the Atchafalaya Basin.

#### DAY 8 Lafayette - New Orleans

Your tour ends in New Orleans.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1)(2)(3)









#### **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Cruise through Louisiana's Atchafalaya Basin Swamp
- ✓ Experience a dinner party at Twin Oaks, the home of a locally acclaimed chef Regina Charboneau
- Get to know the Cajun and Creole heritages at Vermilionville
- ✓ Learn Cajun cooking from the New Orleans School of Cooking



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Astor Crowne Plaza, New Orleans. Hotel Vue, Natchez. Doubletree by Hilton Lafayette, Lafayette.

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,679

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 1:00 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 22	<b>JUN</b> 11
<b>FEB</b> 12	AUG 27
MAR 05, 06, 19	<b>SEP</b> 10
<b>APR</b> 02, 16, 23	<b>OCT</b> 01, 15, 22
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Revel in a toe-tapping time on this tour of America's most famed musical cities. Visit New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville as you discover the sounds of the blues, jazz, country and good old rock 'n' roll.

## Your tour

#### **DAY 1 New Orleans - Louisiana**

Your tour starts in New Orleans.

#### **DAY 2 New Orleans**

Today you can choose either a French Quarter walking tour or a coach tour of New Orleans. The walking tour will take you to the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city's most recognisable landmarks; continue to the bustling French Marketplace where you'll explore Pirates Alley. The panoramic coach tour of New Orleans with a local guide begins along historic Esplanade Avenue; see St. Louis Cemetery No.3 which holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries; then, relax during a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. Tonight, roll up your sleeves and prepare to discover how to cook New Orleans-style! During a unique cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking, your chef will indulge you in everything that Louisiana cuisine has to offer. Following dinner, enjoy a jazz revue at a local French Quarter jazz

#### **DAY 3 New Orleans**

Journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise narrated by your captain. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Return to New Orleans and spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure

#### DAY 4 New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee

Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul. This evening enjoy delectable Southern cuisine along with some of the best live music

#### **DAY 5 Memphis**

This morning, embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. Local musicians board the coach and tell the story of Memphis' musical heritage and history as you view the city's many highlights. Then, don your blue suede shoes when you visit Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy this city's vast musical offerings on your own.

#### DAY 6 Memphis - Nashville

Journey to Nashville and tour the sprawling Belle Meade Plantation and indulge in a culinary and wine tasting experience. Following lunch, discover the flavour of the region at a historic distillery when you tour the facility and taste its famous Tennessee whiskey. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry.

#### **DAY 7 Nashville**

Your day begins with a tour of WSM Radio Station where you will meet a local radio show personality. Next, a local guide will share the history and lore of Music City during a sightseeing tour where you will view the State Capitol, Music Row and the Parthenon. Then explore the Country Music Hall of Fame and learn about the Hatch Show Print. Then, visit the old Ryman Auditorium and the historic RCA Studio B for an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charlie Pride once recorded some of their classic hits.

#### DAY 8 Nashville

Your tour ends in Nashville.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.













TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Spend 2 nights in Memphis and tour Elvis Presley's Graceland
- ✓ Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry
- ✓ Tour the historic RCA Studio B
- ✓ Stay at the incredible Gaylord Opryland Hotel



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans. Sheraton Memphis, Memphis. Gaylord Opryland Hotel,

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,889

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>FEB</b> 26	<b>SEP</b> 03, 10, 15, 17, 24
<b>MAR</b> 05, 12, 19, 26, 31	<b>OCT</b> 01, 06, 08, 13, 15, 20,
<b>APR</b> 03, 07, 21, 23, 28	22, 27, 29
<b>MAY</b> 05, 14, 21, 25, 28	<b>NOV</b> 03, 05, 10
<b>JUN</b> 10, 11, 18, 27	<b>DEC</b> 01, 03, 10

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With a great location in the heart of San Antonio, you'll really be able to make the most of your time in this vibrant city, where you'll be able to explore during the day and relax, Texas style in the evening!

## Your tour

## DAY 1: San Antonio, Texas

Your tour starts today in San Antonio.

#### DAY 2: San Antonio

Your day begins with a fascinating tour of San Antonio with a local guide, with a visit to two UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the Mission San Jose followed by a visit to the Alamo, which played a critical role in the Texas Revolution. Next, browse for one-of-a-kind goods at El Mercado, the Mexican Marketplace. This afternoon you can choose to visit the South Texas Heritage Centre, or, you can explore the 33-acre grounds of the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. This evening your evening is at leisure to explore San Antonio's beautiful River Walk

## DAY 3: San Antonio - Stonewall - Fredericksburg

Today, you'll journey to Stonewall and enjoy a visit to the LBJ Ranch, birthplace of Lyndon B. Johnson. On your tour of the ranch you will view the "Texas White House and learn about living in the Texas Hill Country. Continue to the heart of the rural Hill Country and the German settlement of Fredericksburg. The old-time southwest will surround you as you can explore the quaint shops. This evening, you can choose where you'd prefer to dine in one of San Antonio's popular restaurants.

#### DAY 4: San Antonio

This morning you'll take a journey and drift along the Paseo del Rio, also known as the River Walk, one of Texas's most prized attractions. Learn more about the architecture and culture of the city on this relaxing guided boat ride. Then, enjoy some leisure time to discover San Antonio on your own. This evening, visit

an olive orchard\*, where you'll have the opportunity to have wine and olive oil tasting and learn about its history before indulging in a spectacular Texas-inspired farewell dinner.

#### DAY 5: San Antonio

Your tour ends today in San Antonio.

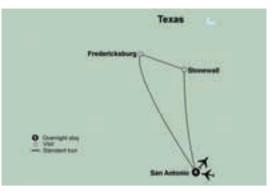
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## Omni La Mansión del Rio

Is ideally nestled along the historic River Walk on the banks of the Paseo del Rio. Perfectly situated. you can easily explore all of San Antonio's extensive range of tourist attractions. It is within easy walking distance of the fabled Alamo, El Mercado, La Villita District, Spanish Governor's Palace, San Antonio Convention Centre and other well-known landmarks

#### Optional hotel upgrade available May 1 2017 - April 30 2018 £95 GBP per person, double room

During your stay in San Antonio, you can choose to upgrade your hotel to a River View Room. Enjoy spectacular views of the River Walk from the comfort of your balcony. Please enquire at time of











TOUR STYLE: Spotlights

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Cruise along the Paseo del Rio and take in the laidback atmosphere of San Antonio
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the legendary Alamo and Mission San José
- ✓ Explore LBJ Ranch in Stonewall, birthplace of Lyndon B. Johnson
- ✓ Discover Fredericksburg set in the Hill Country



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Omni La Mansion del Rio. San Antonio. TX

MEALS: 6 meals (4 Breakfasts & 2 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and river boat **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,109

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The olive orchard visit may be offered as a lunch on some departures

- Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.
- Special Christmas seasonal departure dates available. Please call for details

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>FEB</b> 19	<b>SEP</b> 09, 17, 24
<b>MAR</b> 05, 19	<b>OCT</b> 15, 22
<b>APR</b> 09, 10, 23	<b>NOV</b> 12, 25, 26, 27, 30
<b>MAY</b> 21, 29	<b>DEC</b> 9, 10, 11

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<b>JAN</b> 28	<b>MAR</b> 18
<b>FEB</b> 18, 25	<b>APR</b> 09, 22, 29

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Get to know the "birthplace of jazz" during your stay in the heart of the French Quarter in New Orleans. Discover its unique foods during a cooking class, enjoy a cruise of the bayous and revel in the city's music in a spirited jazz revue at a French Quarter Jazz Club.

## Your tour

**DAY 1 New Orleans, Louisiana** 

Your tour starts in New Orleans.

#### **DAY 2 French Ouarter**

Get to know the city's famous French Quarter on a walking tour featuring the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city's most recognisable landmarks. Continue on to the bustling French Marketplace where you'll explore Pirates Alley and the Pontalba. Then the choice is yours! Perhaps you'll enjoy exploring the Cabildo, a Spanish Colonial building that houses the Louisiana State Museum. Or, you may choose to spend time at the Presbytere strolling through exhibits that feature the history of Mardi Gras and Louisiana hurricanes including Katrina. Next, stop to taste a true New Orleans favourite – beignets at Café Du Monde. Tonight, roll up your sleeves and prepare to discover how to cook New Orleans-style! During a unique cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking. Following dinner, discover why New Orleans is known as the "Birthplace of Jazz" when you take in a spirited jazz revue at a local French Quarter jazz club.

#### **DAY 3 French Quarter**

Set out on a drive along New Orleans' historic Esplanade Avenue. Then, journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise narrated by your captain. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Return to New Orleans and spend the remainder of the day at leisure to discover this great city your way.

## DAY 4 New Orleans

This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of New Orleans with a local guide. Begin by seeing St. Louis Cemetery No.3 which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries. Then, relax during a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. This romantic road eventually leads to St. Charles Avenue, whisking you past gorgeous mansions as well as Tulane and Loyola, two worldfamous universities. This afternoon, choose a walk through history at the National World War II Museum to learn about the American experience in the war or you may prefer to celebrate the festive side of New Orleans at Mardi Gras World; come to know the history of this unique tradition and tour a working warehouse where artisans create spectacular floats for the famous parades. Tonight, enjoy a taste of New Orleans during dinner at one of the French-Creole restaurants the city is known for

DAY 5 New Orleans Your tour ends in New Orleans. Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.

#### The Bourbon Orleans

Located in New Orleans' exciting French Quarter this iconic hotel has a rich history along with a vibrant present. Located adjacent to two great New Orleans landmarks, the St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square, the Bourbon Orleans Hotel is in the centre of it all.











Tour Managers

**TOUR STYLE:** Spotlights

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the St. Louis Cathedral and the French Marketplace
- Soak in the ambiance of the old south with a drive along St. Charles Avenue
- Choose to explore the National WWII Museum or Mardi Gras World



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: The Bourbon Orleans, New Orleans.

MEALS: 6 meals (4 Breakfasts & 2 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,179

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • An alternative itinerary featuring the Jazz & Heritage Festival is available. Please go online for more details.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 16	<b>JUL</b> 17
<b>FEB</b> 06, 20	<b>SEP</b> 11, 24
MAR 06, 27	<b>OCT</b> 02, 16
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<b>JUN</b> 05, 12	

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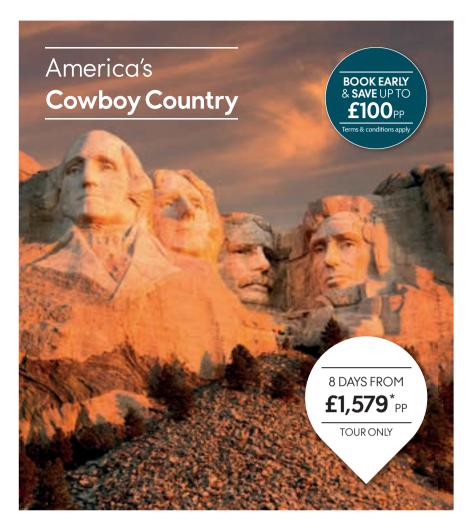
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Visit Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park, Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial on this great American Adventure. Experience the Wild West as it once was at Yellowstone National Park, home to an incredible array of wildlife including free-ranging herds of buffalo.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

Your tour starts in Jackson Hole with an included chuck wagon welcome dinner with entertainment.

## **DAY 2 Jackson Hole**

Today you can choose to take a relaxing wildlife float trip or an exciting white-water rafting adventure!

DAY 3 Jackson Hole - Grand Tetons - Yellowstone Wind through Grand Teton National Park, on your way to Yellowstone National Park, the first and oldest national park in the world. Upon arrival, explore the unspoiled natural splendour including the Old Faithful Gevser with a park guide

## DAY 4 Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan

Begin your day with a journey along Lake Yellowstone and over Sylvan Pass. From the mountains to the prairies, the scenery is simply astounding. Make your way through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and cross through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation.

# DAY 5 Sheridan - Deadwood - Rapid City, South

On your way to Rapid City, stop and explore Deadwood, a rowdy, rambling western town with a local guide before exploring independently. When you arrive in Rapid City, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

#### DAY 6 Rapid City - Crazy Horse - Keystone

Jump into the world of Black Hills Gold on a tour through Riddle's Black Hills Gold and Diamond Factory. See skilled artisans handcraft South Dakota's official state jewellery. Then it is on to Custer State Park where you'll

hop on an off-road vehicle to travel deep into the park. where you may see wildlife such as buffalo, antelope or elk. Next, prepare to be amazed by the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. Make a stop in the Old West town of Keystone to have dinner on your own before stopping to see the illumination of Mt. Rushmore, one of the true icons of the West, during a sound and light show.

## DAY 7 Rapid City - Badlands - Wall

Today you'll visit rugged Badlands National Park. Follow the Badlands Loop Road, a wonder of rock formations and vibrant colours then, make a stop at Wall Drug, a classic store from 1936, where there is time for lunch and browsing. This evening, a Lakota Native American will join you before your farewell dinner to discuss his dedication to his community and the Native American way of life.

## DAY 8 Rapid City

Your tour ends in Rapid City.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Embark on either a relaxing wildlife float trip or an exciting white-water rafting adventure
- Watch Old Faithful geyser erupt, sending steam high in the air
- ✓ Wind through majestic Grand Teton National Park



#### **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Snow King Lodge, Jackson Hole. Yellowstone National Park Lodges, Yellowstone National Park. Holiday Inn Sheridan, Sheridan. Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City.

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, raft, chuck wagon and off-road vehicle **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,209

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017

**MAY** 19, 26 **JUN** 06, 09, 13, 16, 20, 27 **JUL** 07, 11, 18, 25

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**OCT** 3

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Experience the grandeur of the American West as you explore six fantastic National Parks! Stay in a lodge nestled in the heart of Yellowstone and visit Zion's cliffs, Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, and Denver.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Scottsdale, Arizona

Your tour starts in Scottsdale

#### DAY 2 Scottsdale - Sedona - Lake Powell Today you'll visit Sedona and its amazing rock

formations before arriving in Lake Powell.

#### DAY 3 Lake Powell - Grand Canyon

Embark on a breakfast cruise on scenic Lake Powell before you head towards the spectacular Grand

#### DAY 4 Grand Canyon - Bryce Canyon, Utah - Zion **National Park**

Today you'll discover the famous rock formations, Hoodoos, at Bryce Canyon National Park before visiting the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park where you ride on the Zion tram.

#### DAY 5 Zion National Park - Salt Lake City

A drive north takes you to Salt Lake City, where you can explore Temple Square.

#### **DAY 6 Salt Lake City**

This morning embark on a tour of Salt Lake City. Then spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

## DAY 7 Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

As you travel to the cowboy town of Jackson Hole today, you'll see the majestic Bear Lake Summit.

## **DAY 8 Jackson Hole**

The day is yours to explore Jackson Hole or take an optional activity such as as canoeing, hiking or river rafting. Tonight, you'll experience an evening of cowboy entertainment and a traditional chuck wagon dinner.

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

Pass through Grand Teton on your journey to Yellowstone National Park. Explore the incredible sights with a local expert, where you'll visit the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser.

## DAY 10 Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan

Your day begins with a trip along Lake Yellowstone and over Sylvan Pass. As you pass through Cody, a stop will be made at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West. Continue your journey through the incredible Bighorn Mountains.

#### DAY 11 Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota

Start your day with a visit to Mount Rushmore, before visiting the Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument dedicated to the Native Americans. This evening you will meet a local Lakota Native American.

#### DAY 12 Rapid City - Denver, Colorado

Today's adventure takes us into Wyoming and through Chevenne, Later, we arrive in Denver, Colorado,

#### DAY 13 Denver

Set out for spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park with its incredible views then return to Denver for a free afternoon.

#### DAY 14 Denver

Your tour ends in Denver.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit six national parks
- ✓ Stay overnight at the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park
- ✓ Visit one of the country's most famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore
- ✓ Explore the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West, a tribute to Buffalo Bill Cody



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale, Scottsdale. Lake Powell Resort & Marina, Page. Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim, Grand Canyon. Majestic View Lodge Springdale. Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown, Salt Lake City. Snow King Resort, Jackson Hole, Yellowstone National Lodges, Yellowstone National Park. Holiday Inn Sheridan, Sheridan. The Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City. Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver

MEALS: 20 meals (13 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,609

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • This tour includes travelling to high altitudes (approx. 10,000 ft.) A shorter version of this tour. National Parks of America, is available with the opportunity to conclude the tour in Rapid City. Please call or go online for details

## **Tour start date**

2017 **MAY** 19, 26, 29 **AUG** 12, 18, 25 **JUN** 01, 10, 17, 24, 30 SEP 02, 08, 14, 16, 23, **JUL** 08, 15, 26

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Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Yellowstone in winter. Experience a sleigh ride to the National Elk Refuge, board a snowcoach and head over the snow covered landscape and visit the Old Faithful Geyser.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Your tour starts in Jackson Hole

#### DAY 2 Jackson Hole - Grand Tetons - Yellowstone **Snow Lodge**

Today you'll travel to the entrance of Yellowstone National Park through the majestic Grand Teton. Your Yellowstone winter adventure begins by boarding a snowcoach. This unique vehicle will transport you over the snow-covered landscape, past some of the park's most stunning scenery — and on to Old Faithful.

## **DAY 3 Yellowstone Snow Lodge**

Wake up just minutes away from Old Faithful and enjoy a brisk walking tour led by a local expert. You'll learn the history of this colossal geyser and view the amazing natural phenomenon in action. Later, spend free time exploring on your own.

### DAY 4 Yellowstone - Gardiner, Montana

Today you'll board your snowcoach for a transfer across the frozen landscape en route to Mammoth at the north entrance to Yellowstone. This afternoon cross the border into Montana before arriving in Gardiner for

#### DAY 5 Yellowstone, WY - Lamar Valley - West Yellowstone

This morning travel back into Yellowstone to the remote Lamar Valley in the scenic northwest corner. You'll traverse forests and meadows before arriving in the Lamar. This area of the park is not only breath-taking but it's also an excellent habitat for the park's wildlife

## DAY 6 West Yellowstone - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Today's journey brings you south through Idaho to the picturesque Caribou Targhee National Forest. You'll be amazed by the stunning views of the Grand Teton as you make your way back to Jackson Hole. Get up-close to wildlife on a delightful sleigh ride to the National Elk Refuge and view hundreds of elk in their natural habitat.

#### DAY 7 Jackson Hole

Your tour ends in Jackson Hole.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











#### **TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Join a park ranger on a private walking tour
- ✓ Witness the Old Faithful Geyser in action
- ✓ See elk in their natural habitat on a sleigh ride
- ✓ Visit Lamar Valley which is renowned for its habitat for bears, wolves and bison



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Snow King, Jackson Hole. Snow Lodge, Yellowstone National Park. Best Western Mammoth, Gardiner. Holiday Inn, West Yellowstone. Snow King, Jackson Hole.

MEALS: 11 meals (6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, sleigh ride and snowcoach

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2.779

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to limited space on the snowcoach, passengers will be limited to one piece of luggage.

#### Tour start date

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<b>JAN</b> 08, 15, 22, 29	<b>FEB</b> 05	
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This adventure enables you to discover the spirit of the American West in just a few days with an opportunity to visit the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, and the Badlands National Park.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Rapid City, South Dakota

Your tour starts today in Rapid City.

#### DAY 2 Rapid City - Keystone

Your day starts with a tour to Mount Rushmore, where epic figures represent the first 150 years of American history. You'll then visit the Crazy Horse Memorial and learn the story behind the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress.

## DAY 3 Rapid City - Custer

Today you'll learn all about Black Hills gold on a tour through Riddle's Black Hills Gold and Diamond Factory. Here you'll see skilled craftsmen creating South Dakota's official state jewellery. You'll then travel through 14 miles of magnificent rock formations on the fascinating Needles Highway. Later, drive through Custer State Park where a band of bighorn sheep, a herd of majestic elk, or buffalo may be seen.

## DAY 4 Rapid City - Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

This morning you'll join a Lakota Native American tribe member for a visit to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. They are one of seven tribes that make up the Great Sioux Nation. Later visit Wounded Knee, which is the site of a massacre that took place in 1890 when the United States Army attacked a band of Lakota tribesmen.

## DAY 5 Rapid City - Badlands - Wall

Today, explore Badlands National Park. The Badlands Loop Road is a marvel of vibrant colours and rock formations created by mineral deposits. The next stop is at Wall Drug, an authentic store from 1936, where there is time for lunch and browsing. The afternoon

has been left free for you to enjoy some time exploring independently.

#### DAY 6 Rapid City - Deadwood - Spearfish

This morning you travel to Deadwood, a rollicking western town and National Historic Landmark. Upon arrival, a local guide introduces you to the history of the city including a visit to Mount Moriah Cemetery. You'll also make a stop at Kevin Costner's Tatanka: Story of the Bison, before enjoying some time to ramble through Deadwood where gold, gambling and gunpowder were once the order of the day. Enjoy dinner at a favourite local restaurant in the historic city of Spearfish.

#### DAY 7 Rapid City

Your tour comes to a close today in Rapid City. Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.

## The Hilton Garden Inn

Conveniently located in the middle of the famous shopping malls and restaurants and within minutes to many Black Hill attractions such as Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse monument and just five minutes from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.











Tour Managers

**TOUR STYLE:** Spotlights

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Jump into the world of Black Hills gold on a tour
- ✓ Traverse 14 miles of magnificent rock formations on Needles Highway
- ✓ Stand before the Crazy Horse Memorial
- ✓ Discover the rock formations in Badlands National
- ✓ Explore Deadwood, home to Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Garden Inn, Rapid City SD. or Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD.

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,539

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

**JUN** 02, 09, 14, 16, 23, 30

2017 **MAY** 12, 19, 26

**AUG** 16, 18, 25 **SEP** 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

**JUL** 07, 14, 21, 25 **OCT** 06, 13

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Experience the majesty of the Colorado Rockies, four National Parks and two historic trains that celebrate the spirit of the Old West. Marvel at the majesty of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks and ascend Pikes Peak on the world's highest cog railway.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Denver, Colorado**

Your tour starts in Denver

#### **DAY 2 Denver**

Enjoy some time at leisure today before meeting with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner

#### DAY 3 Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park -Grand Junction

Travel to Rocky Mountain National Park to discover the true meaning of "panoramic." This celebrated "Roof of the Rockies" offers views of massive peaks and rugged canyons as you experience one of the largest national parks in the United States.

## DAY 4 Grand Junction - Arches - Canyonlands

Begin your day exploring Arches National Park, see the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches. Next, arrive at Canyonlands National Park and travel to the Island in the Sky mesa which rests on sheer sandstone cliffs over 1,000 feet above the surrounding

#### **DAY 5 Grand Junction - Colorado National** Monument

Visit one of the grand landscapes of the American West – Colorado National Monument. Travel along the Rim Rock to see a colourful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers. This afternoon, visit a family-owned winery in Colorado's wine country for a private tour and enjoy a winemaker's dinner in the evening

## DAY 6 Grand Junction - Silverton - Durango

Today you'll venture south to the small mining town of Silverton, hidden high in the San Juan Mountains. Then it's "all aboard" the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This evening, enjoy an Old West adventure filled with traditional cowboy specialities and entertainment.

#### DAY 7 Durango - Mesa Verde National Park

An incredible day awaits at Mesa Verde National Park. Visit the fascinating Spruce Tree Cliff Dwelling to see one of the largest and best preserved cliff dwellings built between 1211-1278.

#### DAY 8 Durango - Colorado Springs

Enjoy a relaxing ride to Colorado Springs and marvel at the scenery as you depart the San Juan National Forest, cross Wolf Creek Pass over the Continental Divide.

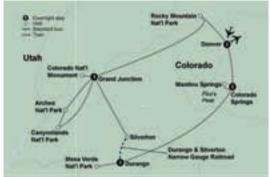
### DAY 9 Colorado Springs - Manitou Springs

Depart for Manitou Springs for your journey aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad. Travel to the Garden of the Gods, on the National Register for Historic Places, to see the towering sandstone formations and enjoy a wonderful view of Pikes Peak.

#### **DAY 10 Colorado Springs**

Your tour ends in Colorado Springs.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Step aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway and the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Visit world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches at Arches National Park
- ✓ Venture to Mesa Verde National Park, home of the Ancestral Puebloan Indians



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Sheraton Downtown, Denver, Doubletree Hotel, Grand Junction. Strater Hotel, Durango. Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs.

MEALS: 13 meals (9 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,279

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • This tour includes travelling to high altitudes (approx. 14,110 ft.) • Due to tour scheduling, flights home should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. • All transfers will depart Colorado Springs

## **Tour start date**

2017 MAY 11, 18, 25 AUG 03, 10, 17, 18, 24, **JUN** 01, 08, 15, 16, 22 SEP 07, 08, 14, 15, 21, **JUL** 06, 13, 20, 21, 27

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There is nothing quite like the spectacular beauty of the National Parks and this tour features the best of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park. Stay in Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole and visit the crown jewel of the Northern Rockies, Wyoming.

## Your tour

DAY 1 Salt Lake City, Utah

Your tour starts in Salt Lake City.

#### **DAY 2 Salt Lake City**

Start your day with a comprehensive tour of Salt Lake City, featuring the Great Salt Lake, for which the city is named. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll explore Temple Square, one of Utah's most visited attractions.

## DAY 3 Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Travel north into the rugged splendour of Wyoming to the cowboy town of Jackson Hole. Your home for the next four nights, this stunningly beautiful town has been the setting for many of our favourite American western films...Big Trail starring John Wayne; Shane with Alan Ladd; and The Mountain Men headlined by Charlton Heston were all filmed here.

#### DAY 4 Jackson Hole - Yellowstone National Park

Today, you'll visit the incomparable Yellowstone National Park. The first and oldest national park in the world, famous for its geysers, hot springs and incredible wildlife. Upon arrival, take a scenic drive to observe the park's unspoiled natural splendour. Of course, you couldn't visit Yellowstone without seeing its most iconic attraction: Old Faithful Gevser, Return to Jackson Hole and sit down with a true Wyoming cowboy to hear fascinating tales of farm life in this breath-taking region.

## **DAY 5 Jackson Hole**

The day is yours to explore Jackson Hole. Some optional activities include shopping, canoeing, hiking and river rafting. This evening, enjoy a fun-filled chuck wagon

dinner and authentic cowboy entertainment.

#### DAY 6 Jackson Hole - Grand Teton National Park

En route to Grand Teton National Park you will visit the National Museum of Wildlife Art. Then it's on to the awe-inspiring Teton mountain range. Grand Teton National Park features the youngest peaks in the Rockies, yet it contains some of North America's oldest rock formations

## DAY 7 Jackson Hole - Park City, Utah

Today you'll visit Park City, home of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, and one of the most spectacular settings in North America. Visit Utah Olympic Park and enjoy a movie that features the games' highlights. Explore the museum filled with inspiring memorabilia from the Olympic Games. Visit Main Street which is lined with over 64 historic buildings, charming shops, galleries and boutiques.

## DAY 8 Park City

Your tour ends in Park City.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Marvel at the unspoiled beauty of Yellowstone National Park and see the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser erupt
- ✓ Visit Utah Olympic Park and explore the museum filled with game memorabilia
- ✓ Wildlife spot in Yellowstone National Park



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown, Salt Lake City. Snow King Resort, Jackson Hole. Park City Marriott, Park City.

MEALS: 10 meals (7 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,679

**NOTE: •** On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • This tour includes travelling to high altitudes (approx. 8,000 ft.).

#### **Tour start date**

2017 **MAY** 12, 19

**AUG** 04, 11, 14, 25, 31 **SEP** 08, 15, 22

JUL 07, 14, 21, 28

**JUN** 02, 16

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Discover California's beauty on this journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Witness the majestic Golden Gate Bridge, indulge in Yosemite National Park and travel along the spectacular Pacific coast. This is California as you've always imagined.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 San Francisco**

Your tour starts in San Francisco.

#### **DAY 2 San Francisco**

Today is yours to enjoy San Francisco before your welcome dinner on Pier 39.

#### DAY 3 Choice of San Francisco Bay Cruise or City Tour of San Francisco

This morning there is a choice of excursions. Take an hour-long cruise on San Francisco Bay with a narration on its history and landmarks including Alcatraz<sup>^</sup> and the Golden Gate Bridge. Or perhaps you would prefer to join a local guide for a sightseeing tour of the city. Your afternoon is free to explore.

#### DAY 4 San Francisco - Yosemite National Park

Today you wind through the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains en route to Yosemite National Park. Delight in Yosemite's remarkable granite cliffs, deep valleys, alpine meadows and groves of beautiful trees. Explore the park on a tram ride that takes you along the floor

#### **DAY 5 Yosemite National Park - Monterey**

Travel to Monterey, the city often called the greatest meeting of land, sea and sky. Monterey is filled with lovingly restored historic buildings and Spanish adobes, and is home to the famed 17-Mile Drive. Along the drive you will pass through the Del Monte Forest and see such famous sights as the Lone Cypress Tree, Seal Rock, and the prestigious Pebble Beach Golf Course.

### DAY 6 Monterey - San Simeon - Santa Barbara

Journey 90 miles along the Big Sur coast, flanked by the Santa Lucia Mountains and the sea-sprayed rocky Pacific. Visit one of the world's greatest showplaces, the palatial mountaintop retreat of Hearst Castle, built by newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst. Explore some of its 165 rooms and 127 acres of gardens. Later, arrive in Santa Barbara.

#### DAY 7 Santa Barbara

Take a tour through the Old Mission Santa Barbara, established in 1786 and afterwards explore the downtown area.

## DAY 8 Santa Barbara - Los Angeles - Pasadena

This morning your coastal journey takes you to glittering Los Angeles, the "City of Angels". A local expert will board our coach to take you on an exciting tour of Los Angeles and the surrounding area. After some free time to explore on your own we continue on to two of the most famous sections of town – Beverly Hills and Santa

#### DAY 9 Pasadena

The day is yours to enjoy as you wish. Explore the area independently or choose to join an optional tour of Hollywood to learn secrets of the stars and catch a glimpse of their homes and hangouts.

#### DAY 10 Pasadena

Your tour ends in Pasadena.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Travel the "17-Mile Drive" and see famous sights such as the Lone Cypress Tree
- ✓ Overnight at Yosemite National Park
- ✓ Journey along the Big Sur, flanked by the Santa Lucia Mountains and the Pacific Ocean



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Marriott Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco. Yosemite Hotel, Yosemite National Park. Hotel Pacific, Monterey. Pepper Tree Inn, Santa Barbara. Westin,

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and tram

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,599

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • ^If you would like to visit Alcatraz, arrangements must be made on vour own in advance.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 14	<b>JUN</b> 03, 10, 17, 24
<b>FEB</b> 18	JUL 01, 08
<b>MAR</b> 16, 18, 25	<b>AUG</b> 12, 19
<b>APR</b> 06, 29	<b>SEP</b> 02, 09, 16
<b>MAY</b> 06, 27	<b>OCT</b> 07, 14, 21, 28

2018 **APR** 07, 21

MAR 03, 10, 17

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This journey through the Canyon Country brings you into a colourful world of stunning southwestern vistas and the unique topography of three national parks: Zion, Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon. Then hit the bright lights of Las Vegas and soak up the atmosphere.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Scottsdale, Arizona

Your tour starts in Arizona

## DAY 2 Scottsdale

Enjoy the day at leisure and this evening attend a welcome dinner.

## DAY 3 Scottsdale - Phoenix

This morning, delve into the region's Native American history and meet a local tribe member. Next, enjoy a tour of Scottsdale and Phoenix. Highlights include downtown Phoenix, Camelback Mountain, Paradise Valley and Old Town Scottsdale. The remainder of the day is free time

## DAY 4 Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon

This morning you'll travel to the stunning Sedona. Enjoy time to soak up the atmosphere as you span the colourful vistas while taking time to browse the arts and crafts shops in the marketplace. Visit Oak Creek Canyon, where the rock formations seem to change with every turn in the road. Continue your journey through the spectacular Kaibab National Forest before reaching the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

#### DAY 5 Grand Canyon - Lake Powell

Witness breath taking views of the vast canyon with a drive along East Rim. Later, a short drive brings you to Cameron Trading Post. Continue north through mesastudded desert scenery before arriving at your hotel overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell.

DAY 6 Lake Powell - Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park or Canyon Cruise

Begin your day with a breakfast cruise along scenic Lake Powell. Today you can choose either a trip to Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park or to take a canyon adventure cruise which passes by Glen Canyon and Antelope Canyon, This evening, return to Lake Powell for dinner.

#### DAY 7 Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park -Zion National Park

Today, travel to Bryce Canyon National Park where you will see the famous formations called hoodoos. Iron oxidising within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that colour these formations. Your final destination for the day is the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park

## DAY 8 Zion National Park - Las Vegas, Nevada

Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram to experience jaw dropping scenery as you wind alongside the Virgin River. Later, leave nature's beauty behind for the glitz and glamour of the Las Vegas strip.

## DAY 9 Las Vegas

Today has been left free for you to explore the sights of

## DAY 10 Las Vegas

Continue to further discover this bustling city on your own.

## DAY 11 Las Vegas

Your tour ends in Vegas.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Discover the famous Hoodoos at Bryce Canyon National Park
- Marvel at the red and white sandstone cliffs onboard Zion's open-air tram
- ✓ Spend three nights in Las Vegas



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale. Grand Canyon Lodges, Grand Canyon. Lake Powell Resort, Page. Majestic View Lodge, Springdale. Paris Hotel, Las Vegas.

MEALS: 13 meals (9 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, open air-tram and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,379

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • All transfers will depart from Phoenix airport for Scottsdale.

#### **Tour start date**

2017 MAR 15, 22 **AUG** 13 **APR** 02, 05, 19, 23, 26, 30 **SEP** 03, 06, 10, 17, 20, 24, 27 **MAY** 03, 07, 14, 28 **OCT** 01, 08, 11, 15, 18, 22, **JUN** 04, 18 25, 29 JUL 09, 16

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**MAR** 18, 21 **APR** 04, 08, 11, 18, 25

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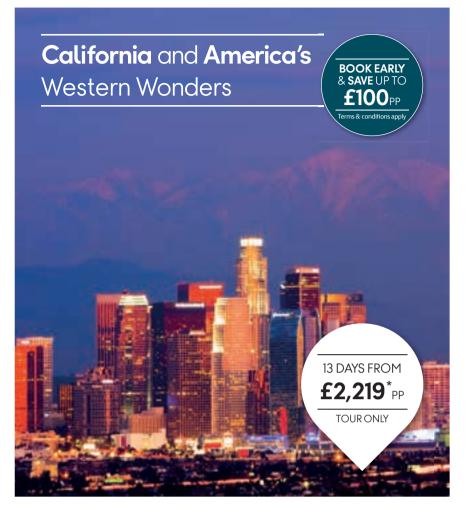
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This journey takes you through the many wonders of the American West. See the unusual desert terrain of Scottsdale, stand in awe of the stunning Grand Canyon and Yosemite National Park and explore the vibrant cities of Los Angeles, Las Vegas and San Francisco.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Scottsdale, Arizona

Your tour starts in Scottsdale.

#### DAY 2 Washington D.C. - Hot Springs, Virginia Get to know the region on a tour of Scottsdale and Phoenix. The afternoon is free to explore independently.

#### DAY 3 Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon

Make a stop in Sedona en-route to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Upon arriving at the Grand Canyon, you'll have plenty of time to take in the breath-taking

## DAY 4 Grand Canyon - Las Vegas, Nevada

Spend your morning at the Grand Canyon before travelling to Las Vegas. Upon arrival, settle in for a 2-night stay in this energetic city.

## **DAY 5 Las Vegas**

Enjoy a full day at leisure.

## DAY 6 Las Vegas - Pasadena, California

Today your drive begins along the fringes of the Mojave National Preserve and continues through the mountainous San Bernardino Valley to the Los Angeles area.

#### DAY 7 Pasadena - Los Angeles - Pasadena

This morning embark on a four of Los Angeles and the surrounding area with a local expert. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 8 Pasadena - Santa Barbara - Pasadena

A very short drive takes you to Santa Barbara. You'll hear stories about Santa Barbara's history and the stars that reside here as you embark on a day filled with local sightseeing

## DAY 9 Pasadena - San Simeon - Monterey

Discover dramatic California scenery as you head up the Big Sur coastline, flanked by the Santa Lucia Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. This afternoon, arrive in San Simeon and visit Hearst Castle. This evening, you'll stay in Monterey.

## **DAY 10 Monterey**

Drive along Monterey's 17-Mile Drive, one of the most breath-taking coastlines in the world. Make a stop in Carmel, known for its natural scenery and rich artistic history. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy Monterey.

#### DAY 11 Monterey - Yosemite - San Francisco

Today you'll journey to Yosemite. Upon arrival, explore the park on a tram ride that takes you along the floor of Yosemite with a local expert. Later, arrive in San Francisco.

#### DAY 12 San Francisco

After breakfast the choice is yours! Perhaps you'll choose to take an hour-long cruise on San Francisco Bay featuring an in-depth narration on its history and landmarks including Alcatraz^ and the Golden Gate Bridge. Or, perhaps you would prefer to join a local guide for a sightseeing tour of the city. Your afternoon is free to explore!

#### DAY 13 San Francisco

You tour ends in San Francisco.

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#### TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Travel up the Big Sur coastline, flanked by mountains and the sea
- ✓ Explore the impressive Hearst Castle
- ✓ Drive along Monterey's 17-Mile Drive, one of the world's most stunning coastlines
- ✓ Discover Santa Barbara, nicknamed the "American Riviera"



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale; Grand Canyon National Park Lodges, Grand Canyon; Paris Hotel, Las Vegas; Westin Hotel, Pasadena; Hotel Pacific, Monterey; San Francisco Marriott Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and tram **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,079

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • îlf you would like to visit Alcatraz, arrangements must be made on your own in advance

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>MAR</b> 18	<b>JUL</b> 22
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MAY 20	<b>SEP</b> 09, 23
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**MAR** 10, 17





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This nine day tour really encapsulates the many treasures of Northern California with an opportunity to explore Fisherman's Wharf, the Golden Gate Bridge, Yosemite National Park and taking a ride on a paddle wheeler on Lake Tahoe, just for starters.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 San Francisco, California

Your tour starts today in San Francisco

#### DAY 2 Choice of San Francisco Bay Cruise or City Tour of San Francisco

After breakfast, you can either take a cruise of San Francisco Bay featuring views of Alcatraz\* and the Golden Gate Bridge. Or you can have a city tour which highlights Fisherman's Wharf, the famous cable cars, the Golden Gate Bridge and the view of the city from the imposing Twin Peaks. The afternoon is yours to relax or explore this beautiful city independently

#### DAY 3 San Francisco - Farm Visit - Tuolumne

After breakfast, travel east through California's Central Valley and the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Stop in Oakdale, California where almond and walnut orchards dot the landscape. You'll then stop at Ironstone Vineyards for a wine tasting before heading to Tuolumne, a gateway to Yosemite National Park.

### DAY 4 Tuolumne - Yosemite

A scenic drive brings you into awe-inspiring Yosemite National Park. Your tram tour through Yosemite's unique rock formations, deep valleys, Alpine meadows and pristine wilderness will leave you absolutely amazed.

## **DAY 5 Tuolumne - Sacramento**

This morning you'll travel to Sacramento where you'll visit the California State Railroad Museum. Enjoy the detailed exhibits and the many historical stories told by your museum guide. You'll then have some free time to have lunch and explore on your own.

## DAY 6 Sacramento - Lake Tahoe

Travel over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the resort town of Lake Tahoe. Upon arrival, enjoy a cruise of spectacular Lake Tahoe aboard the M.S. Dixie II paddle wheeler. Later, a visit to Sutter Fort reveals daily life during a pivotal point in California's history.

#### DAY 7 Sacramento - Sonoma - Santa Rosa

A unique highlight awaits as you travel through California's treasured vineyards and arrive in Sonoma, one of the world's premier wine destinations. Learn about the wines that this region is famous for at a wine tasting at a local vineyard.

#### DAY 8 Santa Rosa - Sonoma - Napa

Today you'll visit the Olive Press where you'll sample many flavours of olive oil. After, you'll climb aboard the elegant Napa Valley Wine Train. Sit back and relax as the incredible scenery, famous vineyards and delicious farewell lunch come together.

## DAY 9 Santa Rosa

Your tour ends today in Santa Rosa.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Relax in a Pullman car aboard the elegant Napa Valley Wine Train
- Discover the renowned California State Railroad Museum
- ✓ Sip California's wines at a wine tasting
- ✓ Step inside Sutter Fort, a living museum, and be transported back to yesteryear



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Marriott at Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, or San Francisco Marriott Marguis, San Francisco. The Hotel at Black Oak Casino Resort, Tuolumne. Hyatt Regency, Sacramento. Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa, Santa Rosa.

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, train, paddle wheeler and tram

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx. 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,409

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*If you would like to visit Alcatraz, arrangements must be made on your own in advance

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>MAR</b> 19, 26	<b>AUG</b> 06, 20
<b>APR</b> 30	<b>SEP</b> 03, 17, 24, 27
<b>MAY</b> 07, 21	<b>OCT</b> 08, 15, 18, 29
<b>JUN</b> 04, 18	<b>NOV</b> 12
<b>JUL</b> 16, 23, 30	

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Explore the majestic Pacific Northwest and California on this eight day adventure, from the wilds of Mount St. Helens and the Columbia River Gorge to the sophistication of Portland and the friendly atmosphere surrounding San Francisco.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Seattle, Washington**

Your tour starts in Seattle.

#### DAY 2 Seattle - Olympia - Portland, Oregon

This morning, embark on a sightseeing tour of the "Emerald City," visiting the main sights. This afternoon, travel south through Olympia and stop at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Centre before arriving in Portland for a 2 night stay.

## DAY 3 Portland - Cascade Mountains - Portland

Drive along the Mt. Hood route to the lush Columbia River Gorge. Discover the awe-inspiring landscapes on a tour of the magnificent Columbia River Gorge and the Bonneville Dam, where you'll learn about its fascinating hydropower and history. This evening, relax on Portland's premier dining and sightseeing cruise.

#### DAY 4 Portland - Willamette Valley - Newport -North Bend

Your scenic journey takes you through what was the Promised Land for many pioneers during the days of the Oregon Trail. Head to the coastal town of Newport for a brief stop before travelling along some of the country's most beautiful coastline and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area

#### DAY 5 North Bend-Bandon State Natural Area-Redwood Nat'l. Park, CA-Eureka

Begin your day with a drive to Bandon State Natural Area along the striking Beach Loop with sights such as Bandon Rocks and Face Rock. Stop in the coastal town of Gold Beach, known for its wildlife including bald eagles, cormorants, seals and blue heron. Continuing

south, enter the redwood country of California. Travel through the famous Redwood National Park home to some of the world's tallest trees. Arriving in Eureka, take a tour through this historic timber and fishing village.

#### DAY 6 Eureka - San Francisco

Continue your journey through the Redwood Forest, including the "Avenue of the Giants," a scenic highway loaded with towering redwoods. Next, drive over the Golden Gate Bridge and arrive in San Francisco. Tonight, gather for dinner on Pier 39 which offers exceptional views of San Francisco Bay and the Bay Bridge

#### DAY 7 Choice of San Francisco Bay Cruise or City Tour of San Francisco

Today choose from an hour-long cruise on San Francisco Bay featuring an in-depth narration on its history and landmarks including Alcatraz<sup>^</sup> and the Golden Gate Bridge. Or, perhaps you would prefer joining a local guide for a sightseeing tour of the city. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore San

#### DAY 8 San Francisco

Your tour ends in San Francisco.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit lively Pike Place Market, Seattle's famous fish and vegetable market
- Venture to Mount St. Helens Visitor Centre to learn about its eruptions
- ✓ Travel through Redwood National Park
- ✓ Drive over the legendary Golden Gate Bridge



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Renaissance Hotel, Seattle. DoubleTree by Hilton Lloyd Centre, Portland. The Mill Casino, North Bend. Réd Lion Eureka, Eureka. San Francisco Marriott Marquis, San

MEALS: 10 meals (6 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and cruise **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,059

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • ^If you would like to visit Alcatraz, arrangements must be made on your own in advance . Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>APR</b> 23, 24, 30	<b>AUG</b> 06, 07, 13, 14, 20,
<b>MAY</b> 01, 07, 15, 21, 28, 29	27, 28
<b>JUN</b> 04, 05, 11, 18, 25	<b>SEP</b> 03, 04, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18. 20
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**APR** 08, 22, 23, 30

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This simply stunning tour takes you through the dramatic scenery of the Pacific Northwest and features the breath-taking San Juan Islands, Friday Harbour, Port Angeles and Victoria and starts in the Emerald City, Seattle.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Seattle, Washington

Your tour starts today in Seattle.

#### **DAY 2 Seattle**

Your day will start with a sightseeing tour of the "Emerald City," including the colourful restored waterfront area, historic Pioneer Square, and lively Pike Place Market, The afternoon is yours to explore further.

#### DAY 3 Seattle - Cruising the San Juan Islands -Friday Harbour

Today, you'll board your chartered boat to begin a truly incredible adventure to the San Juan archipelago consisting of 172 pristine islands. Relax in comfort inside or venture out on deck to take advantage of the endless photo opportunities. Make a stop at the stunning horseshoe-shaped Sucia Island State Park, where you can sit back and enjoy the tranquillity or take a hike around the area. Re-join your cruise, and you'll overnight in the quaint village of Friday Harbour.

## DAY 4 Friday Harbour - Victoria, Canada

This morning you'll pass the famous Roche Harbour on your way to search for Orca whales in their natural habitat. Along the way, watch for river otters, sea lions and the common minke whales. Then, you'll savour a cracked Dungeness crab lunch served on-board! Later, arrive in Victoria, home to some of Canada's most exhilarating scenery.

## **DAY 5 Victoria**

Today the choice is yours! You can explore Victoria independently or head to Butchart Gardens to explore the most popular attraction in Victoria followed by a

sightseeing tour of the city.

## DAY 6 Victoria - Port Angeles, Washington

You'll have a leisurely morning in Victoria and then you'll board the M.V. Coho ferry for a 90-minute ride to Port Angeles, Washington. This charming art town is steeped in history and perched on the shoreline in the shadows of the magnificent Mount Baker and the sprawling Olympic National Park.

## DAY 7 Port Angeles

Today, take a leisurely hike with your guide through the enchanted Hoh Rain Forest, one of the few and most remarkable temperate rain forests in the United States and learn about its three distinct ecosystems – rugged glacier-capped mountains, wild Pacific coast, and magnificent old-growth temperate rain forest.

#### DAY 8 Port Angeles - Seattle Airport Area

Today, you can take the ride to Hurricane Ridge to take in the panoramas of the mountains, the Pacific Ocean, Canada and a variety of wildlife there will plenty of incredible scenery to enjoy before driving to the Seattle airport area for an overnight stay.

## DAY 9 Seattle Airport Area

Your tour comes to an end in Seattle.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Overnight in serene natural beauty in the quaint village of Friday Harbour
- Search for orca whales in their natural habitat
- ✓ Take a hike with your guide through the Hoh Rain
- ✓ Explore Port Angeles, perched on the shoreline in the shadows of Mount Baker



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Paramount Hotel, Seattle. Friday Harbour Suites, Friday Harbour. San Juan Island, Royal Scot Hotel & Suites, Victoria. Red Lion, Port Angeles. Seattle Seatac Marriott, Seattle. WA or Crowne Plaza Hotel Seatac, Seattle

MEALS: 13 meals (7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and cruise **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,709

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to the extremely limited space on board the cruise ship. passengers will be limited to only one checked and one carryon piece of luggage • Included lunches consist of picnic and boxed lunches

## Tour start date

2017 **MAY** 07, 14 **AUG** 06, 13, 20 **JUN** 18, 25 **SEP** 05, 17, 24 **JUL** 09, 30

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Visit the three islands of Hawaii, Oahu, Kauai and Maui, on this ten day tour. Remember Pearl Harbor and visit the USS Arizona Memorial and embark on a wonderful journey along Oahu's famous North Shore.

## Your tour

#### DAY 1 Honolulu, Oahu

Your tour starts in Honolulu where you'll be welcomed with a traditional Hawaiian floral lei.

#### DAY 2 Oahu

This morning Remember Pearl Harbor as you embark on an historic journey. Begin at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument to view artefacts from the attack then travel by naval launch to the white marble-clad USS Arizona Memorial. After this poignant experience, take a city tour of Honolulu. The remainder of your day is at leisure

#### DAY 3 Oahu

Embark on a wonderful journey along Oahu's famous North Shore. The large waves of this legendary surf mecca attract the best surfers. Stop in the surfing town of Haleiwa as you learn why surfers gather from all over the world with waves ranging from 2 to 40 feet! Return to Waikiki and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

## DAY 4 Oahu - Kauai

A short flight takes you to Kauai, the oldest island in the chain. Only here, on the outer islands, can you find the timeless world of ancient Polynesia. Upon arrival, travel to breath-taking Waimea Canyon.

### DAY 5 Kauai

Today is a free day in Kauai. Stroll along the beach or take advantage of your resort's activities.

## DAY 6 Kauai

Step aboard an open-air boat for a cruise along the tranquil Wailua River. Make a stop to disembark for a short guided walk to the lush, green Fern Grotto.

On your return boat ride, hula dancers join you to demonstrate this ancient art form.

## DAY 7 Kauai - Maui

Board an inter-island flight to the "Valley Isle" of Maui, one of the most beautiful and popular outer islands. Visit the stunning Iao Valley and view the 2,000-foothigh lao Needle, one of Maui's famous natural landforms. Visit the old royal capital of Lahaina then travel through sugarcane fields to the resort area of Kaanapali.

## DAY 8 Maui

Spend a day at leisure to see for yourself why locals say "Maui no ka oi" (Maui is the best).

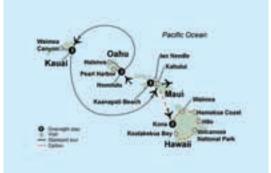
## DAY 9 Maui

Enjoy another day in paradise. You can take an optional excursion to view the sunrise from the summit of Haleakala. Tonight, complete your trip with a farewell dinner, Hawaiian-style, at a traditional Polynesian luau featuring endless tropical drinks and a sumptuous feast.

#### DAY 10 Maui

Your tour ends in Maui.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the USS Arizona Memorial
- ✓ Take a cruise on tranquil Wailua River in Kauai
- ✓ Visit the surfing mecca of Oahu's North shore



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort, Oahu. Kauai Marriott Resort, Kauai. Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa,

MEALS: 13 meals (9 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, internal flights and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,439

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 19, 26	<b>JUL</b> 06, 13
<b>FEB</b> 02, 05, 09, 16, 19, 23	<b>AUG</b> 10
MAR 02, 09, 30	<b>SEP</b> 07, 14
<b>APR</b> 06, 20, 27	<b>OCT</b> 05, 12, 19, 26
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<b>JUN</b> 08, 22	<b>DEC</b> 07

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**JAN** 11, 18, 21, 25 MAR 01, 08, 15, 18 **FEB** 01, 04, 08, 15, 18, 22 **APR** 05, 12, 19, 26

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Enjoy the best of both worlds as you explore Hawaii by land and sea. This fabulous tour features a seven night NCL cruise to Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. Don't miss your very own corner of paradise when your ships docks on each island.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Honolulu, Oahu

Your tour starts today in Honolulu. Aloha! Upon arrival you will be greeted with a traditional Hawaiian floral lei.

## DAY 2 Oahu - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, you'll travel by naval launch to the white marble-clad USS Arizona Memorial. After you'll join a local guide for a tour of Honolulu to learn about the places important to the Hawaiian people. Later you'll embark on a 7-night cruise aboard the Pride of America, the best way to island-hop Hawaii.

#### DAY 3 Cruising - Maui

A dynamic blend of natural splendour and the genuine hospitality of its people has made Maui Hawaii's second most popular island. Discover for yourself why locals say "Maui no ka oi" — Maui is the best.

#### DAY 4 Maui

Enjoy another day in paradise. Perhaps you'll choose to stroll the historic streets of the old royal capital of Lahaina, a historic whaling village; find a local beach; or just sit back and relax

#### DAY 5 Cruising - Big Island - Hilo

The entire city of Hilo has spectacular tropical flowers at every turn. You can visit the town's well-preserved historic buildings which showcase Hawaii's unique architecture, or you can take an excursion (from the cruise line) to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, home of the active Kilauea volcano.

## DAY 6 Cruising - Big Island - Kona

Cruise to the other side of the Big Island to Kona for

a true Hawaii experience. Sunny, warm weather and crystal blue waters entice visitors to partake in a variety of surfside fun. There are lots of shops to explore or perhaps you'll search for a black sand beach.

## DAY 7 Cruising - Kauai

Kauai is named after the Wiliwili trees that once lined its picturesque harbour. Many feel the "Garden Island" of Kauai is Hawaii's most beautiful island. From the dramatic mountains of Kokee to the cool rainforest of Haena, nature takes on a starring role.

The day is yours to enjoy this beautiful island at leisure. The choices are endless! You may consider purchasing an excursion (from the cruise line) to Waimea Canyon. Carved thousands of years ago by rivers and floods.

#### DAY 9 Honolulu - Disembark Cruise ship

Your cruise ends in Honolulu. Disembark the ship and journey to Oahu's famous North Shore with a local expert. Rich with island history, Haleiwa is now the social and artistic hub of the North Shore

#### DAY 10 Honolulu

Your tour ends today in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











Tour Managers

TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## Tour highlights

- ✓ Be greeted with a traditional Hawaiian floral lei.
- ✓ Visit the USS Arizona Memorial and "Remember Pearl Harbor'
- / Board the Pride of America, the best way to islandhop Hawaii
- ✓ Journey to Oahu's famous North Shore, the legendary surfing mecca

## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa, Honolulu. Pride of America, Norwegian Cruise Line. MEALS: 22 meals (8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and cruise **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,279

**NOTE:** • Prices are based on inside cabin category on the cruise. Single cabins, when confirmed, may be higher • Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking • The following categories will be utilized when confirming cabin assignments: Balcony Cat BA; Outside Cat OA; Inside Cat IA • Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. For your convenience, Norwegian Cruise Lines automatically applies a 13.50 US dollars per guest per day service charge to your shipboard account. Separately, a 15% gratuity is added for bar drinks and spa services. An additional charge of 4.275% GET Tax will be applied to all service charges.

## Tour start date

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 06	JUL 07
<b>FEB</b> 10, 24	<b>AUG</b> 25
MAR 10, 24	<b>SEP</b> 15
<b>APR</b> 21, 28	<b>OCT</b> 06, 27
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<b>JAN</b> 12	<b>MAR</b> 09, 16
<b>FEB</b> 09, 16	<b>APR</b> 20, 27

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Surround yourself in unspoiled landscapes, ancient glaciers and an array of wildlife on your Alaskan and Yukon adventure. Take a trip through breath-taking Prince of William Sound to view its glaciers and venture into the world famous Denali National Park.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Anchorage, Alaska

Your tour starts today in Anchorage.

## DAY 2 Anchorage - Whittier

Today we travel to Whittier and embark on a cruise of Prince William Sound and Blackstone Bay to view glaciers and watch for wildlife. Enjoy lunch onboard during this fully narrated scenic adventure.

#### DAY 3 Anchorage - Tok

Today's drive to the small town of Tok is filled with incredible landscapes. We make our way along Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, the largest in the United States.

## DAY 4 Tok - Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada

On your way to Whitehorse you'll pass through Kluane National Park, the "crown jewel" of the Canadian national parks system

#### **DAY 5 Whitehorse - Skagway**

Visit Skagway, the gateway to the Klondike, and hear the tales of the gold rush. Time is available to independently explore this Alaskan coastal community.

## DAY 6 Whitehorse - Carmacks - Dawson City

Journey through the village of Carmacks to see the famous Five Finger Rapids. Carmacks is named after George Carmack, the man who struck gold in 1896. Within a few years, the population grew from nearly zero to 40.000.

## **DAY 7 Dawson City**

Today choose from a coach tour or a walking tour of Dawson showcasing the city's rich gold rush history.

This afternoon you'll have some leisure time to independently explore.

## DAY 8 Dawson City - Chicken, Alaska - Fairbanks

Travel along the Top of the World Highway, then stop in Chicken, one of the last surviving gold rush towns of Alaska.

## **DAY 9 Fairbanks**

This morning enjoy a city tour of Fairbanks that includes a stop at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Your afternoon features a scenic sternwheeler cruise on the Chena River. Then visit the kennels of an Iditarod winner and see the champion sled dogs in action.

#### DAY 10 Fairbanks - Denali

Today board a deluxe dome railcar for the ride to Denali National Park. Explore this afternoon on your own. Tonight, enjoy dinner and a show at the Denali Dinner Theatre.

#### DAY 11 Denali National Park

Travel into the heart of Denali National Park to begin your Tundra Wilderness Tour^. This adventure offers a wide range of incredible scenery, history and wildlife.

## DAY 12 Denali - Anchorage

Travel back to Anchorage where you can independently explore the downtown area.

## **DAY 13 Anchorage**

Your tour ends in Anchorage.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)











## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Enjoy a scenic glacier and wildlife cruise of Prince William Sound
- Discover the largest national park in the U.S.A. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve
- ✓ Explore Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness Tour



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage. Golden Bear Motel, Tok. Best Western Gold Rush Inn, Whitehorse. Downtown Hotel, Dawson City. Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Centre, Fairbanks. Grande Denali Lodge, Denali. Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage.

MEALS: 19 meals (12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, dome railcar and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,489

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • ^The Tundra Wilderness tour is a fully narrated 7-9 hour tour.

## **Tour start date**

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**JUN** 11, 18 **JUL** 09, 16, 23 **AUG** 13

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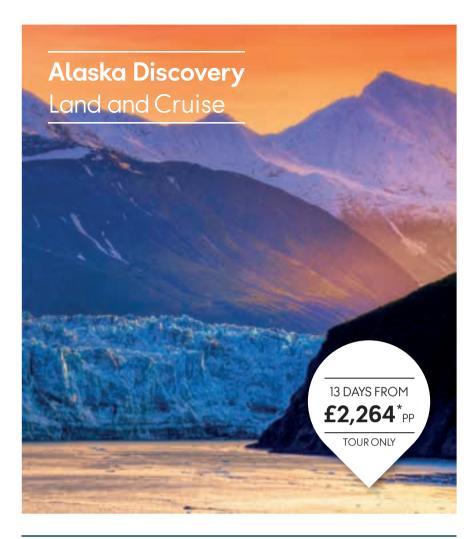
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Relax on board Princess Cruises' Star and cruise through Northern splendour, including the Inside Passage and Glacier Bay. Then experience an unforgettable rail journey from Denali to Anchorage in a luxury domed railcar.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Fairbanks, Alaska

Your tour starts in Fairbanks.

#### DAY 2 Fairbanks - Denali National Park

Step aboard an amazing cruise on the popular Sternwheeler Discovery, an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. Take a scenic motorcoach ride to Denali National Park. Tonight, enjoy an entertaining evening at the Music of Denali Dinner Theatre which tells the story of the first ascent of Mount McKinley.

## DAY 3 Denali National Park

This morning, travel deep into Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness Tour which affords the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 4 Denali National Park - Anchorage

Today you head to the train station to begin an unforgettable journey to Anchorage. Savour every moment inside your luxury domed railcar.

## DAY 5 Anchorage - Whittier - Board Cruise Ship

Begin your day with a scenic drive along the Alaska Range then embark the ship to begin your 7-night Princess cruise. Whilst on board, breakfast, lunch, dinner and nightly entertainment are included.

## DAY 6 Cruising - Hubbard Glacier

Your ship cruises past the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska's advancing glaciers.

## **DAY 7 Cruising - Glacier Bay**

Cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national

park and preserve that is a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands.

#### DAY 8 Cruising - Skagway

Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in this "Gateway to the Klondike" and home of the famed Chilkoot Trail.

#### DAY 9 Cruising - Juneau

From massive scenic mountains to historic buildings, there is so much to explore in Alaska's capital city of

## DAY 10 Cruising - Ketchikan

Your port of call today is Ketchikan, known as the "Salmon Capital of the World" and the "City of Totems."

## DAY 11 Cruising - Inside Passage

Your ship will sail along the amazing Inside Passage, an extensive stretch of land known for its natural beauty and abundant wildlife.

#### DAY 12 Vancouver, B.C. - Disembark Cruise -Seattle, WA Airport Area

Your cruise ends in the vibrant city of Vancouver. Choose an optional city tour or explore on your own.

## DAY 13 Seattle Airport Area

Your tour ends in Seattle.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Step abroad Princess Cruises' Star for a seven night cruise
- ✓ Journey on a luxury domed railcar to Denali
- ✓ Take a Tundra Wilderness Tour deep into Denali National Park



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge, Fairbanks. Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, Denali National Park. Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage. Princess Cruises' Star. Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport, Seattle.

MEALS: 25 meals (11 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise and train

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,309

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • ^The Tundra Wilderness tour is a fully narrated 7-9 hour tour • Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. For your convenience, Princess Cruise Lines automatically applies a 12.95 USD per guest per day service charge to your shipboard account. Separately, a 15% gratuity is added for bar drinks and spa services

## **Tour start date**

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<b>MAY</b> 09, 23	<b>AUG</b> 01, 15, 29
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From the rugged Cabot Trail to the amazing Fundy tides, fun and adventure awaits as we uncover the treasures of the Canadian Maritimes. Marvel at the incredible views at Nova Scotia's Peggy's Cove and learn about the region's Gaelic heritage and local culture.

## Your tour

DAY 1 Halifax, Nova Scotia

Your tour starts in Halifax.

## DAY 2 Halifax - Peggy's Cove - Halifax

This morning visit the beautiful Peggy's Cove. Its historic lighthouse overlooking the Atlantic Ocean provides one of the most memorable views you will ever see. Then tour Halifax's charming downtown area. This evening, enjoy dinner along the waterfront.

## DAY 3 Halifax - Cape Breton Island - Baddeck

Today you will visit the Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre to learn about the Mi'kmag heritage and Glooscap legends. Then set out on a scenic drive by the pristine shores of Bras d'Or Lakes, Canada's only inland sea.

#### DAY 4 Cabot Trail

Set off to explore the Cabot Trail and fall in love with its rugged terrain and spectacular views of the  $\mbox{\sc Atlantic}$ Ocean. Visit the famed St. Peter's Church in Cheticamp and enjoy a picnic lunch in Cape Breton Highlands National Park

#### DAY 5 Baddeck - Prince Edward Island

This morning explore the amazing variety of inventions on display at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. Afterward, take a short ferry ride to Prince Edward Island, the "Land Cradled on the Waves."

#### DAY 6 Prince Edward Island

Today you will come to know the rolling landscapes of Prince Edward Island, the backdrop of the acclaimed novel, Anne of Green Gables. Visit delightful Cavendish and view Prince Edward Island National Park's

picturesque beaches and visit the Anne of Green Gables . House

#### DAY 7 Prince Edward Island - Saint John, New Brunswick

This morning travel to the famous Hopewell Rocks; a New Brunswick icon and later savour a traditional Maritime lobster feast as you look out upon Daniels Flats

## DAY 8 Saint John

Explore the awe-inspiring Fundy Trail, marvelling at the spectacular views of the famous tides. Embark on a tour where you will experience its natural beauty. Later, get a taste of local life at the celebrated Saint John City Market as it comes alive with the aroma of fresh food.

## DAY 9 Saint John - Western Shore, Nova Scotia

This morning, board a ferry bound for Digby, Nova Scotia. Waterfront accommodation await in charming Western Shore

## DAY 10 Western Shore - Lunenburg - Western Shore

Experience the small fishing village of Mahone Bay then, travel along the beautiful Lighthouse Route towards Lunenburg. Explore this fishing village on a walking tour and discover how early settlers turned to the sea for survival and visit the Fisheries Museum of

DAY 11 Saint John - Western Shore, Nova Scotia Your tour ends in Western Shore.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Experience local life at the celebrated Saint John City Market
- Explore interesting inventions at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum
- ✓ Explore the beautiful fishing village of Lunenburg



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax. Inverary Inn, Baddeck. Rodd Charlottetown, Charlottetown. Hilton Saint John, Saint John. Atlantica Hotel and Marina Oak Island, Western Shore

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,239

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Return flights should not be booked from Halifax prior to 11:00 a.m.

#### **Tour start date**

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Discover a blend of natural beauty and stunning ocean views combined with flavours of the local region on your exploration through Newfoundland and Labrador. Hop on a cruise of Witless Bay Ecological Reserve in search of whales, puffins and other marine life.

## Your tour

DAY 1 St. John's, Newfoundland

Your tour starts today in St.John's.

#### DAY 2 St. John's

Start today with a city tour visiting the main sights before you embark on a nature cruise to Witless Bay Ecological Reserve where a local expert joins for a marine life talk

#### DAY 3 St. John's - Clarenville Area

Today you'll travel to stunning Conception Bay. Make a stop in charming Brigus then it's on to Cupids Cove Plantation, an active archaeological dig on the site of the first attempt at permanent English settlement.

## DAY 4 Clarenville - Cape Bonavista

In Trinity Village visit historic buildings including the Georgian Lester-Garland House and the Green Family Forge, a living history blacksmith museum.

#### DAY 5 Clarenville - Terra Nova National Park -Twillingate - Gander

Travel to breath-taking Terra Nova National Park. Venture to Twillingate's Long Point Lighthouse, a location that affords prime viewing over Iceberg Alley. This evening, prepare for a traditional Newfoundland gathering known as a "Jiggs dinner."

## DAY 6 Gander - Rocky Harbour

Head to Boyd's Cove and explore the Beothuk Interpretation Centre where you'll learn about Beothuk Village. Then, enjoy a short walk along a trail that showcases the house pits, the only evidence left of these now extinct residents

### **DAY 7 Gros Morne National Park**

Explore Tableland Mountains or choose to stroll through the strata formations at Green Point. Next, board a boat and watch for whales and eagles. Then become an honorary Newfoundlander at a "Screech-In" ceremony.

## DAY 8 Rocky Harbour - St. Anthony

Journey along the Viking Trail to L'Anse aux Meadows and travel back to when Vikings first made landfall. Later, a visit to an economuseum reveals how to make the famous local partridgeberry into jams and sauces.

#### DAY 9 St. Anthony - L'Anse Au Clair, Labrador

Board a ferry this morning and cross the Straits of Belle Isle to Labrador. Arrive in Red Bay and spend some time at Red Bay National Historic Site.

## DAY 10 L'Anse Au Clair - Corner Brook,

Newfoundland

A morning ferry ride returns you to Newfoundland.

#### **DAY 11 Corner Brook**

Start at Captain James Cook National Historic Site before your stop at the Bay of Islands on your way to Lark Harbour. Tonight, a trio known as the "Sharecroppers" will delight you with a variety of traditional and original songs.

#### DAY 12 Corner Brook

Your tour ends in Corner Brook.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Watch for puffins and whales on a nature cruise.
- ✓ Explore Beothuk Interpretation Centre
- ✓ During a nature cruise, a local specialist joins us for a talk on the marine life
- ✓ Become an honorary Newfoundlander during a "Screech-In" ceremony



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: JAG Hotel, St. John's. Clarenville Inn, Clarenville area. Sinbad's Hotel and Suites, Gander. Ocean View Hotel, Rocky Harbour. Hotel North 3, St. Anthony. Northern Light Inn, L'anse Au Clair. Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook, Newfoundland

MEALS: 18 meals (11 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry **GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,939

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day of the tour.

## Tour start date

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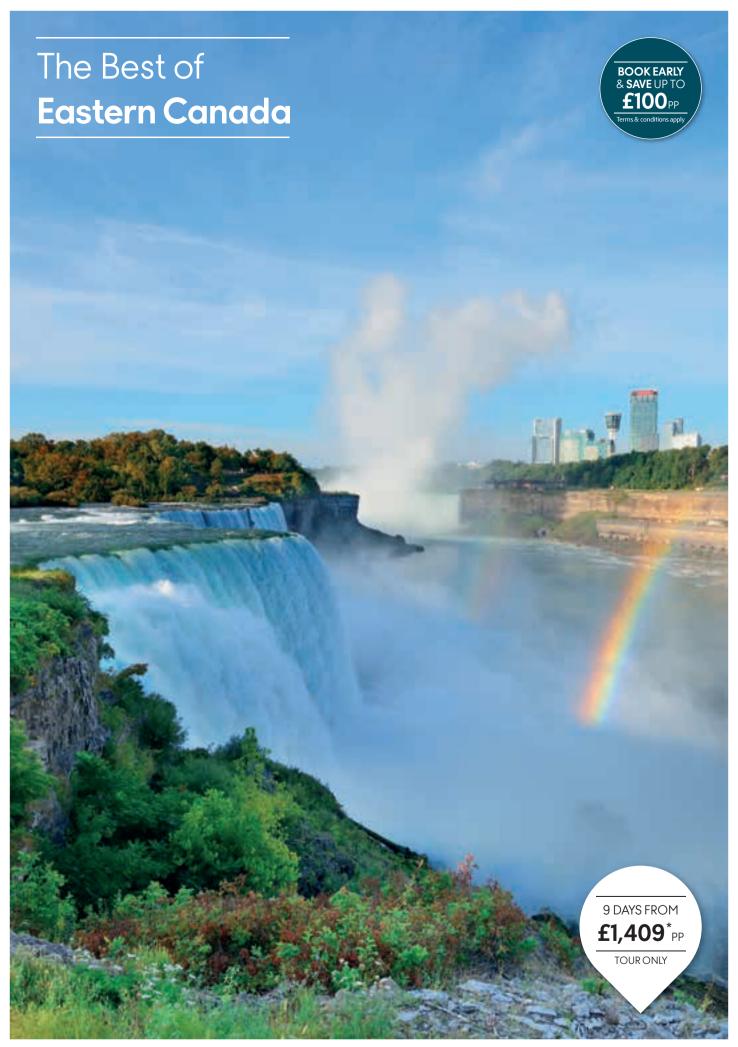
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From the elegance of Quebec City to the thundering magnificent Niagara Falls, an unforgettable journey awaits you in the heart of Eastern Canada. Truly come to know Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto before reaching the spectacular falls.

## Your tour

#### **DAY 1 Montreal, Quebec**

Your tour starts in Montreal.

#### **DAY 2 Montreal**

Start your journey with a fantastic sightseeing tour of Montreal highlighting Jacques Cartier Square and McGill University, plus enjoy views of Notre Dame Cathedral and St. Joseph's Oratory. Your city tour concludes with a stop high atop Mount Royal from which the surrounding view is spectacular. The afternoon is yours to explore the city's famous underground shopping. This evening you will be treated to dinner in one of the restaurants for which this acclaimed city is famous, capping off a wonderfully memorable day.

#### **DAY 3 Montreal - Quebec City**

Today, experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec with a fascinating sightseeing tour of the city. See the stately Chateau Frontenac, the provincial Parliament, the St. Louis Arch, and Place Royale, the site of the original settlement of the city of Quebec. This evening, enjoy dinner in one of Quebec City's fine restaurants.

## **DAY 4 Quebec City**

Begin your day with breakfast at a local sugar shack nestled in the Quebec countryside. Learn about the traditions of maple syrup-making and enjoy sampling many delicious traditional foods made with local maple syrup. Before you leave, try a favourite regional treat maple taffy in the snow! The remainder of your day is at leisure to wander the streets of this quaint setting which is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.

#### DAY 5 Quebec City - Ottawa, Ontario

This morning, depart for Ottawa – the beautiful and cosmopolitan capital city of Canada. Later, enjoy a stroll through the Byward Market, known for its fruits, vegetables, flowers, and arts & crafts. Next, embark on a city tour showcasing the Rideau Canal (in winter the world's largest skating rink) and the Parliament buildings

#### DAY 6 Ottawa - Rockport - Toronto

A short drive takes you to Rockport, gateway to one of the world's most beautiful areas. Enjoy a memorable cruise through the unspoiled region of the spectacular 1000 Islands, found on the border between the United States and Canada. Later this afternoon you arrive in the exciting city of Toronto, capital of Ontario.

## DAY 7 Toronto - Niagara Falls

This morning, visit Niagara-on-the-Lake and enjoy the local shops and charming atmosphere. Next, travel to the thundering and awe-inspiring Niagara Falls. Of course, a visit to Niagara Falls would not be complete without experiencing the incredible cruise at the base of the falls. Board the boat to see and feel the falls up close!

#### **DAY 8 Toronto**

Today is yours to independently explore Toronto's many incredible sights.

#### **DAY 9 Toronto**

Your tour ends in Toronto.

Please go online for our date specific full tour















TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Witness the incredible power of Niagara Falls
- ✓ Cruise through the spectacular 1000 Islands
- ✓ Choose your perfect spot for dinner from a selection of restaurants in Ottawa
- ✓ Enjoy a city tour in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, Montréal. Quebec Hilton, Quebec City. Westin Ottawa, Sheraton Centre, Toronto.

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,809

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>APR</b> 02, 23, 30	<b>AUG</b> 06, 08, 13, 15, 20, 22,	
<b>MAY</b> 14, 28	27, 29	
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From towering waterfalls to tranquil marine parks, and from maple sugar shacks to the grandeur of the Fairmont hotels, this tour really encapsulates every angle of Quebec life, including a chance to see whales in their natural environment.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Montréal, Quebec

Your tour starts today in Montréal.

## DAY 2 Montréal

This morning, you can either explore Montreal on foot with a local guide or by coach highlighting Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University, views of Notre Dame Cathedral and St. Joseph's Oratory concluding at Mount Royal, with spectacular views. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring this fascinating city, and you'll have dinner in the Old Port.

#### DAY 3 Montréal - Quebec City

Today you'll travel to Quebec City, where you'll experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec. Your day concludes at the city's famous Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac where you'll spend two nights in this grand castle-like hotel majestically overlooking the old city.

## **DAY 4 Quebec City**

Today, breakfast will be at a local sugar shack where you'll learn about the custom of maple syrup-making and enjoy sampling delicious traditional foods made with this local product. The rest of your day is at leisure in Quebec City

### DAY 5 Quebec City - La Malbaie, Charlevoix Region

This morning you'll take the ferry for a short ride to L'Isle-aux-Coudres, a tranquil island nestled in the lovely St. Lawrence River. Visit Les Moulins de l'Isle-aux-Coudres, a 19th-century flour mill, and take a tour of the grounds. After, you'll make your way to the luxurious Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, your home for two nights.

# DAY 6 Charlevoix Region - Saguenay-St. Lawrence

Today you'll take to the water and embark on a whalewatching expedition and a guide will introduce you to the many species of marine mammals that live in the St. Lawrence River. The rest of the day is at leisure

#### DAY 7 La Malbaie, Charlevoix Region - Montebello

This morning you'll visit the Shrine of St. Anne de Beauprée, where you can explore the rich history and magnificent architecture of one of the oldest pilgrimage sites in the North. You'll then head to Montmorency Falls, where you will board a cable car that takes you up-close as the river plunges 272 feet off the Canadian Shield, approximately 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls! Later, you'll say "au revoir" to your fellow travellers at a special farewell dinner

#### DAY 8 Montebello

Your tour ends today in Montebello.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore a 19th-century mill on an island in the St. Lawrence River
- ✓ Embark on a whale-watching cruise with a naturalist guide
- ✓ Get up close to the Montmorency Falls
- ✓ Discover the tradition of maple syrup making at a local sugar shack



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Le Centre Sheraton, Montréal. Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City. Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, La Malbaie. Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello, Montebello.

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and cable car

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,379

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should he scheduled after 11:00 a m.

#### **Tour start date**

2017 **JUN** 16, 23 **AUG** 11 **JUL** 21 **SEP** 01

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From the lush greenery of Vancouver board VIA Rail's 'The Canadian' for a once in a lifetime train journey experiencing panoramic views of the unspoiled wilderness. Stop at the Columbia Icefield and stay at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Vancouver, British Columbia**

Your tour begins in Vancouver

#### DAY 2 Vancouver - Victoria - Vancouver

Take a ferry ride to Vancouver Island where you'll visit lovely Butchart Gardens, created on the site of an old quarry. Then take a short sightseeing tour of the "City of Gardens." Victoria.

## DAY 3 Vancouver - VIA Rail

This morning join a city tour of Vancouver visiting the main sights including Stanley park, Chinatown and the waterfront. Stroll picturesque Granville Island and its fascinating markets. This evening, enjoy dinner overlooking the city skyline before boarding VIA Rail's The Canadian to begin your train journey.

## DAY 4 VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta

Enjoy a lovely breakfast in the dining car as your train whisks you past the peaks of the Monashee Mountains and the stunning sight of Pyramid Falls. This afternoon, arrive in Jasper, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies at the gateway to the incredible Icefields Parkway.

## DAY 5 Jasper

This morning you'll enjoy breakfast overlooking Maligne Lake. Then visit the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area's most spectacular landmarks. Return to your hotel and the reminder of the day is at leisure to explore this lovely town.

#### DAY 6 Icefields Parkway-Glacier Experience or Glacier Skywalk - Lake Louise

Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway!

Waterfalls, rushing rivers and glacial peaks paint the perfect picture. Make a stop at the Athabasca Falls and the Columbia Icefield. Choose an all-terrain Ice Explorer ride across the glacial ice or, take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk. Then experience a stay at the world-famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

#### DAY 7 Lake Louise - Banff

Today you'll visit the spectacular Moraine Lake and the awe-inspiring Valley of the Ten Peaks. Arrive at the iconic Fairmont Banff Springs hotel, known as the "Castle in the Rockies," for a luxurious 2-night stay.

Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Hoodoos. The afternoon has been left free for you to explore at leisure.

## DAY 9 Banff - Calgary

This morning you'll visit a local ranch where you can take a line dance lesson, enjoy a wagon ride and then delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue with beautiful views of the mountains in the background.

#### DAY 10 Calgary

Your tour ends in Calgary.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











#### TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the dramatic Maligne Canyon
- ✓ Marvel at the Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten
- ✓ Stop at the Columbia Icefield and choose from a Glacier Experience or Glacier Skywalk
- ✓ Stay at The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, located in the heart of Banff National Park



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Westin Bayshore, Vancouver. VIA Rail's The Canadian, Vancouver. Sawridge Inn, Jasper. Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise. Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff. Westin Hotel Calgary, Calgary.

MEALS: 13 meals (7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, train and ferry **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,719

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • An overnight bag is necessary for your train experience aboard VIA Rail

## **Tour start date**

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Discover snow covered landscapes on this Canadian winter adventure through the mountains, where you'll combine the awe-inspiring scenery, excellent shopping, delicious cuisine, winter activities and luxurious accommodation on this amazing journey.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Edmonton, Alberta

Your tour starts today in Edmonton.

#### **DAY 2 Edmonton - Jasper**

Sit back and relax when you travel from Edmonton to Jasper this morning. The quiet prairies give way to the mighty Canadian Rockies, undeniably one of the world's most extravagantly beautiful ranges. Arrive in Jasper and settle in for a 2-night stay. Tonight you'll have a special First Nations-themed dinner

## DAY 3 Jasper - Choice of Snowshoe Trek or Ice Walk

This morning you can choose to either get close to nature on an exhilarating snowshoe trek, or you could embark on an ice walk through Maligne Canyon. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

## DAY 4 Jasper - Icefields Parkway - Lake Louise

Today, you'll leave Jasper behind and travel to Lake Louise along the Icefields Parkway, one of the world's most scenic routes. Connecting Banff and Jasper national parks, this well-named highway passes within viewing distance of many glaciers. A leisurely trip allows you to absorb the magnificent scenery. Your drive ends at the Fairmont Château Lake Louise.

## DAY 5 Lake Louise - Banff

After breakfast, you'll travel along the Bow River to Banff, where you'll have time to browse the quaint shops in the village. You'll then check in to the "Castle in the Rockies," the Fairmont Banff Springs, where you'll spend the next 2 nights, giving you plenty of time to explore this amazing hotel and learn all about it's

## DAY 6 Banff

Start your day with awe-inspiring views of Banff's Sulphur Mountain and take a gondola ride to the summit where you can have breakfast with a view overlooking the town and the valley below. The rest of the morning is free to continue exploring Banff. This afternoon, you'll set off on a horse-drawn sleigh\* ride, where you'll be whisked through picture postcard scenery. You'll have time to warm up afterwards by the fire as you sip hot cocoa and roast marshmallows. For your final evening, you'll gather together for a farewell dinner before heading off for your last evening in this stunning hotel!

## DAY 7 Banff - Calgary

Your tour ends today in Banff.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Spend 2 nights at the luxurious Fairmont Banff **Springs**
- ✓ Experience the Maligne Canyon ice walk or snowshoe trek
- ✓ Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride through picture postcard scenery
- ✓ Take in the scenery along the Bow River en route to Banff



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Sawridge Inn, Edmonton. Sawridge Inn, Jasper. Fairmont Château Lake Louise, Lake Louise. Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff.

MEALS: 8 meals (5 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, horse drawn sleigh ride and gondola

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,539

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Sleigh Ride is weather dependent and may be a wagon ride if not cold enough • Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:00 a.m.

## **Tour start date**

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This Canadian adventure brings together the beautiful expanse of the prairies, the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies, the wildlife of Montana's Glacier National Park and the luxury of the Fairmont Banff Springs hotel, all in one week!

## Your tour

DAY 1 Calgary, Alberta, Canada Your tours starts today in Calgary.

## DAY 2 Calgary - Columbia Falls, Montana

This morning, you'll journey south to the prairie lands visiting Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, one of the world's oldest and best-preserved buffalo jumps along the way. A Blackfoot guide brings to life the culture of the Plains people, the Buffalo Hunt, and the many secrets uncovered in archaeological digs. En route to Montana, you'll pass through quaint villages and travel along roads often frequented by grizzly bears, black bears, mountain goats, cougars, wolves, moose and elk.

#### DAY 3 Columbia Falls - Glacier National Park -Columbia Falls

Today, you'll spend the day experiencing Glacier National Park. The Glacier preserves over 1 million acres of forests, Alpine meadows and lakes, and is home to over 70 species of mammals and 270 species of birds. Board one of its famous Jammer cars and drive along one of the most breath-taking roads in North America.

#### DAY 4 Columbia Falls - Banff

This morning you'll journey to Banff through the majestic Canadian Rockies, en-route to the Fairmont Banff Springs, known as the "Castle in the Rockies," for a luxurious 3-night stay. Tonight, you can choose to dine in one of Banff's many great restaurants.

## **DAY 5 Banff**

Start your day with awe-inspiring views of Banff's Sulphur Mountain and take a gondola ride to the summit where you can have breakfast with a view overlooking the town and the valley below. Next, enjoy a sightseeing tour of the Banff area including stops at the lovely Bow Falls and the fascinating Hoodoos, also known as the "Land of Sleeping Giants." Spend the rest of the day at leisure to explore the shops, museums and café's around Banff.

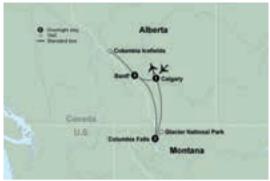
### DAY 6 Icefields Parkway - Choice of Glacier **Experience or Glacier Skywalk**

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as we set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway surrounded by waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snow-capped mountain ranges. You'll stop at the Columbia Icefield and either take an all-terrain Ice Explore ride across this mass of glacial ice or, take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk to experience the views of the Sunwapta. This afternoon, you'll stop at Peyto Lake, a turquoise glacier-fed lake, but be on the lookout for bears and stately elk on your way. This evening you'll enjoy a farewell dinner where you will toast the end of vour trip.

#### DAY 7 Banff

Your tour ends today in Banff.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Ride aboard a historic Jammer, an open-air touring car, at the Glacier National Park
- ✓ Experience a fun ride across the glacial ice, or walk the Glacier Skywalk
- ✓ Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, one of the world's oldest buffalo jumps
- ✓ Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Westin Hotel Calgary, Calgary. Cedar Creek Lodge, Columbia Falls. Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff.

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, gondola and Jammer car

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,109

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used

• Maximum elevation is 7,500 feet • Please be advised there is a 25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most trans-border flights. This is a fee levied by the airlines and may be subject to change • Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:00 a.m.

#### **Tour start date**

2017

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FEATURING

# Costa Rica Panama Peru Argentina Brazil

This dynamic part of the world is filled with wonders from Buenos Aires to Machu Picchu. Delve into the secrets of the region; the biodiversity of the rainforest, the energetic culture along grand boulevards, ancient historical sites once lost to history, renowned wine regions and surprising cuisine. Thomas Cook Tours is sure to immerse you in the sights, sounds and tastes of each destination as you learn about the fascinating culture.

#### Costa Rica

Welcome to the Rich Coast, a place teeming with an endless variety of life. From the inspiring rainforests and majestic volcanoes to fine sandy beaches and lovely resorts, discover the wonders of a tropical paradise. Despite a sterling reputation Costa Rica remains much as it was before the world "discovered" it as a destination. This Central American nation still protects 25% of its land and is home to 5% of the world's biodiversity.

#### **Panama**

Panama plays a unique and important role in world commerce, travel and the bringing together of two hemispheres of the Earth. Being long and narrow and with the Caribbean Sea on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other, visitors can certainly enjoy plenty of what coastal communities have to offer.

#### Peru

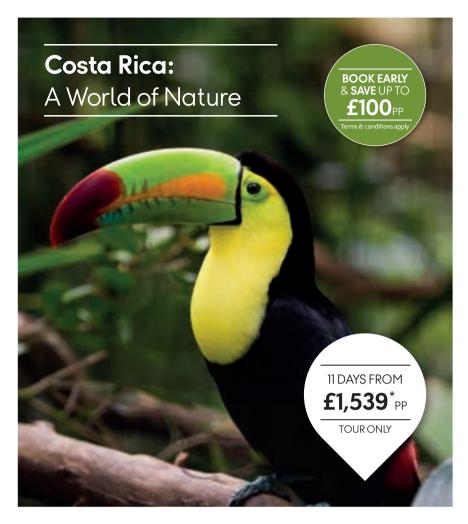
The most famous reason for travelling to Peru is to visit Machu Picchu, high up in the Andes and once a Lost City, these mysterious and magical ruins are a must see. Many sites around Peru such as Lake Titicaca and the City of Puno contain interesting evidence of ancient cultures which have fascinated people for hundreds of years. The Andean people will make your discovery even more interactive as they still have direct links to their Inca ancestors.

#### Argentina

Wrangle the spirit of the heroic gaucho one minute and capture the passion of a sensual tango the next. From Wild West ranches to street-corner dance floors, Argentina is an ardent explorer's playground. Whether it's the romanticism of Buenos Aires or the scenery of Patagonia that lures you, each region of the world's eighth largest country promises to awaken your senses.

#### Brazi

A tale of two halves, where cosmopolitan city life meets favela poverty. Where the towering Art Deco statue of 'Christ the Redeemer' looms over the city of Rio de Janeiro. Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world and is home to some of the most beautiful rainforests, rare wildlife and stunning waterfalls such as the Iguazu Falls- one of the seven natural wonders of the world!



Immerse yourself in the hidden biodiversity of Costa Rica. Explore Tortuguero National Park and marvel at the mighty Arenal Volcano. Discover why Costa Rica is one of the world's most popular eco-destinations.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 San Jose

Your tour stars in San Jose.

#### DAY 2 San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Journey to the rainforest of Tortuguero National Park and take in the mountain vistas. Later, cruise the rivers with your guide and visit the Green Turtle Research Station.

## **DAY 3 Tortuguero National Park**

Set out on an early morning bird-watching excursion that explores the variety of local species and migratory birds. During your stay in the national park – keep an eye out for howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, caimans, green macaws, jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees.

#### DAY 4 Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - Arenal Volcano

Today you'll travel by boat to explore the Sarapiquí region before visiting a cacao planation. This evening enjoy your resort with panoramic views of Arenal Volcano

#### **DAY 5 Arenal Volcano**

This morning the choice is yours. Choose between a thrilling zip lining experiences or a moderate hike through the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park. This afternoon is free to explore at your leisure.

DAY 6 Arenal Volcano - Villa Blanca Cloud Forest Today you may choose to take an optional river safari or hanging bridges tour. This evening, settle in for a 2-night stay in a mountain nature reserve resort.

## DAY 7 Villa Blanca Cloud Forest - San Ramón

Today you'll visit a coffee plantation before heading to San Ramon for a tour. Tonight, partake in a tree adoption ceremony

#### DAY 8 Villa Blanca Cloud Forest - Tarcoles - Manuel Antonio National Park

Set out to the Pacific Coast and stop for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion. View waterfowl, iguanas, and over fifty varieties of birds native to the region, including the very rare scarlet macaw

#### DAY 9 Manuel Antonio Nat'l. Park - Santa Juana

Journey outside the park to Santa Juana Rural Mountain Nature Reserve. Step back in time at an authentic sugar mill still powered by oxen. Enjoy a traditional "campesino" country-style farmer's lunch and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 10 Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose

Spend the morning leisurely walking the forest trails in search of native inhabitants like the three-toed sloth, agoutis, squirrel monkeys and iguanas; or take a swim in the inviting blue waters of its beaches. Say goodbye to the coast as you continue on to San Jose.

## DAY 11 San Jose

Your tour ends in San Jose

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Embark on a nature cruise in search of native wildlife such as sloths and toucans
- Explore Arenal Volcano National Park and choose from a zip lining experience or a nature hike
- Experience a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion
- ✓ Learn about the local culture and ecosystem with an expert guide

## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose. Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero. Mountain Paradise, Arenal. Villa Blanca Cloud Forest Hotel & Spa, San Ramón. Si Como No Resort, Manuel Antonio. Double Tree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose.

MEALS: 20 meals (10 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trips

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,229

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. • Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of your tour • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense • Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately 32 USD (approximately £20 GBP).

#### **Tour start date**

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Lush forests and stunning waterfalls... rumbling volcanoes and endless coastlines... Costa Rica is a paradise teeming with exotic plants and incredible animals. From fine sandy beaches to the fascinating cloud forest, this is a truly diverse country!

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 San Jose

Your tour starts in San Jose. DAY 2 San Jose - Doka Coffee Estate - Guanacaste

Journey through the lush countryside of the Central Valley for a tour of the Doka Coffee Estate highlighting the history of coffee. This afternoon, arrive in the Guanacaste region, known for its breath-taking beauty and fine sandy beaches.

## **DAY 3 Guanacaste**

Fun in the sun is in store for you as you enjoy this paradise. Explore the nearby town and beaches, take an optional cruise, or simply relax by the pool or beach and take advantage of the amenities offered at your

## DAY 4 Guanacaste - Monteverde

You'll travel into the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Upon arrival take a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem and encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna up-close.

#### **DAY 5 Monteverde**

Begin your day at a cloud forest reserve and venture into an enchanting, colourful world as you explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens. Next, embark on a guided walking tour above the forest floor on a Hanging Bridges tour and you can take an optional canopy zip-line tour.

DAY 6 Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal Today, traverse through the beautiful mountainous landscapes of Monteverde to Arenal, where views of the volcano await you. Be surrounded by tranquility on a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal. Before dinner, enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how native, exotic vegetables and plants contribute to the unique flavours

## DAY 7 Arenal - Cano Negro

Today you'll embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a panga, stopping along the way to observe and photograph the wildlife that surround. The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs, and you'll have an opportunity to visit to one of the finest spas in the region

#### DAY 8 Arenal - Zarcero - Grecia - National Theatre - San Jose

Discover the charming town of Zarcero and visit its topiary garden before visiting the town of Grecia to see the unusual metal church; walk the landscaped central park; or shop at the traditional local market. Later, visit San Jose's colourful Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre. This evening enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner.

## DAY 9 San Jose

Your tour ends in San lose.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) (3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Climb high into the trees for a tour in the cloud forest
- Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its topiary garden
- Get to know Costa Rican culture in the picturesque town of Grecia
- Explore the nature reserve of Cano Negro on a river boat adventure

## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Wyndham San José Herradura, San Jose. Esplendor Tamarindo, Guanacaste. El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest. Arenal Springs Resort, Arenal. Wyndham San José Herradura, San Jose

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,429

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Taxes/ fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately 32 USD (approximately £20 GBP) • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling

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## **Tour start date**

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**MAY** 13, 20, 27 **JUN** 10, 17

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

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Lima

Your tour starts today in Lima.

#### DAY 2 Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre, before you head to your exclusive visit in the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening you'll have your welcome dinner.

## DAY 3 Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

Today you'll fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilisation and journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas. You'll stop in Pisac village to browse the market and try some chicha. This evening you'll stay in the heart of the Sacred Valley.

## DAY 4 Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo

You'll experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people today when you travel to a nearby community. This afternoon you'll explore Ollantaytambo ruins the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception.

#### DAY 5 Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the Lost City of the Incas. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, you'll stay at the base of Machu Picchu.

#### DAY 6 Machu Picchu - Cuzco

With leisure time this morning you can return to Machu

Picchu on your own before you travel back to Cuzco. En route, you'll meet Peruvian children at an orphanage supported by the Collette Foundation.

### DAY 7 Cuzco

The morning is yours to relax and explore at your leisure or enjoy some of our optional excursions. Later, you'll travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress.

## DAY 8 Cuzco - Puno

This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca, and known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire. Meet the locals before checking into your lakeside hotel.

#### DAY 9 Uros Floating Islands - Las Chullpas de Sillustani - Lake Titicaca

Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. In the afternoon, visit the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani.

#### DAY 10 Puno - Lima

As your tour comes to a close, spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Your tour concludes with a farewell dinner this evening.

#### DAY 11 Lima

Your tour ends in Lima.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit Machu Picchu!
- ✓ Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio
- ✓ Meet the indigenous Uros people of the floating islands on Lake Titicaca



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima. Casa Andina Private Collection, Sacred Valley. Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes. Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco. Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno. Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima.

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, train, boat trip and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,009

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Highest elevation is approximately 3,800 meters (Puno) • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense.

#### **Tour start date**

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<b>JAN</b> 21	<b>JUN</b> 10, 24
<b>FEB</b> 11, 18	<b>AUG</b> 26
MAR 04, 25	<b>SEP</b> 02, 23
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This adventurous journey brings together the historical experience of the mysterious Machu Picchu, the cultural cities of Lima, Quito and Cuzco to the extraordinary wildlife on the pristine Galapagos Islands.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Lima, Peru

Your tour starts in Lima.

#### DAY 2 Lima

Take a tour of Lima's historic city centre before your exclusive visit to the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard.

# **DAY 3 Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas**Fly to Cuzco. Journey through the Andes to the majestic

Sacred Valley of the Incas.

## DAY 4 Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo

Visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo archaeological site and this evening savour an authentic pachamanca dinner.

## DAY 5 Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train to the "Lost City of the Incas". Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu and enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration.

#### DAY 6 Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Enjoy time at leisure this morning before returning to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cuzco.

#### DAY 7 Cuzco

Today is at leisure. Then make a toast at sunset while overlooking the city before an authentic dinner and folklore show in the heart of Cuzco.

#### **DAY 8 Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador**

This morning fly to Quito, Ecuador.

## DAY 9 Quito

Take a city tour and then enjoy lunch overlooking the

Pululahua volcanic crater.

#### DAY 10 Quito - San Cristóbal Island, Galapagos -Embark Ship

Fly to San Cristóbal Island. After lunch, board the m/v Galapagos Legend, arrive at the Port Baquerizo Moreno for an up-close look at the endangered tortoises.

#### DAY 11 Española Island

Board your panga to visit Gardner Bay. Home to sea lions, to Galapagos hawks and endemic finches. Swim and snorkel with the marine life then take a nature walk.

#### **DAY 12 Floreana Island**

Land at storied Post Office Bay. Snorkel with green sea turtles then sail to Cormorant Point and its olivine green sand beach.

## DAY 13 Santa Cruz Island

Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and see the giant tortoises from the station's breeding programme. Trek through the Santa Cruz highlands to Cerro Chato then embark on a walk inside dormant lava tubes.

# DAY 14 Daphne Island - Disembark Ship - Baltra Island - Quito

Keep an eye out for marine wildlife along the shore of Daphne island. Then fly back to Quito. This evening experience a night time panoramic tour of Quito.

#### DAY 15 Quito

Your tour ends in Quito.

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## **TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

TOUR PACE:









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Discover the extraordinary wildlife on the Galapagos Islands
- Venture through the Andes in a domed train to Machu Picchu
- ✓ Stand at the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Miraflores, Lima. Casa Andina Private Collection Sacred Valley, Yucay. Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes. Casa Andina Private Collection Hotel, Cuzco. Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Quito. m/v Galapagos Legend, Galapagos Islands. Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda,

**MEALS:** 28 meals (14 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

**TRANSPORT:** Coach, cruise, panga and internal flights

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £7,449

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Highest elevation: Cuzco, Peru at approximately 11,200 feet • Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your holiday • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense.

#### **Tour start date**

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Panama is a country of natural beauty. On this whistle-stop tour, you'll have the chance to cruise on the Panama Canal, stay in the rainforest, meet the indigenous Emberá people, explore markets and stay in a community within a volcano crater! What's not to miss!

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Gamboa**

Your tour starts in Gamboa.

#### DAY 2 Gamboa - Emberá Village

After your welcome breakfast, your guide will take you on a nature walk through the resort's jungle forest for a chance to spot unique birds as well as various flora and fauna. After you'll board dugout canoes for a scenic ride to an Emberá Village.

#### DAY 3 Gamboa - Panama Canal Cruise - Panama City

Start the day off with a journey on the Pacific Queen for a partial cruise through the Panama Canal. You'll disembark in Panama City, where you'll spend time exploring with a guide, a local resident or independently.

## DAY 4 Gamboa - Anton Valley

Your day will start at the Miraflores Locks Visitor Centre to view the Panama Canal before driving on the Pan-American Highway and heading to Anton Valley, a community nestled inside the second largest volcanic crater in the world. You'll get to peruse artisan souvenirs, before checking in to your hotel at the base of the mountains that make up the crater.

## **DAY 5** Anton Valley

Begin the day with a visit to the Museum El Valle which houses a small collection ranging from geological wonders to pre-Columbian art, before heading to an orchid nursery that dedicates itself to cultivating and conserving local orchids. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring this charming mountain community.

## DAY 6 Anton Valley - Chitré

This morning, step into the heartland of Panama and become immersed in the culture. Visit makers of the famous Panama hat, meet the famous cigar rollers of Panama and visit an orange grove. After arriving in Chitré, experience the region's pre-Columbian and colonial times at the local museum before enjoying a local dinner.

## DAY 7 Chitré

Spend the day meeting the locals in Chitré, before visiting one of Panama's famous rum producers. Visit the historic hacienda to discover the life of the founder, who brought jobs and prestige to the region with the development of the distillery. Tonight, you have the option of experiencing an authentic home-hosted meal in a local family's house.

## DAY 8 Chitré - Playa Bonita

Enjoy a day at leisure.

### DAY 9 Playa Bonita

Your tour ends in Playa Bonita.

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#### TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Join your guide for a nature walk through the jungle forest
- Discover the art of creating Panama hats, masks and dresses
- Peruse a local handicraft market filled with crafts made by indigenous artisans
- ✓ Explore geological wonders and pre-Colombian art at the Museum El Valle



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Gamboa. Los Mandarinos Hotel, Anton Valley. Cubitá Boutique Resort and Spa, Chitré. Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita

MEALS: 15 meals (8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, dugout canoes and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,779

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>JAN</b> 26	<b>AUG</b> 10
<b>FEB</b> 02, 09, 16, 23	<b>SEP</b> 14, 28
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This 11 day tour of South America encapsulates the best that this region has to offer. From Chile's capital Santiago to Argentina's Buenos Aires and Iguazu, and Brazil's Rio de Janeiro, you'll delve into the vivacious cultures of South America.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Santiago, Chile

Your tour starts in Santiago with a welcome dinner.

## DAY 2 Santiago

This morning, embark on a city tour before riding the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes, and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception. The evening is yours to explore this wonderful city on your own.

## DAY 3 Santiago - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fly to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango. You'll visit the Feria de San Telmo, the famous Sunday market in Buenos Aires before exploring on foot. This evening you'll head to the Esquina Carlos Gardel Tango House.

### **DAY 4 Buenos Aires**

Today is free for you to choose how to spend your day, either at leisure or enjoying one of our optional excursions.

## DAY 5 Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco

This morning, cross the Argentine Pampas and embark on a guided tour of the charming country village of San Antonio de Areco. You'll have a traditional Argentine barbecue for lunch before heading back to Buenos Aires for a free evening.

## DAY 6 Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls, Brazil

Fly to Iguazu Falls – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – hailed as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. You'll board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful

Devil's Throat. Then cross into the Brazil side and check into your resort.

#### DAY 7 Iguazu Falls

Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. This afternoon you can choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls, or enjoy the amenities at your resort.

## DAY 8 Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janiero

Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Witness the city of Rio before continuing on to the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. After checking into your beachfront hotel venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain this evening.

#### DAY 9 Rio de Janiero

Today you'll travel to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. Your afternoon is free to explore at your leisure or join one of our optional tours.

## DAY 10 Rio de Janiero

Your day is at leisure to explore fabulous Rio de Janiero on your own.

#### DAY 11 Rio de Janiero

Your tour ends in Rio De Janiero.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit one of the new seven wonders of the world, Christ the Redeemer
- Explore Iguazu National Park by eco train and the impressive falls
- ✓ Discover the San Telmo market in Buenos Aires
- ✓ Move to the rhythms of tango during a performance



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago. The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires. Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu. Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de laneiro

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, train, funicular, boat trip and internal

flights **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,199

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 05	<b>SEP</b> 15
<b>FEB</b> 02	<b>OCT</b> 06, 20
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From the mystical Machu Picchu to cosmopolitan Rio de Janeiro, home of the World Cup and Olympics in a span of two years, this is the trip of a lifetime across South America, one of the world's most exciting and diverse destinations.

### Your tour

DAY 1 Lima, Peru Your tour starts in Lima.

DAY 2 Lima Tour the UNESCO city centre and visit the Archbishop's Palace.

DAY 3 Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas Fly to Cuzco, then journey to the Sacred Valley of the Incas

DAY 4 Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo.

DAY 5 Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Ride the Machu Picchu Vistadome train to the "Lost City of the Incas." Stay at the base of Machu Picchu.

DAY 6 Machu Picchu - Cuzco Spend the morning at leisure before visiting a childrens orphanage.

DAY 7 Cuzco Enjoy a free morning then discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress in the afternoon. Enjoy a folklore show.

DAY 8 Cuzco - Santiago, Chile Fly to Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital city.

DAY 9 Santiago Take a city tour and visit a local winery for lunch.

DAY 10 Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales Fly to Punta Arenas. Before heading to Puerto Natales.

DAY 11 Puerto Natales Embark on a full-day cruise through the Chilean Fjords.

DAY 12 Puerto Natales - Torres Del Paine Today vou'll venture into Torres Del Paine National Park

DAY 13 Puerto Natales - El Calafate, Argentina Make your way to El Calafate in Argentina.

DAY 14 El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier Explore the Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park.

DAY 15 El Calafate - Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires and head to Esquina Carlos Gardel for a tango performance.

DAY 16 Buenos Aires Choose your own adventure today!

DAY 17 Buenos Aires - Colonia del Sacramento, **Uruguay** Take a ferry to the charming village of Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay before some free time.

DAY 18 Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls Fly to Iguazu Falls. Board the Rainforest Ecological Train and walk to the platform overlooking the powerful Devil's Throat.

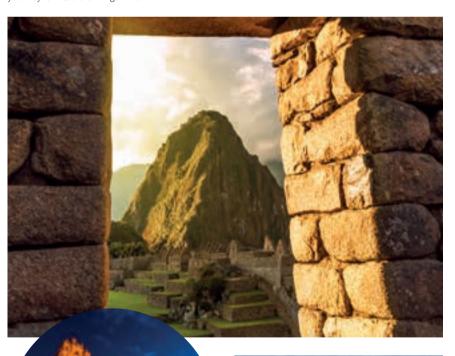
DAY 19 Iguazu Falls Explore the waterfalls with a local guide.

DAY 20 Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Visit the Maracanã football stadium and the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome, before venturing to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain.

DAY 21 Rio de Janeiro Journey to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer and visit the local markets. This afternoon, choose to get a behind the scenes look at Carnival or join a local guide for a tour of a favela.

DAY 22 Rio de Janeiro Today is at leisure.

DAY 23 Rio de Janeiro Your tour ends in Rio de Janeiro Please go online for our date specific full tour















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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit Machu Picchu!
- ✓ Embark on a full-day cruise through the breathtaking Chilean Fjords
- Explore the UNESCO village of Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay
- ✓ Witness the incredible power of Iguazu Falls



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima. Casa Andina Private Collection, Sacred Valley. Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes, Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco. Atton Vitacura, Santiago. Costaustralis Hotel, Puerto Natales. Esplendor El Calafate Hotel, El Calafate. The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires. Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu. Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro.

MEALS: 37 meals (22 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 10 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise, train and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £7,599

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Highest elevation is approximately 11,200ft (Cuzco).

# **Tour start date**

	2017
<b>JAN</b> 26	<b>APR</b> 06
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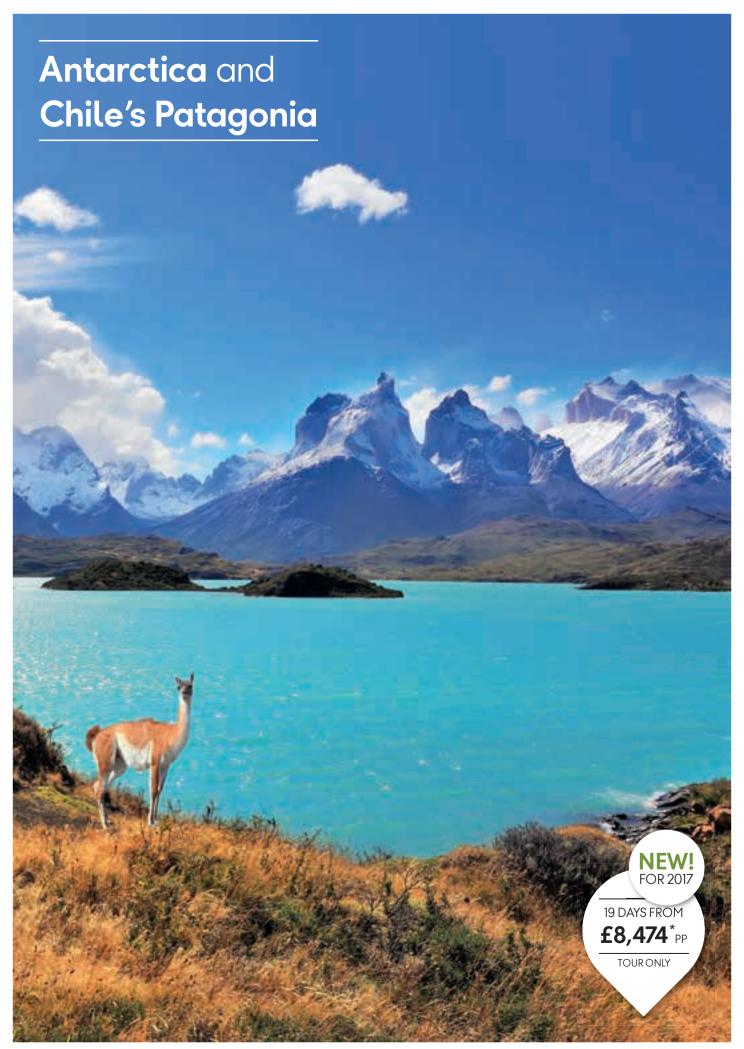
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Venture on an unforgettable voyage that takes you deep into a world of pristine, rugged beauty at the Fjords of Chile, Cape Horn, and the "White Continent."

### Your tour

### DAY 1 Santiago, Chile

Your tour starts in Santiago. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for sumptuous food and wine in the stunning colonial neighborhood known as Barrio Lastarria.

### **DAY 2 Santiago**

This morning, embark on a city tour with a local guide that showcases the regal La Moneda Presidential Palace and lively Paseo Ahumada Pedestrian Avenue. Ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal to soak up the sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes. Then visit the Museum of Memory and Human Rights before heading over to a bustling central market.

### DAY 3 Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales (Patagonia, Chile)

Today fly to the spectacular region of Patagonia. Arrive in Punta Arenas, built along the Strait of Magellan. Take in the stunning scenery before heading to Puerto Natales.

### DAY 4 Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine National Park

Today you'll venture into the UNESCO biosphere reserve – Torres del Paine National Park. Take in the panoramas of jagged mountains and emerald-blue lakes. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls and the flora and fauna that are unique to the area.

### DAY 5 Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas - Embark Ship

This morning, head south to Punta Arenas and enjoy some free time in this lovely port town before boarding the state-of-the-art MS Midnatsol expedition vessel.

### DAY 6 Chilean Fjords - Tierra del Fuego

Sail through the Magellan Straight and discover a network of the channels and fjords that separates the South America continent from Tierra del Fuego. Continue through the Beagle Channel, named after Charles Darwin's ship and then cruise to the stunning Chilean fjords

# DAY 7 Cape Horn

As you get ready to head to the Drake Passage, make your way to the legendary Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America

### **DAY 8 The Drake Passage - Antarctica**

Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named for the explorer Sir Francis Drake. Warmer waters of the north meet the colder, denser waters of the south making the area rich in marine life. Experts provide presentations on history, biology and geology throughout your adventure. Arrive today on the northern tip of Antarctica.

### DAY 9 Antarctica

The next six days are filled with discovery! First, cruise to the Shetland Islands, visit Yankee Harbour and Cuverville Island, as well as Neko and Paradise harbours, and Wilhelmina Bay. During your travels you could see humpback, killer and minke whales as well as icebergs!



### DAY 10 Antarctica

Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boat to Half Moon Island, a small island in the South Shetland chain boasting mountainous views and a nesting place for chinstrap penguins.

### DAY 11 Antarctica

Today you could visit Yankee Harbour, on the South Shetland Islands.

### DAY 12 Antarctica

Today visit Cuverville Island, sitting on the scenic Errera Channel, offering up excitement before you even make landfall. Embark upon a thrilling passage through the channel amid dramatic icebergs. Once on shore you will be surrounded by throngs of nesting penguins.

Visit Neko Harbour, part of the Antarctic mainland nestled in the fjord-like Andvord Bay, where penguins, elephant seals and weddel seals are often spotted.

### **DAY 14 Antarctica**

Today explore Paradise Harbour, where whalers came to seek refuge in the worst of storms and Wilhelmina Bay, where mountains and high glaciers create dramatic

### DAY 15 Antarctica - The Drake Passage

Leave Antarctica, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. Participate in engaging lectures on Antarctica's wonders.

# DAY 16 Drake Passage - Chilean Fjords

During the return to the Chilean fjords, enjoy a wonderful summation of the Antarctic themes and the Chilean programme. Discover more of the history on this passage notorious among the early polar explorers.

# DAY 17 Chilean Fiords

Get a chance to disembark at Puerto Williams (weather dependent), one of the world's southernmost towns, set on the island of Navarino known for its pristine natural beauty and is the perfect place for nature lovers.

### DAY 18 Chilean Fjords - Punta Arenas - Disembark Ship - Santiago

Disembark the ship in Punta Arenas, transfer to the airport and return to Santiago. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey as you enjoy a dinner featuring local Chilean speciality food and wine, along with a Chilean folklore show!

### DAY 19 Santiago

Your tour ends in Santiago.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.













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Included excursions

included

**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore Chile's Patagonia and the famed Torres del Paine National Park
- Cruise the stunning Chilean fjords
- ✓ Make your way to the legendary Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America
- ✓ Experience close encounters with Antarctic wildlife



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago. Hotel CostAustralis, Puerto Natales. MS Midnatsol. Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago.

MEALS: 46 meals (18 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches & 16 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise, funicular and internal flights

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £11,144

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternative hotels/vessels may be used • Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions • Transfers to/from the boat are by small zodiac boats. Landings are either "dry" or "wet" and you might have to wade ashore in shallow water • Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested guidelines are 12 USD per guest, per day • Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

### **Tour start date**

**JAN** 15, 28

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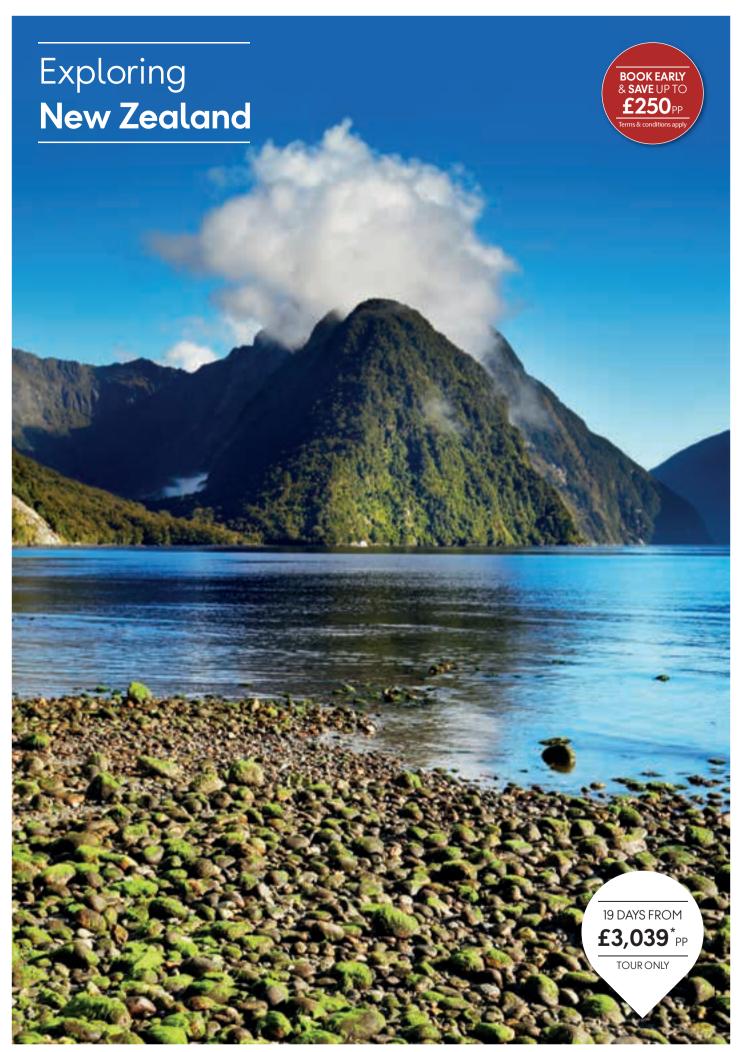
Take your travels to the other side of the world to experience the allure of the South Pacific. Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef. Stand before Mt. Cook. Explore the colours of the Outback. Learn about the secrets of the Sydney Opera House. Come to know the locals when you stay with a New Zealand family in their home. You will discover the regions friendly people, adventurous spirit, inspiring landscapes, lively cities, and peaceful countryside.

### **Australia**

Say G'day to Australia! Beaches to 'barbies' koalas to wallabies, Outback to ocean. Unique wildlife and dramatic landscapes come together with some of the world's most effervescent cities. Whatever you fancy, Australia welcomes you.

### **New Zealand**

It's the rugged natural beauty that stands out: spectacular glaciers, picturesque fiords, endless coastlines, steamy geothermal activity and so much more. Its breath-taking landscapes combined with its unique Maori culture, friendly cosmopolitan cities and fabulous food and wine comprise the two remarkable islands the "Kiwis" lovingly call home.



This fantastic tour encompasses the best of New Zealand and its spectacular landscape, from the steaming geothermal activity in Rotorua, to the awe-inspiring Franz Josef Glacier and the calmness of the Milford Sound to the intriguing Maori culture.

### Your tour

### **DAY 1** Auckland, New Zealand

Your tour starts in Auckland

### DAY 2 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Begin your day with a city tour of Auckland visiting the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel north to the Bay of Islands. This sun-soaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life.

### **DAY 3** Bay of Islands

Today you'll take a cruise through the bay's famous Hole in the Rock and views of the Cape Brett Lighthouse before you explore Paihia independently.

### DAY 4 Bay of Islands - Matakohe - Home Stay

Visit Matakohe in the agricultural heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum to discover the story of the famous giant kauri tree. Later, make yourself right at home when a New Zealand family welcomes you for the night!<sup>^</sup>

### **DAY 5 Rotorua**

Today, you'll find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua and experience the Maori traditions. Enjoy the chance to view the famous Kiwi bird which is now on the endangered species list. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration

### DAY 6 Rotorua - Napier

After arriving in the city of Napier, which boasts some of the greatest Art Deco architecture in the world, enjoy a guided tour. This afternoon, take advantage of time at leisure.

### **DAY 7** Napier - Wellington

Travel through the rolling countryside of the North Island on your journey to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city.

# **DAY 8** Wellington

During your sightseeing tour of Wellington, view the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building.

# DAY 9 Wellington - Picton - Christchurch

Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait then arrive in Picton on the South Island before travelling on to Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see first-hand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself

### DAY 10 Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier Region

Take in the marvellous snowcapped peaks and beautiful river gorges during your travels across the Southern Alps, winding your way past waterfalls on the famous TranzAlpine train. Next visit a Jade factory before ending your day at the Franz Josef Glacier Region which offers you a rare opportunity to experience a living glacial



### DAY 11 Franz Josef - Queenstown

Before departing Franz Josef you may opt to see the glacier from a flightseeing tour. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown.

### DAY 12 Queenstown

Set off for the beautiful 19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore before stopping at a local winery for a tasting of their awardwinning wine and a fabulous lunch. Later, return to Queenstown and enjoy some free time.

### DAY 13 Queenstown

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown.

### DAY 14 Oueenstown - Milford Sound - Te Anau

Today you'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, enjoy an overnight stay on the southern shores of Lake Te Anau.

# DAY 15 Te Anau - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, on the southeast coast of New Zealand. Visit the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these magnificent birds.

### DAY 16 Dunedin

This morning you'll see Larnach Castle as well as Baldwin Street, the world's steepest public road. You may choose to embark on an optional trip on the spectacular Taieri Gorge Railway

# DAY 17 Dunedin - Mt. Cook Region

Journey through unspoiled wilderness and arrive at Mt. Cook National Park, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. You may choose to take a nature walk or enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour.

### DAY 18 Mt. Cook - Christchurch

Pay a visit this morning to a working farm and see a sheep shearing demonstration. Get to know these New Zealand farmers over a home-cooked morning tea. Later, enjoy some free time to explore Christchurch on your own

# DAY 19 Christchurch

Your tour ends in Christchurch.

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# **Extend your stay**

Extend your holiday with a 4 day (3 night) extension to Fiji. Please call for details.













TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Traverse the Southern Alps aboard the TranzAlpine Train
- Cruise the beautiful Milford Sound fjord and the Bay of Islands
- ✓ Sail across Cook Strait
- ✓ Enjoy a tasting and lunch at one of New Zealand's award-winning wineries

# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland. Scenic Bay of Islands, Paihia, Home Stay, Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. Scenic Te Pania, Napier, Amora Hotel, Wellington. Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Franz Josef. Heritage Queenstown Hotel, Queenstown. Distinction Hotel & Villas, Te Anau. Southern Cross Hotel, Dunedin. The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook, Chateau on the Park, Christchurch,

MEALS: 30 meals (18 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 10 Dinners)

**TRANSPORT:** Coach and boat trips **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,109

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • ^Your home stay will take place in the region of Rotorua. Your host family will pick you up and return you in the morning, when you will be transferred to your hotel. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. If your preference is not made known, your stay will default to the home stay • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense • An ETA visa is required for entry into Australia which is provided by us free of charge.

### **Tour start date**

2017
<b>SEP</b> 25
<b>OCT</b> 02, 30
<b>NOV</b> 06, 20
2018
<b>MAR</b> 05
APR 23

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Explore the diverse wonders of the land "down under." The rugged Outback introduces you to the Aboriginal life and culture of Alice Springs and Avers Rock. Meet Australia's famous wildlife up close and delve into the colourful world of the Great Barrier Reef.

### Your tour

# DAY 1 Melbourne, Australia

Your tour begins in Melbourne.

### **DAY 2** Melbourne

Today's tour of Melbourne features Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance, and the bustling Victoria Markets. Later you may participate in an optional tour that travels to Phillip Island, the home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins.

### DAY 3 Melbourne - Adelaide - Barossa Valley

Fly to the capital of South Australia – Adelaide. Upon arrival, proceed to the Barossa Valley, one of Australia's most famous wine regions. Tonight, enjoy the beauty of Barossa during a scenic dinner overlooking the vineyards.

### **DAY 4** Barossa Valley

Set out on a sightseeing tour of the Barossa Valley. Indulge as you visit local wineries and quench your thirst with varieties ranging from fruity Chardonnays to earthy Pinot Noirs. Wine connoisseur or not, sit back and relax while Australian wine experts introduce the lore and allure of these delicious products.

# DAY 5 Barossa Valley - Alice Springs

Today take a tour of the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill, with its excellent views of Alice Springs. Gain insight into the educational system in the Outback with a visit to the School of the Air. Become locally invested as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. who are supported by the Collette Foundation. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment.

### **DAY 6** Alice Springs

Come to know the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour," where your specialist guide shares stories of creation and everyday Aboriginal life. The remainder of your day is

### DAY 7 Alice Springs - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Traverse the "Red Centre" today as you drive to Uluru in the heart of the Australian Outback. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colours of Uluru while enjoying a champagne toast.

### **DAY 8 Uluru - Cairns**

Take a tour to Kata Tjuta and the base of "The Rock," learning about their geology, then you'll fly to Cairns – the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site – the Great Barrier Reef.

### DAY 9 Cairns

This morning, board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable ride above the rainforest canopy. There are two stops where you may get off the cableway and experience the forest floor from specially designed boardwalks. The afternoon is at leisure.



### **DAY 10** Great Barrier Reef

Today board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Then, the choice is yours. You can choose to relax and explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef or go snorkelling.

### DAY 11 Cairns

The day is yours to explore the town at your own pace. You could join an optional excursion to Hartley's Croc Farm and get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat and also have the chance to meet some of the local koalas and take an exciting cruise on the lagoon.

### DAY 12 Cairns - Sydney

Today you'll fly to Sydney. This evening's dinner choice is yours as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour.

### DAY 13 Sydney

Start your day with a tour of Sydney including highlights such as Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and the fashionable suburb of Paddington. Then take some free time to explore yourself.

### DAY 14 Sydney - Blue Mountains

Begin your day with a visit to the Blue Mountains of New South Wales, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, head to Featherdale Wildlife Park where you can meet wallabies, indigenous birds, kangaroos and dingoes.

# DAY 15 Sydney

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Use today to explore more of Sydney's attractions before a farewell dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour.

### **DAY 16 Sydney**

Your tour ends in Sydney.

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# **Extend your stay**

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ A sunset champagne toast at Uluru
- ✓ Ride the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway in Cairns
- ✓ Explore the Great Barrier Reef on a high speed
- ✓ Enjoy a dinner cruise overlooking Sydney's iconic landmarks
- ✓ Visit wineries in Barossa Valley



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Overnight Flight, Swanston Grand Mercure, Melbourne. Novotel Resort, Barossa Valley, Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs. Desert Gardens, Uluru, Ayers Rock. Novotel Cairns, Cairns. Sydney area hotel.

MEALS: 23 meals (15 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 7 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, skyrail, catamaran and internal

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,179

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense • An ETA visa is required for entry into Australia which is provided by us free of charge.

# **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 22	<b>SEP</b> 17
<b>FEB</b> 05, 06	<b>OCT</b> 15, 22
<b>MAR</b> 05, 19	<b>NOV</b> 05
<b>APR</b> 23	

2018	
<b>JAN</b> 21	<b>MAR</b> 04, 11
<b>FEB</b> 04, 18	<b>APR</b> 08

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Explore Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand on this all-encompassing tour of the South Pacific. Visit famous sights such as Avers Rock, the Great Barrier Reef and Milford Sound. Witness spectacular scenery and encounter the indigenous wildlife up close.

### Your tour

### DAY 1 Cairns, Australia

Your tour begins in Cairns

### **DAY 2** Great Barrier Reef

Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef

### **DAY 3 Cairns**

This morning, ride the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable journey over the rainforest canopy.

### DAY 4 Cairns - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Fly to Uluru and tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta then witness a stunning sunset over a glass of champagne as the Rock's hues change dramatically with the setting sun.

# DAY 5 Uluru - Alice Springs

Fly to Alice Springs and take a site seeing tour and visit the School of the Air to find out more about the educational system of the Outback. Then meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner.

# DAY 6 Alice Springs - Darwin - Kakadu National Park

Take a history and culture tour and learn about the Aboriginal people. Later, board your flight to Darwin and drive into the heart of Kakadu National Park.

### DAY 7 Kakadu National Park

Visit Kakadu National Park, home to wallaroos. wallabies, monitor lizards and crocodiles. During an afternoon cruise, be on the lookout for crocodiles as they bask in the sun.

### DAY 8 Kakadu National Park - Darwin - Melbourne Transfer to Darwin for your flight to Melbourne.

### DAY 9 Melhourne

This morning take a city tour of Melbourne and then enjoy some free time. Later, travel to Phillip Island, home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins.

### DAY 10 Melbourne - Hobart

A flight to Hobart, Tasmania.

### **DAY 11 Hobart**

This morning you'll meet the Tasmanian Devil at the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Centre, Later, take a guided tour of the Port Arthur Historic Site and witness the spectacular coastal rock formations known as Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blow Hole.

# DAY 12 Hobart - Sydney

Today take a tour of Sydney. Highlights include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Paddington. Tonight's dinner choice is yours as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour.

# DAY 13 Sydney

Enjoy a day of leisure as you discover the wonders of Sydney.



### DAY 14 Sydney

This morning you'll visit Koala Park for an up close encounter. Tonight finish the trip with a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

DAY 15 Sydney - Queenstown, New Zealand Leave Australia behind and fly to New Zealand's Queenstown.

### DAY 16 Queenstown - Milford Sound

Today travel to Milford Sound via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound, you'll see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island.

### DAY 17 Queenstown

Explore Queenstown today on an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River!

### DAY 18 Queenstown - Arrowtown - Mt. Cook National Park

Begin your day visiting quaint Arrowtown. Next, follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. You may choose to take a nature walk or enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour.

### DAY 19 Mt. Cook - Christchurch

This morning, travel to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see first-hand how the city known as the "Garden City" is recreating itself. Enjoy some free time to explore.

### DAY 20 Christchurch - Picton - Wellington

Journey to Picton, where you will sail across the Cook Strait to Wellington and experience what has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world."

# DAY 21 Wellington

During your sightseeing tour of Wellington, view the Beehive and New Zealand's Parliament. Following the tour, visit the National Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongawera.

# DAY 22 Wellington - Rotorua

Travel to geothermal Rotorua with over one-third of its population boasting Maori roots, this city is known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. This evening experience a New Zealand family home stay

# DAY 23 Rotorua

Take a visit to Te Puia and see how the Maori keep their culture alive. You'll get the chance to view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove this marvellous creature from the endangered species list.

# DAY 24 Rotorua - Auckland

Travel through the majestic countryside of the North Island, arriving in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, "The City of Sails" where you'll take a city tour.

### DAY 25 Auckland

Your tour ends in Auckland.

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# **Extend your stay**

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the Great Barrier Reef by Catamaran
- ✓ Walk amongst wallabies, kangaroos and dingoes at Koala Park
- Take a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford
- ✓ Explore Te Puia, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience

# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Pullman International, Cairns. Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock. Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs. Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Kakadu. The Swanston Grand Mercure, Melbourne. Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart. Sydney area hotel, Heritage Hotel, Queenstown. The Hermitage, Mount Cook. Novotel Hotel, Christchurch. Novotel Wellington, Wellington. Home Stay or Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. Rendezvous Hotel,

MEALS: 38 meals (24 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 12 Dinners) **TRANSPORT:** Coach, boat trip, internal flights and catamaran

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £7,314

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m • Your home stay will take place in the greater Rotorua area. You may opt out and choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. • An ETA visa is required for entry into Australia which is provided by us free of charge • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense.

# Tour start date

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 09, 23	<b>JUL</b> 10, 24
<b>FEB</b> 06, 13, 20, 27	<b>AUG</b> 21
MAR 06, 13, 20	<b>SEP</b> 04, 18, 25
<b>APR</b> 03, 10	<b>OCT</b> 02, 09, 16, 23
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<b>JAN</b> 15, 22	<b>MAR</b> 05, 12, 19
<b>FEB</b> 05, 12, 19, 26	<b>APR</b> 09, 16

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Explore two great countries of the Southern Hemisphere. From the tropical splendour of the Great Barrier Reef on Australia's northeast coast, to the ethereal beauty of glacial fjords on New Zealand's South Island.

### Your tour

### **DAY 1 Cairns, Australia**

Your tour starts in Cairns

### **DAY 2** Great Barrier Reef

Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride, stroll the island walking trails, relax on the beaches, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier.

### DAY 3 Cairns

Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Centre. At Hartley's Croc Farm, get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat! And you also have the chance to meet some of the local koalas. Take an exciting cruise on the lagoon before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue.

### DAY 4 Cairns - Sydney

Your morning is at leisure. Later today, fly to the bustling city of Sydney.

# **DAY 5 Sydney**

This morning, take a city tour of Sydney which includes the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, Paddington and the Sydney Opera House. The evening is free to explore Sydney at your leisure.

### **DAY 6 Sydney**

Take hold of the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight enjoy a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

# DAY 7 Sydney - Auckland, New Zealand

Today fly to Auckland, New Zealand. The evening is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city.

# DAY 8 Auckland - Rotorua

Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration where you learn about the warm-hearted Maoris.

# DAV 9 Rotorua

This morning visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience and a landscape of erupting geysers and bubbling mud pools and see the famous Kiwi bird. Next, meet the skilled carvers who

work with pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade factory. Then, visit the Agrodome where you will see a fun sheep shearing demonstration.

### DAY 10 Rotorua - Christchurch

A short flight\* brings you to the historic city of Christchurch. Make yourself right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!

### DAV 11 Christchurch

Enjoy some leisure time to explore Christchurch on your own.

### DAY 12 Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region -Queenstown

Today visit New Zealand's most famous national park, Mount Cook. En route to Queenstown visit a Canterbury farmyard to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates. This evening, enjoy the views during a gondola ride to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant.

### DAY 13 Queenstown - Milford Sound

Today you'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel then take a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound. Following your cruise, you return to Queenstown.

### DAY 14 Queenstown

Today shop or people-watch in the village; enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed.

### DAY 15 Oueenstown - Arrowtown

Enjoy a leisurely touring day as you set off for the beautiful turn-of-the-century Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore independently and stroll its quaint, historic streets. Next, explore the Central Otago region where many of New Zealand's best wines are grown and produced. During a stop at a local winery, visit their storage cave for a tasting of some of their famous wines

### DAY 16 Queenstown

Your tour ends in Queenstown

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.













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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Come to know Australia's people at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Get up close and personal with cuddly koalas
- ✓ Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- ✓ Explore the beautiful Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown
- ✓ Visit Te Puia, the premier geothermal experience in Rotorua

### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Overnight Flight. Novotel Oasis Resort, Cairns. Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour, Sydney. Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland. Millennium, Rotorua. Rydges Latimer, Christchurch. Millennium Hotel Queenstown, Queenstown.

MEALS: 24 meals (15 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, catamaran, boat ride, gondola and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,539

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Taxes/ fees to be paid in local currencies upon exiting from Rotorua Airport are approximately 5 NZD (approx. £2.5 GBP) • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense • An ETA visa is required for entry into Australia which is provided by us free of charge • An alternative itinerary, South Pacific Wonders, excluding the North island is available. Please call for details.

# **Tour start date**

	2017
<b>FEB</b> 08, 15	<b>SEP</b> 28
MAR 08, 16	<b>OCT</b> 18, 25
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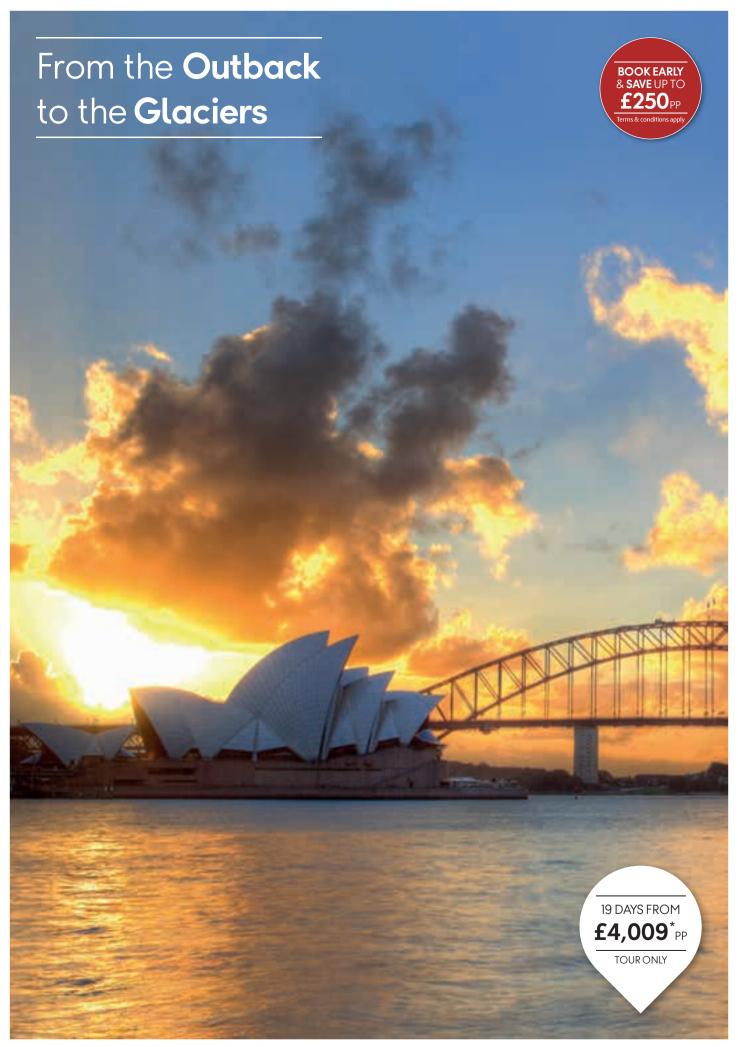
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Explore the diverse wonders of the lands "Down Under." Meet Australia's famous wildlife up close and explore the snow-capped peaks. vistas, gorges and waterfalls of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

### Your tour

### DAY 1 Cairns, Australia

Your tour starts in Cairns

### **DAY 2** Great Barrier Reef

Today, board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef and choose how you want to spend your day in paradise.

### DAY 3 Cairns

The day is yours to explore. Perhaps you will join us for an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway that takes you above the rainforest canopy for some spectacular views.

### DAY 4 Cairns - Melbourne

Today fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River

### **DAY 5 Melbourne**

Today's tour of Melbourne features Fitzroy Gardens and the National Opal Centre. Later, you may participate in an optional tour that travels to Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins.

### **DAY 6** Melbourne - Alice Springs

Today you'll travel to the tranquil Outback. Your flight today takes you to Alice Springs.

### **DAY 7** Alice Springs

Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour" with a local guide. Then meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner.

### **DAY 8** Alice Springs - Uluru

Today we'll tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area before you drive to Uluru. Tour Kata Tjuta and the base of "the Rock," then prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colours of Uluru accompanied by a champagne toast.

# DAY 9 Uluru - Sydney

Today fly to Sydney and enjoy dinner in the bustling Darling Harbour restaurant area.

# DAY 10 Sydney

This morning, take a city tour of Sydney which includes the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, Paddington and the Sydney Opera House. The evening is free to explore Sydney at your leisure.

# **DAY 11 Sydney**

This morning, visit Koala Park for an up close and personal opportunity to learn about the different types of wildlife. Return to the city for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

### DAY 12 Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand Fly to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by



an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself.

### DAY 13 Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier

Take in the marvellous snowcapped peaks and beautiful river gorges during your travels across the Southern Alps. You may choose to take the TranzAlpine train (optional) for a truly inspiring train ride through this glorious scenery. You will end your day in the Franz Josef Glacier Region which offers a rare opportunity to experience a living glacial landscape in a temperate environment

### DAY 14 Franz Josef - Queenstown

En route to Queenstown, watch as the amazing landscape unfolds before your eyes as you pass through the rainforest, bordered by the Southern Alps and the twisting coastline. Cross jade green glacial rivers, view thundering waterfalls and enjoy dramatic changes in scenery. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of New Zealand's prettiest towns.

### DAY 15 Queenstown - Milford Sound

During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound, you'll see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following the cruise, you return to Queenstown.

### DAY 16 Queenstown

Oueenstown offers limitless diversions set amidst breathtaking Alpine scenery. Shop in the charming village centre or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River.

### DAY 17 Queenstown - Mt. Cook Region

Begin your day with a visit to the beautiful 19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown, a boomtown during the 1860s gold fever. Next, enjoy a tasting and tour at one of New Zealand's famous wineries. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook.

# DAY 18 Mt. Cook - Christchurch

As you return to Christchurch this morning, pay a visit to a working farm and get to know the New Zealand farmers over a home-cooked morning tea

### DAY 19 Christchurch

Your tour ends in Christchurch.

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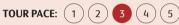






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TOUR STYLE: Classic









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme
- ✓ Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House an architectural wonder
- ✓ Visit Koala Park and learn about the different types of wildlife native to the land "Down Under"
- ✓ Cruise the breathtaking Milford Sound

### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Pullman International, Cairns, Melbourne area hotel. Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs. Desert Gardens, Uluru. The Tank Stream, Sydney. Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. Scenic Franz Josef Hotel, Franz Josef. Novotel Lakeside, Queenstown. The Hermitage, Mount Cook. Chateau on the Park, Christchurch.

MEALS: 29 meals (18 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat ride and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £5,099

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • An ETA visa is required for entry into Australia which is provided by us free of charge. Please ask for details at the time of booking. An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense.

### **Tour start date**

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<b>JAN</b> 18, 25	<b>JUN</b> 07, 14, 28
<b>FEB</b> 01, 08, 14, 15, 21, 22	<b>AUG</b> 09
MAR 01, 07, 08, 14, 15, 22	<b>SEP</b> 06, 13, 27
<b>APR</b> 05, 12, 19	<b>OCT</b> 04, 11, 18, 25
<b>MAY</b> 10, 17, 31	<b>NOV</b> 01, 08, 15

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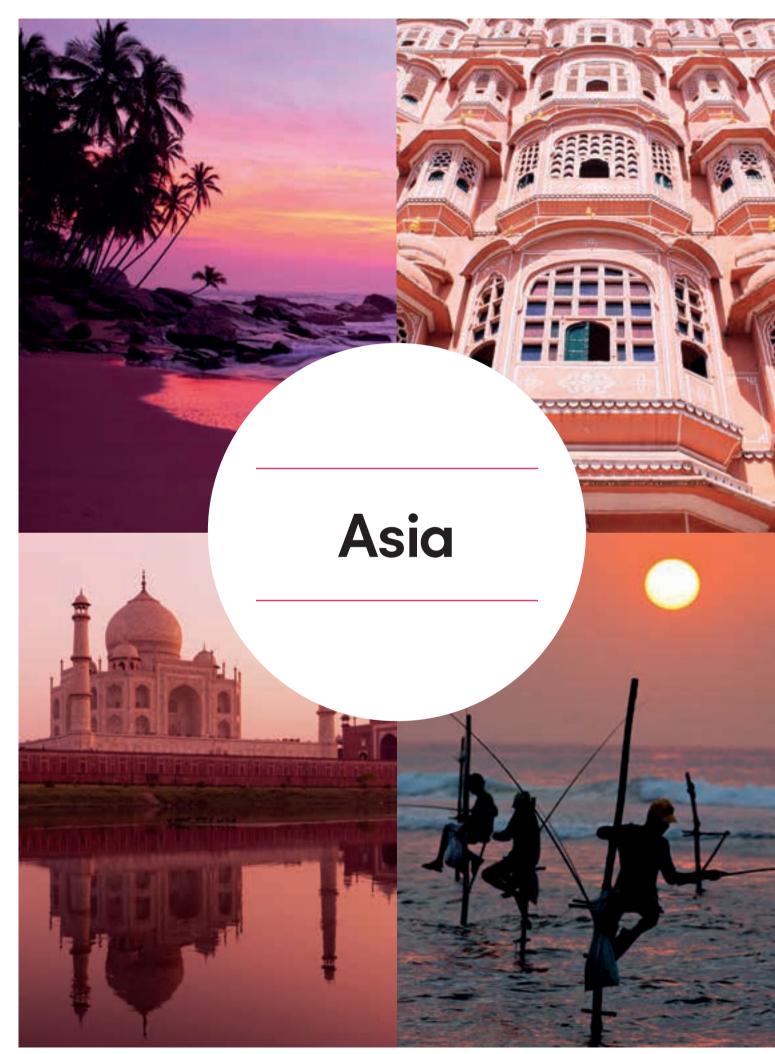
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Take a journey of distinction to a land bursting with vibrant culture. From the bustling streets of Hanoi, the capital city, to the vast maze of rivers and swaps that make up the Mekong Delta, home to floating markets and pagodas. Vietnam is known for some of the best seafood in the world.

### Cambodia

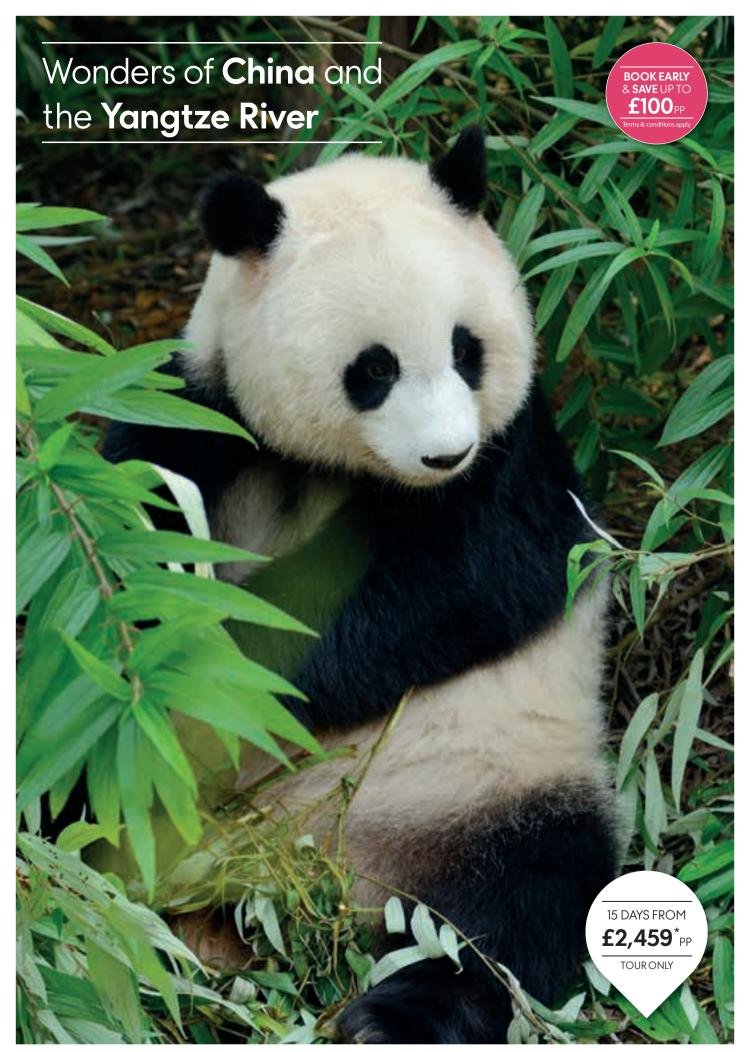
The Temple complex of Angkor Wat was built 900 years ago and is the largest religious monument in the world. The structure that stands today are the remains of grand religious, social and administrative buildings. Its neighbouring town, Siem Reap, now a vibrant attraction in itself, has become one of the most atmospheric and delightful towns in Cambodia.

### India

This rich land offers a diverse abundance of cultural, historical, spiritual and gastronomical wonders that will satisfy even the most experienced and discerning traveller. India is filled with many marvels that go beyond even the epic Taj Mahal.

# Sri Lanka

This small island, just South of India explores a variety of cultures, rugged land, rainforest and diverse wildlife. The famous ancient Buddhist ruins, palaces and temples make this island so unique. Experience a once in a lifetime encounter with Sri Lanka's elephants when we take you to an orphanage to see these incredible creatures up close.



Experience China's marvels, ancient and modern, rural and cosmopolitan, on this fantastic tour featuring a relaxing 4-night cruise of the Yangtze River. Cruise past the Three Gorges, visit the Terracotta Warriors and explore the booming city of Shanghai.

### Your tour

### **DAY 1 Shanghai**

Your tour starts in Shanghai.

### DAY 2 Shanghai

Take a sightseeing tour of Shanghai featuring the main sights, then sample xiao long bao soup dumplings for lunch and enjoy an acrobatics show after dinner.

### **DAY 3 Shanghai**

Visit the Shanghai Museum this morning and your afternoon is at leisure

### DAY 4 Shanghai - Yichang - Board Cruise Ship

Visit a silk factory before boarding the Mag Lev train. Next, board your flight to Yichang where you'll embark on your Yangtze River cruise.

# DAY 5 Cruising - Three Gorges Dam - Xiling Gorge

Take a tai chi lesson on the sundeck as you sail into dramatic Xiling Gorge. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's welcome dinner and cabaret.

### DAY 6 Cruising - Shennong Stream - Wu Gorge -**Qutang Gorge**

Explore the remote Shennong Stream in traditional pea boats. Then continue to sail through Wu Gorge, known for its 12 forest-covered peaks, and the Qutang Gorge.

# DAY 7 Cruising - Shibaozhai

Arrive at Shibaozhai, where you can climb a 9 story red pagoda for magnificent views.

DAY 8 Chongqing - Disembark Cruise Ship -Chengdu Today is at leisure in Chengdu.

### DAY 9 Chengdu

Visit the Panda Breeding Sanctuary this morning, home to Giant Panda and Red Panda.

### DAY 10 Chengdu - Xian

This morning depart for the ancient city of Xian. This evening, enjoy a traditional Xian dumpling banquet.

### DAY 11 Xian

Today, explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors. Lunch today is a Xian speciality – hand-pulled noodles.

### DAY 12 Xian - Beijing

Fly to Beijing and visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public spaces in the world. Next, discover the Forbidden City, an awe-inspiring 15th-century complex of palaces, courtvards and gardens.

### DAY 13 The Great Wall

Discover the Great Wall of China and visit a jade workshop before viewing the Olympic Park, the Water Cube and the famous Bird's Nest Stadium.

### DAY 14 Beijing

Today visit the Temple of Heaven before a rickshaw tour through the oldest part of Beijing. Next, learn about dumpling making, Chinese calligraphy and experience a traditional tea ceremony.

### DAY 15 Beijing

Your tour ends in Beijing.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.













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TOUR STYLE: Classic / River Cruise

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)(4)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the Panda Breeding Sanctuary
- ✓ Explore the Great Wall of China
- ✓ All aboard the Mag Lev train in Shanghai
- ✓ Discover the Terracotta Warriors



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Mingde Grand Hotel, Shanghai. Victoria Cruises. Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel, Chengdu. Xian Grand New World, Xian. Zhongle Six Star Hotel, Wangfujing, Beijing.

MEALS: 34 meals (14 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 9 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, river cruise, train, internal flights, pea boats and rickshaw

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,859

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used

• Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included.

# **Tour start date**

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<b>APR</b> 12	<b>SEP</b> 06, 20, 27
<b>MAY</b> 03, 17	<b>OCT</b> 04, 11
<b>JUN</b> 14	<b>NOV</b> 01

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A true cultural adventure. Embark on a journey that reveals the intriguing culture of Vietnam, a stunning country with a long and rich history.

### Your tour

### DAY 1 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Your tour starts in Ho Chi Minh City.

### DAY 2 Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner.

### DAY 3 Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta

Today we explore the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural and historic wonders, during a cruise along this bustling river. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style.

# DAY 4 Saigon - Hanoi

Today, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital.

### **DAY 5 Hanoi**

Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh, a revered figure in Vietnam. Take in the well-preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. Enjoy lunch at a nonprofit restaurant. Learn how this caring organisation changes the lives of underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, set out on a cycle tour of Hanoi and end the day with a traditional water puppet performance.

### DAY 6 Hanoi - Ky Son

Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village. Come to know life here as you embark on either a stroll or bike ride through the village. Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. Next, we head to Duong Lam village. Return to Hanoi for an evening at leisure.

### DAY 7 Hanoi - Halong Bay

Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay.

# DAY 8 Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

Cruise through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight

### DAV 9 Hue

Travel to the shores of the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. First we make a stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it's on to see the incredible mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc and explore the sprawling Imperial Citadel that originally encompassed 148 buildings before arriving at the Dong Ba Market. Later, savour the local flavours during dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 10 Hue - Hoi An

Travel along the coast and through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on your way to Hoi An. En route, pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village. Enjoy a visit to the Cham Museum in Da Hang which houses the finest collection of Cham artwork. Arrive in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 11 Hoi An

Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and try your hand at lantern making. Set out on a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before time at leisure to explore the old town.

### DAY 12 Hoi An

Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary (UNESCO), situated in a remote jungle valley. Next, explore the local way of life at Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs. Arrive in town and observe the farmers tending to their crops and sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath before returning to Hoi An.

# DAY 13 Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner.

### DAY 14 Ho Chi Minh City

Your tour ends in Ho Chi Minh City.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)







# **Tour highlights**

# ✓ Learn about Vietnamese cuisine at a cooking class

- ✓ Try your hand at lantern making at a famous lantern workshop
- ✓ Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath at Tra Que Herb Village
- ✓ Overnight on a luxury junk boat at Halong Bay



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City. Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi. Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay. Imperial Hotel, Hue. Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa, Hoi An. New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City.

MEALS: 27 meals (13 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

**TRANSPORT:** Coach, junk boat, internal flights and boat trips

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,409

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • It is recommended that you bring an overnight bag (rather than your large luggage) on the overnight Halong Bay cruise • Visas are required for this tour at your expense.

# Tour start date

	2017
<b>MAY</b> 12, 26	<b>SEP</b> 08, 22
<b>JUN</b> 16	<b>OCT</b> 13, 27
JUL 14	<b>NOV</b> 03, 17
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**JAN** 12, 19, 26

**FEB** 02, 09, 23





MAR 02, 16, 23

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Delve into an ancient and mysterious world. Learn unique culinary secrets in the town of Hoi An. Cruise overnight aboard a luxury junk boat on Halong Bay and be inspired at Cambodia's Angkor Wat temple.

### Your tour

### DAY 1 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Your tour starts in Ho Chi Minh City.

### DAY 2 Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways then take a city tour and tonight enjoy a welcome dinner.

### DAY 3 Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta

Today, explore the famous Mekong Delta, during a cruise along this bustling river. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine and later, visit Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style.

# DAY 4 Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia

Fly to Cambodia and the village of Siem Reap.

### **DAY 5 Siem Reap**

Explore the ancient ruins of Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building and the symbol of Cambodia. Remain until evening for an opportunity to see a spectacular sunset over the monuments.

### **DAY 6 Siem Reap**

Set out to see three impressive Hindu temples: the towering 11th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva, Banteay Srei Temple, and the well-preserved Banteay Samre Temple. This afternoon, spend time at a local monastery and participate in a private blessing ceremony

### DAY 7 Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos

Your day begins at the JWOC Community Centre where you'll meet local school children. Then we fly to Luang Prabang.

# **DAY 8 Luang Prabang**

Today visit two of the most remarkable temples, Wat Sen or "Temple of 100,000 Treasures," and Wat Visun, the city's oldest and most beautiful. Continue through the countryside to the stunning Kuang Si waterfalls then return to town and immerse yourself in the Street Night Market

### DAY 9 Luang Prabang

Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River and make stops at the Wat Xieng Thong temple and the small villages of Ban Xieng Maen and Ban Chan. The next stop is at Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddha's.

### DAY 10 Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam

Wake before dawn and participate in the offering of alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks. Fly to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam.

### DAY 11 Hanoi

Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square. Take in the well preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, then enjoy lunch before setting out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi and end the day with a traditional water puppet performance.

### DAY 12 Hanoi - Ky Son

Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village and embark on either a stroll or bike ride through the village. Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine.

### DAY 13 Hanoi - Halong Bay

Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard.

### DAY 14 Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

Enjoy cruising through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city.

### DAY 15 Hue - Hoi An

Travel to the shores of the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. First we make a stop at Thien Mu Pagoda. After your cruise, continue through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on our way to Hoi An.

### DAY 16 Hoi An

Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and try your hand at lantern making. Set out on a walking tour then later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River.

### DAY 17 Hoi An

Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site situated in a remote jungle valley. Then it's off to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community where you can sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in a herbal bath before returning to Hoi An.

### DAY 18 Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable trip while savouring your farewell dinner.

# DAY 19 Ho Chi Minh City

Your tour ends in Ho Chi Minh City.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom
- Journey to the famous Pak Ou Caves
- ✓ See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground Viet Cong passageways
- ✓ Overnight on a luxury junk boat at Halong Bay

### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City. Angkor Century Hotel, Siem Reap. The Sanctuary Hotel, Luang Prabang. The Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi. Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay. Imperial Hotel, Hue. Almanity Hoi An Hotel, Hoi An. New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City,

MEALS: 36 meals (18 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, junk boat, cyclo, boat trips and internal

flights **GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,514

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • It is recommended that you bring an overnight bag (rather than your large luggage) on the overnight Halong Bay cruise.

### **Tour start date**

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Immerse yourself in the magic of Myanmar. This fascinating country is home to endless natural beauty and impressive architecture. Discover the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar and observe the leg-rowing fisherman.

### Your tour

# DAY 1 Yangon, Myanmar

Your tour begins in Yangon.

### **DAY 2 Yangon**

Take a tour of the city centre and the colonial district then set out on the Yangon Railway. Disembark at the Scott Market and explore. This afternoon, visit Shwedagon Pagoda, the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar.

# DAY 3 Yangon - Heho - Pindaya - Inle Lake

Today fly to Heho and then head to Pindaya Cave, home to more than 8,000 Buddha statues. Visit Shan paper production cottages then travel to Nyaung Shwe.

### **DAY 4 Inle Lake**

Board your private motorboat to head out on tranquil Inle Lake, where you can find people who propel their boats by "leg rowing." Pass villages built on stilts and inhabited by the local Intha people. Later, visit the famous Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda.

### DAY 5 Inle Lake - Indein

Spend time at one of the lake's morning markets then continue by boat to the Indein Pagoda Complex. Then we take a short trek to Indein village to mingle with the Pa-O people.

# DAY 6 Inle Lake - Mandalay - Pyin Oo Lwin

Fly to Mandalay and ascend to the former British hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin. Explore the peaceful National Kandawgyi Botanical Gardens and take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the park.

DAY 7 Pyin Oo Lwin - Gokhteik - Mandalay

Board a train for a journey across the Gokhteik Viaduct. Travel over a 100-foot-deep gorge in the Shan mountains. Then, return to Mandalay and explore on your own. Later, visit Kuthodaw Pagoda and the Golden Palace Monastery.

# DAY 8 Mandalay - Mingun - Sagaing - Amarapura

Board your boat and travel on the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River and arrive on the western bank to visit the unfinished Mingun Pagoda and make a stop in the traditional village of Amarapura, a former capital of Myanmar.

### DAY 9 Mandalay - Monywa - Pakokku - Bagan

This morning travel to Monywa where you will visit Thanbodday Pagoda complex then cross the Ayeyarwady River by boat on our way to Bagan.

### DAY 10 Bagan

Gain insight into the city's rich history during a sightseeing tour featuring the colourful Nyaung Oo local market and stops at pagodas and temples along

### DAY 11 Bagan - Mount Popa

Today, drive through the plains to Mount Popa. Visit a local community to experience Myanmar village life. Next, visit Popa Mountain Park to see Myanmar's traditional medicine plant garden. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner

DAY 12 Bagan - Yangon Your tour ends in Yangon. Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Discover Pindava Cave
- ✓ Travel aboard the Yangon Railway
- ✓ Explore tranquil Inle Lake by private motorboat
- ✓ Take a carriage ride through the National Kandawgyi Gardens

### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake, Yangon. Inle Resort, Inle Lake. Aureum Resort, Pyin Oo Lwin. Mandalay Hill Resort, Mandalay. Hotel at Tharabar Gate, Bagan.

MEALS: 26 meals (11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, motor boat, train, carriage ride and

internal flights **GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,569

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Maximum elevation: 4,300 feet • Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 5:30 p.m.

• A single-entry Myanmar visa is required at your own expense and must be obtained prior to departure.

# **Tour start date**

	2017
<b>JAN</b> 13	<b>AUG</b> 18
<b>FEB</b> 3, 10, 24	<b>SEP</b> 22, 29
MAR 10, 17, 24, 31	<b>OCT</b> 13, 27
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<b>JAN</b> 12, 26	<b>MAR</b> 9, 16, 30
<b>FEB</b> 2, 26	<b>APR</b> 6, 13, 27

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The Taj Mahal, temples and tigers – experience the spice of India on this 14-day tour. See the Taj Mahal bathed in the light of sunrise. Embark on an evening cruise across Lake Pichola and savour magnificent views of the Jag Mandir Palace.

### Your tour

# DAY 1 Delhi, India

Your tour starts in Delhi.

# DAY 2 New Delhi

Take a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw and then tour New Delhi in contrast.

# DAY 3 Delhi - Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur, your gateway to Rajasthan. Settle into your hotel, a carefully restored palace perched on a hill and overlooking the lake.

### **DAY 4 Udaipur**

Participate in a relaxing yoga class. Visit the exquisite City Palace and stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honour. This evening, cruise along Lake Pichola.

# DAY 5 Udaipur - Jaipur

This morning, drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. After lunch, check into your hotel and head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal.

### **DAY 6 Jaipur**

Ascend by vintage jeep to the top of Amber Fort before visiting a local school. Tonight, sit down for a homehosted dinner.

# **DAY 7 Jaipur - Ranthambore**

Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger's efforts at a conservation in India. Embark on a game drive by canter (an open air vehicle) and watch for wildlife.

# DAY 8 Ranthambore

Take an early morning game drive. Visit the Ranthambore School of Art which recruits students from neighbouring villages then dive into the local cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration.

# DAY 9 Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra

An early morning train brings you to Bharatpur then continue your journey to Agra.

# DAY 10 Agra

Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, witnessing the first rays of sun glistening on the white marble for a truly memorable moment.

### DAY 11 Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho

Board your train for Jhansi and continue to Orchha for a relaxing lunch.

# DAY 12 Khajuraho - Varanasi

Visit the Chandel Temple complex then fly to Varanasi. Tonight, visit the Ghats – the banks of the river witnessing the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.

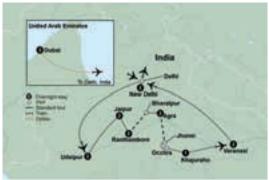
### DAY 13 Varanasi

Cruise along the River Ganges past various Ghats. Take a city tour of Varanasi and continue to Sarnath where Siddarth Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon.

### DAY 14 Varanasi - Delhi

Your tour ends in Delhi.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE:** (1)(2)(3)









- ✓ Experience game drives in Ranthambore National Park
- Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Cruise along Lake Pichola in the evening
- ✓ Travel to the top of Amber Fort on a vintage jeep



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Leela Ambience Convention Hotel Delhi, New Delhi. Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur. Hilton, Jaipur. Dev Vilas, Ranthambore. Jaypee Palace, Agra. Taj Chandela, Khajuraho. Gateway Hotel Ganges, Varanasi.

MEALS: 26 meals (13 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, train, internal flights, vintage ieep, rickshaw, canter

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,754

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked to leave prior to 6:00 p.m. on the last day • Extend your tour in Dubai, please call for details.

# **Tour start date**

	2017
<b>JAN</b> 20, 27	<b>SEP</b> 29
<b>FEB</b> 03, 10, 17	<b>OCT</b> 13, 20, 27
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**JAN** 12, 19, 26

**FEB** 09, 16, 23





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**APR** 06, 20

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Explore India's Golden Triangle showcasing some of the most beautiful sites in the country during stays in Delhi, Jaipur and Agra. Come to know the people, and see one of the most impressive sites in the world – the Tai Mahal.

### Your tour

# DAY 1 Delhi, India

Your tour starts in Delhi.

### **DAY 2** New Delhi

Immerse yourself in India's bustling capital during a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw, then lunch at a local restaurant before having some leisure time to explore independently. Sit down to dinner tonight at the home of a local family.

# DAY 3 Delhi

Following breakfast, visit Humayun's tomb, drive past the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's residence. Proceed to the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib. This huge complex features a devotion center, a large pond for the holy dip, a missionary school, an art gallery, a charitable hospital and a free kitchen.

# DAY 4 Delhi - Jaipur

Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. Later, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja. Then it's on to the City Palace, the residence of the Royal Family of Jaipur.

### **DAY 5** Jaipur

Board a vintage jeep and ascend to the top of the majestic Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and India's former seat of power. Visit a local school\* and tap into local customs during lunch when you learn about turban and sari tying. Delve deeper into Indian

culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. This evening, take a step back in time as you dine at Sankotra Haveli

# DAY 6 Jaipur

Travel to the quaint village of Samode, nestled among rugged hills that are dominated by its famous palace. Then, gather for lunch at Samode Bagh, a private garden retreat of the Royal family.

### DAY 7 Jaipur - Agra

Continue your journey to Agra. Make a stop in Abhaneri village to visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world.

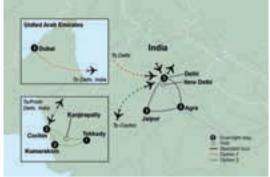
# DAY 8 Agra

Experience one of the most impressive sights in the world-the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Then, after breakfast, discover Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site that dates back to the 11th century. Tonight, you'll have a farewell dinner in a local restaurant

### DAY 9 Agra - Delhi

Your tour ends in Delhi.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









- ✓ Discover the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib
- Witness the stunning Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Eros Hotel, Delhi. The Lalit, Jaipur. Courtyard Marriott, Agra.

MEALS: 17 meals (8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, Rickshaw and vintage jeep

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

**SOLO TRAVELLERS:** From £1,839

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visits due to school holidays or programming challenges • Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked to leave prior to 6:00pm on the last day • Extend your tour in Dubai, please call for details.

### **Tour start date**

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<b>MAR</b> 08, 29
<b>APR</b> 12

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Travel with us on this exciting new tour. You'll spend time with orphaned elephants and discover the impressive Temple of the Tooth Relic. Immerse yourself in the culture past and present and surround yourself in lush landscapes and picturesque beaches.

### Your tour

# **DAY 1 Colombo**

Your tour starts in the bustling capital city of Colombo.

### DAY 2 Colombo

Today experience Colombo on a tour with a local guide. See the central business district called the Fort, the lively Petta Bazaar and the sprawling Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple

### DAY 3 Colombo - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - Sigiriya

Visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, which has been rescuing elephants since 1975. Continue to the lush forests of Sigiriya and find yourself surrounded by tranquility at your luxury hotel.

### DAY 4 Sigiriya - Rock Fortress - Minneriya National Park

This morning explore Sigiriya. This afternoon, proceed to Minneriya National Park and witness herds of elephants bathing in their natural habitat.

# DAY 5 Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Spice Market - Kandy

Travel to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa (UNESCO). Then continue to the city of Matale and take a tour of the spice market to learn about the various spices used in Sri Lankan cooking. This evening, enjoy a cultural

### DAY 6 Kandy - Temple of the Tooth Relic - Mahaweli **River Cruise**

Explore Kandy, surrounded by the mountains of central Sri Lanka. Visit the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic. Next, take a walk through the Royal Botanical Gardens. This evening, delight in a sunset river cruise on the tranquil Mahaweli River.

### DAY 7 Kandy - Nuwara Eliya

Travel along the scenic road that leads you to the town of Nuwara Eliya where you'll take a city tour.

### DAY 8 Nuwara Eliya - Tea Estate

Today you'll visit the Pedro Tea Estate located in Kandapola. The rest of your day is at leisure.

### DAY 9 Nuwara Eliya - Bentota

Your journey today takes you to Bentota, a coastal paradise brimming with sunshine and beautiful beaches. Arrive early this afternoon and have the remainder of the day at leisure to relax.

# DAY 10 Bentota - Galle

Spend the day discovering the city of Galle and explore Galle's Dutch Fort (UNESCO). Then embark on a guided tour of the island's prominent landmarks.

### DAY 11 Bentota - Ambalangoda

Travel to Ambalangoda to learn about the art of Sri Lankan mask making and spend time at a local museum and workshop. Then, visit the Bandu Wijesooriya School of Dancing

### DAY 12 Bentota - Colombo

Your tour ends in Colombo.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the inspiring Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- ✓ Learn about the various spices used in Sri Lankan cooking
- Discover the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic
- ✓ Cruise the tranquil Mahaweli River
- ✓ Visit the Bandu Wijesooriya School of Dancing



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo. Cinnamon Lodge Habarana, Sigiriya. Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy. Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya. Centara Ceysands Resort,

MEALS: 22 meals (11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 10 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and cruise

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,409

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Extend your tour in Dubai, please call for details.

# **Tour start date**

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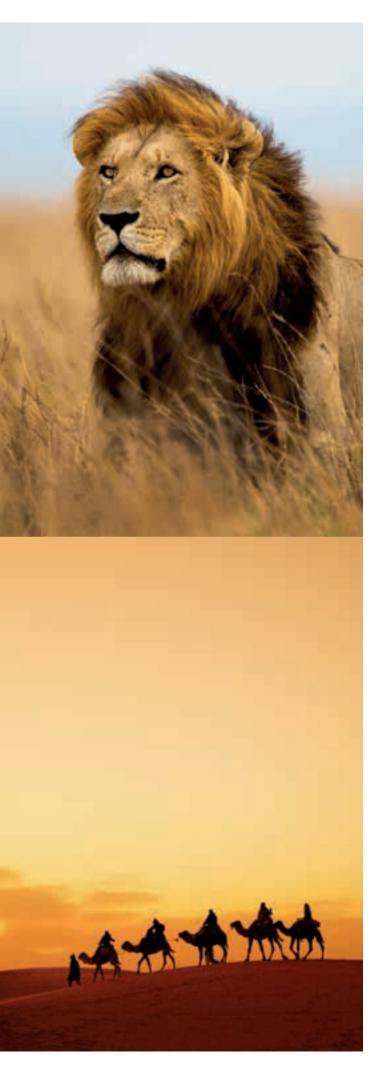






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FEATURING

# Oman Israel Kenya South Africa Morocco

Imagine looking out over the plains of Kenya while a lion roars in the distance or an elephant crosses the trail up ahead. Perhaps you'll find yourself atop Table Mountain in Cape Town looking down on the waters of the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean coming together. You may picture yourself on an inspiring journey to the Holy Land. A region with villages on the edge of great wilderness, cosmopolitan cities and sacred lands, with Thomas Cook Tours your dreams of Africa become a reality.

### **Oman**

Set out for this exotic Arabian Peninsula. This fast growing country, features an array of classic experiences. From ancient capitals to the mesmerising Wadi Bani Khalid, the desert landscapes never fail to wow travellers.

### Israel

Israel is a country of contrasts. It is famed for its Holy Land sacred sites, visited by millions from across all religions every year, taking in all the sights of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee. But few think about the countries natural beauty. The Dead Sea is simply stunning and relaxing in its rich salt waters invigorates the body and mind, surrounded with a backdrop of mountains.

### Kenva

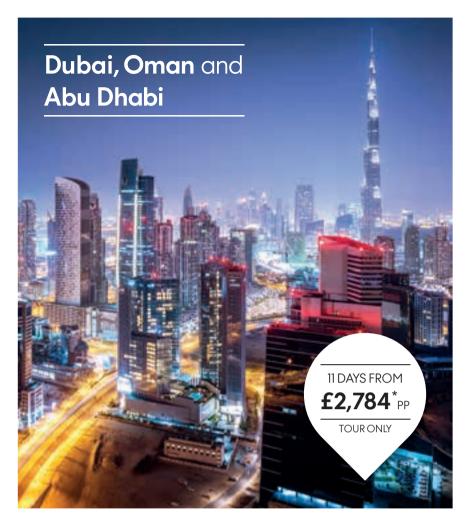
A land filled with natural wonders, from the breath-taking peaks of Mt. Kilimanjaro to the wildlife filled Masai Mara Game Reserve. Kenya is one of Africa's most distinct and stunning locations, visited by Sir David Attenborough who had a memorable encounter with a blind baby Rhino in his series 'Africa'. This wildlife haven showcases the spectacular 'Big 5' in their natural habitat. An experience you will never forget awaits you!

## **South Africa**

South Africa is all about discovery, revitalising your spirit and reinventing your thinking. Luxurious resorts, moving township visits, open-air safari game drives and vibrant cities like Cape Town; few destinations can offer such a myriad of enriching experiences.

# Morocco

Enchanting Morocco will dazzle you with its deep history, unique atmosphere and welcoming people. Come to know the vibrant culture and colourful backdrops that are distinctively Moroccan. From the edge of the Sahara Desert to the bustle of a local market, this is a land full of intrigue.



From immeasurable opulence to ancient cultures, uncover the treasures of the fascinating countries of the United Arab Emirates and Oman. Venture to the breath-taking desert dunes of Wahiba Sand in Oman and set sail in a private family-owned luxury yacht in Dubai!

### Your tour

### DAY 1 Abu Dhabi, UAE

Your tour starts in Abu Dhabi.

# DAY 2 Abu Dhabi

This morning, take a drive around the city and make a stop at the famous Emirates Palace and Corniche. Then visit the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque

### DAY 3 Abu Dhabi

Learn the importance of falcons to Arabian culture at the largest falcon hospital in the UAE. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure.

# DAY 4 Abu Dhabi - Dubai - Muscat, Oman

Fly to Oman and discover the port city of Muscat. Take a city tour of Old Muscat and the Corniche before arriving at Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar in Oman.

### DAY 5 Muscat - Wadi Bani Khalid - Wahiba Sands

Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for your journey to Wadi Bani Khalid. Pass through the striking Western Hajar Mountains and the breath-taking desert dunes of Wahiba Sand, home to a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe. Spend time at their camp and get to know their culture. Take a short camel ride before an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4, a favourite local activity.

# DAY 6 Muscat - Nizwa - Jabrin

Travel to the city of Nizwa, Oman's old capital city. Explore the souq, famous for Bedouin silver and beautifully crafted clay items. Next, discover the late 17th-century Jabreen Castle.

### DAY 7 Muscat - Al Ain, UAE

Visit the Grand Mosque of Oman then drive through a date plantation on the way to Ain Thowarah, known for its hot springs.

# DAY 8 Al Ain - Dubai

Get acquainted with Al Ain, "the garden city", this "oasis town" was the perfect stopover on the caravan trail between the UAE to the Sultanate of Oman. Continue on to Hili Gardens and the city's archaeological sites.

### DAY 9 Dubai

Set sail on a privately owned luxury yacht. Later this afternoon, embark on a dune desert safari on an Arabian farm owned by a member of the royal family of Sharjah. Savour a barbecue dinner highlighted by a captivating belly dancer performance.

### DAY 10 Dubai

Begin your day with a visit to the Sheikh Mohammed Centre. Visit the Dubai Museum and textile market before taking a ride across the dazzling Dubai Creek in a private "abra" (traditional water taxi). Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a revolving restaurant with stunning views of Dubai.

# **DAY 11 Dubai**

Your tour ends in Dubai.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Learn the history of falconry and get up close to this majestic bird
- Delight in an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4
- ✓ Take a short camel ride during a visit with a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Intercontinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi. Park Inn by Radisson, Muscat. Mercure Grand Jebel Hafeet, Al Ain. Hyatt Creek Regency, Dubai.

MEALS: 19 meals (10 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, private yacht, water taxi, 4x4 vehicle, camel and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,599

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • When visiting religious sites and old sections of the cities, modest/ conservative/loose fitting clothing that fall below the knee for the ladies, and trousers for men are required. Headscarves for ladies are essential.

# **Tour start date**

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Journey to Israel, discovering some of the most significant sites of the ancient world including Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea and the oldest city in the world, the ruins of Jericho and "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.

# Your tour

# DAY 1 Tel Aviv, Israel

Your tour starts in Tel Aviv and includes a welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant.

# DAY 2 Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre - Tiberias

Travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the fascinating excavation site of Tel Megiddo. Then visit to the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO).

### DAY 3 Tiberias - Cana - Nazareth - Tabgha -Capernaum - Sea of Galilee

This morning, get to know some important biblical locations. Begin with a visit to Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine. Next, travel to Nazareth and visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount; and Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes Later, enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

### DAY 4 Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho - Qumran -**Dead Sea**

Begin the day by stepping into Roman times with a visit to Beit Shean to see the well-preserved ancient theatre. Journey to Oumran, the location of one of the most important archaeological finds of all time – the discovery of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Afterward, proceed to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea.

### DAY 5 Dead Sea - Masada - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Today's route leads you to the former palatial fortress of Masada (UNESCO). Ascending the ancient walls of Masada by cable car, and visit Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue. A stop in the biblical city of Bethlehem, allows for a visit to the Church of the Nativity – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever búilt.

### DAY 6 Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives to take in the view of the city of Jerusalem. Proceed to the Church of Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane. Continue on to St. Peter in Galicantu and Mt. Zion where you will see the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Visit the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum to view the display of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

### DAY 7 Old City, Jerusalem

A magnificent four of the Holy City of Jerusalem begins with a drive to the old walled city, you will visit the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock, the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne. Next, walk the path of the Stations of the Cross as you traverse the Via Dolorosa. In the afternoon, continue exploring the city independently.

### DAY 8 Jerusalem

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore independently.

# DAY 9 Jerusalem

Your tour ends in Jerusalem.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** 











- ✓ Venture to the ancient capital of Caesarea
- ✓ See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee around 2,000 years ago
- Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car
- ✓ Journey to Cana, considered to be the site of the First Miracle



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv. Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias. Isrotel Ganim, Dead Sea. Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem.

MEALS: 15 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, cable car and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,959

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Proper dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc. • Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 9).

# **Tour start date**

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Explore the scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife of Kenya. Discover the culture and natural wonders as well as safari game drives in search of the "Big 5". You'll also visit the Rothschild Giraffe Sanctuary and stay inside the beautiful Masai Mara game reserve.

### Your tour

# **DAY 1 Nairobi**

Your tour starts in Nairobi

### DAY 2 Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

Today you set off for the mountainous region of Aberdare National Park. Keep an eye out for the giraffes that welcome you to the lodge. The afternoon is at

### DAY 3 Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba National Reserve

Journey to Shaba National Reserve, home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife including the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra. After lunch, it's on to Buffalo Springs to take a game drive to begin your search for the "Big 5."

# DAY 4 Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve

Today take a morning game drive through the rugged Samburu National Reserve watching out for African wildlife. After lunch at the lodge, continue on an afternoon game drive in Shaba.

### DAY 5 Shaba - Aberdare National Park

Return to Aberdare for an unforgettable experience in a treetop lodge. Your lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of wildlife all night

### DAY 6 Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru

This morning, drive past the mountains via the spectacular Nyahururu waterfalls, then make a photo stop at the Equator before arriving at Lake Nakuru.

### DAY 7 Lake Nakuru

After your morning game drive, savour a traditional breakfast in the bush. Your exciting afternoon game drive returns to the lodge before sunset.

### DAY 8 Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

This morning, travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve and tonight stay in a luxury tent and experience a traditional bush dinner featuring a Masai dance performance

### DAY 9 Masai Mara

Further enjoy the Masai Mara with both morning and afternoon game drives.

### DAY 10 Masai Mara - Nairobi

After breakfast, travel to Karen and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of Out of Africa. This afternoon, visit the Giraffe Sanctuary and feed the endangered Rothschild giraffes.

# DAY 11 Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

Today travel to Amboseli National Park for its open plains where lions and elephants roam and the breathtaking snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy an afternoon game drive.

# DAY 12 Amboseli

Explore Amboseli further with two game drives.

# DAY 13 Nairobi

Your tour ends in Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Experience 11 included game drives in search of the "Big 5"
- Learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu people
- ✓ Feed Rothschild giraffes at a giraffe sanctuary



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi. Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri. Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve. The Ark Hotel, Nyeri. Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru. Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara. Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi. Ol Tukai

MEALS: 33 meals (12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 10 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, game drive and 4x4 vehicle

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,164

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Highest elevation is approximately 2,377 meters.

# **Tour start date**

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<b>JAN</b> 20, 27	<b>JUL</b> 21
<b>FEB</b> 10, 17, 24	<b>AUG</b> 11, 18
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From cosmopolitan Cape Town to the power of Victoria Falls to the remote wilds of Botswana, this is the complete African travel experience. Gaze out from the top of Table Mountain and explore the tip of the continent at the Cape of Good Hope.

### Your tour

# **DAY 1 Cape Town, South Africa**

Your tour starts in Cape Town.

### **DAY 2 Cape Town**

Step aboard a cable car up to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet atop Table Mountain. Return to the city via Table Bay. Spend the remainder of your day at leisure. This evening, savour a true African dining experience with a traditional African hand-washing ceremony.

# **DAY 3 Cape Town**

Travel out to Cape Point, come to know the Cape of Good Hope and take a tram to the top of the mountain. Then on to Boulders Beach to see the penguins. This evening, experience a home-hosted dinner.

# DAY 4 Cape Town - Stellenbosch

Visit the beautiful winelands of the Western Cape for a tasting before enjoying a farm lunch. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure.

# DAY 5 Stellenbosch - Hermanus - Stellenbosch

Enjoy a leisurely drive over the Sir Lowry Pass to the quaint seaside village of Hermanus. A walking tour will acquaint you with the village.

### DAY 6 Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Entabeni Conservancy

Fly to Johannesburg then head to the Entabeni Conservancy. Gather for an afternoon game drive.

## **DAY 7 Entabeni Conservancy**

Rise before the sun and set out on a game drive. Later, learn to follow the clues left by wildlife during a track identification walk with a ranger. Late afternoon, is the perfect time for another game drive.

# DAY 8 Entabeni Conservancy - Johannesburg

Journey to the vibrant city of Johannesburg, Enjoy some leisure time in Sandton this afternoon.

# DAY 9 Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Embark on a walking tour of stunning Victoria Falls.

# DAY 10 Victoria Falls

This morning explore a local craft market. Later you'll meet African elephants and have the opportunity to interact with them before you enjoy some free time.

### DAY 11 Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Watch for bushbuck (African antelope) during a nature walk with a local guide. Cross the border as you travel to Chobe, Botswana. An exciting safari cruise awaits.

### DAY 12 Chobe

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Chobe National Park. This evening's dinner by the river is hosted by a chef who will teach you the art of cooking a traditional Braai.

### DAY 13 Chobe - Johannesburg

Fly to Johannesburg where your tour ends.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)







# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Head out for an African sundowner by 4x4 and enjoy the sunset
- Spend some time at a local village in Zimbabwe learning about the culture
- ✓ Meet and interact with African elephants



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town. Oude Werf, Stellenbosch. Hanglip Mountain Lodge, Entabeni. Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton. Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls. Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane.

MEALS: 23 meals (12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, 4x4 vehicle, cable car, tram and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 20

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,524

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, return flights from Johannesburg should not be scheduled prior to 6:30 p.m.

# **Tour start date**

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<b>AUG</b> 17, 31
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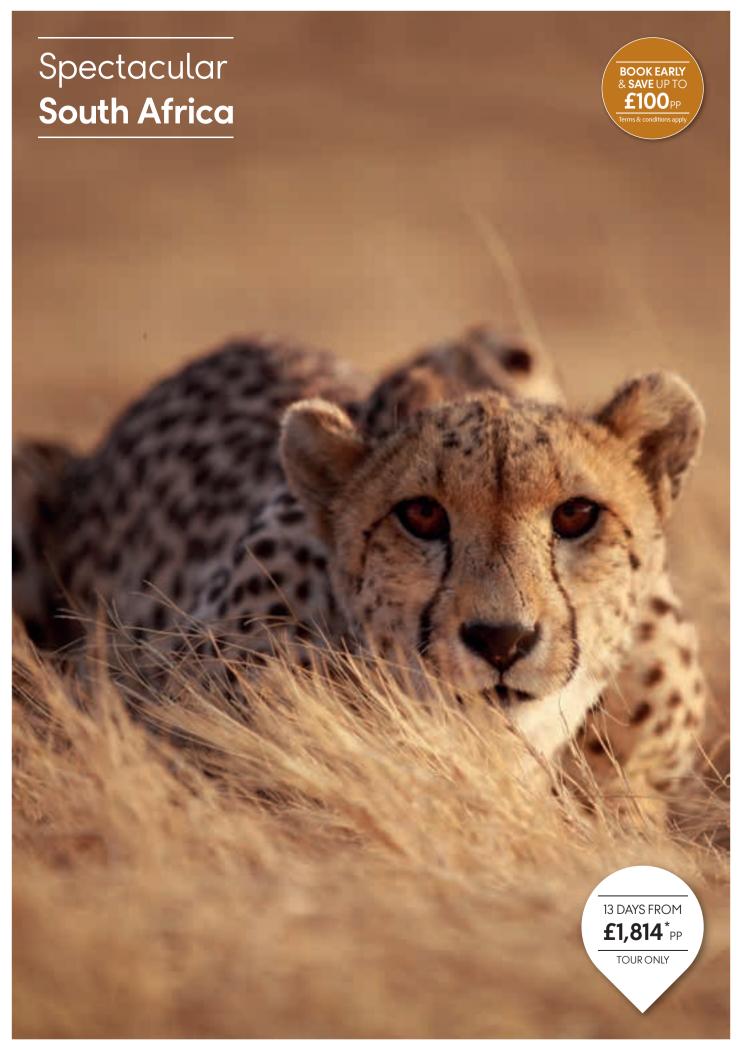
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South Africa's cosmopolitan cities, luxurious resorts, expansive desert and fertile wine country combined with the culture, cuisine and magnificent wildlife make this a diverse and interesting place to explore.

### Your tour

# DAY 1 Sandton, South Africa

Your tour starts in Sandton, South Africa.

### **DAY 2 Sandton - Soweto**

Today visit the Apartheid Museum which commemorates the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa. A guided tour of Soweto - South West Township – showcases luxurious mansions and informal settlements as you learn about the historical significance of the area. Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern. This afternoon, have some time at Liliesleaf. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

# DAY 3 Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park

Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. This evening, enjoy a traditional BOMA dinner under the stars, where you may sample some local game meat.

### DAY 4 Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive

Enjoy a full-day open-air-vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in search of the "Big 5" elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino – and provides insight into these fascinating animals along the way. Relax with a picnic lunch surrounded by giraffe in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park.

### DAY 5 Kruger National Park - Johannesburg -Knysna

Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route.

# DAY 6 Knysna

Today, visit nearby Featherbed Nature Reserve. Begin with a lagoon cruise out to the famous Knysna Heads which marks the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees before your return cruise. This afternoon, visit Plettenberg Bay. Énjoy views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons. Later you return to Knysna.

### DAY 7 Knysna - Oudtshoorn

This morning's township tour will highlight the diversity of this community, followed by a touching experience as you visit a school. Travel to Oudtshoorn and enjoy a tour of one of the oldest working ostrich farms in the area, then enjoy a tractor safari through the farm viewing ostriches in various stages of development. An outdoor barbecue lunch adds to an amazing day. Upon your return to Knysna, enjoy some time to independently explore.

### DAY 8 Knysna - Stellenbosch

Before leaving the Garden Route, enjoy a visit to the Aloe Ferox region where you will enjoy an aloe-tapping demonstration and a stroll in the indigenous gardens. Next, journey to the heart of the beautiful winelands region, known for its colourful mountains and endless vineyards. This evening, enjoy a wine pairing dinner.

### DAY 9 Stellenbosch

Later this morning you set out on a walking tour of Stellenbosch – one of the oldest European settlements in the region - with a local expert. The afternoon is at leisure to explore.

### DAY 10 Stellenbosch - Cape Town

This morning, travel to Cape Town to enjoy a panoramic tour of this beautiful harborside city. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car as it whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named – and flat-topped – Table Mountain.\* Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets. Make a special stop at the Milnerton Lighthouse.

# DAY 11 Cape Town

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

### DAY 12 Cape Town

The day is yours to explore Cape Town.

# DAY 13 Cape Town

Your tour ends in Cape Town.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) **3** 









# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit one of the oldest working ostrich farms in Oudtshoorn
- Experience a thrilling cable car ride atop Table Mountain
- Learn the local beat with a lesson on the djembe drums
- ✓ Enjoy a full day open air safari game drive at Kruger National Park

# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton. Protea Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park. Log Inn, Knysna. Spier Hotel, Stellenbosch or Oude Werf Hotel, Stellenbosch. . The Commodore Hotel, Cape Town.

MEALS: 22 meals (12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, cable car, internal flights and 4x4 vehicle

have documented consent from both parents when travelling

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,259

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Table Mountain Cableway is subject to change and availability due to weather conditions • If you are travelling with children under the age of 18, South Africa requires that those children must

into or out of the Republic. Please refer to www.home-affairs. gov.za for details of requirements

# **Tour start date**

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Get to know the vibrant culture and colourful backdrops that are distinctively Morocco. Dine at Rick's Café, the mythical saloon from the 1942 film "Casablanca." Spend time in the ancient imperial city of Meknes and explore Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world.

### Your tour

# DAY 1 Casablanca, Morocco

Your tour begins in Casablanca

### DAY 2 Casablanca - Meknes - Fes

Today's journey starts at the ancient imperial city of Meknes. After lunch, explore the port of Bab El Mansour and Bab El Khamis before continuing on to the ancient ruins of Volubilis. Tonight's dinner features traditional Moroccan delights, prepared and served by the family who owns the riad where you are staying.

# **DAY 3 Fes**

Join a tour of Fes where you will learn of its historical importance. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace.

### DAY 4 Fes - Midelt - Erfoud

Today you will learn about MonkeyWatch, a conservation programme dedicated to protecting the Barbary macaques that thrive in the forests of Ifrane National Park. Continue on towards Erfoud, making a stop in Midelt.

### DAY 5 Erfoud - Sahara Desert Expedition -Merzouga

Your day begins at Erfoud's fossil factory and museum. Then, travel to the Saharaoui town of Rissani and taste traditional stuffed bread with Moroccan spices. Then experience a journey in a 4x4 vehicle as you travel to various nomadic villages of the Sahara before arriving at the edge of the dunes for a camel ride to a nomad camp. This evening listen to Berber drum music followed by a Moroccan feast before you stay the night

### DAY 6 Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Boumaine du Dades

Return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, set out for Erissani to begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter then follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs.

### DAY 7 Boumaine du Dades - High Atlas Mountains - Marrakech

Drive through the Valley of Roses, to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou. Continue along the High Atlas Mountains which brings you through lush oasis valleys to the city of Marrakech.

### DAY 8 Marrakech

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace. Enter the royal Saadian Tombs, explore the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12thcentury Koutoubia Mosque. Tour the ancient city wall, passing by the Royal Palace and Marrakesh palm grove.

### DAY 9 Marrakech

This morning, select the ingredients for your culinary workshop that takes place on the rooftop of the charming Kasbah Omar. After lunch, experience another Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop before you head to the souk for last minute shopping.

# DAY 10 Marrakech - Casablanca

Your tour ends in Casablanca.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)







# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Stroll through the ancient market of Medina
- ✓ Learn about MonkeyWatch, dedicated to protecting the Barbary macagues
- Experience a Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop
- ✓ Visit Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou, an impressive feat of Moroccan architecture



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Val D'Anfa Hotel, Casablanca. Riad Yacout, Fes. Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud. Auberge du sud Hotel, Merzouga. Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades, Opera Plaza, Marrakech.

MEALS: 18 meals (9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, 4x4 vehicle and camel

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,959

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • Due to flight schedules, an extra night may be required in Casablanca (at an additional cost).

# **Tour start date**

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<b>JAN</b> 14	<b>OCT</b> 06
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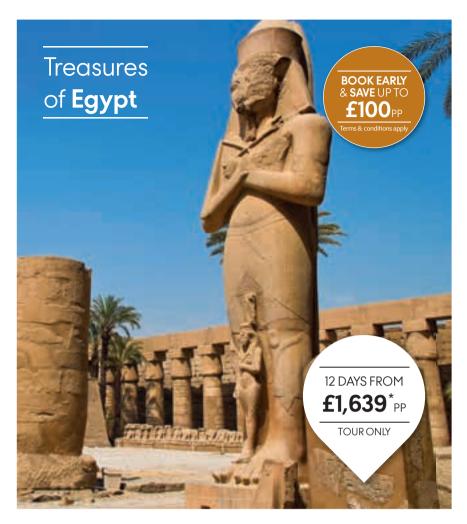
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The mysteries and treasures of Egypt unfold before you on your journey along the intriguing Nile River. Discover the Pyramids of Giza – one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. Egypt's fascinating story awaits to be discovered.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Cairo**

Your tour starts in Cairo.

#### DAY 2 Cairo - Giza - Sakkara - Memphis - Cairo

Today visit one of the seven ancient wonders of the world – the Pyramids of Giza. Stand in awe at the iconic Great Sphinx then this afternoon, travel south to visit Sakkara and explore the site of ancient Memphis. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.

## DAY 3 Cairo - Luxor

Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities then later, transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor.

#### **DAY 4 Luxor**

Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes to explore its awe-inspiring sights. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and visit the Luxor Temple.

#### DAY 5 Luxor - Board Cruise Ship

Return to the West Bank this morning to spend time discovering the tombs in the Valley of Nobles then board your cruise ship. This evening, enjoy the sound and light show at the Karrnak Temple.

## DAY 6 Luxor - Esna - Edfu

This morning, spend time exploring the expansive Karnak Temple which dates back to 2000 B.C. Then, begin your sail down the Nile towards Esna on your way to Edfu. This evening, join the fun during a traditional galabaya party

## DAY 7 Edfu - Kom Ombo

Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo – your stop for the evening. Following dinner, enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance.

#### DAY 8 Kom Ombo - Aswan

Your day begins in Aswan where you'll discover its important sites including the High Dam, the unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple. Later, take a walk through Nubian history during your visit to a museum.

#### DAY 9 Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Abu Simbel Optional Tour

. Disembark the ship in Aswan. Choose an optional tour to Abu Simbel\* Later, board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island for a short stroll through the botanical garden.

## DAY 10 Aswan - Cairo

Fly back to Cairo.

#### DAY 11 Cairo

Venture to the Citadel, a medieval fortification located on a hill overlooking the city. Take a walking tour of Old Cairo before having free time to shop in the worldfamous souk of Khan el Khalil.

#### DAY 12 Cairo

Your tour ends in Cairo.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic/River Cruise

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)









## Tour highlights

- ✓ Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise of the
- Explore the expansive Karnak Temple
- ✓ Enjoy a belly dancing performance
- ✓ Set sail aboard a felucca (wooden sail boat) to Kitchener Island



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Fairmont Nile City Hotel, Cairo. Sonesta St. George Hotel, Luxor. M/Y Mirage 1 Nile Cruise. Basma Hotel, Aswan. Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo.

MEALS: 22 meals (11 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise, felucca and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,179

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking • An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately 19 GBP. If you have purchased either international air and/or transfers through us, your visa will be provided upon arrival at no additional cost. If you purchase your own air and transfers, you must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt.

#### **Tour start date**

	2017
<b>FEB</b> 09	<b>OCT</b> 12, 26
MAR 02, 09	<b>NOV</b> 02
<b>APR</b> 20, 27	<b>DEC</b> 07
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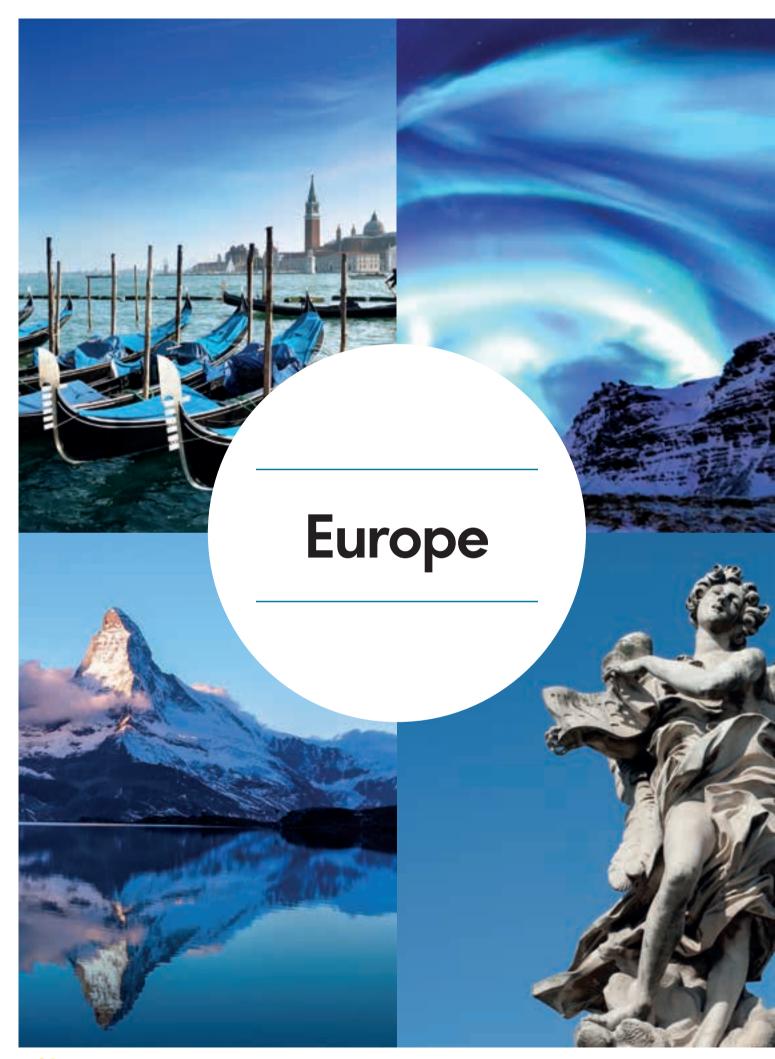
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## **Spain**

Family life, passion and sophistication describes the Spanish fabric of daily life in this diverse country, where music, fine wine and family dining take centre stage. The bustling city of Barcelona combined with its long sandy beach and stunning cathedral makes for a perfect location to explore. And with Madrid's historic centre and Valencia's lively port city there is plenty to occupy everyone.

## **Portugal**

This island is one of beauty, with rich and lush landscapes and artfully designed botanical gardens make it a pleasure to stroll around. Its sea front location influences it's cuisine with salt Cod being a national dish. Portugal is home to the famous pilgrimage site at Fatima which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2017.

## Italy

Italy is filled with spectacular scenery from the rolling hills of Tuscany to the architectural splendours such as the Vatican in Rome, and the sunken waterways of Venice. Steeped with historical brilliance and Renaissance treasures in Florence and the ruins of Pompeii beneath the mighty, Mount Vesuvius. Not to mention the fine wines and delicious cuisine that we all know and love.

## Croatia

An Eastern European treasure with more than a thousand islands and rugged coastlines, terraced lakes and dense forests. Dubrovnik fronts the Adriatic Coast line known as the 'Peal of the Adriatic'. Its Old Town was built in the 16th Century and is an enchanting place to visit. Zagreb in contrast is the capital city but less visited by tourists and situated further inland with Gothic inspired buildings and fine restaurants, bars.

## **Central Europe**

Featuring some of the world's hidden gems, this part of the continent provides a taste of how the world once was. Travel through grand cities, climb high into the the Alps, relax in a local restaurant or simply wonder the coastline for spectacular views

#### **Iceland**

As "the land of fire and ice," Iceland offers visitors some of the most amazing and spectacular experiences to be found. Settled over a thousand years ago by the Vikings it has its culture deeply rooted in ancient heritage. You'll be sure to return home full of unforgettable memories and excitement to continue your adventure.



This tour takes you on an exciting journey around Spain's colourful pageant of art, history and culture throughout Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona, Granada, Cordoba and Toledo. Set against a backdrop of the sunny Mediterranean this destination is waiting to be explored.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Madrid**

Your tour starts in Madrid with an included welcome dinner.

## DAY 2 Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo - Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. This afternoon travel to Toledo, the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Also stop in the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz

#### DAY 3 Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Today you'll travel to the Moorish city of Cordoba and embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. You'll continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter before heading to Seville.

#### **DAY 4 Seville**

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza de España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers.

## DAY 5 Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra and also tour the Generalife, where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens.

## DAY 6 Granada - Valencia

Today you'll travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves.

## DAY 7 Valencia - Paella Experience

It's your choice today! You can take a walking tour of historic Valencia or, perhaps you would prefer to explore the impressive City of Arts & Science, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of Porcelain. After you'll have a "paella experience" featuring a boat ride; a paella-making demonstration followed by an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 8 Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards.

#### DAY 9 Barcelona

Enjoy a locally guided tour of this beautiful city before your farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain!

#### DAY 10 Barcelona

Your tour ends in Barcelona.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville
- Take a walking tour of historic Valencia
- ✓ Visit the exotic and expansive Alhambra palace
- ✓ Become part of an authentic "paella experience," and learn how this rice dish is made



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Melia Galgos, Madrid. Hotel Melia Sevilla, Seville. Hotel Melia Granada, Granada. Hotel Tryp Oceanic, Valencia. Plaza Fira Centre, Barcelona.

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,459

NOTE: • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>FEB</b> 10	<b>AUG</b> 27
MAR 05, 19, 26, 31	<b>SEP</b> 08, 10, 15, 17, 22,
<b>APR</b> 02, 23	24, 29
MAY 03, 21, 28	<b>OCT</b> 06, 13, 15, 22
<b>JUN</b> 18, 25	<b>NOV</b> 03, 05, 10
JUL 09, 16	

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Explore the picture perfect Lisbon, Europe's second oldest capital city. Then head to Spain's colourful pageant of art, history and culture. Set against a backdrop that spans sunny Mediterranean shores and grand mountain ranges.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Lisbon, Portugal

Your tour starts in Lisbon.

#### DAY 2 Lisbon

Take a tour of Lisbon then enjoy a dinner complete with local cuisine, wines and Fado music.

## DAY 3 Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos

Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. View the Batalha Monastery, then travel to the quaint seaside town of Nazare and the town of Obidos.

## DAY 4 Lisbon - Madrid, Spain

Travel across the countryside of Portugal before arriving into the capital city of Spain - Madrid.

## DAY 5 Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. This afternoon travel to Toledo

#### DAY 6 Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Today travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital."

#### **DAY 7 Seville**

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarter then continue to Plaza de España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show featuring Seville's top performers.

## DAY 8 Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, the immense hilltop palace that is a UNESCO site.

#### DAY 9 Granada - Valencia

Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape before arriving in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture.

## DAY 10 Valencia - Paella Experience

It's your choice today! You may take a walking tour of historic Valencia or, perhaps you would prefer to explore the impressive City of Arts & Science. Then take a boat ride on the canals, visit a traditional fisherman's home and experience a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure

#### DAY 11 Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure.

## **DAY 12 Barcelona**

Take a city tour of Barcelona. Then gather this evening for a farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 13 Barcelona**

Your tour ends in Barcelona

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) **3** 









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville
- ✓ It's your choice: a walking tour of historic Valencia or explore the Lladro City of Porcelain
- ✓ In Cordoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel
- ✓ Discover 13 UNESCO World Heritage sites



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon. Hotel Melia Galgos, Madrid. Hotel Melia Sevilla, Seville. Hotel Melia Granada, Granada. Hotel Tryp Oceanic, Valencia. Gallery Hotel,

MEALS: 19 meals (12 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

**SOLO TRAVELLERS:** From £2,359 NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
MAR 23	<b>AUG</b> 31
<b>APR</b> 01, 20, 27	<b>SEP</b> 07, 14, 21, 28
<b>MAY</b> 04, 11, 18, 25	<b>OCT</b> 05, 12, 19, 26
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Enjoy the art, culture and history of extraordinary Barcelona on a six day exploration. Discover Antoni Gaudí's architectural masterpieces, stroll by cathedrals and through the quaint squares of the Gothic Quarter, or visit the famous La Boqueria open-air market.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Barcelona, Spain

Your tour starts in Barcelona

DAY 2 Barcelona - Parc Güell - La Sagrada Familia Get acquainted with one of the liveliest cities in all of Europe on your locally guided tour. Next, explore the most popular monument in Spain, Antoni Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Familia, still under construction after more than 100 years. The afternoon is at leisure to relax, explore independently or perhaps

take an optional excursion to Montserrat.

#### **DAY 3 Barcelona**

Today it's your choice of locally guided walking tours! You may choose to begin at the 14th-century basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, created in pure Catalan Gothic style, followed by a leisurely paced walking tour of Barcelona's historic Gothic Quarter. Or perhaps you will choose to meet the locals while exploring La Boqueria, Barcelona's largest and oldest open-air market, portions of which date back to the Middle Ages; then head to Las Ramblas Boulevard, the most famous walking street in Barcelona; discover famous landmarks such as Gran Teatre del Liceu, Plaza Real, Palau de la Virreina, and one of Antoni Gaudí's architectural treasures – Güell Palace. The afternoon is free to explore intriguing Barcelona on your own.

#### DAY 4 Barcelona - Penedès Wine Region - Cooking Class - Sitges

Your journey brings you to the Penedès, the land of wine and cava. Take in the sights, smells, tastes, sounds, textures and sensations during a fun-filled interactive cooking class followed by a delightful lunch of Catalan specialties. Later, tour the beautiful Codorniu cellars, the world's largest producer of cava and sample a variety of wines before proceeding to the whitewashed coastal town of Sitges.

#### DAY 5 Barcelona

Enjoy a day at leisure to create your own adventure in this fascinating city. This evening, toast the end of a memorable trip with the popular local drink chupito de hiervas, followed by a sumptuous farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 6 Barcelona**

Your tour ends in Barcelona.

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## Avenida Palace Hotel

The majestic Avenida Palace Hotel stands in the heart of the city of Barcelona between two of the city's best-known streets – Passeig de Gràcia and Rambla de Catalunya. In an incomparable location in the midst of Barcelona's most important shopping streets, it is in walking distance of the city's most prestigious stores and restaurants. It is also connected to the modern public transport system, giving easy access to the city's leading cultural and leisure attractions.











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**TOUR STYLE:** Spotlights

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit Barcelona's oldest open-air market, and tour Gaudi's fascinating Güell Palace
- Take an interactive cooking class and learn the secrets of Catalan cuisine
- ✓ Visit a winery and experience a tasting



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Avenida Palace Hotel, Barcelona. MEALS: 8 meals (5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 2 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

**SOLO TRAVELLERS:** From £1,519

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>FEB</b> 05	<b>JUL</b> 09
MAR 26	<b>AUG</b> 13
<b>APR</b> 23	<b>SEP</b> 03
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Delve into three grand cities of the Iberian Peninsula, each filled with unique treasures to uncover. Spend time exploring Madrid, Seville and Lisbon. From beginning to end, you will have plenty of time to get to know each of these magnificent cities.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Madrid, Spain

Your tour starts in Madrid.

#### DAY 2 Madrid

Today you choose your tour! Join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour. Then it's off to explore the priceless masterpieces of Madrid's Prado Museum. Or, perhaps you will opt for a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era. Your afternoon is at leisure

#### DAY 3 Madrid - AVE High-Speed Train - Cordoba -Seville

Sit back and enjoy stunning landscapes as you travel via high-speed train to the Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, arrive in charismatic Seville, the city of Carmen, Don Juan and Figaro.

## DAY 4 Seville - Royal Alcázar - Tapas Lunch

Join a local expert in discovering the intriguing myths, stories and legends of Seville. You will be impressed by this historic city's Mudéjar architecture. Then, walk through the sprawling and colourful Alcázar gardens. Next, see the Giralda Bell Tower and the majestic Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) then join a local flamenco dancer for a traditional "tapas lunch". Your afternoon is at leisure. This evening you have reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show.

## **DAY 5 Seville**

Enjoy a day to discover Seville as you choose. Seville exudes an immeasurable beauty and has a rich culture that is sure to dazzle your senses.

## DAY 6 Seville - Evora, Portugal - Lisbon

Say adios to Spain! Travel through beautiful countryside, across Alentejo's limitless plains and vineyards to historic Evora, Portugal. A leisurely paced walking tour reveals a true open-air museum inside Evora's medieval walls. Your day comes to a close in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal and one of Europe's most beautiful and cosmopolitan cities

#### **DAY 7 Lisbon**

Today is a choice of Lisbon Panoramic City Tour or Alfama District Walking Tour\*. Then this afternoon is at leisure. This evening, enjoy the captivating sounds of Fado music (UNESCO) that accompanies your dinner featuring local cuisine

#### DAY 8 Lisbon - Calouste Gulbenkian Museum -**National Tile Museum**

Start the day exploring the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, one of the world's great museums with a priceless private art collection that includes both Western and Eastern art. Then it's on to the delightful National Tile Museum. Enjoy another afternoon at leisure. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 9 Lisbon**

Your tour ends in Lisbon.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the monumental compound of the Royal Alcázar of Seville
- Embark on a walking tour of the Cordoba's Mezquita, a religious marvel
- ✓ Take your seat at an authentic flamenco show
- ✓ See one of the world's finest private art collections at the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Melia Galgos Hotel, Madrid. Melia Sevilla,

Seville. Turim Avenida Liberdade, Lisbon.

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,969

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • \*The Alfama District walking tour is mostly uphill. Participants need to be in good physical condition.

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>MAR</b> 12	JUL 09
<b>APR</b> 02	<b>SEP</b> 11, 24
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Travel via high-speed train to the Moorish city of Cordoba and relax in the Costa del Sol. Marvel at the grand architecture in Serville and Andalucia and enjoy Portugal's Riviera. Travel the Silver Coast and visit Fatima, the world-famous pilgrimage site.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Madrid, Spain

Your tour starts in Madrid.

#### DAY 2 Madrid

Today, join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour, or take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

## DAY 3 Madrid - Cordoba - Costa del Sol

Sit back and enjoy stunning landscapes as you travel via high-speed train to Cordoba. Then embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. Continue on to Spain's Costa del Sol.

#### DAY 4 Costa del Sol

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax and experience your hotel's direct beach access or pristine 18-hole golf

## DAY 5 Costa del Sol - Granada

Take a day trip to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Join a local expert for a tour of the worldfamous Alhambra, a hilltop palace and UNESCO site.

#### DAY 6 Costa del Sol - Ronda - Seville

Travel to Ronda, one of the loveliest and most historic towns in Andalucía. Join a local expert exploring Ronda's old town full of twisting narrow streets. Then, continue to Spain's "cultural capital" — Seville.

In Seville, see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and Giralda Bell Tower. Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter and continue to Plaza

## DAY 8 Seville - Azeitao, Portugal - Cascais

Depart Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Azeitao – an agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and country estates. Enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines when you visit a centuries-old winemaker. Later, arrive in Cascais, the famous and picturesque coastal resort on the Portuguese Riviera.

#### DAY 9 Cascais - Lisbon

This morning choose to join a panoramic Lisbon city tour or select a walking tour\* of the Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter. Your afternoon is at leisure in

#### DAY 10 Cascais - Ericeira - Sintra

Take a guided tour to visit the impressive Mafra Palace and Monastery, one of the largest Baroque buildings in Portugal. Enjoy some free time to explore the fishing village of Ericeira, perched on cliffs overlooking the Atlantic.

#### DAY 11 Cascais - Obidos - Nazare - Fatima

Travel Portugal's Silver Coast, a region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and centuries-old castles. Then, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a wonderful farewell dinner

#### **DAY 12 Cascais**

Your tour ends in Cascais.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Journey on the thrilling AVE High-Speed Train
- Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel
- ✓ Travel to Ronda, one of Spain's loveliest and most historic towns
- ✓ Visit the impressive Mafra Palace and Monastery



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Melia Galgos Hotel, Madrid. Parador Malága Golf, Malaga. Melia Sevilla, Seville. Vila Gale Cascais, Cascais.

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,109

**NOTE: •** On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The Alfama District walking tour is mostly uphill. Participants need to be in good physical condition.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>MAR</b> 10, 17, 24, 31	JUL 07
<b>APR</b> 21, 28	<b>SEP</b> 15, 22
<b>MAY</b> 12, 19	<b>OCT</b> 06, 13, 20, 27
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Explore spectacular natural beauty, works of art at the Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum, famous architecture such as the Baroque style Pousada, unique cultures and delicious cuisine on your journey through Northern Spain and Portugal.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Toledo, Spain

Your tour starts in Toledo.

## DAY 2 Toledo

Take a walking tour of Toledo then the remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 3 Toledo - Ribera del Duero - Burgos

Travel to Ribera del Duero, one of Spain's foremost wine-producing regions. Take a tour and tasting of its famed red wine at the spectacular winemaking facility of Bodegas Portia. Continue on to historic Burgos.

## DAY 4 Burgos - Bilbao

Arrive in Bilbao and tour the Guggenheim Museum. Next, enjoy the local favourite — a "txikiteo" (bar crawl) and a light lunch of various "pintxos".

#### DAY 5 Burgos - León/Benavente

Traverse the picturesque countryside to León and join a local guide for a visit to the magnificent 13th-century cathedral. Continue on a tour of the city.

#### DAY 6 León/Benavente - Santiago de Compostela

Arrive at Santiago de Compostela and join a local expert for a leisurely paced walking tour. Arrive at your hotel, the impressive Parador Hostal dos Reis Catolicos.

#### DAY 7 Santiago de Compostela - Guimarães, **Portugal**

Your morning is at leisure. Then cross the border into Portugal and travel to medieval Guimarães (UNESCO).

#### DAY 8 Guimarães - Cooking Class

Today you explore Guimarães. Your local guide will lead you on a tour featuring the 10th-century Guimarães

Castle and the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança. Later in the day, learn the secrets of Portuguese cuisine during an interactive cooking class; this is followed by dinner featuring local food and wines.

#### DAY 9 Guimarães - Porto

Join a local expert to discover the sights and sounds of Porto's riverfront district. Then learn about the wine making process on a tour of a winery, then sample its famous port wine.

#### DAY 10 Guimarães - Coimbra - Queluz

Discover the traditional art of handmade Portuguese porcelain during a visit to Vista Alegre. Journey to Coimbra, home to one of the world's first universities, and explore the city with your guide. Feel like a member of European royalty with a 3-night stay at the Baroquestyle Pousada de Queluz.

#### DAY 11 Queluz

This morning you may choose to join a panoramic Lisbon city tour (via coach), or perhaps you'd prefer a walking tour\* of Lisbon's historic Alfama District.

#### DAY 12 Queluz

Enjoy a day at leisure.

## DAY 13 Queluz

Your tour ends in Queluz.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)







# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the Church of Santo Torne to see El Greco's masterpiece painting
- Visit the world-class Guggenheim Museum, a spectacular structure
- ✓ Learn the secrets of Portuguese cuisine during an interactive cooking class
- ✓ Feel like a member of European royalty with a 3-night stay at the Baroque-style Pousada de Oueluz

## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Parador de Toledo, Toledo. Hotel Palacio de los Blasones, Burgos. Parador Hostal de San Marcos, Leon or Parador de Benavente. Parador Hostal dos Reis Católicos, Santiago de Compostela, Pousada Mosteiro de Guimarães. Guimarães. Pousada Palacio de Queluz, Queluz

MEALS: 21 meals (12 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 8 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 24 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,009

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The Alfama District walking tour is mostly uphill. Participants need to be in good physical condition. • Guests will arrive into Madrid airport and be transferred to Toledo (approximately 1 1/2 hour drive), and will depart from Lisbon, Portugal airport. • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>MAR</b> 15	<b>AUG</b> 02, 30
<b>APR</b> 22, 26	<b>SEP</b> 13, 27
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Explore sunny Portugal, with its miles of dramatic shoreline and legacy of global discovery. Discover Lisbon your way with a choice of included sightseeing and enjoy country life with an overnight stay in the heart of Alentejo's farms and vineyards.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Cascais, Portugal**

Your tour starts in Cascais

#### DAY 2 Lisbon

This morning it's your choice! You may choose to join a panoramic Lisbon city tour or perhaps you will choose to take a walking tour\* of the historic Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter. Later, enjoy leisure time in Cascais. This evening, savour excellent Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado (UNESCO).

#### DAY 3 Cascais - Sintra - Obidos - Fatima

Begin your day exploring the picturesque town of Sintra (UNESCO), the favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Travel to Portugal's beautiful "Silver Coast," a spectacular region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and age-old castles. Later, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site.

#### DAY 4 Cascais - Evora - Monsaraz - Alentejo

Travel through beautiful Portuguese countryside and stop in historic Evora. Next, journey to the hilltop, walled village of Monsaraz, a "jewel in the crown" of the Alentejo. Then, indulge in a winery tour and a tasting of the full-bodied character of the region's wines. Enjoy your stay in the heart of Alentejo's countryside during an overnight at a country resort set among 3,000 acres of farm land, vineyards and cork trees.

## DAY 5 Alentejo - Sagres - Lagos - Algarve

Travel to the famous Algarve and discover the secrets of the 16th-century fortress at Sagres, home of Prince Henry's School of Navigation and the "compass rose." Next, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, stroll through the fortress and historic buildings while taking in the surrounding ocean views during some leisure time.

#### **DAY 6 Algarve**

The entire day is yours to independently experience the beautiful Algarve.

## DAY 7 Algarve - Faro - São Brás de Alportel

Journey to Faro, gateway to the Ria Formosa protected lagoon landscape. Explore the city's historic centre with 9th-century Roman walls, dramatic golden coastline, and its architectural gems. In historic São Brás de Alportel, a presentation by a local liqueur maker is followed by a tasting of some of the many varieties produced in the region. Your day comes to an end with dinner featuring local delicacies and wine.

#### DAY 8 Algarve - Azeitao - Lisbon

En route to Lisbon, make a stop in Azeitao, a charming agricultural village. Spend time at the centuries-old Jose Maria da Fonseca Winery. Embark on a tour followed by a tasting of local wines, including moscatel. Later enjoy a farewell dinner.

#### DAY 9 Lisbon

Your tour ends in Lisbon.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Overnight among vineyards and farmland in the heart of the Alentejo region
- Stop in historic Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal"
- Venture to Lagos, where Prince Henry the Navigator began his explorations
- ✓ Discover the secrets of the 16th-century fortress at Sagres
- ✓ Visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage

#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Vila Gale, Cascais. Hotel Clube de Campo & Country Resort, Beja, Alentejo. Hotel Vila Gale Lagos, Algarve. Turim Marques Pombal Hotel, Lisbon.

MEALS: 14 meals (8 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,269

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The Alfama District walking tour is mostly uphill. Participants need to be in good physical condition. • Air passengers will arrive into Lisbon, Portugal airport. All transfers will depart from Lisbon airport for Cascais (approximately a 40 minute drive) • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>FEB</b> 11, 18	<b>SEP</b> 09, 13, 27, 30	
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This exciting tour of Portugal and its Islands enables you to really get under the skin of this stunning part of Europe. From charming coastal villages, exquisite scenery and fabulous cuisine and wines, this tour really does have it all.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Lisbon**

Your tour starts in Lisbon with an included welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2 Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril

Today you'll take a tour of Lisbon before you head towards Sintra. You'll continue on to Cascais and Estoril, on the Portuguese Riviera, before dinner with Portuguese cuisine

## DAY 3 Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos

Today you'll visit Fatima, and discover the famous Basilica and Monastery before continuing to Nazare. Then it is on to Obidos, where white-washed houses are guarded by a hilltop castle and medieval city walls.

DAY 4 Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada After your flight to St. Michael, you'll have a walking tour of Ponta Delgada's before visiting the twin lakes of Sete Cidades

#### DAY 5 Ponta Delgada - Terra Nostra Botanical Park - Furnas Valley

It is your choice this morning! Choose to explore the Terra Nostra Botanical Park, or, visit the park's thermal water pool. For lunch you'll experience a "cozido das furnas" before exploring a tea plantation.

#### **DAY 6 Ponta Delgada**

This morning is at leisure to explore Ponta Delgada. In the afternoon, you'll have a cooking demonstration at one of the island's restaurants.

#### DAY 7 Ponta Delgada - Lagoa do Fogo - Ribeira Grande - Nordeste

After a studio visit, you'll take in the vistas of Lagoa do

Fogo, before heading to Ribeira Grande. En-route to Nordeste you'll have an opportunity to taste some of the natural local liqueurs, before you explore the Natural Park and visit a pineapple plantation!

#### DAY 8 Ponta Delgada - St. Michael, Azores - Funchal, Madeira - Monte

Today you'll travel to Madeira, where you'll spend time visiting the Botanical Garden and discover its history during a tour around Funchal.

#### DAY 9 Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - São Vicente -Porto Moniz

Your morning will start with a visit to Câmara de Lobos, before continuing to Cabo Girão. Make a stop in São Vicente and in the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim in the natural volcanic pools.

#### DAY 10 Funchal - Ribeiro Frio - Trout Farm or Levada Walk - Santana

For your final day in Madeira, you'll visit Pico do Arieiro, before heading to Santana. Then, it's time to sample some Madeira wine and end your stay with a traditional dinner known as "espetada."

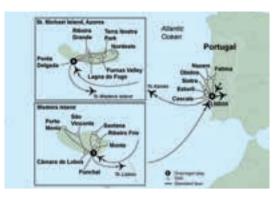
#### DAY 11 Funchal - Lisbon

After travelling back to Lisbon the rest of the day is at leisure before your farewell dinner.

## **DAY 12 Lisbon**

Your tour ends in Lisbon.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Discover Portugal's Riviera with visits to Cascais and Estoril
- ✓ Explore the crops of the region at pineapple and tea plantations
- ✓ Visit the vast collection of exotic plants at the Botanical Garden of Madeira
- ✓ Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the pilgrimage sites at Fatima



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Grand Hotel Altis, Lisbon. Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores. Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island. Grand Hotel Altis, Lisbon.

MEALS: 18 meals (11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,274

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Tour start date**

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<b>MAR</b> 11, 25	<b>AUG</b> 12
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Set out for these classic European Destinations. Explore three of the world's most beautiful nations. Each is home to a wealth of diverse history, culture, cuisine and heritage.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Lisbon, Portugal

Your tour starts in Lisbon.

#### DAY 2 Lisbon

Join a local guide for a tour of the city featuring the Moorish Alfama Quarter. Tonight, savour local cuisine and wine during dinner accompanied by traditional Fado music (UNESCO).

#### DAY 3 Lisbon - Azeitao - Seville, Spain

Your day begins with time in Azeitao. At a centuries-old winemaker you are treated to a tour and tasting of local wines. We continue on and cross the border into Spain.

#### **DAY 4 Seville**

Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter. This evening, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco performance.

#### DAY 5 Seville - Cordoba - Madrid

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba and embark on a walking tour. Later, transfer to the historic capital city of Spain – Madrid.

## DAY 6 Madrid - Choice on Tour

Today you may choose to join a local expert who will introduce you to the architectural treasures of Madrid on a panoramic tour via coach or you can spend your morning on a walking tour.

## **DAY 7 Madrid - Barcelona**

Today's journey brings you to Barcelona to explore at

## DAY 8 Barcelona - Parc Güell - La Sagrada Familia

Take a tour of Barcelona and discover Parc Güell - one of

Gaudi's greatest works. The afternoon is at leisure.

## DAY 9 Barcelona - Carcassonne, France

Cross the French border as we make our way to the hilltop town of Carcassonne. Enjoy free time to explore.

#### DAY 10 Carcassonne - St. Emilion - Bordeaux

Travel to the medieval wine village of St. Emilion. Visit a winery where you'll get to sample some of the region's hest wines.

#### **DAY 11 Bordeaux**

Take a tour of Bordeaux and then the afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 12 Bordeaux - Cognac - Blois (Loire Valley)

Make your way north to the "Land of Chateaux" – the Loire Valley. Visit Cognac, a city made famous for creating arguably the world's best brandy.

#### DAY 13 Blois (Loire Valley)

Embark on a tour of spectacular Château de Chenonceau perched along the banks of the Cher River.

## DAY 14 Blois (Loire Valley) - Paris

Visit Orleans and enjoy free time to stroll these historic streets before finishing the day in Paris.

#### **DAY 15 Paris**

Get to know this grand city your way — by coach or by Metro visiting all the sights. Tonight, enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner at the Eiffel Tower!

Your tour ends in Paris.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville
- ✓ Explore La Sagrada Familia, Antoni Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece
- Stay inside the medieval fortified UNESCO city of Carcassonne



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Turim Margues Pombal Hotel, Lisbon. Hotel Melia Lebreros, Seville. Courtyard Marriott Madrid Princesa Hotel, Madrid. Crowne Plaza Barcelona-Fira Centre, Barcelona. Hotel Le Donjon, Carcassone. Mercure Bordeaux Centre, Bordeaux. Holiday Inn, Blois. Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile,

MEALS: 23 meals (15 Breakfasts & 8 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,729

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

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This tour has everything you've always wanted in a trip to Italy with multiple-night stays in Rome, Florence, Venice, the Sorrento Coast and Stresa. You'll discover classical Rome; take a boat to Capri; explore the Renaissance in Florence's, and much, much more...

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Rome**

Your tour starts in Rome with an included welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2 Rome

This morning you'll embark on a guided tour of Rome visiting the main sights including the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum. The rest of your day is free to explore at your leisure.

## **DAY 3 Rome**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures independently.

## DAY 4 Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast

Journey south towards the Bay of Naples where you'll discover the ruins of Pompeii with a local guide. You'll then continue to Sorrento and take some time to explore the city independently.

## DAY 5 Sorrento Coast - Isle of Capri

A boat ride brings you to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Spend time in Capri town with its chic boutiques, lush vegetation and outdoor cafés.

## **DAY 6 Sorrento Coast - Florence**

Tuscany unfolds today with its panorama of vineyards and olive groves. Florence, awaits and offers Italy's best art and architecture. Tonight, you'll enjoy Italian cuisine at a local restaurant.

Today's guided tour of Florence highlights the Piazza del Duomo, with its Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery of

## DAY 8 Florence - Pisa - Venice

After breakfast you'll travel to Pisa and discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo and the Leaning Tower. You'll take lunch at a Tuscan winery before heading across the Apennine Mountains en-route to Venice.

## DAY 9 Venice - Murano Island

Today you'll board a boat bound for Murano Island for a glass making demonstration before you head back to St. Mark's Square. From here you can choose how you want to see Venice either with a local expert or on your own. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore.

#### DAY 10 Venice - Verona - Stresa

This morning you'll head for Verona, where you can stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. You'll end the day in the resort town of Stresa in the Italian Lake District, with beautiful views of Lago Maggiore.

#### DAY 11 Stresa - Locarno, Switzerland - Isola dei Pescatori, Italy

Today, you'll cross into Switzerland and the lakeside resort of Locarno for stunning views, excellent shopping and charming cafés. Tonight, we travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner.

## DAY 12 Stresa

Your tour ends today in Streza.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Take an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum
- ✓ Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glassblowing demonstration
- ✓ Stoll the streets of Verona the backdrop for Romeo and Juliet
- ✓ Enjoy the Italian lakes in the resort of Stresa

#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome, Towers Hotel, Sorrento Coast, Sorrento. Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence. Hotel Bellini, Venice. Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa.

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 5 Dinners)

**TRANSPORT:** Coach and boat trips **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2.509

**NOTE: •** On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • Return flights home should not be booked before 10:00 a.m.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>JUN</b> 05, 12, 19	

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The romance of Italy comes to life. From rugged cost to remote villages, you'll explore a local farm and indulge in cheese and wine tasting. Get to know Florence and enjoy Tuscan cuisine. You'll fall in love with this spectacular country!

#### Your tour

#### **DAY 1 Stresa**

Your tour starts in Stresa. Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party, tasting some local specialties. A boat transports you to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori\*.

#### **DAY 2 Stresa**

Today, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains where you'll stop at a local farm to sample their artisanally produced cheeses paired with the region's delicious wines. The remainder of your day in Stresa is at leisure

## DAY 3 Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera

Depart the Italian Lakes region for Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast. Stop at Lake Orta and take a boat to Isola di San Giulio then continue on to the Italian Riviera.

#### DAY 4 Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre

Spend your day discovering the colourful Cinque Terre. Travel by rail through the medieval villages of the Cinque Terre, perched on the edge of the sea. Spend an afternoon independently exploring a string of fishing villages.

#### DAY 5 Italian Riviera - Lucca - Tuscan Villa

Drive to the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16thcentury Renaissance walls. Then you'll choose the way you discover Lucca: on foot or by bicycle. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa\*\*

#### **DAY 6 Florence**

Get to know Florence with a walking tour of the city's treasures and monuments. Then explore independently before returning to your villa.

#### **DAY 7 Siena**

Travel to Siena for an expert-led walking tour. Visit the town's dramatic cathedral, a stunning example of Romanesque and Gothic architecture.

#### **DAY 8 Tuscan Countryside**

Visit a winery in the heart of Tuscany and participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by the winery's own chef. Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch expertly paired with wines produced on-site. At dinner, continue your sampling of Tuscan cuisine in one of Tuscany's traditional restaurants.

#### DAY 9 Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

Depart for Venice and stop in Bologna where we take a guided walking tour of the centre, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. We'll also sample local delicacies at speciality food shops. Later, arrive in romantic Venice for your 2-night stay.

#### DAY 10 Venice

Enjoy a boat trip\*\*\* to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration. Return to St. Mark's Square for a locally guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, and a visit to the Doge's Palace. Then enjoy a farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 11 Venice**

Your tour ends in Venice.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures
- ✓ Discover the colourful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- ✓ Experience medieval life at the Palazzo Davanzati
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glassblowing demonstration

## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa. Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Italian Riviera. Villa Lecchi, Tuscany. Hotel Bonvecchiati, Venice.

MEALS: 17 meals (10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trips and train

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,739

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • 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 • Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. \*The dinner at Isola dei Pescatori is held from April to October; from November to March, dinner will be in the town of Stresa • \*\*Note that villas in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region and we use different properties on this programme • \*\*\*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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Immerse yourself in the local food, world-renowned wine and breathtaking sights of the Piedmont region of Italy. Venture by boat to the stunning Borromean Islands and visit the Royal Kitchens at the Royal Palace. Your true taste of Northern Italy awaits!

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Lago Maggiore

Your tour starts in Lago Maggiore.

#### DAY 2 Lago Maggiore - Borromean Islands

Cruise on scenic Lago Maggiore past the Borromean Islands, villas and historic palaces. Take a guided tour of the colourful lakeside town of Pallanza. Then visit a local shop for a tasting of some local delicacies.

#### DAY 3 Lago Maggiore - Province of Vercelli -Serralunga di Crea - Bra

Travel to the province of Vercelli, an area that is one of Europe's leading rice producers and make a stop at a traditional rice farm. Continue to Sacro Monte di Serralunga di Crea, one of the nine Sacred Mountains in Italy. Next, it's on to Langhe-Roero & Monferrato, with its enchanting rolling hills, castles and vineyards.

#### DAY 4 Langhe-Roero & Monferrato Area

Begin exploring the Langhe area with a stop in the small  $\,$ hilltop village of La Morra. Take in the breathtaking panoramas of the valley then join a guide for a walk\* through vineyards and country roads.

#### DAY 5 Langhe-Roero & Monferrato Area

Today you venture into the woods to meet a "trifolao" (truffle hunter) and their hunting dog. Then, have the opportunity to sample this rare delicacy. Next, travel to Alba to independently explore this culinary mecca renowned for white truffles and chocolates. Afterwards, continue on to the town of Canelli, known as Italy's largest producer of sparkling white wines.

## DAY 6 Langhe-Roero & Monferrato Area

This morning visit the Castle of Monticello, one of the best-preserved medieval castles in the region and surprisingly still lived in. Continue to a family run "agriturismo" (small farm) for a delightful home-hosted lunch. Then it's on to Barbaresco, a small picturesque village to sample the delicious Barbaresco wine.

#### DAY 7 Langhe-Roero & Monferrato Area - Turin

Arrive in the regal city of Turin, Italy's first capital city. Join a local guide who will lead you on an exploration tour including an exclusive private tour of the Royal Kitchens in the Palace. Learn about the foods that were on the tables of kings and queens. The remainder of the day is yours to explore.

Relish a full day at leisure to wander the city and find your own adventure. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAV 9 Turin

Your tour ends in Turin.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE:** (1)(2)(3)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the magnificent "underground cathedrals" of Canelli
- Meet a truffle hunter and learn about the "king" of mushrooms
- ✓ Stop at a traditional rice producer in the province of Vercelli



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Zacchera Hotels\*\*, Lago Maggiore. Hotel Cantine Ascheri, Bra. Turin Palace Hotel, Turin.

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2.139

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. • \*The La Morra walking tour is weather permitting. This easy downhill stroll takes approximately 40 minutes • \*\*Zacchera Hotels is a hotel chain in Lago Maggiore. The exact hotel to be used will be available 15 days prior to the tour departure date • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

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This nine day tour of Italy explores the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena, Venice, Assisi, Perugia and Milan and takes you through the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside. You'll discover masterpieces in Florence and be spellbound in Venice.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Rome**

Your tour starts in Rome with an included welcome dinner.

## **DAY 2 Rome**

This morning you'll embark on a guided tour of Rome visiting the main sights. The rest of your day is free to explore at your leisure.

## DAY 3 Rome - Assisi - Perugia/Assisi

Today you'll travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, where you'll have a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you are off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria with one of the grandest squares in Italy – the Piazza IV Novembre.

## DAY 4 Perugia/Assisi - Siena - Florence

A scenic journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills brings you to Siena. After a walking tour with a local expert, you'll have some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena, before heading to Florence and enjoy some free time before dinner.

#### **DAY 5 Florence**

This morning you'll visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible statue of David, and you'll also view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Church of Santa Croce. The afternoon has been left free for you to explore at your leisure.

## DAY 6 Florence - Venice

Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region and enjoy a light lunch filled with local specialties. This afternoon, you'll journey through central Italy, to Venice with its 117 tiny islands, 150 canals and 400 bridges.

#### DAY 7 Venice - Murano Island

Today you'll board a boat bound for Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration before you head back to St. Mark's Square. From here you can choose how you want to see Venice either with a local expert or on your own.

#### DAY 8 Venice - Milan Malpensa

Today you'll travel to Milan and explore some of the city's amazing sights on a locally guided walking tour. In the afternoon you'll have an opportunity to indulge in some shopping at the "Quadrilatero della Moda," Milan's high-fashion district. In the evening you'll have a farewell dinner in Milan Malpensa celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip.

#### DAY 9 Milan Malpensa

Your tour ends in Milan Malpensa.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the majestic city of Venice
- ✓ Enjoy a scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills
- ✓ Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David
- ✓ Visit a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome; Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia. Albani Hotel, Florence, Carlton on the Grand Canal Hotel, Venice. Crowne Plaza Malpensa, Malpensa.

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trips **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,749

**NOTE: •** On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### Tour start date

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2017		
<b>JAN</b> 25	<b>JUL</b> 11, 25	
<b>FEB</b> 15	<b>AUG</b> 08, 15	
<b>MAR</b> 02, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30	<b>SEP</b> 05, 07, 19, 21, 28	
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<b>APR</b> 04, 06, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25	24, 26	
	<b>NOV</b> 07, 09, 21, 28	
<b>MAY</b> 04, 11, 18, 25	<b>DEC</b> 12	
<b>JUN</b> 01, 06, 22		

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<b>JAN</b> 25	MAR 06, 08, 13, 15, 20,
FEB 27	22, 27
	APR 05, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20

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Join us on a journey through southern Italy and embrace its rich scenery, art, culture, food and wine. We'll explore classical Rome and discover the ruins of Pompeii before enjoying the breath-taking scenery of the Amalfi Coast.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Rome**

Your tour starts in Rome with an included welcome dinner.

## **DAY 2 Rome**

After breakfast you'll have an opportunity to visit the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica before embarking on a panoramic tour of Rome visiting the classical sights, featuring the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine and the Colosseum.

#### DAY 3 Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast

You'll leave Rome after breakfast and journey to the Amalfi Coast taking a break at the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino, perched on a mountaintop south of Rome. You'll discover its rich history while exploring the monastery's ornate chapel, peaceful courtyards, and fascinating museum.

#### DAY 4 Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Amalfi - Minori

Begin your day exploring the popular and charming seaside resort town of Sorrento, before travelling to the town of Amalfi. Your next stop will be Minori where you'll visit the limoncello factory before enjoying some free time in the evening.

#### DAY 5 Amalfi Coast - Paestum

After breakfast, discover an Italian delicacy during a tour of a local buffalo milk mozzarella factory. Your day continues with a visit to Paestum where a local guide will escort you through some of the best-preserved Greek temples outside of Greece. End your day with dinner at a popular local restaurant

## DAY 6 Amalfi Coast

Today you can enjoy a day at leisure to take in the beautiful scenery of the Amalfi Coast. You may wish to sign up for an optional boat trip to the wonderful Mediterranean island of Capri, where a local guide will provide an interesting tour of this paradisiacal island.

#### DAY 7 Amalfi Coast - Pompeii

Today, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. A local guide will provide an in-depth tour of this remarkable archaeological site. After which you'll have an opportunity to stop at a local winery at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius to savour the famous Lacryma Christo wines and enjoy a typical Neapolitan lunch.

#### DAY 8 Amalfi Coast - Naples - Rome

After breakfast you'll say farewell to the Amalfi Coast and proceed to vibrant Naples. Enjoy a visit to the fascinating National Archaeological Museum, one of the finest in the world.

#### DAY 9 Rome

Your tour ends in Rome.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the fascinating National Archaeological Museum in Naples
- Discover the amazing mountain top monastery of Montecassino
- ✓ Savour the famous Lacryma Christo wines at a local winery
- ✓ Immerse yourself in historical Rome



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Imperiale Hotel, Rome. Raito Hotel, Vietrisul Mare, Amalfi Coast. A. Roma Lifestyle Hotel, Rome.

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,879

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

2017		
<b>MAR</b> 03, 10, 17, 24, 31	<b>AUG</b> 18, 25	
<b>APR</b> 02, 03, 20, 21, 23, 28, 30	<b>SEP</b> 01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 17, 22	
<b>MAY</b> 05, 12, 19, 26, 28	<b>OCT</b> 06, 13, 20, 27	
<b>JUN</b> 09, 16, 23	<b>NOV</b> 03, 10	
JUL 14, 21, 28	<b>DEC</b> 10	
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**JAN** 26 MAR 09, 16 **FEB** 25 **APR** 06, 13, 20, 27

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Unpack only once and get to know exciting Rome, a metropolitan city steeped in history and tradition and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Discover the stories of the famous Colosseum and delve into the secrets of Italian cuisine.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Rome**

Your tour starts in Rome. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant

## **DAY 2 Rome**

Today you may choose to discover the beauty of the sophisticated ancient art of mosaics with a local guide who leads you to some of Rome's churches that are bursting with mosaic masterpieces. Or join a local expert for a walking tour of the city that culminates at the famous Fontana di Trevi. The remainder of the day is vours to discover at leisure

#### **DAY 3 Rome**

Today we will explore Rome's culinary treasures. First, set off on a walking tour through the "Eternal City" to the famed Campo dei Fiori Market. Next, discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chef-led cooking class. Learn how to prepare three types of pasta!

#### DAY 4 Rome

This morning you'll learn the history and traditions of ancient Rome. Imagine the energy of 80,000 spectators cheering during your visit to the Colosseum, once home to gladiatorial combat and wild animal fights dating back to the first century A.D. This afternoon, continue exploring Rome's artistic treasures during a guided visit to the Vatican Museums. You will be in awe of the opulence at the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.

#### **DAY 5 Rome**

Your day is at leisure to relax, shop or explore the city your way. Perhaps you'll visit one of Rome's many remarkable museums including the Capitoline Museum or the Borghese Gallery. Or you may decide to explore the Capuchin Crypt beneath the church of Santa Maria della Concezione, containing the skeletons of approximately 4,000 friars. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a special farewell dinner where you'll be serenaded with music from local musicians.

#### DAY 6 Rome

Your tour ends in Rome.

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#### Dei Borgia Hotel

The Borgia Hotel's excellent position makes it easy to reach the main areas of historical interest in the capital, such as the Colosseum, the Altaredella Patria, Piazza Venezia, Via del Corso, Piazza del Quirinale, Via Nazionale, Piazza di Spagna and the Trevi Fountain. The hotel is near Termini rail station, making it easy to reach.











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TOUR STYLE: Spotlights

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Browse the medieval open-air Campo dei Fiori Market
- You choose: a mosaic masterpieces tour or walking tour of Rome
- ✓ Enjoy a guided visit to the Vatican Museums



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Dei Borgia, Rome. MEALS: 8 meals (5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 2 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,199

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>FEB</b> 21	<b>AUG</b> 16
MAR 07, 21	<b>SEP</b> 06, 13, 20
<b>APR</b> 04, 18	<b>OCT</b> 04
MAY 17	<b>NOV</b> 01
<b>JUN</b> 07	<b>DEC</b> 06
<b>JUL</b> 05, 12	

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<b>JAN</b> 17	<b>MAR</b> 07, 14
<b>FEB</b> 14	<b>APR</b> 11, 18

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The rolling hills of Tuscany are home to sprawling vineyards, charming hill towns and enchanting cities steeped in history, culture and legend. Discover them for yourself on this relaxing journey into the Italian countryside, Tuscany as you've always imagined it.

#### Your tour

### DAY 1 Montecatini Terme, Italy

Your tour starts in Montecatini Terme, with an included welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Florence**

During your day in Florence, you'll have a guided cultural tour showcasing this beautiful city and its priceless treasures including a visit to the Academy Gallery – which houses Michelangelo's monumental statue of David. At the Piazza del Duomo, you will see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore this city as

#### DAY 3 Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line

Today you'll set out on a guided visit of the charming city Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. It is home to medieval churches and streets flanked flanked by towers, and delightful squares. You'll have some free time to enjoy lunch and explore at your leisure Afterwards, you'll depart for Borgo a Mozzano and view the remarkable Ponte del Diavolo before heading towards the Gothic Line – built by the Germans. You'll also have time to visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers.

#### DAY 4 Siena

Discover charming Siena with a local guide on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets. You'll come across stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo along the way. Your day continues with a visit to a Tuscan winery where you'll meet the people behind some of Chianti's finest wines.

Explore the many historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the Piazza dei Miracoli. Be sure to have your camera handy for a stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa so you, too, can take a picture that makes it appear as if you are holding this iconic structure up!

#### DAY 6 Montecatini Terme

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavour. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline.

## DAY 7 San Gimignano

Begin your day with a visit to a cheese factory, before travelling to the hilltop village of San Gimignano. Explore this enchanting medieval town and perhaps indulge in some famous Italian gelato! This evening you'll attend a Tuscan feast in the magical Tuscan countryside.

#### DAY 8 Montecatini Terme

Your tour ends in Montecatini Terme.

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Hotel Ercolini & Savi is located 400 metres from the station and just a few minutes from Corso Matteotti where you will find the city's best shops, boutiques, ice-cream parlours, cafés and restaurants.











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**TOUR STYLE:** Spotlights

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the Academy Gallery and Michelangelo's famous statue of David
- Explore Lucca, Italy's best-kept secret
- ✓ See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defence during WWII
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Ercolini & Savi, Montecatini Terme.

MEALS: 10 meals (7 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,199

NOTE: • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>MAR</b> 10, 24, 31	<b>SEP</b> 08, 15, 22, 29
<b>APR</b> 05, 11, 12, 19, 21, 28	<b>OCT</b> 06, 11, 13, 20, 27
MAY 12	<b>NOV</b> 01, 03, 08, 10
<b>JUN</b> 09	<b>DEC</b> 01
JUL 07	
<b>AUG</b> 25	-

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<b>JAN</b> 26	MAR 21, 23
<b>FEB</b> 23	<b>APR</b> 06, 13, 20

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History, culture, art and romance await you on this wonderful introduction to a country you are sure to fall in love with. Take in a Venetian adventure and be whisked by high-speed train from Venice to Florence.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1** Venice, Italy

Your tour starts in Venice.

#### DAY 2 Venice

Explore enchanting Venice with 117 tiny islands surrounded by its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Your Venetian adventure opens in Murano Island\* for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square, the lively hub of the city's activity and events. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour through the area highlighting St. Mark's Basilica and the Clock Tower. The remainder of the day is yours to explore this enchanting city.

#### **DAY 3 Venice - Florence**

Board your high-speed train to Florence and zip through the beautiful Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions. In Florence, meet a local expert for an introduction to this great city. On your leisurely paced walking tour, your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistry. End your day with a demonstration of the fascinating techniques used in creating stunning Florentine gold jewellery at a local shop overlooking the Church of Santa Croce.

#### **DAY 4 Florence**

Today you'll spend time at the Academy Gallery. Explore this amazing museum, home of the most famous sculptures in the world – including Michelangelo's David. The remainder of the day is yours to continue exploring the city's cultural riches on your own.

#### **DAY 5 Florence - Rome**

This afternoon, meet a local guide and get to know the history of Rome on a panoramic tour that introduces you to the city's countless treasures. Conclude at the Colosseum where your guide will take you on a walk through the halls of this previous home of gladiatorial combat and wild animal fights that dates back to the first century A.D.

## **DAY 6 Rome**

The morning is at leisure to explore the city your way. Later, you'll be treated to a visit to Vatican City. Meander through the various intriguing exhibits on your guided tour of the fascinating Vatican Museums. You'll be awed by the intricate artwork that adorns the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. The remainder of your day is at leisure to discover all of Rome's treasures independently. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure at your farewell dinner.

#### DAY 7 Rome

Your tour ends in Rome.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Zip through the countryside on your high-speed train to Florence
- Visit the Academy Gallery to view the extraordinary Michelangelo's David
- ✓ A local expert will lead you on a tour of the Colosseum



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Santa Marina, Venice. Mediterraneo Grand Hotel, Florence. Romanico Hotel, Rome.

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,449

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>AUG</b> 06	
<b>SEP</b> 03, 24	
<b>OCT</b> 08, 22	
<b>NOV</b> 05, 12	
<b>DEC</b> 03	

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<b>JAN</b> 28	<b>MAR</b> 04, 18
<b>FEB</b> 25	<b>APR</b> 15

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See another side of Italy. Explore Tuscany and Umbria's smaller, more authentic towns. Learn the secrets of Tuscan and Umbrian cuisine. Along the way, savour regional specialties and enjoy Italian wines with every dinner.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Rome**

Your tour start in Rome. Meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in a local restaurant.

## DAY 2 Rome - Orvieto - Umbria

Travel to the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto, known for its white wine and Gothic cathedral housing a Signorelli fresco. Upon arrival, join a local expert on a walking tour. Then take time to explore this town on your own.

## DAY 3 Umbria - Spoleto

Embark on a guided walking tour of historic Spoleto. See medieval palaces, the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta, and the magnificent Ponte delle Torri. Pay a special visit to a country restaurant housed in a 16thcentury farmhouse where the chef provides a hands-on Umbrian cooking lesson.

#### DAY 4 Umbria - Montefalco - Bevagna

Travel to Montefalco, nicknamed the "Balcony of Umbria" for its unobstructed views of the Umbrian countryside. Then, it's on to a local winery to sip some of this region's most prized wine, the Sagrantino, before enjoying lunch featuring typical Umbrian dishes. Continue to Bevagna where you will join a local expert for a walking tour.

#### DAY 5 Umbria - Assisi

Today an Umbrian family welcomes you to their country home as they prepare a delicious home-cooked meal. Afterwards, travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, for a guided walking tour of the old city.

## DAY 6 Umbria - Tuscany

Admire the picturesque Renaissance landscape of hills and villages of the Val D'Orcia region. Make a stop at a winery where the winery's chef prepares an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced

## **DAY 7 Tuscany - Florence**

Set out on a short journey to Florence and take a guided walking tour of the city sights, viewing the cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, located in the religious centre of the Piazza Del Duomo and the Palazzo Vecchio. Join your local guide in exploring the unique qualities of the city.

#### DAY 8 Tuscany - Siena - Monteriggioni

Travel to the city of Siena. Whilst on a walking tour, visit the historic piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race. Continue to the walled town of Monteriggioni and take an afternoon break and try some local snacks before returning to Montaione for the evening.

## DAY 9 Tuscany - Volterra - San Gimignano

Spend your morning in Volterra, a former Etruscan city. Visit the Guarnacci Museum. Afterwards, stop to witness an alabaster carving demonstration\* at a local workshop. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner.

#### DAY 10 Tuscany

Your tour ends in Tuscany.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Embark on a guided walking tour of Spoleto
- ✓ Marvel at the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta
- ✓ Visit one of the most famous Etruscan museums. the Guarnacci Museum



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Imperiale, Rome. Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, Umbria. UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione, Tuscany.

MEALS: 16 meals (9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,179

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used

• \*Alabaster carving demonstration is not available in March • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017		
<b>MAR</b> 19	JUL 09	
<b>APR</b> 02, 19, 23, 26, 30	<b>AUG</b> 20	
<b>MAY</b> 14, 17, 21	<b>SEP</b> 03, 10, 13, 17, 24	
<b>JUN</b> 11	<b>OCT</b> 08, 11, 15, 22	
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**MAR** 18





**APR** 15, 22, 29

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Join us on a journey across the Italian countryside, over the rolling hills of Tuscany to the enchanting Italian Riviera. You'll savour a three night stay in a Tuscan estate before your three night stay on the Italian Riviera.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Italy - Tuscan Estate**

Your tour starts in Tuscany with an included welcome dinner

## **DAY 2 Tuscan Estate - Florence**

Today in Florence, you'll join a local guide for a walking tour of this fascinating city and see Florence's Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore and the Palazzo Vecchio. Then, the choice is yours! You can chose a locally guided tour of the world-famous Uffizi Gallery or, perhaps you'll choose the Leonardo da Vinci Museum! The remainder of your day will be free to relax or discover this thrilling city on your own.

#### DAY 3 Tuscan Estate - Siena - Tuscan Winery

A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills brings you to the lovely medieval city of Siena. After a walking tour with a local expert, you'll have some free time to explore before moving onto one of the oldest wine estates in the Monteriggioni region. After sampling some of the local wines, you'll return to your countryside estate where you may take time to explore the Medici Villa on site.

#### DAY 4 Tuscan Estate - Lucca - Pisa - Italian Riviera

As you head towards Italy's picturesque Riviera, you'll make a stop in the medieval city of Lucca, before heading to the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, view the Duomo (Cathedral) and, of course, the famous Leaning Tower. Your day will end on the Italian Riviera, your home for the next three nights.

## DAY 5 Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre

Today you'll spend the day exploring the Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards. Travel by rail through this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Your tour manager is on hand to help plan your day and make the most of your time in these five towns

#### DAY 6 Italian Riviera - Santa Margherita Ligure -Portofino

Travel to the seaside town of Santa Margherita Ligure for a boat ride to Portofino. You can take in the town's colourful harbour, dotted by fishing boats and yachts, set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. On your return to Santa Margherita Ligure you'll have some free time to peruse its charming streets and boutiques before your farewell dinner this evening.

## DAY 7 Italian Riviera

Your tour ends on the Italian Riviera.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Spend a day exploring the Cinque Terre's rugged coastline by train
- ✓ Experience a guided tour including a visit to the beautiful Cathedral of San Martino
- ✓ Travel to the seaside town of Santa Margherita Ligure for a boat ride
- ✓ Indulge in one of the oldest wineries in Tuscany



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Paggeria Medicea, Tuscany. Grande Hotel Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera,

MEALS: 10 meals (6 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and train

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,359

NOTE: • You will need to fly into and depart from Florence or Pisa airport. • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • ^Note that villas and country estates in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region and we use different properties on this programme. Some may be located in the countryside, removed from a city centre. Still others may be closer to the hustle and bustle of the region. Each one is unique, full of history, with many amenities, and brimming with true Tuscan flavour.

#### **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>MAR</b> 11	<b>AUG</b> 19
<b>APR</b> 01, 20	<b>SEP</b> 09, 16, 23, 30
MAY 13	<b>OCT</b> 07
<b>JUN</b> 17, 24	<b>NOV</b> 04
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<b>MAR</b> 24	<b>APR</b> 14, 28

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This journey will take you through a crossroads of civilisations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy. Uncover its Moorish and Norman influences that intertwine with Greek and Roman ruins standing guard over the landscape.

#### Your tour

**DAY 1 Palermo, Sicily** 

Your tour starts in Palermo.

#### DAY 2 Palermo - Monreale

A cultural tour of Palermo features the lovely squares of Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

## DAY 3 Palermo - Agrigento - Giardini Naxos

Upon arrival in Agrigento explore the stunning Valley of the Temples, one of the most important archaeological sites in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

#### DAY 4 Giardini Naxos - Taormina

This morning, travel to beautiful Taormina and join a local guide for a tour introducing you to the city. Enjoy some free time to independently explore this delightful

## DAY 5 Giardini Naxos - Catania - Mt. Etna

Journey to vibrant Catania. You may join a local guide to visit the cathedral and view the main sights of this historic and Baroque city (UNESCO) or visit the Museo dello Sbarco (Allied Landing Museum). Later, everyone comes together to discover the impressive Mt. Etna Volcano National Park with a local expert.

#### DAY 6 Giardini Naxos - Matera

Travel to Messina where you will take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni on Italy's mainland. This afternoon you'll visit one of the area's local wineries for a wine tasting and informative walk through the cellars and vineyards.

## DAY 7 Matera - Alberobello

Today, a local guide helps you explore the "Sassi di Matera," an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. Enjoy some free time in Matera before heading to the mystical town of Alberobello. See some of the most unusually built homes (UNESCO)—known as trullithat have cone-shaped roofs.

#### DAY 8 Matera - Salerno - Sorrento Peninsula

Today, travel towards Campania and the Bay of Naples. Make a stop in Salerno to explore the historical city centre at leisure before arriving at the Sorrento Peninsula in the late afternoon.

#### DAY 9 Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive - Amalfi - Minori - Sorrento Peninsula

Discover the lovely seaside resort town of Sorrento. Then, begin your adventure experiencing the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. Stop in Amalfi before arriving in Minori where you have the opportunity to sample some of the local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory. Your evening is at leisure.

#### DAY 10 Sorrento Peninsula - Pompeii - Rome

Drive along the Bay of Naples and experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Later, travel to Rome and enjoy a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant.

#### DAY 11 Rome

Your tour ends in Rome.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Tour a vineyard, sample the wine, and dine at its agriturismo restaurant
- Be amazed by the Greek Theatre in Taormina
- ✓ Travel to "Sassi di Matera," an ancient town known for its cave dwellings
- ✓ Discover the ancient ruins at Pompeii



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Federico II Central Palace, Palermo. Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos. Hotel del Campo, Matera. Towers Hotel Stabiae, Sorrento Coast, Sorrento. Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome.

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,769 **NOTE: •** On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>MAY</b> 12, 19, 26	<b>SEP</b> 01, 05, 08, 12, 15,
<b>JUN</b> 16, 30	22, 29
JUL 14	<b>OCT</b> 06, 13, 17, 20, 27
<b>AUG</b> 18, 22, 29	<b>NOV</b> 03, 10
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Delve into the fascinating mosaic that is Sicily. Explore this beautiful Mediterranean island on this grand tour and discover the influences left by ancient Greeks and Romans, Arabs and Normans.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Palermo, Italy

Your tour starts in Palermo

#### DAY 2 Palermo - Monreale

This morning set out on a panoramic tour of Palermo featuring the historic squares of Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini. Then, venture to the nearby town of Monreale where you will visit the 12th-century cathedral then return to Palermo and immerse yourself in the culture when exploring one of its colourful markets.

#### **DAY 3 Palermo**

Spend a morning at leisure, then this afternoon visit a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you on a tour of her family's home. Experience the life of the nobility as you join her for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres in one of the palace's historic chambers. This evening dinner is at a local restaurant where you'll join a local entrepreneur to discuss the notorious Sicilian Mafia.

#### DAY 4 Palermo - Cefalù

Journey to the seaside town of Cefalù, home to one of the most magnificent cathedrals in Sicily. After strolling through its medieval streets, proceed to a family farm in the countryside. Then watch a chef prepare local specialties and enjoy a hearty lunch featuring the farm's own products. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure.

## DAY 5 Palermo - Agrigento - Catania

In Agrigento visit the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy a guided tour and learn about the rich history as you walk around the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Journey through the beautiful Erei Mountains to Sicily's Ionian Coast and reach Catania

#### **DAY 6 Catania**

This morning a local guide shares Catania's history. Explore the city's stunning sites and witness the daily spectacle of bartering for fresh fish and produce when you visit the local market. Enjoy free time in Catania's elegant centre. Afterward, you may wish to sign up for an optional excursion to Mount Etna.

#### DAY 7 Catania - Siracusa

Arrive in Siracusa where a local expert guides you through the Archaeological Park of Neapolis which features an impressive collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. Afterwards, make a stop at a rural estate and explore the stunning gardens and landscape; then enjoy a regional treat with the owners.

#### **DAY 8 Catania - Taormina**

Explore Taormina, perched above the Ionian Sea. During a guided tour you will be amazed by the Greek Theatre, the Duomo and the spectacular public gardens. Spend the afternoon at leisure. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner in one of Catania's charming trattoria.

#### **DAY 9 Catania**

Your tour ends in Catania.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Immerse yourself in ancient history with numerous visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Be amazed by the Greek Theatre and the Duomo in Taormina
- ✓ Visit a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you
- ✓ Journey to the beautiful seaside town of Cefalù



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, Palermo. UNA Hotel Palace, Catania

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,639

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. in Palermo.

## **Tour start date**

2017		
<b>MAR</b> 18	<b>SEP</b> 17, 24	
<b>APR</b> 01, 22	<b>OCT</b> 08, 22	
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Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece in their tranquil Mediterranean settings. This comprehensive journey explores Greece's most important ancient monuments, like the famed Temple of Zeus, archeological site of Olympia and ancient artifacts of Delphi.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Athens**

Your tour starts in Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka

#### **DAY 2 Athens**

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Athens showcasing the city's ancient monuments. Next, choose either a tour of the Acropolis or a walking city tour.

## DAY 3 Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries. Finish your day in Kalambaka, a typical Greek town at the foot of the Pindos Mountains.

## DAY 4 Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, where a local expert guide takes you to the sights.

## DAY 5 Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia. Learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience

#### **DAY 6 Olympia**

Take a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus and the Olympic Stadium. Next, visit a local farm in the countryside and this evening, partake in a delightful Greek dance class.

## DAY 7 Olympia - Mycenae - Tolo

Cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate.

#### DAY 8 Tolo - Athens - Mykonos

This morning, transfer\* to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos.

#### **DAY 9 Mykonos**

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos.

#### DAY 10 Mykonos - Santorini

Sail to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini.

#### **DAY 11 Santorini**

Take a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri. Next, travel to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found.

#### DAY 12 Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini.

## DAY 13 Santorini - Athens

Fly back to Athens for your overnight stay and a delightful farewell dinner.

#### DAY 14 Athens

Your tour ends in Athens.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora
- ✓ Experience the Delphi Museum
- ✓ Experience a delightful Greek dance class
- ✓ Explore the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri



# **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Crowne Plaza City Centre, Athens. Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka. Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova. Europa Hotel, Olympia. Hotel King Minos, Tolo. San Marco Hotel, Mykonos. El Greco Resort, Santorini. Crowne Plaza

MEALS: 22 meals (13 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 8 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, internal flights and ferry

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,294

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Due to the ferry schedule on day 8 of some departures, you may be required to depart the hotel in Tolo as early as 4:00 a.m. • Due to the nature of this itinerary, both 3- and 4-star hotels that may be located in the vicinity of historic centers will be utilized • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 n m

#### **Tour start date**

2017		
MAR 27	<b>JUL</b> 10	
<b>APR</b> 24, 27	<b>SEP</b> 10, 19, 28	
<b>MAY</b> 08, 17, 23	<b>OCT</b> 04, 07	
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**APR** 10, 18, 24

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Discover medieval architecture, tranquil lakes, local villages and Croatian charm on this fantastic 11 day tour across Croatia, featuring highlights including Dubrovnik, Lake Bled, Ljubljana, and the pearls of the stunning Dalmatian coast.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Opatija

Your tour starts in Opatija with an included welcome dinner.

## DAY 2 Opatija

Opatija, known as 'Croatia's Riviera' and was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Hapsburg Monarchs. Today you have an opportunity to explore the town at your leisure.

## **DAY 3 Opatija - Plitvice Lakes**

After breakfast, you'll travel to Plitvice Lakes with inspiring scenery such as terraced lakes and dense forests. Complete the experience with a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder.

#### DAY 4 Plitvice Lakes - Dubrovnik

This morning, continue south through the heart of Croatia, towards the medieval city of Dubrovnik. Along the way, enjoy magnificent views of the sparkling blue waters of the Adriatic Sea.

#### **DAY 5 Dubrovnik**

Today you'll join an expert local guide on a tour of Old Dubrovnik. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies, and see Rector's Palace. This afternoon can either be spent at leisure or take an optional cruise to the Elaphiti Islands.

## **DAY 6 Dubrovnik**

Today is at leisure, although there is the option to take a guided tour to Montenegro. This evening, you'll travel to the Konavle region to Cilipi for a family-style dinner in a local restaurant

## DAY 7 Dubrovnik - Split

Today you'll journey along the winding coastal road, hugging the Adriatic Sea on your way to Split. From here you'll set out on a walking tour featuring late-Roman historical monuments. You'll then head to your hotel for the evening.

## DAY 8 Split - Ljubljana, Slovenia

Your adventure continues as you travel up the coast to Ljubljana. Upon arriving in Ljubljana, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to relax. This evening, soak up the views of the city on a funicular up to Ljubljana Castle and enjoy a dinner of local specialties.

#### DAY 9 Ljubljana - Lake Bled

This morning you will be met by a local expert who will introduce you to this lovely town. After lunch, you'll travel to Lake Bled and experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a "pletna" boat. You'll then have some free time to explore at your leisure.

#### DAY 10 Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

You'll travel today to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, and embark on a fascinating tour followed by free time in the afternoon. Your day will be rounded off with your farewell dinner.

## DAY 11 Zagreb

Your tour ends in Zagreb.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











Audio guides

excursions

TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies
- Stroll through Split to see the famous Diocletian's Palace
- ✓ Fall in love with Ljubljana, where old traditions meet modernity

## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Bristol Hotel, Opatija. Jezero Hotel, Plitvic. Valamar Lacroma Resort, Dubrovnik. Hotel Atrium, Split. Hotel Lev, Ljubljana. Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb.

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfast & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, funicular and boat trips

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,729

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to itinerary scheduling, arrival flights must arrive into Venice, Italy airport by 2:00 p.m. in order to transfer across the border to your overnight accommodations in Croatia • Based on return flight options, an early morning departure from the hotel may be required on the last day.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>JAN</b> 29	<b>JUL</b> 09, 16, 23
<b>FEB</b> 26	<b>AUG</b> 13, 27
MAR 12, 26	<b>SEP</b> 03, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24
<b>APR</b> 02, 23, 30	<b>OCT</b> 01, 08, 15
<b>MAY</b> 07, 14, 21, 28	<b>NOV</b> 05
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**MAR** 11

**APR** 08, 22, 29

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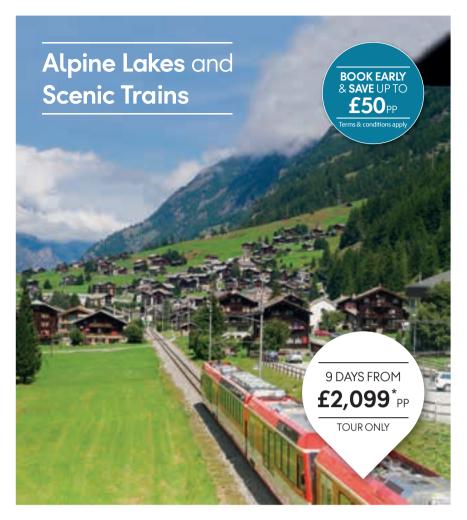


**FEB** 18





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Experience the enchanting Alpine cultures of Switzerland and Italy as you journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque towns. Ride aboard three of Europe's legendary Alpine railways.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Lucerne, Switzerland**

Your tour starts in Lucerne.

#### DAY 2 Lucerne

Today, explore the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy an Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour that follows the ancient pathways of the city such as the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison; the watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall and the Baroque Jesuit Church.

## DAY 3 Lucerne - Montreux - Zermatt

This morning, travel to Gstaad where you climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train to enjoy breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, have free time in this legendary town on the shores of Lake Geneva. Then, continue on to the pedestrian village of Zermatt.

## DAY 4 7ermatt

Today you can decide to explore with a guided walking tour of charming Zermatt. Or discover Zermatt independently and learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of the Matterhorn. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

#### DAY 5 Zermatt - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the worldrenowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

## DAY 6 St. Moritz

Embark on a journey through the Bernina Pass, one of the most scenic railway lines in the world en route to Tirano, Italy. Upon your return to St. Moritz you can make use of your included St. Moritz lift pass to take the cable car to the top of Mt. Diavolezza where you can enjoy stunning views of Piz Bernina.

#### DAY 7 St. Moritz - Lake Como, Italy - Lago Maggiore

A ferry ride across the waters of Lake Como introduces you to its stunning beauty. You will have free time to explore this famous resort before continuing to Lago Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters against the backdrop of the Alps.

## **DAY 8 Lago Maggiore**

Visit a family farm where you will learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Then, sample their delicious creations and learn how to pair them with the region's local wines. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before boarding your lake boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands, for your traditional farewell dinner.

## DAY 9 Lago Maggiore

Your tour ends in Lago Maggiore.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Cruise Lake Como on a traditional open-air commuter ferry
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of Lucerne, St. Moritz and Como
- ✓ Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways
- ✓ In St. Moritz, take a cable car to the top of Mt. Diavolezza



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Ameron Flora, Lucerne. Hotel Alex, Zermatt. Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz. Zacchera Hotels, Lago

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, train, ferry and cable car

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,439

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights into Zurich should arrive prior to

## **Tour start date**

2017		
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Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience the Alpine cultures of Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria. With countless places to visit, sights to see and local traditions to experience, this tour won't disappoint.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Bern, Switzerland

Your tour starts in Berne with an included welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Bern**

Today you'll spend some time exploring Bern on a tour featuring the Bundeshaus, the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore at your own pace or perhaps brave Europe's steepest funicular ride up Gurten Mountain.

#### DAY 3 Bern - Château de Chillon - Montreux

Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.

#### DAY 4 Bern - Lucerne

This morning you'll take a leisurely paced tour of Lucerne's Old Town, exploring the hidden treasures of the city. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower, watchtower and treasury. This evening's you'll dine in one of Bern's great restaurants.

#### DAY 5 Bern - Innsbruck, Austria

En route to Innsbruck you will make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest Germanspeaking country in the world. Once in Innsbruck you can take a tour to discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions, or, you can take a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its

## DAY 6 Innsbruck - Salzburg

Today you'll travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg, where you'll take a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens and the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart). Your afternoon is free to explore at leisure, and your day will end with dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant.

#### **DAY 7 Innsbruck**

Today is at leisure to explore the intriguing town of Innsbruck. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a locally well-known musical family.

#### DAY 8 Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany -Oberammergau - Innsbruck

Today fairy tales come to life with a picture stop at Bavaria's famous Neuschwanstein Castle, before heading to Oberammergau. During a brief tour you'll learn more about the Passion Play, performed every ten years to fulfil a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the ravages of bubonic plague in 1633. Tonight you'll be treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck's most famous traditional restaurants.

#### **DAY 9 Innsbruck**

Your tour ends in Innsbruck.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1)(2) **3** 









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad
- Explore Oberammergau, a traditional German Alpine village
- Visit Mozart's birthplace, featured in the "Sound of Music'
- ✓ Discover the fairy-tale castle, Neuschwanstein



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Bern, Bern or Hotel Baeren, Bern;

Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck.

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,519

NOTE: • Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Tour start date**

**APR** 06, 20, 23, 27 **AUG** 11,25 **MAY** 05, 19, 26 **SEP** 08, 11, 15, 22, 29 **JUN** 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 **OCT** 06, 13, 20, 23, 27 **JUL** 07, 14, 21, 28 **NOV** 03, 06, 10

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**MAR** 16 **APR** 06, 13, 20, 27

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Discover storybook castles and glittering palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas as you explore Austria, Germany and Switzerland. You'll visit Vienna, cruise on the Danube, visit Oberammergau and take a train ride on the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Vienna, Austria

Your tour starts in Vienna with an included welcome dinner.

## **DAY 2 Vienna**

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour, which showcases its architectural marvels. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore Vienna at your leisure.

## DAY 3 Vienna - Salzburg

After a short journey through the countryside, you'll cruise along the Danube. Later, you'll make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to Salzburg, where you'll dine at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant.

## DAY 4 Salzburg

Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and the Mirabell Gardens.

#### DAY 5 Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau Today you'll travel to Munich, where a tour will show you highlights including the Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later in the day, you'll travel to Oberammergau.

#### DAY 6 Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria

Enjoy the scenery of the Bavarian Alps en-route to Innsbruck, in Tyrolean Austria. As you wind through the narrow cobblestone lanes, it is easy to understand why this city was the centre of European culture and politics during the 14th century.

#### DAY 7 Oberammergau - Black Forest

Today fairy tales become reality at a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the stunning Black Forest.

#### DAY 8 Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Your first stop today is at the Château de Chillon, located on Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps.

#### **DAY 9 Zermatt**

Today you'll have all of Zermatt at your fingertips as your time is your own to see and do as you please at you own

#### DAY 10 Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne

Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snow-capped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass.

#### DAY 11 Lucerne

This morning, embark on a walking tour through Lucerne's romantic Old Town before you have the opportunity to explore at your own pace. You'll then have time to prepare for your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 12 Lucerne**

Your tour ends in Lucerne.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Discover Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein
- Visit Benedictine Melk Abbey
- ✓ Meet a Passion Play performer in Oberammergau
- ✓ Explore Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna. Castellani Parkhotel, Salzburg. Hotel Alte Post, Oberammergau Region. Maritim Hotel, Black Forest. Hotel Alex, Zermatt, Ameron Hotel Flora, Lucerne

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and train

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,059

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. and should depart after 10am.

## **Tour start date**

2017		
<b>APR</b> 02, 19, 21	<b>AUG</b> 04, 18	
<b>MAY</b> 05, 12, 19, 26	<b>SEP</b> 01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 17,	
<b>JUN</b> 09, 16, 23, 30	22, 24, 29	
<b>JUL</b> 14, 28	<b>OCT</b> 06, 13, 20	

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**APR** 13, 20, 27

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This 10 day tour of the imperial cities of Europe enables you to be enamoured by the splendour and romance of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. With a three night stay in each, you'll be able to get under the skin of each city's history, the local traditions and culture.

#### Your tour

### **DAY 1 Prague, Czech Republic**

Your tour starts in Prague with an included welcome dinner.

## DAY 2 Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour of the majestic Hradcany Castle, and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. In the afternoon you'll have some free time to explore at your leisure. This evening you are free to choose your dining experience.

## **DAY 3 Prague**

Today you are free to explore Prague at your leisure and you can do as little or as much as you please.

# DAY 4 Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

En route to Vienna, you'll make a scenic stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov, where you'll have free time to explore. Tonight you'll have a traditional local dinner.

## DAY 5 Vienna

This morning, you'll join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. This evening there is an optional dining experience followed by a classical music concert.

## DAY 6 Vienna - Danube River - Melk

Today you'll travel along the banks of the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein where you'll embark on a cruise on the Danube River. Later, you'll visit the 11thcentury Melk Abbey. A leisurely ride back to Vienna concludes this day and you have a free evening.

#### DAY 7 Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

This morning you'll journey to Bratislava and you'll learn about the multi-lavered history on a tour with a local expert, before heading to Budapest. Upon arrival, drive through this majestic capital while making your way to your hotel. Have time at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's dinner in the city.

## **DAY 8 Budapest**

Join a local expert who'll bring the city to life. You'll discover Matthias Church, the Fisherman's Bastion, towers and arcades, the Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, you'll see the Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, and commemorates the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion

#### DAY 9 Budapest - Visegrad

Your day will begin with a visit to a school in Budapest where you'll have a glimpse into daily life. In the afternoon, you'll venture to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for views of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Evening dinner will be Renaissance-style!

#### **DAY 10 Budapest**

Your tour ends in Budapest.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Enjoy a visit to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov
- ✓ Explore Prague's majestic Hradcany Castle
- ✓ Join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace
- Meet local children during a school visit in Budapest



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Yasmin, Prague; Hotel Am Konzerthaus MGallery Collection, Vienna. NH Budapest,

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfast & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,639

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • Return flights home should not be booked before 10:00 a.m. on the final day.

#### **Tour start date**

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2017	
<b>FEB</b> 14	<b>JUL</b> 11, 18, 25
MAR 28	<b>AUG</b> 01, 22, 29
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This 13 day tour encompasses some of the most eclectic locations across Europe, showcasing some of the most historic, legendary and culturally rich cities across the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

#### Your tour

### DAY 1 Home - Berlin, Germany

Your tour starts in Berlin.

#### **DAY 2 Berlin**

Today choose a city tour or join a Cold War-focused tour including a visit to Checkpoint Charlie, and see what remains of the Berlin Wall.

## DAY 3 Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic

En-route to Prague, you'll visit Dresden, the capital of Saxony, with time to explore this lovely town. This evening you can choose where you'd like to dine; either with a folklore show or at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries

## DAY 4 Prague

Today visit the remarkable Hradcany Castle. Take a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town then this afternoon is leisure time.

#### DAY 5 Prague - Vienna, Austria

Today head towards Vienna and take a short drive through the city then your afternoon is at leisure. Later in the evening, you can dine in one of Vienna's restaurants.

#### **DAY 6 Vienna**

This morning learn more about this city on a tour showcasing some of its architectural marvels. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. Then see an optional Mozart concert followed by dinner in the city.

## DAY 7 Vienna - Budapest, Hungary

Head out of Vienna, and enjoy the picturesque Hungarian countryside before taking a city tour.

### **DAY 8 Budanest**

Today you've plenty of time to discover this city divided by the Danube, with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank.

#### DAY 9 Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, **Poland**

Travel to Poland and visit the hidden village of Donovaly, nestled in the Low Tatras mountain range of Slovakia. Your home for the next two nights is the lively city of Krakow.

#### DAY 10 Krakow

Today, you'll discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour. This afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 11 Krakow - Auschwitz - Warsaw

Today you'll embark on a poignant journey through history, as you travel to witness the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert will guide you through the former concentration camp. Afterwards, travel Warsaw, where you'll uncover the reconstructed and modern capital of this rejuvenated country.

#### **DAY 12 Warsaw**

Your final full day in Warsaw will enable you to embrace its moving history, as you embark on a locally guided tour of this capital city. This evening share the memories of your tour during your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 13 Warsaw**

Your tour ends in Warsaw.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Discover Checkpoint Charlie
- ✓ Take photos on Charles Bridge and enjoying the sun set
- Experience the cultures of Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Poland
- ✓ Explore the concentration camps of Auschwitz



# **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Intercontinental Hotel, Berlin; Yasmin Hotel, Prague. Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna. Art'Otel, Budapest, Holiday Inn City Centre, Krakow. Westin,

MEALS: 18 meals (12 Breakfast & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,269

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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MAR 27	<b>AUG</b> 07, 21, 28
<b>APR</b> 03, 23, 24	<b>SEP</b> 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25
<b>MAY</b> 08, 15, 22, 29	<b>OCT</b> 02, 09, 16
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Embark on an in-depth journey through Poland. Tour the thriving capital city of Warsaw, reborn after World War II and explore the ancient city squares and UNESCO World Heritage sites of Torun, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Gdansk, and Krakow.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Warsaw**

Your tour starts in Warsaw.

#### DAY 2 Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at what remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. The afternoon is at leisure.

## DAY 3 Warsaw - Czestochowa - Krakow

Travel south to Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its well-preserved town centre. Stop in Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland, where each year over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects to the famous Black Madonna. This evening enjoy a folklore show and dinner.

#### **DAY 4 Krakow**

This morning we explore the city on a tour with a local expert. The rest of your day is at leisure.

## DAY 5 Krakow - Auschwitz - Wroclaw

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn first-hand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Tonight, join your travelling companions for some locally-brewed beer and a traditional "home-style" dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 6 Wroclaw**

A morning tour of Wroclaw brings you up close and personal to this large and ethnically diverse city. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 7 Wroclaw - Torun

Today you travel to the town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On arrival, walk past Copernicus's house before baking and sampling your very own gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.

## **DAY 8 Torun - Gdansk**

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of this unspoiled town. Next, travel to the port city of Gdansk.

## DAY 9 Gdansk

This morning, join a local expert for an introduction to this strategic and remarkable city. Next choose to join your four manager on an excursion to the seaside resort town of Sopot. Or remain in Gdansk and join a local guide on an educational shopping excursion during which you'll learn about Polish amber.

## DAY 10 Gdansk - Marienburg Fortress - Warsaw

Your journey through Poland comes full circle with your return to Warsaw. En route, stop in the town of Malbork, home to Marienburg Fortress, the largest castle in the world. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

#### DAY 11 Warsaw

Your tour ends today in Warsaw.

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**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the Jasna Góra monastery to witness the world-famous Black Madonna
- ✓ Explore the poignant history of Auschwitz
- ✓ Take a trip to the resort town of Sopot or learn about Polish amber



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw. Holiday Inn Krakow City Centre Hotel, Krakow. Art Hotel, Wroclaw. Hotel Bulwar, Torun. Radisson Blu Hotel Old Town, Gdansk. Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw.

MEALS: 15 meals (10 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,629

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
MAR 31	<b>AUG</b> 18, 25
<b>APR</b> 21, 28	<b>SEP</b> 01, 08, 22
<b>MAY</b> 19, 26	<b>OCT</b> 06, 13, 20
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<b>JUL</b> 07, 21	

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Set out on a charming adventure. Discover the best of Germany's iconic cities and its stunning countryside on a trip straight out of the pages of a storybook.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Berlin, Germany**

Your tour starts in Berlin.

#### **DAY 2 Berlin**

This morning enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace and "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War

## DAY 3 Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Today join a local guide for a tour of the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck. Prior to tonight's dinner in Hamberg, enjoy a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district.

## **DAY 4 Hamburg**

Take a panoramic city tour then board a harbour boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port or embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline.

## DAY 5 Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

Join a local guide for a walking tour of Bremen. After free time for lunch, travel to Hamelin.

## DAY 6 Hamelin - Kassel - Marburg

This morning visit some spectacular castles that inspired many fairy tale classics. Meet a local storyteller at the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" – Trendelburg then continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty's castle.

# DAY 7 Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der

Journey to the medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road. Make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town then continue to Rothenburg. Enjoy a tasting of local wines and a traditional German dinner, then join a local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour.

#### DAY 8 Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Join in a walk to a local bakery to make "schneeball" pastries. Or tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later take a private tour of the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum

#### DAY 9 Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich

Take tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Then continue to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city on your own.

#### **DAY 10 Munich**

Take a panoramic walking tour that highlights the worldfamous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz. This afternoon choose to join a local guide and tour BMW World then ride to the top of the Olympic Tower, or embark on a journey through history to Dachau Memorial\* This evening enjoy a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 11 Munich**

Your tour ends in Munich.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Tour Berlin and Munich's famed landmarks with a local guide
- ✓ Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a fluteplaying "Pied Piper"
- ✓ Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for
- ✓ Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz, Berlin. Reichsgof Hamburg, Curio Collection by Hilton, Hamburg. Stadt Hotel, Hamelin. Hotel Vila Vita Rosepark, Marburg. Hotel Alte Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Sheraton Hotel Arabellapark, Munich.

MEALS: 15 meals (10 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and train

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,299

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*You may travel to Dachau by public train • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.• Special Christmas seasonal departure dates are available. Please call for details.

## **Tour start date**

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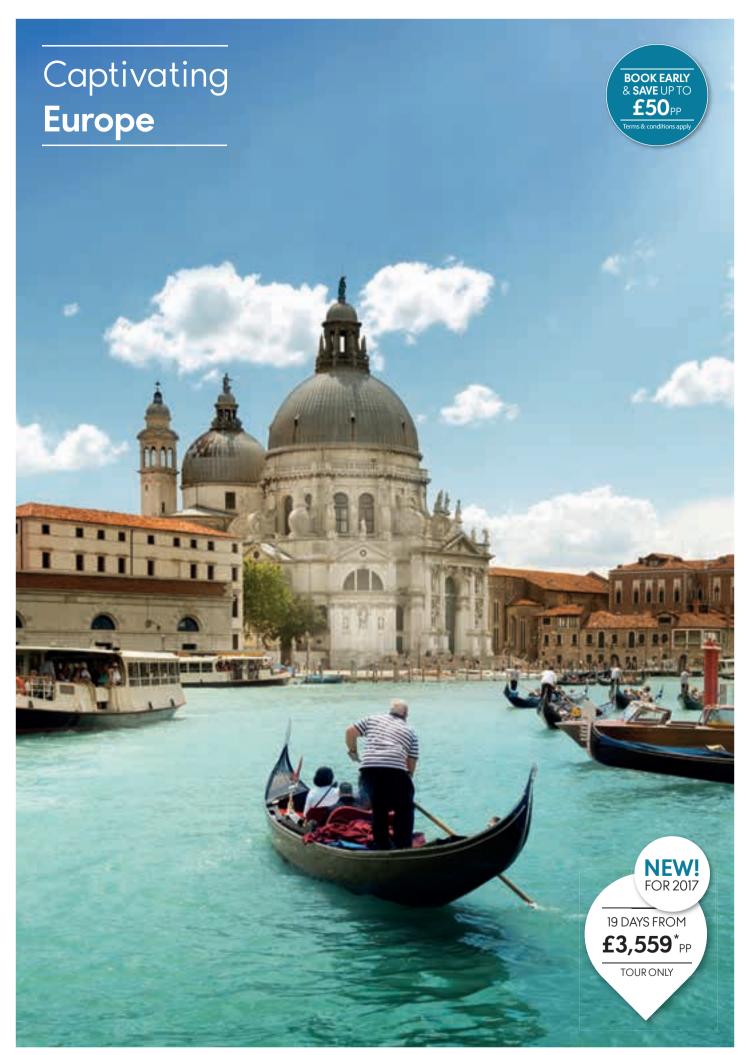
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Make your way through twelve different European nations and immerse yourself in Europe's diverse cultures – there are so many treasures to uncover!

#### Your tour

#### **DAY 1 London**

Your tour starts in London

DAY 2 London - Haarlem, Netherlands - Amsterdam

Board a train to Brussels. Visit the charming town of Haarlem which lies just outside the vibrant city of Amsterdam. This afternoon, take a cruise on the area's famous canals before dining at one of its landmark restaurants

#### DAY 3 Haarlem - Amsterdam

Today choose to embark on a walking tour of Amsterdam's Old Town or opt to visit the Rijksmuseum. Your afternoon is free to explore at leisure.

#### DAY 4 Haarlem - Aachen, Germany - Luxembourg

This morning make your way to the small country of Luxembourg. Continue to the microstate of Luxembourg where you'll join a local guide for a walking tour discovering the Old Town.

#### DAY 5 Luxembourg - Lucerne, Switzerland

Travel to the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," the city of Lucerne. Upon arrival, enjoy a short walking tour. This evening, get a glimpse into the culture and savour local cuisine during dinner in a quaint restaurant.

#### **DAY 6 Lucerne**

Today you can choose to either board a paddlewheel boat and soak up the view of the city while cruising on Lake Lucerne. Or, you may prefer to venture by cogwheel rail to the top of majestic Mt. Pilatus.

## DAY 7 Lucerne - Liechtenstein - Innsbruck, Austria

Make your way through Liechtenstein, a tiny country perched in the Alps between Austria and Switzerland. In Innsbruck, you can join a local guide as you discover the city. Or, you may choose to embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural treasures including its famous ski jump.

#### DAY 8 Innsbruck - Ponzano Veneto, Italy

Journey south through the beautiful Austrian and Italian Alps on your way to your hotel near Venice. Tonight, savour a dinner featuring Italian specialties and wine.

#### **DAY 9 Venice**

Board a boat\*bound for Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration. Then on to St. Mark's Square where you can choose to join a local expert who will take you on a walking tour of this famous square or you can explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert

#### DAY 10 Ponzano Veneto - Arezzo - Rome

En route to the historic city of Rome, we'll stop in the Etruscan town of Arezzo. Take a brief tour of Rome and stop by the Spanish Steps before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant

#### DAY 11 Rome - Vatican City

Today take a tour of the Colosseum before exploring Vatican City, the smallest country in the world. Then it's on to the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica.



#### DAY 12 Rome - Siena - Florence

Travel to Siena where you will take a walking tour with a local expert. Then arrive in Florence and enjoy some free time before gathering for dinner.

#### DAY 13 Florence

In Florence visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible statue of David. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this enchanting city on your own.

#### DAY 14 Florence - Genoa

Join a local guide and discover the Santissima Annunziata del Vastato, Via Garibaldi, Columbus House, Ducal Palace and Duomo di San Lorenzo. Spend the remainder of your afternoon exploring independently.

#### DAY 15 Genoa - Seborga - Monaco - Nice, France

Today's journey begins in the medieval principality of Seborga. Next, head to one of Europe's most famous microstates: Monaco. Enjoy a panoramic tour of this dazzling gem on the Riviera. Then it's off to Nice where you will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

#### DAY 16 Nice

Take a stroll through the fragrant flower market. Then discover Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. The rest of the day is yours to discover this magnificent town.

#### DAY 17 Nice - Paris

Climb aboard the high speed TGV train and "fly" through the beautiful French countryside on your way to Paris. The evening is yours to enjoy on your own.

#### DAV 18 Paris

Today choose to take a panoramic tour via coach or join a guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro. Enjoy a special dinner at the Paradis Latin, Paris' oldest cabaret theatre.

#### DAY 19 Paris

Your tour ends in Paris.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ See the beautiful, tiny country of Liechtenstein
- ✓ Venture to the tiny medieval principality of Seborga, bordering Italy and France
- ✓ Travel to Murano Island, Italy, for a glass making demonstration
- ✓ Choose how you would like to explore Paris by coach or metro



#### **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Grange Tower Bridge, London. Carlton Square Hotel, Haarlem, Amsterdam. Park Inn Hotel, Luxembourg. Hotel Wilden Mann, Lucerne. Grand Europa Hotel, Innsbruck. Relais Monaco Hotel, Ponzano Veneto. Hotel Cicerone, Rome; Rivoli Hotel, Florence. Starhotel President, Genoa. Splendid Hotel, Nice. Hyatt Regency Etoile, Paris.

MEALS: 27 meals (18 Breakfasts & 9 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, train and boat trips

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,589

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice

- Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.
- Departure flights from Paris should be booked after 10:00 a.m.

#### **Tour start date**

	2017
<b>MAY</b> 04, 25	<b>AUG</b> 03, 17
<b>JUN</b> 15	<b>SEP</b> 14
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Travel to ten different European nations including Germany and Italy along with Slovenia and France getting to know their unique cultures, landscape and cuisine.

#### Your tour

#### **DAY 1 London**

Your tour starts in London.

#### DAY 2 London - Brussels, Belgium

Take the Eurostar to Brussel and begin your exploration by joining a local guide for a panoramic tour. Be introduced to the flavours of the country during a beer or wine tasting in a local brewery; dinner in the local market; and dessert featuring Belgian waffles followed by a chocolate tasting.

#### **DAY 3 Brussels - Bruges**

Take a walking tour of Bruges led by a local resident through one of Europe's most perfectly preserved cities. Next, the choice is yours – continue your exploration on foot or you may experience the city on a serene canal

#### DAY 4 Brussels - Rhine Cruise - Mainz, Germany

Embark on a scenic cruise through the most stunning region of the Rhine River. Continue by land to the lively city of Mainz where you will spend time exploring the Gutenberg Museum.

#### DAY 5 Mainz - Prague, Czech Republic

Travel to Prague then this evening you can choose your dining experience in either, a traditional Czech dinner and a folklore show or in a famous local brewery and restaurant, including local beer and a tour of the brewerv

#### **DAY 6 Prague**

A local guided tour takes you to the remarkable Hradcany Castle and the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral.

#### DAY 7 Prague - Vienna, Austria

A scenic ride through the countryside takes you to the grand city of Vienna. Tonight you will be immersed in the culture as you enjoy local entertainment and sample local wine in the picturesque winemaking village of Grinzing.

#### **DAY 8 Vienna**

This morning, join a local resident for a visit to the magnificent Schöenbrunn Palace then continue on to get acquainted with Vienna's city centre. This afternoon there is an option to see a classical music concert featuring many fine melodies from the great composers – Mozart and Strauss.

## DAY 9 Vienna - Budapest, Hungary

A local expert leads you on a delightful city tour of Budapest.

#### DAY 10 Budapest - Ljubljana, Slovenia

You'll be met by a local expert in Ljubljana who will introduce you to this lovely town nestled along the banks of the river. Later, ride a funicular to Ljubljana Castle where you will savour a dinner of local specialties within the castle walls.

## DAY 11 Ljubljana - Bled - Ponzano Veneto, Italy

Set off this morning for tranquil Lake Bled. Experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a "pletna" boat to the picturesque island in the centre of the lake.



#### DAY 12 Ponzano Veneto - Venice - Ponzano Veneto

This morning we'll see Venice from the water as we board a boat\* bound for Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration. Then take a walking tour of St. Mark's Square.

#### DAY 13 Ponzano Veneto - Rome

Travel through the regions of Veneto, Emilia Romagna and Tuscany, admiring the breathtaking landscape before arriving in Rome. Tonight, gather for dinner featuring local cuisine.

## DAY 14 Rome

Take a locally guided tour featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine and the famous Piazza Navona.

Make your way to Florence and explore this captivating city with a local expert.

#### **DAY 16 Florence**

Today choose to join a local guide at the Academy Gallery where you'll see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of David. Or, you may choose to explore Pitti

#### DAY 17 Florence - Lucerne, Switzerland

Upon arrival in Lucerne get acquainted with the city on a short walking tour of the town. This evening, get a glimpse into the culture and savour the local cuisine during dinner in a quaint restaurant.

#### DAY 18 Lucerne

Explore Lucerne by boarding a paddlewheel boat and cruise around Lake Lucerne. Or venture by cogwheel rail to the top of majestic Mt. Pilatus.

#### DAY 19 Lucerne - Troyes, France

This morning, descend from the Alps into the charming French countryside. Join a local guide for a walking tour through Troyes.

## DAY 20 Troyes - Paris

After a leisurely morning, it's on to Paris where you can take a panoramic tour via coach or, for a truly local experience, opt to join a local guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro.

This morning we are off to the bohemian Montmartre. Tonight, gather for your farewell dinner at a restaurant in the medieval streets of the Latin Quarter.

#### DAY 22 Paris

Your tour ends in Paris

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# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Embark on a pletna boat cruise on Lake Bled
- ✓ Stroll the streets of Paris' bohemian neighborhood of Montmartre
- ✓ Enjoy an in-depth visit to Rome's iconic Colosseum
- ✓ Discover the many charms of the medieval village of Troyes, France
- ✓ Choose your own dinning experience in Prague



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London. Sheraton Hotel, Brussels. Park Inn Hotel, Mainz. Angelo Hotel, Prague. Mercure City, Vienna. Courtyard by Marriott, Budapest. Hotel Lev, Ljubljana. Relais Villa Monaco, Ponzano Veneto. Hotel Cicerone, Rome. Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence. Hotel Wilden Mann, Lucerne. Mercure Troyes Centre, Troyes. Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

MEALS: 32 meals (21 Breakfasts & 11 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trips, train and funicular

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,569

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice

- Departure flights from Paris should be booked after 10:00 a.m.
- Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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Experience the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, Austria and France. Sip mulled wine and collect unique handicrafts at some of the largest and most famous Christmas markets in Europe.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Black Forest, Germany**

Your tour starts in the Black Forest, Germany

#### DAY 2 Black Forest - Strasbourg, France

Travel to Strasbourg and enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of western architecture. Then explore the Christmas market!

#### DAY 3 Black Forest - Würzburg

Today travel to Würzburg and stroll through the streets with your expert local guide. You will have time to browse for local specialties in the lively Christmas

## DAY 4 Würzburg - Nuremberg

Start your day with a city tour of historic Nuremberg. Learn about old town's 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city then visit the historic Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Germany dating back to 1628. Here you can spend time sipping Gluwhein and sampling roast

#### DAY 5 Würzburg - Rothenburg - Oberammergau

Begin your day with a stop in lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. After some free time to explore the town, continue on to Oberammergau, a perfect picture of a Bavarian Alpine village

## DAY 6 Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria

Traverse the Bayarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Today you have the choice of one of two leisurely walking tours: you may join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof; or, perhaps you would prefer to embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump.

## DAY 7 Oberammergau - Munich

This morning, travel to Munich and be introduced to this exciting city with a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich's historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Oberammergau where you will have time to stroll about the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. This evening, enjoy a magical farewell dinner featuring a visit by local entertainers from this village, famous for its Passion Play.

#### DAY 8 Oberammergau - Home

Your tour ends in Oberammergau.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ See historic sites such as the magnificent 18thcentury residence of the prince-bishops
- View the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main.
- ✓ Stroll the Nuremberg Christmas Market one of the oldest in Germany dating back to 1628



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Maritim Titisee, Black Forest. Maritim Hotel, Würzburg. Alte Post Hotel, Oberammergau.

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,319

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to annual fluctuations on the opening dates of some Christmas Markets and tour scheduling, if one is unavailable on a specific departure, other regional Christmas Markets may be substituted • Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. You may require an early morning departure from the hotel on the last day. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m

## **Tour start date**

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Truly experience two of Europe's most dynamic cities, Amsterdam and London, on a leisurely paced in-depth exploration. This tour gives the prefect balance of free time and included activities.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1** Amsterdam, Netherlands

Your tour starts in Amsterdam.

#### **DAY 2 Amsterdam**

Stories of the city's past and present unfold during a canal cruise that brings you by the many highlights of Amsterdam's historic city centre. Afterward, you may choose to visit one of Amsterdam's quintessential fixtures – a diamond workshop. Next, discover a natural oasis in the city: the Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam, one of the oldest botanical gardens in the world.

### **DAY 3** Amsterdam

It's your choice! This morning you may choose to continue to explore the city on an interesting and informative shopping tour where your local expert will show you the best markets to purchase tulip bulbs, Delft ceramics, and cheese (including a demonstration and tasting!) Or perhaps you would prefer to visit the Rijksmuseum, one of the most famous and important museums in the world, home of the Rembrandt masterpiece "The Night Watch." Tonight, dinner is included and you will choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Amsterdam's great restaurants.

#### DAY 4 Amsterdam - Brussels, Belgium - London, **England**

Sit back and relax as you depart Amsterdam for your drive to Brussels where you will board the innovative Eurostar cross channel high-speed train to London. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. Perhaps you'll take a walk to Tower Bridge, stroll along the Thames River, or get a bird's-eye view of the city from the London Eye.

## **DAY 5 London**

Join a local expert for a day of exploration in London. Begin with a panoramic tour highlighting Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the changing of the guard (if held). Then you'll be treated to a guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral. Spend time at Harrods, the jewel in the crown of London's department stores. Don't miss its world-famous food hall, a diner's paradise! This afternoon perhaps you'll step back to wartime Britain while exploring the Churchill War Rooms, the secret underground centre of Britain's government during WWII. Or you can choose to tour Westminster Abbey,\* the coronation church of Britain's monarchs from William the Conqueror to Elizabeth II.

#### **DAY 6 London**

Today is yours to explore London your way. You may explore the city on your own. Or, perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle; originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. Toast the end of a wonderful trip with a farewell dinner

## **DAY 7 London**

Your tour ends in London.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3







# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Take an Amsterdam shopping tour with cheese tasting
- Travel to London on the Eurostar cross channel high-speed train
- ✓ Choose your tour: Discover Churchill's War Rooms or Westminster Abbey
- ✓ Explore St. Paul's Cathedral with a local guide



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** American Hotel Hampshire Eden, Amsterdam, Grange City Hotel, London.

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts &3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, canal cruise and train

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,949

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*As Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral are working religious institutions, they may be subject to unexpected closures to the public • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • An alternative itinerary featuring Keukenhof Gardens is available. Please call for details.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>MAY</b> 09, 16	<b>SEP</b> 05, 26
<b>JUN</b> 13	<b>OCT</b> 03, 10
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Bask in the rich culture of fascinating France on a tour that explores captivating Paris, picturesque Provence, historic Normandy and breathtaking Le Mont St. Michel.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Paris, France**

Celebrate the beginning of a fabulous trip with a sunset river cruise along the River Seine. Then head to one of Paris' brasseries for a delightful French dinner.

### **DAY 2 Paris**

You may choose to take a splendid panoramic tour that includes a short walking tour inside the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral. Or, for a truly local experience, perhaps you will choose to join a guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro.

### DAY 3 Paris - Caen - Huppain Port-en-Bessin

Set off for the Normandy coast to visit the Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic battle of Normandy in 1944.

## DAY 4 Huppain Port-en-Bessin

This morning visit the Omaha Beach Cemetery, then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day. You will also visit other landing beaches.

#### DAY 5 Huppain Port-en-Bessin - Dinan - Saint-Malo

Stand before the impressive UNESCO Bayeux Tapestry, a 230-foot embroidered cloth depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Next, journey to Dinan, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in France.

#### DAY 6 Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel

Travel to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Le Mont St.

Michel, the "Wonder of the West." Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy time to relax or explore independently.

#### DAY 7 Saint-Malo - Chinon - Fontevraud

Journey south to the Loire Valley and arrive in the medieval village of Chinon set on the banks of the Vienne River. Visit the renowned Royal Fortress of Chinon where Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII. Next, visit a local winery and this afternoon, check into your hotel within the magnificently renovated abbey of Fontevraud.

### **DAY 8 Fontevraud - Amboise**

Embark on a tour of spectacular Château de Chenonceau, perched along the banks of the Cher River and a jewel of Renaissance architecture with stunning, traditional French gardens then take a tour in Amboise.

#### DAY 9 Fontevraud - Paris - Avignon

Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train and travel through the French countryside. Then enjoy a tour of Avignon.

## DAY 10 Avignon - L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue - Gordes

Start your day with a visit to a colourful open-air market in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

## **DAY 11 Avignon**

Your tour ends in Avignon.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ "Fly" through the French countryside on the highspeed TGV train
- ✓ Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Seine as you drift past famous landmarks
- ✓ Travel back in history when you stand before the impressive UNESCO Bayeux Tapestry
- ✓ Tour Château de Chenonceau, a jewel of Renaissance architecture



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hyatt Regency Etoile, Paris. Mercure Omaha Beach, Port-en-Bessin. Hotel Oceania, Saint-Malo. Fontevraud L'Hôtel, Fontevraud. Mercure Pont d' Avignon,

MEALS: 15 meals (10 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, train and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,409

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>MAR</b> 03, 10, 17, 31	<b>AUG</b> 18
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**APR** 06, 13, 20, 27

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Delve into the culture, cuisine and history of Southern France. Along the way, enjoy tours and tastings in some of the country's most famous wine regions. Experience a bit of Parisian life before taking the TGV to Bordeaux.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Paris**

Your tour starts in Paris. This evening, see some of Paris's most iconic sights at night while en route to a welcome dinner at a Parisian café.

### DAY 2 Paris - Bordeaux

Take the high speed TGV\* train to the city of Bordeaux. Join your local guide as you discover this incredible city. Visit the newly-opened "Cité du Vin" wine museum in

## DAY 3 Bordeaux - Médoc

Along the way to Médoc, stop at a châteaux to learn about the growth and popularity of wine production in the Bordeaux region.

#### DAY 4 Bordeaux - Saint-Émilion - Dordogne Valley

Your tour of Saint-Émilion takes you through this well-preserved medieval city's fascinating underground monuments. Make a stop at the iconic château winery on the way to Dordogne Valley.

#### **DAY 5 Dordogne Valley**

A scenic drive is in store as you make your way to the charming local market in Eymet.

#### DAY 6 Dordogne Valley - Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val -Albi - Toulouse

En route to Toulouse, spend time in the incredibly charming village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner where you'll learn about the regional cuisine of cassoulet, foie gras, and Gaillac wine.

## **DAY 7 Toulouse**

Today choose a tour with a local guide to the city's openair market, followed by a walking tour. Or choose an exciting tour of the Airbus facility, maker of the world's largest passenger airliner.

## **DAY 8 Toulouse - Carcassonne**

A local expert will guide you through the charming village of Carcassonne. This storybook setting comes complete with drawbridges, towers and cobbled streets.

#### DAY 9 Carcassonne - Pont du Gard - Avignon -Saint-Rémy

Marvel at the Pont du Gard, the greatest surviving stretch of aqueduct remaining from Roman times.

#### **DAY 10 Saint-Rémy**

Today immerse yourself in the best of Provence on a journey to some of the sights that inspired artists such as Cézanne, Renoir, Van Gogh, Matisse and Picasso.

#### DAY 11 Saint-Rémy - Les Baux-de-Provence -Saint-Rémy

Visit the famous Wednesday market before heading up the scenic roads to the hilltop town of Les Baux-de Provence. Then, enter the caves at the nearby ancient quarries for a mesmerizing sound and light show. Tonight, prepare your senses for your farewell farm-totable dinner with wine.

## **DAY 12 Saint-Rémy**

Your tour ends in Saint-Rémy.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Board the high speed TGV\* train to the city of Bordeaux
- Discover the medieval city Saint-Émilion's fascinating underground monuments
- ✓ Walk alongside the famous Roman aqueduct Pont du Gard
- ✓ Enter caves near Les Baux-de-Provence for a mesmerizing light show



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Mercure Tour Eiffel, Paris. Mercure Bordeaux Centre\*\*, Bordeaux; Château des Vigiers, Dordogne Valley, Monestier. Grand Hotel de L'Opera, Toulouse, France Hotel de La Cite, Carcassone. Le Vallon de Valrugues, St. Remyde-Provence.

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,409

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*On day 2, clients may have to carry their own luggage from the TGV station to the motorcoach • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

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<b>MAR</b> 12	<b>AUG</b> 20	
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**APR** 15, 22

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Revel in the allure of captivating Paris with its world-renowned art, food and fashion. See the dramatic highlights of Paris by coach or metro and savour dinner at the Eiffel Tower with breathtaking views of Paris.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Paris, France**

Your tour starts in Paris. Tonight, your adventure begins with breathtaking views of the city while you enjoy dinner featuring delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner take a Seine River cruise.

### **DAY 2 Paris**

You may choose to take a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral. Or, for a truly local experience, you may prefer to join a local guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you'll see the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome with a local guide. The afternoon is at leisure.

#### **DAY 3 Paris - Louvre Museum**

Join a local expert exploring the priceless treasures of the world famous Louvre Museum, with a collection of more than one million works of art. Witness some of the museum's most famous pieces by the some of the greatest artist the world has seen including Raphael, Botticelli and Titian, and see the renowned statue of Venus de Milo and Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### **DAY 4 Paris**

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax and explore on your own. You may take an optional excursion to Champagne country which includes a visit to ancient Reims for a walking tour; then, stop in Epernay and visit a champagne cellar for a tour and tasting.

## **DAY 5 Paris - Versailles**

Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces and finest, most complete example of 17thcentury architecture. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens, some of the most famous in the world, which took over 40 years to complete. Tonight, celebrate the end of a fabulous trip with a sumptuous dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris' oldest brasseries.

## DAY 6 Paris

Your tour ends in Paris.

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TOUR STYLE: Spotlights

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Join your local guide for a tour of the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral
- ✓ Explore the treasures of the Louvre Museum with an expert



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Le Meridien Etoile, Paris. MEALS: 7 meals (5 Breakfasts & 2 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and metro

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,679

**NOTE: •** On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>FEB</b> 15	<b>AUG</b> 09
MAR 08, 15	<b>SEP</b> 20
<b>APR</b> 05	<b>OCT</b> 11, 18
MAY 03, 24	<b>NOV</b> 08, 28
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<b>JUL</b> 19, 26	

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Experience the true treasures of France on this 10 day tour. From bustling morning markets, mouthwatering French cuisine to the iconic sights including the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Place de la Concorde and the Champs Elysees.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Paris, France**

Your tour starts in Paris. Tonight, sample delicious French cuisine and witness breathtaking views during dinner at

### **DAY 2 Paris**

Today choose to take a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop for a short walking tour inside the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral. Or for a truly local experience, perhaps you will choose to join a guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro.

#### **DAY 3 Paris**

The entire day is yours to enjoy the city as you like. Take an optional tour that takes off the beaten path to magnificent places throughout the city. Or perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the world-renowned Louvre museum, home to the iconic Mona Lisa.

#### DAY 4 Paris - Aix-en-Provence

Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train travel through the beautiful French countryside on your way to Provence. Visit the Lavender Museum the later, travel to Aix-en-Provence and tour this wonderful city. Relax this evening and enjoy fine French dining at its best at your hotel's elegant restaurant.

## **DAY 5** Aix-en-Provence - Nimes

The city of Nimes reveals its deep history during a tour that includes a visit to the elliptical Roman amphitheatre. Visit the Maison Carrée, a small Roman temple; the 18th-century Jardins de la Fontaine and the Tour Magne, a ruined Roman tower.

# DAY 6 Aix-en-Provence - Saint-Rémy - Chateauneuf-

Take a trip to the bustling morning market in the city square then travel to the famous wine region of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. An expert guide leads you through the mysteries of wine and chocolate at a private tasting. Complete your day with a cooking demonstration and fine French cuisine at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 7 Aix-en-Provence - Antibes - Grasse - Nice

Journey to Antibes to rub shoulders with Europe's elite in this Riviera getaway. Learn the secrets of perfume making and create your own fragrance. Then it's off to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous.

#### DAY 8 Nice - Monaco

This morning stroll through the flower market in Nice. Then discover Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Take a panoramic tour of Monaco highlighting the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace.

#### **DAY 9 Nice**

Revel in a day of leisure. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a quaint restaurant.

#### DAY 10 Nice

You tour ends in Nice.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Enjoy dinner at the Eiffel Tower with breathtaking views of Paris
- Tour the atelier (workshop) of the famous painter, Paul Cézanne
- ✓ Stroll through the bustling morning market in the city square of Saint-Rémy
- ✓ Participate in a special perfume workshop to create your own fragrance



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hyatt Regency Etoile, Paris. Grand Hotel Roi René, Aix-en-Provence. Westminster Hotel & Spa, Nice.

MEALS: 13 meals (9 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,459

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>MAR</b> 10	<b>JUL</b> 07
<b>APR</b> 21, 28	<b>SEP</b> 01, 15
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Visit two of the most romantic and captivating European destinations. Journey through the best of France and Italy as you explore lively Paris, romantic Provence, delightful Nice, spectacular Florence, and enchanting Rome.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Paris, France**

Your tour starts in Paris. Tonight, enjoy a wonderful cruise along the Seine River followed by a meal in a beautiful, historic Parisian brasserie.

### **DAY 2 Paris**

Today choose to take a panoramic coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral or take the metro to visit some of the most iconic sights.

#### **DAY 3 Paris**

Walk the streets of Montmartre that inspired the famous artwork of Van Gogh, Picasso and Toulouse-Lautrec. Then visit the iconic Sacré-Coeur Basilica.

#### DAY 4 Paris - Avignon, Provence

Climb aboard the high-speed TGV train to Provence. Join a local expert for a walking tour of Avignon.

DAY 5 Avignon - Saint-Rémy - Chateauneuf-du-Pape Arrive in the beautiful town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence where Van Gogh painted "Starry Night". Then head to the famous wine region of Chateauneuf-du-Pape.

#### **DAY 6 Avignon - Nimes**

Discover the city of Nimes' deep Roman history during a tour then visit the Maison Carrée, a small Roman temple.

## DAY 7 Avignon - Grasse - Nice

Today you'll travel to Grasse and learn about perfume making before arriving in Nice.

## DAY 8 Nice - St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Monaco

Visit Villefranche-sur-Mer en route to St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat. the crown jewel of the French Riviera.

## DAY 9 Nice - Santa Margherita, Italy - Florence

Drive along the Italian Riviera. Along the way stop in picturesque Santa Margherita and enjoy some free time.

## **DAY 10 Florence**

Today you can take a guided walking tour of Florence or join an expert to explore the world-famous Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore.

#### **DAY 11 Florence**

Travel through the Tuscan countryside to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region.

## DAY 12 Florence - Assisi - Rome

Make a stop en route to Rome in charming Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis.

## DAY 13 Rome

Experience Rome on a guided panoramic tour featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine, and the famous Piazza Navona and the impressive Colosseum.

#### DAY 14 Rome

The day is yours to relax. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner.

## DAY 15 Rome

Your tour ends today in Rome.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the bustling morning market in the city square of Saint-Rémy
- ✓ Enjoy an in-depth visit to Rome's iconic Colosseum
- ✓ Stroll the streets of Paris' bohemian neighborhood
- ✓ Visit a famous perfumery and learn the secrets of perfume making



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris. Novotel Avignon Centre, Avignon. Hotel Nice Riviera, Nice. Grand Hotel Adriatico, Florence. Hotel Albani, Rome.

MEALS: 22 meals (14 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 7 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,209

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

	2017
<b>MAY</b> 06, 27	<b>SEP</b> 09, 23
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Enjoy the best of London and Paris on this leisurely tour. All of the top sights are included, as well as plenty of free time for your own discoveries. Visit Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and dine at the Eiffel Tower!

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 London, England**

Your tour starts in London.

#### **DAY 2 London**

Join a local expert for a day of exploration in London. Begin with a panoramic tour highlighting Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the changing of the guard (if held). Enjoy a guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral\* and spend leisure time at Harrods, the jewel in the crown of London department stores. This afternoon, it's your choice! Perhaps you'll choose to step back to wartime Britain while exploring the Churchill War Rooms, the secret underground centre of Britain's government during WWII. Or maybe you would prefer to tour Westminster Abbey,\* the coronation church of Britain's monarchs.

## **DAY 3 London**

After breakfast, enjoy a day to explore London at your leisure. You may choose to take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and gueens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence.

## DAY 4 London - Paris, France

Sit back and relax as you depart London and travel on the Eurostar High Speed Train to France. Arrive in Paris and enjoy a special dinner at the Paradis Latin,\*\* the city's oldest cabaret theatre.

Come to know the dramatic highlights of Paris your way — by coach or by metro! You may choose to take a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral. Or, for a truly Parisian experience, take in some of the most iconic sights by metro. Either way you'll see the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome with a local guide. This afternoon you can choose to partake in an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre and indulge in some of the world's best shopping on the Champs-Elysees.

#### **DAY 6 Paris**

Today you are free to enjoy the city however you would like. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Louis XIV's magnificent Palace and Gardens of Versailles and relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Tonight, sample delicious French cuisine and witness breathtaking views during dinner at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner, enjoy a romantic Seine River cruise against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline.

#### **DAY 7 Paris**

Your tour ends in Paris.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ You choose your tour: Explore the Churchill War Rooms or Westminster Abbey
- ✓ Enjoy a guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral
- ✓ Cruise along the Seine River against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Grange Tower Hotel, London or Grange City Hotel, London. Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, train and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,039

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Paradis Latin may be considered unsuitable for children – consult your Tour Manager • \*As Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral are working religious institutions, they may be subject to unexpected closures to the public.

## **Tour start date**

2017 **MAY** 04, 11, 18, 25 **SEP** 07, 14, 21, 28 **JUN** 08, 22, 29 **OCT** 05, 12, 19, 26 **JUL** 06, 13, 20, 27 **NOV** 02, 09 **AUG** 03, 10, 17, 23

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Immerse yourself in one of the world's most iconic cities and explore the surrounding areas of London. On your five night adventure, delve into the rich history, architecture and culture. From the Tower of London to the renowned Oxford university.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 London, England**

Your tour starts in London where you will join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner.

## **DAY 2 London**

A local expert leads you on a panoramic tour of London. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. End your city tour with a visit to Harrods. This afternoon, perhaps you will join us on an optional tour to regal Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, the imposing castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries.

#### **DAY 3 London**

Today it's your choice! Perhaps you will join a local guide and explore the quaint Kensington neighborhood, known for its charming shops, cobblestone lanes and famous residents, before a visit to Kensington Palace; once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana, it boasts the beautiful Kensington Gardens. Or, perhaps you would prefer to travel to Westminster station and snap a photo in front of Big Ben before heading north on Whitehall, known as the centre of Her Majesty's Government. Catch a glimpse of 10 Downing Street before visiting the Churchill War Rooms.

## DAY 4 London - Oxford - Blenheim Palace

Travel across England's beautiful countryside en route to the historic city of Oxford, home to the prestigious University of Oxford, Join a local expert on a privately

guided walking tour which includes a visit to the college where Harry Potter was filmed. Next visit Blenheim Palace, one of England's most magnificent homes, for a self-guided tour. Famous for being the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a glimpse into the life of English royalty.

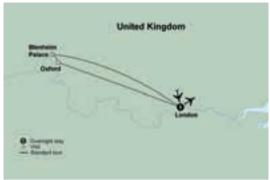
### **DAY 5 London**

Spend your final day in London however you like. Perhaps explore Shakespeare's Globe, visit the worldrenowned British Museum, or simply relax and enjoy the culture. This evening, step inside the most famous bridge in the world - London's Tower Bridge. With a resident expert, explore the Victorian Engine Rooms and dare to walk across the 137 foot glass floor connecting the bridge's two towers that rise above the River Thames. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 6 London**

Your tour ends in London.

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**TOUR STYLE:** Spotlights

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the college where Harry Potter was filmed
- ✓ Soar over the River Thames on a tour of London's famous Tower Bridge
- ✓ Tour Kensington or visit the Churchill War Rooms



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Grange City Hotel, London. MEALS: 7 meals (5 Breakfasts & 2 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,479

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, you should arrive at your first hotel no later than 4 p.m • Special Christmas seasonal departure dates available. Please call or go online for details.

## **Tour start date**

2017	
<b>MAY</b> 04, 19	<b>SEP</b> 07, 14, 21
<b>JUN</b> 15	<b>OCT</b> 05, 26
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Experience a leisurely paced tour in England's most iconic destinations. Spend two nights in bustling London. Sail the picturesque Lake District, visit York's medieval "Shambles." As well as Bath, Liverpool and the peaceful Cornwall and Yorkshire.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 London**

Your tour starts in London.

#### **DAY 2 London**

This morning, see the quintessential sights of London with your local guide. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this iconic city.

## DAY 3 London - Stonehenge - Cornwall

Travel across some of England's most beautiful countryside en route to Stonehenge and learn about its origin. Continue on to Cornwall and spend two nights in this breathtaking corner of the world.

#### DAY 4 Cornwall

Today see iconic St. Michael's Mount where legend says St. Michael the Archangel appeared to local fishermen in the 5th century. Travel along Cornwall's stunning coastal road to Land's End, England's most westerly point. Then, visit the popular artist colony and resort of St. Ives.

DAY 5 Cornwall - Glastonbury - Bath - Great Malvern Today, visit the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey. Then see the ancient Roman town of Bath – renowned for more than 2,000 years for its spas and natural hot springs and end your day in the spa town of Great Malvern where your hotel affords you magnificent views across the English countryside.

#### DAY 6 Cotswolds - Great Malvern

Discover one of England's most magnificent homes – Blenheim Palace – birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Afterward, enjoy a relaxing day touring the Cotswolds, venturing to some of England's most charming villages.

## DAY 7 Great Malvern - Liverpool - Lake District

This morning, travel to the great port city of Liverpool. A private tour will reveal the 800 year history of this fascinating city. Then travel north to the scenic Lake District and your hotel on the shores of Lake Windermere.

### **DAY 8 Lake District**

Enjoy a day exploring the magnificent Lake District and stroll through the picturesque village of Grasmere, once home of and inspiration to the romantic poet William Wordsworth. Sail\* on the largest lake in England, Lake Windermere. This evening is at your leisure.

### DAY 9 Lake District - Yorkshire Dales - York

Travel through the Yorkshire Dales National Park and stop for a visit at the Wensleydale Creamery and learn about the history of cheese making in Yorkshire. Continue on to the medieval city of York and join a local expert on a leisurely walking tour and see the famous Minster and "Shambles".

## DAY 10 York - Coventry - Windsor Area

Travel south to the historic city of Coventry and join a local guide for a tour. Then, have some free time for lunch and exploring the city before your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 11 Windsor**

Your tour ends in Windsor.

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Tour the Roman Baths Museum and see its ancient and elaborate spas
- Spend time at Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill
- ✓ Set sail on one of the largest lakes in the picturesque Lake District
- ✓ Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Yorkshire Dales National Park



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt, London. The Cornwall Hotel, St. Austell. Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern. Low Wood Hotel, Amblesid. Hotel 53, York. Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow (Windsor Area), London.

MEALS: 15 meals (10 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,279

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The sailing on Lake Windermere is subject to weather conditions • Due to tour scheduling, you should arrive at your first hotel no later than 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>MAY</b> 21	<b>AUG</b> 14
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Discover it all. Delve deep into a region filled with exciting cities and charming villages brimming with iconic sites and peaceful places that will take your breath away.

## Your tour

**DAY 1 London, England** 

**DAY 2 London** Join a local guide for a panoramic city tour. DAY 3 London - York Board a train to the medieval city of York and take a walking tour around the city.

DAY 4 York - Edinburgh Head north to Scotland where you'll find Hadrian's Wall. Then arrive in Edinburgh for a private cooking experience.

DAY 5 Edinburgh Today you can either take a panoramic city tour by coach or you explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

DAY 6 Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Pitlochry - Eastern Highlands Travel to St. Andrews, and then stop at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town. Then continue to Scotland's Eastern Highlands.

**DAY 7 Eastern Highlands - Culloden** Your day begins at Culloden Battlefield. Next, tour the Dunrobin Castle. DAY 8 Eastern Highlands - Glasgow Take a cruise of famed Loch Ness. Soak up the awe-inspiring view at the striking ruins of Urguhart Castle.

DAY 9 Glasgow - Belfast, Northern Ireland Cross the Irish Sea and arrive in Belfast and take a city tour. DAY 10 Belfast - Antrim Coast Explore the scenic back

roads of the Glens of Antrim and marvel at the Giant's Causeway.

DAY 11 Belfast - Enniskillen - Sligo Visit the town of Enniskillen before a tour of Belleek Pottery.

DAY 12 Sligo - Galway - Ennis Enjoy time on your own in Galway. This afternoon, visit an Irish family's working

DAY 13 Ennis - Cliffs of Moher - Killarney Visit

the Cliffs of Moher then ferry across the mighty Shannon into County Kerry. Arrive in Killarney where a time-honoured jaunting car ride will take you through Killarney National Park.

DAY 14 Killarney Explore County Kerry on a walk or travel the coastal route, the Ring of Kerry

DAY 15 Killarney - Blarney - Waterford - Kilkenny Journey to historic Blarney Castle for a chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone.

DAY 16 Kilkenny Today choose a walking tour of medieval Kilkenny or visit the stirring ruins of Kells Priory. DAY 17 Kilkenny - Dublin Take a guided tour of Dublin and overnight at a 13th-century Irish castle.

DAY 18 Dublin - North Wales Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales and take a tour of Conwy.

DAY 19 North Wales Today is at leisure

DAY 20 North Wales - Ludlow - Cardiff, Wales Today stop off in Ludlow, then continue to Tintern Abbey and end your day in Cardiff.

DAY 21 Cardiff - Bath - Stonehenge - Frimley Journey to the town of Bath then continue on to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Stonehenge.

DAY 22 Frimley - Stratford-upon-Avon - Frimley Venture to Stratford-upon-Avon and join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

DAY 23 Frimley Your tour ends in Frimley. Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE:** (1) (2) (3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Take a scenic train through England's countryside to York
- Overnight in castles in the Irish and Welsh countryside
- ✓ Explore the mythical heritage of Stonehenge



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London. Hotel 53, York. Novotel City Centre, Edinburgh. Kingsmills Hotel, Eastern Highlands, Inverness. Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow. Europa Hotel, Belfast. Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo. The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney. The Kilkenny Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny. Barberstown Castle, Co. Kildare, Straffan. Ruthin Castle Hotel, North Wales. Radisson Blu, Cardiff. MacDonald Frimley Hall Hotel, Frimley.

MEALS: 32 meals (22 Breakfasts & 10 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, ferry, train and jaunting car ride

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,399

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, you should arrive at your first hotel no later

## **Tour start date**

2017		
<b>MAY</b> 07	<b>AUG</b> 06	
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Journey by train to three of the UK's most historic destinations: Edinburgh, York and London. Take in the views as you travel across the British countryside.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Edinburgh, Scotland**

Your tour starts in Edinburgh. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers during a fun-filled Scottish evening complete with traditional entertainment.

## **DAY 2 Edinburgh**

Come to know this regal city on a locally guided tour that includes the Royal Mile, Old Town, Grassmarket, and the Scottish Parliament. See the Palace of Holyroodhouse before touring the imposing Edinburgh Castle.

## DAY 3 Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Pitlochry

Travel to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf. Next, stop at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town. This afternoon, visit a Scottish whisky distillery and taste one of the world's most well-known whiskies

## DAY 4 Edinburgh - York, England

Depart Edinburgh for a scenic train ride through the Scottish Borders. Arrive in York, England's iconic medieval city. Join a local expert on a stroll through the city's historic streets.

#### DAY 5 York - Castle Howard - Helmsley - York

Venture to Yorkshire's breathtaking countryside. Visit Castle Howard, a magnificent 18th-century estate. Continue on to the quaint market town of Helmsley before heading back to York for an afternoon at leisure.

#### DAY 6 York - London

Board your train; then sit back and relax en route to England's sophisticated and bustling capital city of London. Be greeted by a local expert who leads you on a panoramic tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace.

## **DAY 7 London**

Enjoy a full day to explore London on your own. Or, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion to Oxford and Blenheim Palace.

#### **DAY 8 London - Windsor**

Travel outside of the city to glorious Windsor Castle. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

## DAY 9 London

Your tour ends in London.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











Audio guides

excursions

TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2)(3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit magnificent Edinburgh Castle, a stone fortress perched high above the city
- Travel to St. Andrews, the beautiful town that gave the world the game of golf
- ✓ Explore Castle Howard, one of England's finest estates
- ✓ Spend time in the quaint town of Helmsley



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Novotel Edinburgh City Centre, Edinburgh. Hotel 53, York. Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt,

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,139

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m • An alternative itinerary featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Festival is available. Please call for details

## **Tour start date**

2017		
<b>MAY</b> 28	<b>SEP</b> 03, 17	
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Lakes set amidst mountains that inspired centuries of literature, and cities thriving with arts and culture. Discover Britain on this memorable journey through England, Scotland and Wales.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 London**

Your tour starts in London.

#### **DAY 2 London**

This morning, see the quintessential sights of London with your local guide, then spend the rest of the day at leisure.

## DAY 3 London - York

Board a train and be whisked away to the medieval city of York. Sit back and relax on your journey through stunning countryside. Upon arriving in York, join a local guide for a walking tour of this remarkable city. See the famous York Minster and walk on the "Shambles"

## DAY 4 York - Borders Region, Scotland - Edinburgh

Head north through the rolling fields on your way to bonnie Scotland. Stretching across the country you will find Hadrian's Wall which once marked the northern border of the Roman Empire. Next, drive through Scotland's Borders region before arriving in Edinburgh. Discover Scotland's exciting capital city which is rich in beauty and culture.

#### DAY 5 Edinburgh

Today it's your choice! You may choose to get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic city tour via coach. Or, for a different perspective, perhaps you'd prefer to join a local expert to explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse\*\*.

#### DAY 6 Edinburgh - Lake District, England - Ruthin Castle, Wales

Our final stop in Scotland is at the border town of Gretna Green, where generations of runaway couples came to be married. In the heart of the Lake District, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. End your day with an overnight stay in beautiful Ruthin Castle, situated in the north of Wales.

## DAY 7 Wales - Stratford-upon-Avon, England

Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon, your home for the next two nights and birthplace of William Shakespeare. Then you may choose to tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife; or, perhaps you will choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River.

# DAY 8 Stratford - Stonehenge - Cotswolds -

Complete your visit to Britain with a trip to the mystical and fascinating Stonehenge before travelling through some of England's most beautiful countryside. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a private farewell dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare-family home.

## DAY 9 Stratford-upon-Avon

Your tour ends in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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Included excursions

TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Take a scenic train from London to York
- ✓ Tour the awe-inspiring Edinburgh Castle
- ✓ Discover the beauty of the picturesque Lake District
- ✓ Feel like a regal guest during an overnight stay in a beautiful castle
- Stop to see the ancient Roman fortification Hadrian's Wall

## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Grange City Hotel, London. Hotel 53, York. G & V Hotel, Edinburgh. Ruthin Castle, Ruthin. Mercure Shakespeare Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon.

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and train **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,989

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The changing of the guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace is not held every day. When it is not available, a stop will still be made at the Palace • \*\*The Palace of Holyroodhouse may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions • An alternative itinerary featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Festival is available. Please call or go online for details.

## **Tour start date**

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From its rugged sea-sprayed islands to its stately castles rich in history, Scotland's treasures are as diverse as they are compelling. Learn how to play the bagpipes, cruise Loch Lomond and marvel at the highland landscape.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Glasgow**

Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it's your chance to give it a go! This evening enjoy a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm to table restaurant.

#### DAY 2 Glasgow - Ballachulish

Begin your day with a cruise on famed Loch Lomond. Then meet a local farmer and his family when you visit a working Scottish farm. Continue on to the Highlands, through the breathtaking scenery of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor, before arriving at your hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe.

## DAY 3 Ballachulish - Isle of Skye

Take a stunning drive along the "Road to the Isles" to the legendary Isle of Skye. Then, visit Armadale Castle & Gardens\* and the Museum of the Isles. Take a ferry crossing back to the mainland. Returning to Ballachulish.

## DAY 4 Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso

Take in the panorama of Loch Ness then soak up the awe-inspiring view at the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle. Travel through the Great Glen and your day concludes in Thurso.

#### **DAY 5 Thurso - Orkney Islands**

Voyage by ferry to the Orkney Islands\*\* – once a Viking stronghold off the coast of Scotland. Visit Skara Brae where you will discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt.

## **DAY 6 Thurso - Eastern Highlands**

Today you will visit Culloden Battlefield. We also stop at the majestic Dunrobin Castle\*\*\* which dates back to the 1300s. Experience a fascinating falconry display in the formal gardens overlooking the North Sea. Enjoy an overnight stay in the Eastern Highlands.

#### DAY 7 Eastern Highlands - Pitlochry - St. Andrews -Edinburgh

Begin your day with a visit to one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. Enjoy time at leisure in the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry before travelling to St. Andrews. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh.

#### **DAY 8 Edinburgh**

Today you can choose to see the capital on a locally guided panoramic city tour and visit the Palace at Holyroodhouse,\*\*\*\* the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh. Or, join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions.

## DAY 9 Edinburgh

Your tour ends in Edinburgh.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











Audio guides

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Reflect at Culloden Battlefield, the site of the halfhour battle that changed history
- ✓ Discover the remains of a Neolithic village at Skara
- ✓ Soak up the awe-inspiring view at the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle
- ✓ Embark on a relaxing cruise on sprawling Loch Lomond

## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow. Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish. Royal Hotel, Thurso. Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey. Radisson Blu Edinburgh, Edinburgh.

MEALS: 14 meals (8 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, ferry and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,659

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Armadale Castle and Gardens are open from April to October.

On other dates a visit to Eilean Donan Castle will be substituted • \*\*Weather conditions may sometimes prevent operation of the ferry to the Orkney Islands. In these cases, your Tour

Manager will substitute activities on the mainland • \*\*\*Dunrobin Castle is open from April to October. When it is closed you will visit Fort George or similar • \*\*\*\*The Palace of Holyroodhouse may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions An alternative itinerary featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Festival

#### **Tour start date**

is available. Please call for details.

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<b>JUN</b> 05, 19	<b>SEP</b> 04, 05, 11, 18, 25		
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Travel to some of the world's most magnificent cities and through the magical countryside of Britain and Ireland. This comprehensive journey takes you through rolling farmland and across the Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 London, England**

Your tour starts in London

#### **DAY 2 London**

Discover the pageantry of London as you join a local guide for a city tour.

#### DAY 3 London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff

This morning's journey takes you to Stonehenge then onto Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's. Continue to the Welsh capital of Cardiff.

## DAY 4 Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Cardiff before boarding the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to charming Waterford.

## DAY 5 Waterford - Blarney - Killarney

Choose today between a tour of the House of Waterford Crystal factory or opt to enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city.

## DAY 6 Killarney - Ring of Kerry

Today explore the Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Upon returning to Killarney you will be treated to a time-honoured Irish jaunting car ride.\*

## DAY 7 Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Today you'll visit a local working farm. Later, we venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the Rock of Cashel. Tonight, enjoy a traditional cooking class and dinner.

## **DAY 8 Dublin**

Discover Dublin's past and present on a locally guided tour. Later enjoy some time at leisure

## DAY 9 Dublin - Wales - Cheshire

Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales. Then make a stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle.

#### DAY 10 Cheshire - Lake District - Gretna Green, Scotland - Edinburgh

Travel north into England's scenic Lake District and visit Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. Crossing into Scotland, stop in the town of Gretna Green and continue on to Edinburgh.

#### **DAY 11 Edinburgh**

Today choose between a locally guided panoramic city tour by coach or explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holvroodhouse\*\*

## DAY 12 Edinburgh - York, England

En route to York, visit Hadrian's Wall.

## DAY 13 York - Coventry - Stratford-upon-Avon

Journey to Coventry and visit its famous modern cathedral. Next, venture to charming Stratford-upon-Avon. This evening gather for a farewell dinner.

## DAY 14 Stratford-upon-Avon

Your tour ends in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Your choice of tour in Waterford
- ✓ Share stories with a local Irish family when you visit their working farm
- Be inspired by the Lake District's quintessential English villages
- ✓ Visit William Shakespeare's birthplace



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Radisson Blu Edwardian, Grafton, London. Radisson Blu Hotel, Cardiff. Granville Hotel, Waterford. The Brehon Hotel, Killarney. Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin. Grosvenor Pulford Hotel, Cheshire. Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh. Hotel 53, York. Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall Hotel & Spa, Stratford-upon-Avon.

MEALS: 20 meals (13 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,819

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Jaunting car ride is included, weather permitting • \*\*The Palace of Holyroodhouse may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions • Due to tour scheduling, you should arrive at your hotel prior to 4 p.m. • On day 14, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

#### **Tour start date**

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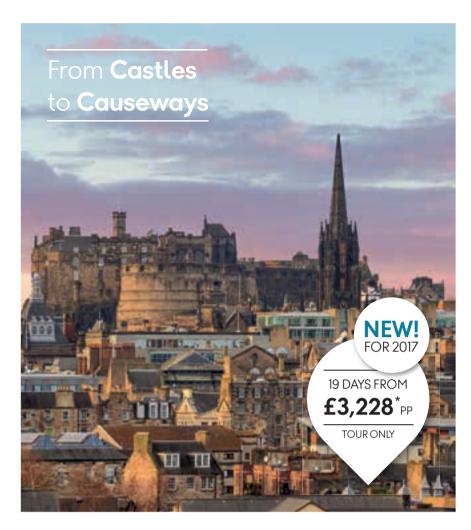
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Journey through Scotland and Ireland and bask in the warm Celtic culture and majestic scenery of two remarkable lands. Experience iconic sites and natural wonders, including Loch Ness, the Cliffs of Moher, the Giant's Causeway and more.

## Your tour

**DAY1** Edinburgh, Scotland

Your tour starts in Edinburgh.

#### **DAY 2 Edinburgh**

Today either choose a locally guided panoramic tour or an in depth walking tour of Edinburgh.

DAY 3 Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Eastern Highlands Travel to St. Andrews and then visit the Victorian town of Pitlochry.

DAY 4 Eastern Highlands - Loch Ness - Ballachulish Explore Inverness and take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness.

## DAY 5 Ballachulish - Glasgow

Drive through Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Arrive in Glasgow and take in the sights.

## DAY 6 Glasgow - Ferry Crossing - Belfast

Cross the Irish Sea by ferry and head for Belfast.

## **DAY 7 Belfast**

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Belfast and visit the Titanic Experience museum.

### DAY 8 Belfast - Glens of Antrim - Giant's Causeway - Derry

Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant's Causeway. Then, embark on a railway journey along the Causeway Coast.\* This evening it's Diner's Choice.

# DAY 9 Derry - County Donegal - Glenveagh National

Today visit spectacular Glenveagh National Park and Glenveagh Castle.

## DAY 10 Derry - Ulster American Folk Park - Dublin

Visit the Ulster American Folk Park before arriving in Dublin.

#### **DAY 11 Dublin**

Today is yours to explore Dublin at your leisure.

## DAY 12 Dublin

Today take a drive or walking tour to see some of the cities highlights.

## DAY 13 Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

Visit Kilkenny, on your way to Waterford.

#### DAY 14 Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

Today, journey to historic Blarney Castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. This afternoon enjoy a choice of two excursions both featuring a jaunting car ride.\*\*

## DAY 15 Killarney - Ring of Kerry

Travel along the beautiful coastal route, the Ring of Kerry.

#### **DAY 16 Killarney - Limerick**

Today visit an Irish farm then continue to Limerick for a panoramic city tour.

## DAY 17 Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway

Journey to the stunning Cliffs of Moher. Continue to Galway, and take a brief city tour.

#### DAY 18 Limerick - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt Visit a whiskey distillery for a tasting then overnight on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle.

#### **DAY 19 Kingscourt**

Your tour ends in Kingscourt.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Spend two nights on Edinburgh's iconic Royal Mile
- ✓ Visit the award-winning Titanic Experience museum
- ✓ Discover Glenveagh Castle
- ✓ Embark on a breathtaking rail journey along the Causeway Coast
- ✓ Experience the daily life of an Irish family during a visit to a dairy farm



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** G & V Royal Mile Hotel, Edinburgh, Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey. Ballachulish Hotel. Jurys Inn, Glasgow. Europa Hotel, Belfast. Maldron Hotel, Derry. Academy Plaza Hotel, Dublin. Granville Hotel, Waterford. Killarney Avenue, Killarney Towers. Absolute Hotel, George Hotel. Cabra Castle, Kingscourt,

MEALS: 28 meals (18 Breakfasts & 10 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, ferry, train and jaunting car ride

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4.008

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Trains from Coleraine to Derry are subject to scheduling changes, maintenance and cancellation • \*\*Jaunting car ride and/or boat cruise are included, weather permitting.

## **Tour start date**

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Bask in the warm Celtic culture and majestic scenery on a tour of Ireland and Scotland that combines the best of two remarkable lands. From beginning to end, you will have plenty of time to get under the skin of each of these beautiful destinations.

#### Your tour

## **DAY 1 Edinburgh, Scotland**

Your tour starts in Edinburgh with a traditional Scottish welcome dinner.

## **DAY 2 Edinburgh**

Today choose to get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic city tour by coach. Or explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse\*, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh.

## DAY 3 Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Eastern Highlands

Travel to St. Andrews to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse. Next, stop at Pitlochry before a privately guided tour at one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries.

## DAY 4 Eastern Highlands - Loch Ness - Ballachulish

This morning, explore Inverness and then take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before visiting the famed Urquhart Castle. Continue south through Scotland's stunning Great Glen.

## DAY 5 Ballachulish - Glasgow

Arrive in the Victorian metropolis of Glasgow. Take in the sights with a local expert before enjoying an evening at

## DAY 6 Glasgow - Ferry Crossing - Belfast

Travel along the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry and cross the famed Irish Sea.

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Belfast and complete

today's tour with a visit to the award-winning Titanic Experience museum.

# DAY 8 Belfast - Glens of Antrim - Giant's Causeway

Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, embark on one of the world's most beautiful railway journeys along the Causeway Coast.\*\* This evening it's Diner's Choice... choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Derry's great restaurants

# DAY 9 Derry - County Donegal - Glenveagh National

Today's journey showcases the rugged beauty of County Donegal. Visit spectacular Glenveagh National Park and enjoy a guided visit to stately Glenveagh Castle.

## DAY 10 Derry - Ulster American Folk Park - Dublin Travel to the Ulster American Folk Park where you will find collected buildings and artefacts from generations

Take a locally guided tour of Dublin's highlights. This evening, toast the end of an incredible adventure with an evening of traditional Irish music and dance, lore and legend!

## **DAY 12 Dublin**

Your tour ends in Dublin.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Spend time exploring the award-winning Titanic Experience museum
- Explore the ruins of historic Urguhart Castle on the banks of Loch Ness
- Embark on one of the world's most breathtaking rail journeys along the Causeway Coast
- ✓ Discover Glenveagh Castle, set amidst one of the finest gardens in Ireland



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: G & V Royal Mile Hotel, Edinburgh. Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey. Ballachulish Hotel Ballachulish. Jurys Inn, Glasgow. Europa Hotel, Belfast. Maldron Hotel, Derry. Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, ferry, train and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,359

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The Palace of Holyroodhouse may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions • \*\*Trains from Coleraine to Derry are subject to scheduling changes, maintenance and cancellation • An alternative itinerary featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Festival is available. Please call for details.

## **Tour start date**

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<b>JUN</b> 12, 26	<b>SEP</b> 04, 11	
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From vibrant and history-filled Dublin, across rolling green hills to the dramatic coast and onward to Belfast, experience all of the charms of Ireland on this magical tour of the Emerald Isle.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Dublin**

Your tour starts in Dublin with dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Dublin**

Today set out with a local guide on a drive to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephan's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park. Or take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.

## DAY 3 Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

Travel to Kilkenny to explore the medieval atmosphere of this city. Then, arrive in the historic city of Waterford and visit the House of Waterford Crystal. Complete your day with a leisurely paced walking tour of this unique city.

#### DAY 4 Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

Today, journey to historic Blarney Castle and embrace the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Then enjoy a time-honoured jaunting car ride\* to beautiful Muckross House or instead take a scenic jaunting car ride\* through Killarney National Park to Ross Castle; then, board a traditional boat and sail through the breathtaking lakes.

## DAY 5 Killarney - Ring of Kerry

Travel along one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world, the Ring of Kerry. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans.

## **DAY 6 Killarney - Limerick - Ennis**

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable farm visit. Continue to Limerick and take a panoramic city tour.

#### DAY 7 Ennis - Cliffs of Moher - Galway - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

Journey to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher. Continue to Galway for a city tour. Your day ends at the Manor House Hotel.

## DAY 8 Enniskillen - Donegal Town - Derry

Today you take in the rugged, natural beauty of County Donegal. Next, we travel to the city of Derry, famous for its turbulent political history. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice... choose your included dinner from a 'menu' of Derry's great restaurants.

### **DAY 9 Derry**

Choose to journey to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head or join a local guide to meet local experts at some of the city's museums

#### DAY 10 Derry - Giant's Causeway - Glens of Antrim - Belfast

See the most famous natural site in Northern Ireland as you visit the magnificent Giant's Causeway.

## DAY 11 Belfast - Kingscourt, Ireland

Take the "Titanic Experience," tour, then we are off to Kingscourt, crossing back into the Republic of Ireland. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle with a farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 12 Kingscourt**

Your tour ends in Kingscourt.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads
- See Northern Ireland's famous phenomenon the spectacular Giant's Causeway
- ✓ Enjoy an overnight stay on the grounds of an iconic castle
- ✓ Marvel at "Samson" and "Goliath," the cranes at the shipyard that built the Titanic



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin. Granville Hotel, Waterford. Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney. Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. Manor House Hotel, Enniskillen. City Hotel, Derry. Europa Hotel, Belfast. Cabra Castle, Kingscourt.

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, jaunting car ride and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,829

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m • An alternative version of this tour is available with the option to exclude Northern Ireland. Please call or go online for details.

## **Tour start date**

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MAR 14	<b>AUG</b> 01, 08, 22, 23, 30	
<b>APR</b> 18	<b>SEP</b> 05, 06, 12, 13, 19,	
<b>MAY</b> 09, 16, 23	20, 27	
<b>JUN</b> 06, 13, 27	<b>OCT</b> 03, 17, 24	
<b>JUL</b> 04, 11, 25		
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<b>MAR</b> 13, 20	<b>APR</b> 10, 17, 24	

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Savour a true taste of "Irish Splendour" when you spend the night in a stately castle. Relax by a roaring peat fire. Stand in awe on the Cliffs of Moher. Tour rollicking Dublin and delight in some traditional Irish cuisine.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Dublin**

Your tour starts in Dublin. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for traditional entertainment during a funfilled Irish evening.

### **DAY 2 Dublin**

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin and take in O'Connell Street, Grafton Street and the city's magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes. Tour Kilmainham Gaol, the historic prison and then enjoy some leisure time to explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin.

### **DAY 3 Dublin - Killarney**

Depart Dublin for Ireland's breathtaking countryside. Visit the town of Cashel for views of the historic Rock of Cashel, the reputed location where St. Patrick preached and converted the King of Munster. Next, journey to historic Blarney Castle where you have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. End your day in charming Killarney. This evening, it's Diner's Choice... you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants.

#### DAY 4 Killarney - Dingle Peninsula

Set off this morning to follow what is perhaps Ireland's most majestic coastal route – the stunning Dingle Peninsula. Stop at the Gap of Dunloe where you can shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Travel to the town of Dingle and then drive the beautiful Slea Head road.

## DAY 5 Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm. Continue to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. End your day in the charming town of Ennis.

### DAY 6 Ennis - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt

Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. The ancient towns of Tullamore and Kilbeggan have long been associated with the whiskey industry. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 7 Kingscourt**

Your tour ends in Kingscourt.

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Audio quides

TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Travel the Dingle Peninsula, one of the world's most beautiful coastal routes
- View the Rock of Cashel, the historic site where St. Patrick preached
- ✓ Tour Kilmainham Gaol, the historic prison that held some of Ireland's most famous political and military leaders



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Ashling Hotel, Dublin. Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney. Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. Cabra Castle, Kingscourt.

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 **SOLO TRAVELLERS:** From £1,009

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • On day 7, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 8:30 a.m. • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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Uncover the magic. Celebrate what it means to be alive on this jaunt that takes you on a joyous cultural voyage though cities and backroads of Ireland.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Dublin, Ireland

Your tour starts in Dublin. Tonight, start things off right as you join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception with canapés and cocktails in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.\* Within the medieval walls of Dublin's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

## **DAY 2 Dublin**

Your day begins at the Guinness Storehouse where, after a privately guided tour, you'll have an opportunity to pour your own pint. Next, meet your local guide for an immersive walking tour of Dublin. Explore Stephan's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. This evening, put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions.

#### DAY 3 Dublin - Kildare - Holy Cross Abbey - Killarney

Visit the Irish National Stud and learn about one of the county's most historic (and lucrative) industries horse breeding. Continue to Holy Cross Abbey where a privately guided tour outlines the abbey's turbulent history. Arrive in Killarney for a relaxing two-night stay. Tonight, come to know Kerry's budding culinary scene during a farm to table dinner at one of the best restaurants in town.

## **DAY 4 Killarney National Park**

Today is yours to explore one of Ireland's most remarkable places - Killarney National Park. Rugged mountains, serene lakes and lush forests come together to create an otherworldly landscape.

## DAY 5 Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - The Burren - Ennis

Cross the mighty Shannon as we arrive into County Clare. Joining your fellow travellers on a culinary scavenger hunt. Find the perfect ingredients to prepare a picnic lunch that we will later enjoy while overlooking Clare's breathtaking scenery.\*\* Enjoy time to walk along The Cliffs of Moher soaking up unparalleled views. Continue on to the Burren, Ireland's vast limestone landscape, for a guided hike of this incredible natural heritage region. Tonight, complete your journey at the Old Ground Hotel in Ennis.

#### **DAY 6 Ennis**

Your tour ends in Ennis.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











Audio quides

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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Enjoy a welcome reception in Christ Church Cathedral's mysterious crypt, the oldest structure in Duhlin
- ✓ Discover Ireland's rich monastic history with a visit to Holy Cross Abbey



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Ashling Hotel, Dublin or Academy Plaza Hotel, Dublin. Killarney Towers, Killarney. Old Ground Hotel,

MEALS: 9 meals (5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

**SOLO TRAVELLERS:** From £1,149

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*Christ Church Cathedral is a working cathedral, so closure may occur unexpectedly • \*\*The picnic lunch is weather dependent. In the event of poor weather, an alternative experience will be offered • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017		
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JUL 09	<b>NOV</b> 05	
<b>AUG</b> 06, 20		

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**MAR** 25





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Experience the true Irish culture, enjoy the stunning emerald green scenery of rolling hills and valleys; and discover the historical wonders of this timeless destination.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Dublin**

Your tour stats in Dublin. Enjoy an "Irish Night" complete with traditional entertainment.

## **DAY 2 Dublin**

Today choose to set out with a local guide on a drive to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park or choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre.

#### DAY 3 Dublin - Kilkenny - Farmhouse Lunch -Castlemartyr

Today visit Kilkenny and soak up the unique sights of the city built on both banks of the River Nore. Visit a family-run farm and enjoy lunch. Later, rejuvenate with a relaxing evening in the country at the Castlemartyr

#### DAY 4 Castlemartyr - Blarney - Killarney

This morning is at leisure then take a short drive to the Old Midleton Distillery where an expert will lead you through while regaling you with the extraordinary story of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Stop at historic Blarney Castle and embrace the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone. Arrive in Killarney, your home for the next two nights.

## DAY 5 Killarney - Ring of Kerry

Today, travel along one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world - the Ring of Kerry. Make your way through picturesque villages and traverse rugged mountain passes into "Ladies View" to gaze upon the Lakes of Killarney.

#### DAY 6 Killarney - Foynes - Cliffs of Moher -**Dromoland Castle**

Visit the Foynes Flying Boat Museum which recalls the history of aviation travel between North America and Europe. Then, journey to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. As you are whisked through gorgeous countryside, arrive at stately Dromoland Castle.

#### **DAY 7 Dromoland Castle**

Spend the entire day at leisure at Dromoland Castle. Live the life of a royal as you enjoy the amenities available on the splendid grounds. Or, perhaps you would prefer to take an optional excursion which starts at the Burren, Ireland's rocky and windswept region stretching across northern Clare; then, experience a traditional sheepdog demonstration before heading to Galway. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the castle and toast to the end of an unforgettable trip.

#### **DAY 8 Dromoland Castle**

You're your ends in Shannon.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











Audio guides

TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3)









- ✓ Explore Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey
- ✓ Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads
- ✓ Stay at Castlemartyr, a grand manor once owned by Sir Walter Raleigh



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: InterContinental, Dublin. Castlemartyr Resort, Cork. Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa, Killarney. Dromoland Castle, County Clare.

MEALS: 12 meals (7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,029

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017		
<b>MAY</b> 05, 19	<b>SEP</b> 08, 15, 22	
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2018 **FEB** 23 **APR** 06, 27 **MAR** 09

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From ancient castles and historic Dublin to less-travelled roads and charming villages, this adventure brings together the best of the Emerald Isle. Come to know the culture and welcoming hospitality of the Irish.

## Your tour

DAY 1 Dublin, Ireland

Your tour starts in Dublin

#### DAY 2 Dublin

Today you may opt to set out on a drive with a local guide to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and see St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park or take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.

### DAY 3 Dublin - Midleton - Kinsale

Travel to the impressive Rock of Cashel, where St. Patrick preached. Explore Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson's Irish Whiskey and continue on to the quaint coastal village of Kinsale. This evening, it's Diner's Choice... you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Kinsale's great restaurants.

#### **DAY 4 Kinsale**

Today the choice is yours! You may opt to visit the historic coastal town of Cobh for a locally guided tour or choose to spend a leisurely day in beautiful Kinsale and enjoy an included cruise of the town's famed harbour.

## DAY 5 Kinsale - Bantry - Kenmare - Killarney

Embark on a beautiful drive along West Cork's Wild Atlantic Way to reach the regal Bantry House.\* Next, travel to County Kerry and the resort town of Kenmare. Continue to Killarney and top off your day with dinner "on the town" at one of Killarney's best restaurants.

## DAY 6 Killarney - Ring of Kerry

Drive across Moll's Gap into Killarnev National Park, Next. traverse the spectacular Ring of Kerry, one of Europe's great coastal roads, and discover the serene beauty of this magical land.

## DAY 7 Killarney - Kilkenny - Home-Hosted Stay

Travel west to Kilkenny and stroll through the elegant halls of majestic Kilkenny Castle during a guided tour before enjoying free time to explore this historic city. This evening, make yourself right at home when an Irish family welcomes you into their household for the night.

#### DAY 8 Kilkenny - County Louth or County Cavan

Today stop at the Irish National Stud to learn about the "Sport of Kings" and its long connection with this land. Head north for a relaxing 2-night stay at a regal castle.

DAY 9 Boyne Valley - County Louth or County Cavan Visit the Neolithic monument of Newgrange. This prehistoric site pre-dates the Great Pyramid of Giza and Stonehenge. Continue through the lush Boyne Valley before returning to your magnificent castle for a memorable farewell dinner.

#### DAY 10 County Louth or County Cavan Your tour ends today in County Louth or County Cavan.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











**TOUR STYLE:** Explorations

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson's Irish Whiskey
- Stroll through the elegant halls of majestic Kilkenny Castle
- ✓ Experience the Irish culture during a home-hosted
- ✓ Feel like royalty as you enjoy a 2-night stay at the regal Bellingham Castle



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Hampton Hotel, Dublin. Actons Hotel, Kinsale. Plaza Hotel, Killarney. Home-Hosted Stay, Kilkenny area. Bellingham Castle, County Louth.

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip

**GROUP SIZE:** Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,905

**NOTE:** • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. • \*Bantry House is open from mid-April to October. Departures in March and early April will visit the town of Bantry but will not be able to tour the house • On day 10, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 8:30 a.m • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

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See the best of Scandinavia, a land of spectacular fjords, waterfalls, mountains and glaciers. Explore Stockholm, Denmark, Copenhagen and spend six nights on a Hurtigruten ship discovering Norway.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Stockholm**

Your tour starts in Stockholm.

#### **DAY 2 Stockholm**

This morning choose to embark on a tour of Stockholm's city sights or explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour. Later, visit the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum.

### DAY 3 Stockholm - Copenhagen, Denmark

Take a morning flight\* to delightful Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Later, join a local expert on an engaging city tour

## DAY 4 Copenhagen

Spend a day at leisure or join an optional excursion to Frederiksborg Castle.

## DAY 5 Copenhagen - Oslo, Norway

Fly\* to Norway, and take a city tour of Oslo

#### DAY 6 Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm Railway - Gudvangen -Voss - Bergen

Board the Bergen Railway to experience Europe's most scenic rail journey. Switch trains and travel on the famous Flam Railway, next, cruise Nærøyfjord (UNESCO), the narrowest fjord in Europe. In Gudvangen. continue by bus with the breathtaking Stalheimskleiven hairpin road. In Voss, board the train for Bergen.

# DAY 7 Bergen - Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Board

Take a walking tour of Bergen. This evening board your Hurtigruten ship.

## DAY 8 Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

This morning's view from the ship will be of either the tranquil Stadthavet Sea or the majestic Geirangerfjord as we make our way to the charming village of Alesund.

### DAY 9 Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

Today, enjoy some time in the historic city of Trondheim.

## DAY 10 Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

Today you become one of a select few as our cruise ship crosses the Arctic Circle on our way to Bodo. Continue sailing, crossing the stunning Vestfjord and past the breathtaking Lofoten Islands.

## DAY 11 Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

Take in the serenity as we sail past a chain of islands on our way to the small town of Harstad before continuing on to Tromso

#### DAY 12 Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound Today have some time in the peaceful town of

## DAY 13 Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Kirkenes -Disembark Ship - Oslo

Early this morning we arrive in Kirkenes, home to the Sami people who have herded reindeer for centuries. Disembark your ship and fly\* back to Oslo. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner.

#### DAY 14 Oslo

Honningsvag.

Your tour ends in Oslo.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Visit the Vasa Ship Museum
- ✓ Travel the breathtaking Bergen Railway and the famous Flåm Railway
- Take a stroll through the fairytale streets of
- ✓ Explore Tromso, capital of the Arctic



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Stockholm. Admiral, Copenhagen. Hotel Bristol, Oslo. First Hotel Marin Bergen. MS Nordnorge or MS Nordlys or MS Polarlys or MS Nordkapp or MS Trollfjord or MS Richard With, Hurtigruten. Hotel Bristol, Oslo.

MEALS: 27 meals (13 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 9 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise, internal flights and rail

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £4,294

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels/Vessels may be used • Train departs Oslo at 8:00 a.m. and arrives in Bergen at approximately 8:30 p.m • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017		
MAR 20	<b>AUG</b> 04	
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<b>MAY</b> 19	<b>OCT</b> 06	
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**MAR** 09

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Join us on an incredible journey to a land of unparalleled beauty. Explore Norway's breathtaking fjord region. Meander through the streets of Bergen, cruise through historic canals of Copenhagen and embrace the tranguility of the Swedish countryside.

## Your tour

## **DAY 1 Copenhagen, Denmark**

Your tour starts in Copenhagen with an included welcome dinner.

## **DAY 2 Copenhagen**

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. The afternoon is at leisure.

## DAY 3 Copenhagen, Denmark - Vaxjo, Sweden

Cross the famous Oresund Bridge into Sweden to Vaxjo. Discover the genuine Swedish tradition of glassblowing at Sweden's oldest operating glassworks factory, established in 1742

## DAY 4 Vaxjo - Stockholm

Explore the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum and learn about its shocking maiden voyage when it sank in one nautical mile. This afternoon, it's your choice! Choose to explore the narrow streets of Gamle Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour or explore the city by coach. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the old town at Fem Sma Hus.

## **DAY 5 Stockholm**

The day is yours to explore Stockholm at your leisure.

# DAY 6 Stockholm - High Speed Train - Oslo, Norway

Sit back, relax and enjoy as you travel through Sweden's picturesque countryside aboard the innovative highspeed train. Cross the Norwegian border and arrive in Oslo

#### DAY 7 Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking ships. Later this afternoon, enjoy time to relax or explore independently.

#### DAV & Oslo - Flam

Depart Norway's capital and travel north to the majestic fjord region. Arrive in the quaint village of Flam, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. Embark on one of the world's steepest train rides, the renowned Flam Railway

## DAY 9 Flam - Loen

This morning travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier. Ascend the glacier in a traditional "troll" car before arriving in stunning Loen for a relaxing stay in the heart of Norway's fjord region. Tonight, join the hotel's chef for an introduction to traditional Nordic

## DAY 10 Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Journey to Geiranger and embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

## DAY 11 Loen - Bergen

Take in Norway's most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen, known as the gateway to the fjords.

## DAY 12 Bergen

Take a guided walking tour of Bergen. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure and reunite with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner.

#### DAY 13 Bergen

Your tour ends in Bergen.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Explore the Vasa Ship Museum to learn of its shocking maiden voyage
- Witness the scenic wilderness along the Flam Railway
- ✓ Explore the Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking ships
- ✓ Embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Tivoli Hotel, Copenhagen. PM & Vänner Hotel, Vaxio, Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Stockholm, Hotel Bristol, Oslo. Fretheim Hotel, Flam. Hotel Alexandra, Loen. First Hotel Marin, Bergen

MEALS: 19 meals (12 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and train

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3.089

NOTE: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Tour start date**

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Travel the "Golden Circle" and view the many natural scenic wonders. Massive glaciers sculpt the mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. Discover the spectacular landscapes and proud people of this small island.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Reykjavik

Your tour starts today in Reykjavik.

#### DAY 2 Reykjavik

Begin in Iceland's capital city, Reykjavik, for a walking tour with a local expert. Tonight, experience a sumptuous Icelandic dinner at a popular local

## DAY 3 Reykjavik - Golden Circle

Travel the Golden Circle, a route encompassing many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders of waterfalls, glaciers, geysers, lava fields, and volcanos. Start at Thingvellir National Park where this UNESCO World Heritage site marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Your day concludes with a visit to Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation centre.

#### DAY 4 Snæfellsnes - Cave/Lava Field Tour -Breidafjördur Cruise - Stykkishólmur

Today visit the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Take in the dramatic landscapes of black and white sand beaches, stunning cliffs, mountains peaks, volcanic craters and its remarkable Snæfellsjökull glacier. This afternoon choose between a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour and see amazing rock pigments or, perhaps you'd prefer to walk the lava field. Your day concludes with a nature cruise in Breidafjördur Bay.

#### DAY 5 Stykkishólmur - Vík

Embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-yearold tradition of catching and preserving Greenland

#### DAY 6 Vík - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre -Skogar Museum

Drive along the scenic south shore to Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a family's struggle to adapt during and following the dramatic 2010explosion of the infamous volcano. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Then, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach.

#### DAY 7 Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell

Take a boat ride among the huge icebergs in the picturesque scenery of Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Later, stop at Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe.

#### DAY 8 Vík - Blue Lagoon or Whale Watching -Revkiavik

Today you can choose to visit the famous Blue Lagoon; take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Or maybe you'd prefer to further explore the wonders of Iceland's waters during an informative whale watching adventure in the bay of Faxaflói

## DAY 9 Reykjavik

Your tour ends in Reykjavik.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











excursions

TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2) 3









- ✓ Choose between a lava cave adventure or walking the lava fields
- ✓ Explore Skogar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life
- ✓ Sail on the ice-strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, gliding past icebergs



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik. Hotel Stykkishólmur, Stykkishólmur. Hotel Katla Hofdabrekka, Vik. Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik.

MEALS: 14 meals (8 Breakfast & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £2,239

**NOTE: •** On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation • ^The Vatnshellir Cave tour is not recommended for guests who are claustrophobic or have back or knee

## **Tour start date**

2017 **MAY** 07, 14, 21, 28 **AUG** 06, 13, 20, 27 **JUN** 04, 11, 18, 25 **SEP** 03, 10, 17, 24 **JUL** 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 **OCT** 01, 15

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**APR** 08, 15, 22

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Iceland is a country of beautiful landscapes and this stunning tour encompasses many breath-taking experiences. From thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords to relaxing lagoons and the Aurora Borealis, this tour really does have it all.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Reykjavik

Your tour starts in Reykjavik with an included welcome dinner.

## DAY 2 Reykjavik

Your first full day in Iceland will be spent getting acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall and the harbour. In the evening you'll dine in a popular restaurant before taking an exhilarating northern lights cruise in search of the Aurora Borealis - or northern

# DAY 3 Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Vik

Today, you'll travel to the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders, Journey to Thingvelling National Park, the nation's most historic area. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur before visiting Gullfoss waterfall. You'll then continue southeast to Vik, where you'll be surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner, once again you'll set out in search for the Aurora Borealis.

#### DAY 4 Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre -Skogar Museum - Vik

This morning you'll drive to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre before visiting Skogar Folk Museum and the Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, you'll explore Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand

beach surrounded by basalt formations and cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life.

#### DAY 5 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vik

After breakfast, you'll travel to the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, where you'll be able to explore this extraordinary landscape, before you head off to visit Skaftafell - the gateway to the largest national park in Europe. Here you'll find Iceland's highest mountains; and the Vatnajökull glacier. After dinner, you'll continue your search for the northern lights

## DAY 6 Vik - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

For your final day in Iceland, you'll travel to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Your final evening will be spent with a farewell dinner with your new found travelling friends.

## DAY 7 Reykjavik

Your tour ends in Reykjavik.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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TOUR STYLE: Classic

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Search for the northern lights, an astronomical phenomena
- Experience the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur
- ✓ Discover Reynisfjara, a volcanic sand beach
- ✓ Explore Skogar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life



#### **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik. Hotel Katla, Hofdabrekka, Vik. Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik.

MEALS: 11 meals (6 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip **GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £1,539

NOTE: • Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation • Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. • On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## **Tour start date**

2017

**JAN** 07, 14, 17, 21 FEB 06, 10, 12, 01, 8, 20, 23, 25, 01, 04, 06, 09, 11, 13, **OCT** 07, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24,

**NOV** 04, 07, 11, 14, 21,

**DEC** 02, 05, 08, 09, 12, 15

JAN 10, 15, 20, 25, 27 **FEB** 01, 03, 06, 10, 15, MAR 01, 03, 10, 14, 17,

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FEATURING

# Austria Germany The Netherlands

With decades of experience, Thomas Cook Tours has combined the relaxation of a river cruise with the expertise of a tour manager to guide you through quaint villages and towns you will visit along the way. Embark on smaller vessels that provide a personal and intimate experience and travel along some of the most scenic waterways of Europe.

#### **Austria**

Known for its Imperial architecture and shaped by musical legends including Mozart and Beethoven, you will fall in love with the majestic palaces in Vienna and the romantic scenery as you cruise through the Wachau Valley.

## Germany

Travel through fairy-tale landscapes dotted with stunning castles in a country that brings together distinct culture with diverse landscape. Listen for the music of great classical composers and try some of the local delicacies when you step off for a day of sightseeing.

#### The Netherlands

The Netherlands is home to some of the greatest artists of the world and plenty of museums highlight some of their best work. The likes of Van Gogh and Rembrandt were inspired by their surrounding countryside, whether it be the bustling cities such as Amsterdam, the blooming flower fields or towering windmills of Kinderdijk.



On this nine day cruise adventure, you'll set sail along the Rhine and Moselle rivers that will take you to the Netherlands, Germany and France. On dry land you'll be able to explore the highlights of Amsterdam, Rüdesheim, Koblenz and many more.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Amsterdam, Netherlands

Your tour starts in Amsterdam where you will board your ship. Your ship offers unlimited wine with every dinner. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome dinner.

## DAY 2 Amsterdam

Today, join a local expert for a city tour of Amsterdam including a cruise along the city's centuries-old canal

#### DAY 3 Cologne, Germany

As you glide down the river this morning, your journey brings you to Cologne where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Old Town. You'll visit Cologne Cathedral, as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and the Romanesque church of St. Martin.

### DAY 4 Moselle River - Cochem

Today, you'll set sail on the Moselle River to Cochem where you will join a guided tour. You'll visit Reichsburg castle set high above the town, and the tour will end with a visit to one of Cochem's wine cellars.

#### DAY 5 Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year-old city on a walking tour. Your next stop is Rüdesheim where you will be treated to the music of barrel organs and medieval mechanical instruments.

## DAY 6 Mannheim - Speyer

The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore the city on your own. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner.

## DAY 7 Strasbourg, France

Your journey takes you to Strasbourg, a provincial capital of France that blends centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences together. You will have free time to explore before returning to your cruise shin

### DAY 8 Disembark Basel, Switzerland - Colmar, France - Black Forest, Germany - Basel

Disembark your ship in Basel and travel to the Alsace wine region to spend time in beautiful Colmar with a local guide. Enjoy some free time to explore before we drive to Titisee. Dinner will contain many Black Forest specialties before returning to your hotel in Basel.

#### DAY 9 Basel

Your tour ends in Basel.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











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**TOUR STYLE: River Cruise** 

**TOUR PACE**: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Cruise the famous canals of Amsterdam
- ✓ Enjoy Mosel wine tasting in Cochem
- ✓ Take in the sounds of barrel organs at Siegfried's Music Museum
- ✓ Set out on a tour of picturesque Rüdesheim



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: MS Amadeus Silver II; Radisson Hotel,

MEALS: 22 meals (8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners) Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with each dinner onboard the ship

TRANSPORT: River cruise ship and coach

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,649

**NOTE:** • Flights will arrive into Amsterdam and depart from Zurich airport. • Embarkation on day 1 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 10:00 a.m. • Gratuities for cabin stewards, porters and waiters onboard the ship are not included. • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

2017

**AUG** 26

**SEP** 01, 09

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On this delightful river cruise, you'll experience the colour and glory of spring as you meander through Holland and Belgium. Float past windmills and blooming fields of flowers. Step back to medieval times in Bruges and sample artisanal cheese at a Dutch farm.

## Your tour

## DAY 1 Amsterdam, Netherlands

Your tour starts in Amsterdam where you will board your ship. Your ship offers regional wine with every dinner This evening, meet in the Panorama Bar for a cocktail followed by a welcome dinner.

## DAY 2 Amsterdam - Volendam - Hoorn

After breakfast, you'll take a city tour through Amsterdam and see the city from the water during a canal cruise. You'll also visit the little fishing town of Volendam and a local cheese farm before your ship resumes its cruise to the IIssel River.

## **DAY 3 Arnhem**

Late this morning we arrive in Arnhem, location of the favourite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. This afternoon, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues.

## **DAY 4 Middelburg**

Today your ship docks in Middelburg. This afternoon you may choose to take an optional excursion to the Deltaworks Project which details how the Dutch have tamed the environment in which they live.

## DAY 5 Ghent, Belgium - Bruges

This morning you arrive in the Imperial city of Ghent. Lined with typical patrician houses in its city centre, Ghent conveys the splendour of by-gone days. This afternoon, allow yourself to be transported back to medieval times with a leisurely paced walking tour of Bruges

## DAY 6 Antwerp

Today the ship docks in Antwerp, best known for its diamonds and also as the home of prolific painter Peter Paul Rubens. Join a local expert exploring Antwerp's historical sites. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping and independent exploration. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner.

### DAY 7 Kinderdijk - Utrecht - Amsterdam

A morning stop in Kinderdijk, allows you to experience Holland's largest concentration of windmills. After lunch, explore the Keukenhof Gardens with more than seven million tulips and other flowers to explore. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner and a typical Dutch folklore show celebrating the end of an unforgettable river cruise through Holland and Belgium.

## **DAY 8 Amsterdam**

Your tour ends in Amsterdam.

Please go online for our date specific full tour











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**TOUR STYLE: River Cruise** 

**TOUR PACE**: (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Experience Kinderdijk, home to Holland's largest concentration of windmills
- ✓ Explore "Liebfrauenkirche," Belgium's largest Gothic church
- ✓ Dock in Middelburg, known as "the monumental
- ✓ Travel to Arnhem, the summer retreat of the Dutch royal family



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** MS Amadeus Princess or Elegant. MEALS: 20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners) Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with each dinner onboard the ship

TRANSPORT: River Cruise Ship and coach

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,359

NOTE: • Embarkation on day 1 is after 3:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. • Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and wait staff onboard the ship are not included. • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### **Tour start date**

2017

**APR** 6, 7, 20, 21

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This all-encompassing 15 day river cruise, allows you to explore the heart of Europe along the waters of the Rhine, Moselle, Main and Danube. You'll explore striking vistas rich with history and culture. Sail by castles, villages and vineyards.

## Your tour

#### DAY 1 Amsterdam

Your tour starts in Amsterdam where you will board your ship. This evening, meet for a cocktail followed by a welcome dinner

### **DAY 2 Amsterdam**

Today, a local expert leads you on a tour of Amsterdam.

## DAY 3 Cologne, Germany - Koblenz

Cruise the scenic Rhine River to Cologne. A guided tour takes you through the city highlights before you continue to Koblenz.

#### DAY 4 Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Enjoy Koblenz on your own before continuing your cruise along the Rhine. Arrive in Rüdesheim for a tour of the Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum.

## DAY 5 Miltenberg - Wertheim

Today you disembark in Miltenberg where you'll spend time discovering the city.

## DAY 6 Würzburg

Visit fascinating sights including the Prince-Bishops Residence, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Enter the Main-Danube Canal at Bamberg, and enjoy a guided tour to discover the history of this medieval

## DAY 8 Nuremberg - Kelheim

Depart on a guided tour of picturesque Nuremberg. Later, arrive at the highest point of your cruise before descending through the impressive stair-step locks.

## DAY 9 Kelheim - Regensburg

Explore this city on foot, founded 2,000 years ago, Regensburg is one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities

#### DAY 10 Passau - Linz, Austria

Arrive in Passau, and get acquainted with this beautiful city on a walking tour before you continue your cruise to Linz and take a stroll through the city.

## DAY 11 Wachau Valley - Vienna

After cruising past stunning scenery, you'll arrive in Vienna, in the early evening.

### DAY 12 Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture, before spending the remainder of the day at leisure to discover this fantastic city.

#### DAY 13 Bratislava, Slovakia

Tour Bratislava and discover the city's celebrated sites. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.

#### DAY 14 Budapest, Hungary

Embark on a tour of Budapest, and enjoy splendid views as you sail between the twin cities of Buda and Pest, before your farewell dinner

## DAY 15 Budapest

Your tour ends in Budapest.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.











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**TOUR STYLE: River Cruise** 

TOUR PACE: (1)(2) 3









## **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Enjoy Budapest's stunning skyline on an evening cruise
- ✓ Explore Regensburg, one of Germany's bestpreserved medieval cities
- ✓ Discover Wertheim and the famous Glass Museum
- ✓ Visit Bamberg and Prince-Bishops Residence, UNESCO world Heritage sites



## **Essential tour information**

**ACCOMMODATION:** MS Amadeus Princess.

MEALS: 41 meals (14 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 14 Dinners), Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with each dinner onboard the ship

**TRANSPORT:** River cruise ship and coach

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £5,179

NOTE: • Embarkation on day 1 is after 4:00 p.m. on day 15, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. • Gratuities for cabin stewards, porters and waiters onboard the ship are not included. • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

## **Tour start date**

2017

**MAY** 11 **JUN** 22 **OCT** 12

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This fascinating exploration of the Danube River takes in a multitude of experiences exploring the past and the present of this mesmerising river. You'll discover quaint villages, lively cities and experience the rivers charm and character.

#### Your tour

## DAY 1 Würzburg, Germany

Your tour starts in Würzburg with an included welcome dinner

## DAY 2 Würzburg - Munich - Würzburg

Journey to Munich and feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour. Later, return to Würzburg for a free evening to relax or explore the town.

## DAY 3 Würzburg - Rothenburg - Vilshofen - Board **Cruise Ship**

This morning, join a local guide on a walking tour of Würzburg, before proceeding to Rothenburg. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures before continuing on to Vilshofen to meet your cruise ship. This evening, enjoy a cocktail reception followed by a welcome aboard dinner.

#### DAY 4 Regensburg

Take a guided walking tour of Regensburg, one of Germany's grand medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. This afternoon, you'll stroll through Old Town before enjoying a Bavarian evening onboard.

#### DAY 5 Passau - Linz, Austria

Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of Passau 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city. You will have leisure time to independently explore the town. This afternoon, continue on to the charming riverside town of Linz where you will enjoy an included walking tour of the city with a local guide.

## DAY 6 Wachau Valley - Emmersdorf - Vienna

View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, before arriving in Vienna in the early evening.

#### DAY 7 Vienna

Today, you'll join a local expert to explore Vienna. This afternoon is at leisure or you can join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty.

## DAY 8 Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia

You'll tour Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner before departing for Hungary.

## DAY 9 Budapest, Hungary

Embark on a tour of Budapest and enjoy views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest. Tonight, gather onboard with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

## DAY 10 Budapest

Your tour ends in Budapest

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TOUR STYLE: River Cruise

**TOUR PACE:** (1)(2)(3)



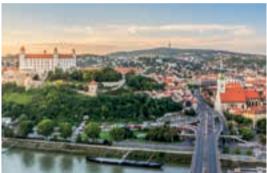






# **Tour highlights**

- ✓ Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city
- ✓ Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava
- ✓ Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night



## **Essential tour information**

ACCOMMODATION: Maritim Hotel, Würzburg.

MEALS: 23 meals (9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners) Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with each dinner onboard the ship

TRANSPORT: River cruise ship and coach

**GROUP SIZE:** Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: From £3,709

**NOTE: •** Gratuities for cabin stewards, porters and waiters onboard the ship are not included. • Due to tour scheduling flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m into Frankfurt. Return flights from Budapest should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on your last day • Special departure: We also feature special departures of this tour visiting Christmas markets, please go online for more details.

#### **Tour start date**

2017

**SEP** 14, 19, 28

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# **Useful Holiday Information**

Please read carefully through the following information before booking your Thomas Cook Tours holiday. When you book, you will be asked if you have read and understood this section, as well as our Booking Conditions.

#### **Fellow travellers**

Your fellow travellers will come from a wide range of locations and backgrounds. However, because we only offer English-speaking trips, the majority will be from the USA, UK, Canada and Australia

#### **Group size**

Our group size ranges from between 10 to 44 people, depending on your chosen style of tour. The approximate maximum number on each tour is detailed on each tour page, although we rarely have groups that are smaller than six or seven people.

#### Inclusive touring

Inclusive touring with Thomas Cook Tours means that we provide you with the peace of mind of knowing that all of the essential elements of your holiday are carefully looked after by us. We include the following with every escorted tour package booked with us, and the full details can be found on each page within the brochure and online...

- ✓ Transportation via coach, mini bus
- ✓ Quality accommodation in carefully selected locations
- ✓ Most meals as detailed
- ✓ Included sightseeing as detailed
- ✓ Admission charges as detailed
- ✓ Porterage as detailed
- ✓ Included gratuities as detailed

#### Your flights

When you have selected your chosen itinerary, we will find the best priced flight available to meet your holiday requirements. When you book your flight with us, you will receive a complimentary private door to door transfer, arrival and departure transfers within your chosen holiday destination and your holiday will be fully bonded through our ATOL bonding.

When purchasing flights from Thomas Cook Tours you must ensure that the name as submitted matches the name on your passport. Please notify Thomas Cook Tours, your travel agent or your group leader immediately in the event of any discrepancy.

#### **Tour only**

If you purchase a 'tour only' holiday, please provide Thomas Cook Tours with your flight schedules for the entire tour 8 weeks prior to departure. Choosing to book a tour only with us excludes Thomas Cook Tours from any liability where your privately organised travel arrangements may result in inconvenient or difficult flight connection times/ transfer times. We do not include transfers from the arrival and departure airport at the holiday destination or private UK door to door transfers with tour only bookings.



#### Accommodation

We pride ourselves on the quality of accommodation available on each tour. We tend to use 4 star hotels on all of our tours. However, on certain tours we will put location as the key selection criteria. This is true in many of our tours where we stay within a national park, where the uniqueness of staying within the national park is a major highlight of the tour. We have listed the hotels where you will stay on each tour page, although on some dates alternative hotels may be used.

#### Solo travellers

Our tours are based on 2 customers sharing a twin / double room. If you are travelling on your own, we have pricing for solo travellers which takes into account having your own room throughout your tour. Please see the Solo Traveller pricing on each tour page.

#### Included meals

We include many meals on each tour, but not all. This allows you to choose on selected nights where you'd like to dine. Your tour manager can organise restaurants to suit your personal tastes giving you flexibility and choice on your tour to try the cuisine in local restaurants and also to choose what and where to eat and how much to spend. Please see individual tours for specific meal inclusions.

#### **Transport**

On each tour we use a variety of different methods of transport. We use everything from coaches, boats, river cruisers and trains to horseback and camels. On some tours smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

#### Tour managers

Our award-winning tour managers are carefully selected for their travel experience, people skills and their time working with you. Their main responsibility is to make sure that all members of the group are well looked after and return home having had a wonderful holiday with amazing memories. It is the tour manager's responsibility on ensure that the tour runs smoothly and that all the logistics are in place; also to oversee the health and safety aspects of your holiday. They are also on hand to provide advice and recommendations for any free time within your specific tour.

#### **Guaranteed departures**

We have been increasing the number of tours which we advertise with 'Guaranteed Departures'. You will find this information on the website where dates and prices are listed. For these tours, we guarantee that the advertised itinerary will not be cancelled unless we are forced to do so by 'Force Majeure'. There is no minimum group size for these departures.

## **Private UK airport transfers**

Thomas Cook Tou's includes a private door to door airport transfer service on all individual bookings when a flight is booked with us. The complimentary service is for distances of up to 150 miles from the point of collection to the departure airport. A supplement is payable for distances over 150 miles. Mileage is calculated using Google Maps. The service is offered per booking in the mainland UK and Northern Ireland only. Complimentary private airport transfers do not apply to tour only bookings or group bookings.

#### High altitude

Several tours reach elevations of 8,200 feet or more. We allow time for acclimatisation and usually the body acclimatises well to spending extended periods of time above this altitude. It is difficult to predict who is at risk from altitude sickness but if you have a heart or respiratory problem we advise you not to risk extended travel at high altitudes and to check with your doctor.

#### Passports and visas

All visa information provided in this brochure is for guidance. Where visas are required, you must check with the relevant embassy or consulate on how to apply. For tours where a visa is required for UK passport holders, we will advise you at the time of booking. Obtaining

the proper proof of citizenship for entry to destination countries is your responsibility. A valid 10 year machine readable passport is required for all individuals travelling outside of the United Kingdom. Passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the return date from the destination. You must check with the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements.

#### Hotel and airport parking

Hotel and parking option includes one night's accommodation before the tour, round trip shuttle transportation from the hotel to the airport terminal and free parking for the duration of any Thomas Cook Tours tour. Additional parking due to private arrangements or tailor made extensions are payable at the reduced rate of £10 per day.

Most hotels make rooms available for check in at approximately 3pm on the day of arrival. Thomas Cook Tours has taken your time of arrival into consideration when arranging flights to accompany our tours. On checking in, the hotel will ask each customer to register and may require an imprint of your credit card in order to cover personal items and incidentals. If you do not have a credit card for this purpose, a cash deposit may be requested. Check out of hotels is usually between 10am and midday on the day of departure. If you have a late evening flight, we will inform you of this and ask if you wish to make provision for your departure by booking a day room on your last day (time permitting).

#### Health and safety

If you are taking prescription medication, please be sure to take an adequate supply for your tour and a few additional days in original prescription containers. Medication should be packed in your carry-on baggage (never in checked luggage). You may want to carry an extra prescription in case medication is lost. We operate a 'No Smoking' policy on all of our coaches. During the tour, your coach will make frequent stops for the convenience of all guests.

The Foreign & Commonwealth office produces up-to-date travel information to help British travellers make informed decisions about travelling abroad. For further information please visit: www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo . Alternatively you can contact ABTA's Information Line on 0901 201 5050 (calls are charged at 50 pence per minute and is open Monday to Friday 9am - 5:30pm). We recommend viewing health advice from the Department

of Health and discussing with your own GP any specific needs you may have whilst travelling. The Department of Health is a source of information regarding health facilities, vaccinations, and up to date health information for travel including advice on Deep Vein Thrombosis. Please visit their website at www.dh.gov.uk for further details.

#### Special assistance

Thomas Cook Tours will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Persons requiring individual assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of, and totally responsible for, providing the necessary assistance. Neither Thomas Cook Tours personnel nor its suppliers may physically lift or assist clients onto transportation vehicles. Please ask your booking agent for a Special Needs form if applicable. This form must be filled out and submitted to us at least eight weeks prior to your departure date so that we can make appropriate arrangements and inform your Thomas Cook Tours Tour Manager. Please Note: It is a condition of your contract with us that you inform us before booking of any special needs or assistance that may be required from Thomas Cook Tours during your tour. You will be responsible for indemnifying us in relation to any costs we incur as a result of any failure on your part to do so. Facilities on tour to assist individuals with disabilities vary from country to country.

#### Lugagae allowance

Due to limited vehicle capacity, one carry-on 36 inches/95 cms in length, height, and width; not to exceed 11 lbs/5 kg.) and one checked luggage (62 inches/160 cms in length, height and width; not to exceed 50 lbs/23 kgs) are allowed. Please note that these guidelines must be considered with the specific allowance permitted by the airline with whom you are booked to travel. If you exceed the limit of 2 bags, we cannot guarantee that your additional luggage will be able to fit in the vehicle. Storage or shipment of additional luggage will be at your expense. If we are able to accommodate your additional luggage, we will levy a £2.50 per hotel, per bag fee. Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or normal wear and tear that results from hotel, airline and group carrier handling. It is in your best interest to make certain you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. On safari tours, soft duffel bag luggage is required as storage space on safari vans is limited.

# **Booking Conditions**

These Booking Conditions, together with our privacy and data protection policy, and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Adventures Unlimited Inc. of Unit 6, Brook Business Centre, Cowley Mill Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 2FX, United Kingdom ('we' or 'us'). Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. All the holidays in this brochure/ website are operated by Adventures Unlimited Inc. trading under one of our trade names. We trade using Thomas Cook Tours name under license from Thomas Cook Group Plc. References to 'you' and 'your' include the final named person on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is transferred.

By making a booking, the first named person on the booking

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  He/she has read these Booking Conditions and has the
  authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
  He/she consents to our use of information in accordance with
- our Privacy & Data Protection Policy; He/she is over 18 years of age and resident in the United Kingdom and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party
- are of the appropriate age to purchase those services; He/she accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking.

## 1. MAKING A BOOKING AND PAYING FOR

YOUR HOLIDAY To secure a booking, we or our authorised travel agent must receive the applicable deposit per person (or full payment depending on when your date of departure is) in accordance with table 1 below at clause 2. If the arrangements you wish to book are available we will issue a Confirmation Invoice and send this to you or your travel agent. We reserve the right to return your deposit and decline to issue a confirmation at our absolute discretion. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with a Confirmation Invoice confirming the details of your booking. If your confirmed arrangements include a flight we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will also issue you with an ATOL Certificate. If you book online, any acknowledgement of your booking request which we send to you is not a confirmation of your booking. Before your booking has been confirmed, in the unlikely event that an error has occurred we do reserve the right to make any changes or decline your booking at our discretion. We will communicate any changes to you and request your acceptance of these before issuing you with a Confirmation Invoice.

Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on your Confirmation Invoice or ATOL Certificate (or any other document) are wrong you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets).

The balance of the cost of your arrangements is due in accordance with Table 1 in clause 2 below. If we do not receive all payments in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in Table 2a and 2b in clause 6 below will become payable.

For flight inclusive bookings covered by our ATOL, any money paid to an authorised agent of ours is held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times, but subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail financially. If we do fail financially, any money held at that time by the agent or subsequently accepted from the

consumer by the agent, is and continues to be held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us. In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full GBP Sterling amount is received by us after all bank charges have

Further to clause 1, the deposit payable and balance due date (including any surcharge where applicable) will vary depending on the holiday you book, as follows:

Holiday	Deposit Payable*	Balance due not less than
All holidays (excluding cruise holidays and Antarctica)	£200 Per Person	60 days before departure
Ocean and river cruise holidays	£200 Per person	120 days before departure
Holidays to Antarctica	£200 Per Person	180 days before departure

\*A higher deposit may be payable in certain circumstances, for example if any supplier(s) require additional payment at the time of booking / prior to the balance due date. On occasions, full payment for a service such as flights, permits or pre-purchased passes may also be required at the time of booking or prior to the balance due date. Please note that unlike many other operators, we do not charge any transaction fees if using a credit card.

**3. THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY**You will be notified of the price of your holiday at the time of booking. However, we reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

Once we have issued you with a Confirmation Invoice and a contract unce we have issued you wint a confirmation invoice and a conflact exists between us, we guarantee that we will not pass on any unexpected fuel surcharges or currency exchange charges which may otherwise have affected the price of your booking. This means, no matter what happens to the price of fuel or with the exchange rates we use, the price of your confirmed holiday is protected at all times. The affects they are adventures and extrapolations are based. times. The prices shown in our brochures and our website are based on our current charges and costs but they may go up and down; we reserve the right to alter the price of any of our holidays and will advise you of the correct price prior to booking. Please call us or visit our website for the most up-to-date prices.

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using the rate of \$1.50 to £1 in relation to the following currencies: US\$

## 4. CUTTING YOUR HOLIDAY SHORT

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

## IF YOU CHANGE YOUR BOOKING

If after your holiday has been confirmed you wish to alter your booking, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from the person who signed the booking form, or your travel agent, before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Changes and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee of £25 per change per person as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by us and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee mar

be payable. Transfer of Booking: If you or any member of your party is transfer of Booking: if you or any member or your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you and satisfying all the conditions applicable to the arrangements) providing we are notified not less than 28 days before departure and you pay an amendment fee of £25 per person transferring, meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers and the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be iven for passengers not travelling or for unused service Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

## 6. IF YOU CANCEL YOUR BOOKING

If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing by us at our offices. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will have to pay the applicable cancellation



charges to compensate for estimated losses and expenses. These are calculated from the date we receive your written notification of cancellation and will be payable up to the maximum shown in Tables 2a and 2b below.

The cancellation charges detailed below are calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling:

Table 2a: All holidays excluding ocean/river cruises and holidays

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Period before departure notice of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation Charge	
More than 60 days	Deposit only	
60 - 29 days	50% of holiday cost	
28 - 15 days	60% of holiday cost	
14 - 8 days	75% of holiday cost	
7 - 4 days	90% of holiday cost	
Less than 3 days	100% of holiday cost	

Table 2b: All ocean/river cruises and holidays to Antarctica

Period before departure notice of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation Charge
Before balance due date	Deposit only
Balance due date – 90 days	50% of holiday cost
89 - 45 days	60% of holiday cost
44 - 21 days	75% of holiday cost
20 - 8 days	80% of holiday cost
7 - 4 days	90% of holiday cost
Less than 3 days	100% of holiday cost

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

We will deduct the cancellation charge above.
We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us.
You may be able to reclaim these charges (less any applicable

excess) under the terms of your insurance policy.

If some, but not all party members cancel, additional charges may be payable by the remaining members, e.g. under occupancy charges or single supplements. No allowance or refund can be made for your meals, rooms, excursions etc., included in the price of your tour but not taken, nor can any refund be made for lost, mislaid, or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers.

#### 7 IF WE CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR BOOKING

As we plan your holiday arrangements many months in advance we may occasionally have to make changes or cancel your booking and we reserve the right to do so at any time.

and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Changes: If we make a minor change to your holiday, we will make reasonable efforts to inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure but we will have no liability to you. Examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers. Please note that carriers such as airlines used in the brochure may be subject

Occasionally we may have to make a major change to your confirmed arrangements. Examples of "major changes" include the following, when made before departure:

- A change of accommodation area for the whole or a significant part of your time away;
  A change of accommodation to that of a lower standard or classification for the whole or a significant part of your time away;
- A change of outward departure time or overall length of your arrangements of twelve or more hours;
- A change of UK departure airport, as long as that change is not from one London airport to another London airport. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City;
- A significant change to your itinerary, missing out one or more destination entirely; the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your

accommodation for an extended period.

Cancellation: We will not cancel your travel arrangements less than [60 days] before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. We may cancel your holiday before this date if, e.g., the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached. If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of:

- (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements;
- having a refund of all monies paid; or accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you

fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the

change or alternative booking arrangements. Insurance: If we cancel or make a major change and you accept a refund, we will provide a full refund of your travel insurance premiums and can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy.

Compensation: If we cancel or make a major change less than 60 days before departure, we will pay compensation as detailed below. The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so.

Period before departure a significant change or cancellation is notified to you (or your travel agent)	Compensation change or per person (excluding infants)
60 days or more	£0
59 - 45 days	£20
44 - 30 days	£30
Less than 30 days	£50

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will not pay you compensation in the following circumstances

- where we make a minor change;
- where we make a major change or cancel your arrangements
- more than 60 days before departure; where we have to cancel your arrangements as a result of your
- failure to make full payment on time; where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations
- to the confirmed booking requested by you; where we are forced to cancel or change your arrangements due to Force Majeure (see clause 12).

Please note: where accommodation with a higher price than the original accommodation is offered by us and accepted by you, the difference in price will be deducted from any compensation payable. In no case will we pay compensation if accommodation is offered by us and accepted by you with a higher price than that originally booked in the same location where no additional payment is made by you.

If we become unable to provide a significant proportion of the services that you have booked with us after you have departed, we will make alternative arrangements for you at no extra charge and, if appropriate in all the circumstances, will pay you reasonable compensation.

#### 8. PASSPORTS, VISAS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

It is your responsibility to check and fulfill the passport, visa, health and immigration requirements applicable to your booking and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your entry into the country you're visiting, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting. We can only provide general information about this. You must check requirements for your own specific circumstances with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates and your own doctor as applicable. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure.

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Passport Office on 0870

5210410 or visit www.passport.gov.uk Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check www.usembassy.org.uk

For European holidays you should obtain a EHIC card prior to

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office visit www.fco.gov.uk.

Non British passport holders, including other EU nationals, should obtain up to date advice on passport and visa requirements from the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of your destination or country(ies) through which you are travelling.

We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel, or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice. You agree to reimburse us in relation to any fines or other losses which we incur as a result of your failure to comply with any passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities.

## GLE TRAVELLER OCCUPANCY

Our holidays are advertised on a per person basis based on two persons sharing a room therefore the price when occupied by one person is higher than when two persons share the cost of the room. It is not our intention to penalise anyone who is under occupying the accommodation we provide and we certainly do not make additional or excessive profit from these sales: the price we charge merely reflects the real cost to us. If a hotel is able to offer accommodation designed for single occupancy only, we will normally charge a reduced supplement, considerably smaller than the one we apply when a single traveller occupies a double room. Allocation of rooms is at the discretion of each individual hotel and not something that we can influence.

#### 10. DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS

We will make every effort to make your holiday as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Most problems can be sorted out straight away if we know about them. If you have a complaint, you must advise our representatives straight away and the supplier of the service(s) in question. If you don't complain at the time this may affect your ability to claim compensation. You may also contact us directly using the emergency telephone number enclosed with your travel documents. That number will put you in touch with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you. If the problem cannot be resolved and you wish to complain further, you must write to us within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Thomas Cook Tours, Unit 6, Cowley Mill Road, Brook Business Centre, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 2FX, quoting your booking reference number and all other relevant information. Please keep your letter concise and to the point. This will assist us to quickly identify your concerns and speed up our response to you. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this clause may affect ours and the applicable supplier's ability to investigate your complaint, and will affect your rights under this contract.

Please note that we offer an Alternative Dispute Resolution service through our ABTA membership. Please see clause [23] for further details. You can also access the European Commission

Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at http://ec.europa.eu/ consumers/odr/. This ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint with us; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

All guests staying with us are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and acceptable manner and not to disrupt the enjoyment of other guests. If in our opinion or in the opinion of any hotel manager or any other person in authority, your behaviour or that of any member of your party is causing or is likely to cause distress, danger or annoyance to any of our other guests or any third party or damage to property, or to cause a delay or diversion to transportation, we reserve the right to terminate your booking arrangements with us immediately. In the event of such termination our liability to you and/or your party will cease and you and/or your party will be required to leave your accommodation or other service immediately. We will have no further obligations to you and/or your party. No refunds for lost accommodation or any other service will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of termination. You and/or your party may also be required to pay for loss and/or damage caused by your may also be required to pay for loss and/or damage caused by your actions and we will hold you and each member of your party jointly and individually liable for any damage or losses caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or losses must be paid directly to the hotel manager or other supplier prior to departure from the hotel. If you fail to make payment, you will be responsible for meeting any claims (including legal costs) subsequently made against us as a result of your actions together with all costs we incur in pursuing any claim against you. We cannot be held responsible for the actions or behaviour of other quests or individuals who have no connection with your booking guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

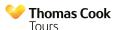
#### 12. EVENTS BEYOND OUR CONTROL

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

- 3. OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

  (1) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 as set out below. Subject to these booking conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange the services which we are obliged to provide for you under our contract with you, as set out on your confirmation invoice, we will pay you reasonable compensation. The level of such compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these conditions and the extent to which as described in these contains and the extent of wind ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.
- We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, cost or other claim. of any description if it results from:
  (a) the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- (b) the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; (c) unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond ours or our
- supplier(s) control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or
- (d) an event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.
  (3) We limit the amount of compensation we may have to pay you
- if we are found liable under this clause as follows:

  (a) loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions and money: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are assumed to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind.
- (b) Claims not falling under (a) above and which don't involve injury, illness or death: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is twice the price paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you or your party has not received any benefit at all from your booking.
- (c) Claims in respect of international travel by air, sea and rail, or any stay in a hotel: The extent of our liability will in all cases be limited as if we were
- carriers under the appropriate Conventions, which include The Warsaw/Montreal Convention (international travel by air); The Athens Convention (with respect to sea travel); The Berne/COTIF Convention (with respect to rail travel) and The Paris Convention (with respect to hotel arrangements). You can ask for copies of these Conventions from our office. Please contact us. In addition, you agree that the operating carrier or transport company's own 'Conditions of Carriage' will apply to you on that journey. When arranging transportation for you, we rely on the terms and conditions contained within these international



- conventions and those 'Conditions of Carriage'. You acknowledge that all of the terms and conditions contained in those 'Conditions of Carriage' form part of your contract with us, as well as with the transport company and that those 'Conditions of Carriage' shall be deemed to be included by reference into this contract.
  In any circumstances in which a carrier is liable to you by virtue
- of the Denied Boarding Regulation 2004, any liability we may have to you under our contract with you, arising out of the same facts, is limited to the remedies provided under the Regulation as if (for this purpose only) we were a carrier.
- iii) When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the transport provider or hotelier for the complaint or claim in question.
- (4) It is a condition of our acceptance of liability under this clause that you notify any claim to us and our supplier(s) strictly in accordance with the complaints procedure set out in these Booking Conditions.
- (5) Where any payment is made, the person(s) receiving it (and their parent or guardian if under 18 years) must also assign to ourselves or our insurers any rights they may have to pursue any third party and must provide ourselves and our insurers
- with all assistance we may reasonably require.
  (6) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss or expense or other sum(s) of any description which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you;
- or (b) any business losses. (7) We will not accept responsibility for services or facilities which do not form part of our agreement or where they are not advertised in our brochure. For example any excursion you book whilst away, or any service or facility which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you.

#### 14. CONDITIONS OF SUPPLIERS

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

#### 5. DELAYS AND OTHER TRAVEL INFORMATIO If you or any member of your party misses your flight or other

transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately. The Package Travel Regulations 1992 provide that in the event that you experience difficulties on the occurrence of circumstances described in clauses 13 (3) (a) (b) (c) of these Booking Conditions, we will provide you with prompt assistance. Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, our employees or sub-contractors, this prompt assistance is likely to extend to providing help in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but not paying for them. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation

before making your own travel arrangements.
Under EU Law, you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from the airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. If the airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority at www.caa.co.uk/passengers Reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday price from us. If, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. A delay or cancellation to your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 12 of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

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

let you know.
Please note the existence of a "Community list" (available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\_en.htm) detailing air carriers that are subject to an operating ban with the

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

travel arrangements.

Please note that in accordance with Air Navigation Orders in order to qualify for infant status, a child must be under 2 years of age on the date of its return flight.

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

#### 17. DISABILITIES AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS

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

The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays you book with us. For holidays that include any flight, we provide this security by way of a bond held by the Civil Aviation Authority under ATOL number 4832. When you buy a flight-inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and/or other services that are financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. For further information, visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. The price of our flight inclusive arrangements includes the amount of £2.50 per person as part of the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. Not all holiday or travel services offered and sold by us will be protected by the ATOL Scheme. ATOL protection extends primarily to Customers who

book and pay in the United Kingdom.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL Scheme (or your credit card issuer where

applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, alternative Architecture of otherwise) on Teasons of the Mir Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

We are also a member of ABTA (ABTA Number W050X). If your

holiday does not include flights ABTA will financially protect your holiday in the same way.

#### 19. ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft to the Authorities before the aircraft leaves the UK. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for your flight. Where we collect this data, we will treat it in accordance with our privacy policy.

20. FOREIGN OFFICE ADVICE
You are responsible for making yourself aware of Foreign Office advice in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. Advice from the Foreign Office to avoid or leave a particular content of the process o country may constitute Force Majeure. (See clause 12).

## 21. LAW AND JURISDICTION

These Booking Conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by English law. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with under the ABTA Arbitration Scheme or by the Courts of England and Wales only. You may however, choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland if you live in those places and if you

#### CURACY OF PRICES AND INFORMATION

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

We are a Member of ABTA, membership number W050X. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you ABTA's scheme for the resolution of disputes which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. If we can't resolve your complaint, go to www abta.com to use ABTA's simple procedure. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found on www.abta.com.

It is a condition of your contract with us that you have adequate travel insurance in place. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including cancellation charges, pre-existing medical conditions, medical expenses, repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance in the event of accident or illness. The insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the holiday and at least an additional day. Details of a policy suitable to cover the arrangements you book are available by contacting us as detailed below. If you choose to travel without adequate insurance cover, we will not be liable for any losses howsoever arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available. The insurance policy and the receipt of premiums paid there under should be provided to us prior to departure. If you join the holiday without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the holiday, with no right to refund. If circumstances give rise to a claim the client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies). We will also ask you for details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency.

We act as an Introducer Appointed Representative for the purposes of your travel insurance, appointed by Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd who are authorized and regulated by the Financial Services Authority whose status can be checked on the FSA Register by visiting www.fsa.gov.uk/register or by contacting the FSA on 0845 606 1234. Contact Details: Address for correspondence: Amelia House, Crescent Road, WORTHING, West Sussex, BN11 1RL, Telephone: 01903 235042 Fax: 01903 Vest 3035ex, bit 11 ft.; religion in 1003 2030-2163.0 1130 211106 Email: enquiries@globaltravelinsurance.co.uk Website: www.globaltravelinsurance.co.uk. We will send you an application form on request if you call us at 0800 804 8701 enabling you to arrange this insurance. If preferred, you can click here http:// ro arrange this insurance. In preferred, you can click nere http:// www.globaltravelinsurance.co.uk/IAR1533/ quote where you can obtain a quotation and arrange the insurance online. Beyond providing this information, we are not allowed to assist you in any way in the arrangement of your travel insurance or give any advice.

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In providing our service to you, we must collect personal information from you and make subsequent use of it as detailed below. We will only collect personal information from you by specifically asking for it when you make a booking with us over the telephone or via our internet booking facilities or when you write, fax, telephone or email us to make an enquiry. We may collect all or some of the following information relating to you or other members of your holiday party:
• names and contact details

- credit/ debit card or other payment details
- special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect the chosen holiday arrangements
- dietary restrictions (which may disclose your religious beliefs)
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