





# Dear Traveller,

The first time I travelled on one of our small group Explorations tours, something clicked. It wasn't about checking off landmarks — it was the feeling of being invited in. Sharing stories with locals, lingering a little longer at the table, and seeing a side of a place that doesn't always make it into the guidebook.

That's what Explorations is designed for.

Smaller groups mean more connection —
to the people, the culture, and even the
unexpected moments that can turn into
trip highlights. There's a little more room for
spontaneity, a few more conversations that
stick with you, and just enough flexibility to
follow your curiosity.

Collette's been crafting guided travel experiences for over 108 years. And since 2008, our Explorations tours have redefined what small group travel can be: immersive, enriching, and worry-free from start to finish. While others offer guided holidays, only Collette brings a century of expertise and a legacy of innovation to every journey.

In 2026, we've built even more of these immersive journeys, crafted with care by our teams and local partners around the world. So if you're looking for something a little different — something curious, thoughtful, and just the right amount of off-script — I think our Explorations tours will make you feel right at home.

Warm Regards,



Jalyn F. Cota

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President & Chief Executive Officer

# **NEW TOURS IN 2026**

One of the best things about travel is that there's always more to explore. This year, we've added over 10 new small group tours to feed your curiosity, including:

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# **BY TRAVELLERS**

We live here. In the cities, the villages, the in-between places.

Which means we don't just know where to go — we know when to go, who to meet, and what not to miss.

Our Product Designers and Tour Managers are part of the communities you'll explore. They've walked these neighbourhoods, shared meals at these tables, and built friendships that open doors most travellers don't even know exist.

That's why you'll linger longer in each destination. Why you'll step into kitchens, courtyards, and corners of local life that don't show up in guidebooks. We build each day with intention — balancing iconic sights with personal connection, time to explore with time to just be.

Because that's how we travel: with heart, with curiosity, and with people who call these places home.









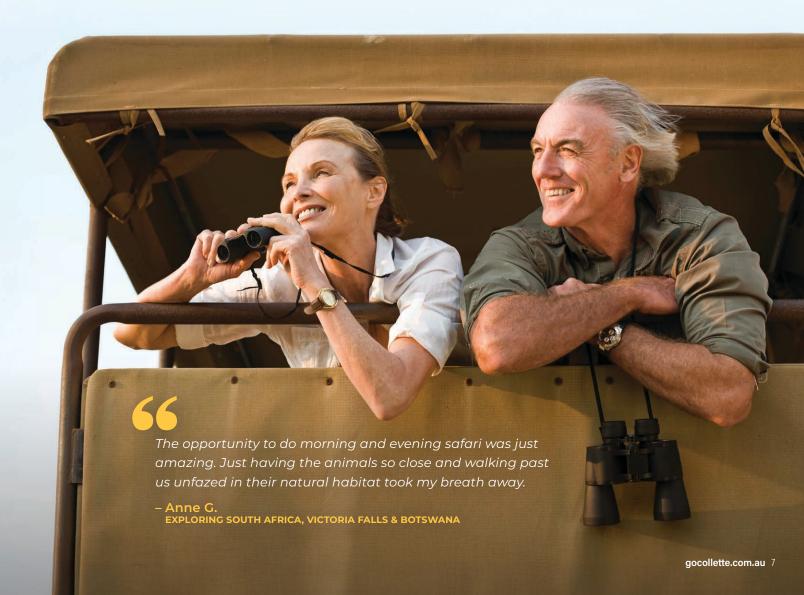


# **FOR TRAVELLERS**

You don't just want to go places — you want to truly experience them. That's why we design our trips with travellers like you in mind.

Each itinerary is crafted for those who seek to connect, understand, and fully immerse themselves in a destination — not just check it off a list. Because if you're going to explore, you should do it right.

Our travellers come from all walks of life, but they're united by one thing: a deep, shared curiosity about the world.



# EXPLORATIONS TRAVELLER

- You're savvy, confident, and culturally curious.
- You want meaningful connections to local people.
- ➤ You're a lifelong learner, who isn't afraid to challenge the status quo.
- You're looking for every day to be new and different.
- You want free time to explore your way, paired with an expertly planned deep dive into a destination.
- You want specially-curated accommodation, and unique dining experiences.

Explorations tours are all about getting closer to culture.

Designed just for small groups, these tours help travellers dive deeper.

Access places that larger groups can't reach. Connect with locals.

Build camaraderie with like-minded travel companions.

Forge connections with local experts.









# EXPLORATIONS DIFFERENCE

With an average of 19 travellers and a maximum of 24, dive deeper into your destination and access places and experiences that larger groups can't.

Is your favourite part about travelling the people you meet?

Or is it the opportunity to get to know different cultures and learn new things about yourself? Maybe it's both. And maybe it's the chance to explore the world your own way.

- More Time in the Destination More 2- and 3-night stays mean more time to explore each destination and less time spent on the coach.
- ➤ A Regional Approach

  Each Explorations tour is designed from the ground up by experts who live in the region.

  Explore the hotspots or go deeper into secondary cities. Get access to experiences that truly venture off the well-worn path.
- Learning and Discovery Created exclusively for small groups, these tours provide access to experiences like overnighting in tented camps, embarking on backwoods truffle-hunts, and meeting locals in their homes for a meal and a meaningful conversation.

# collette cares

Travel isn't just about exploring the world – it's about making a **positive impact**.

Every journey at Collette is designed responsibly, and with our travellers, employees, and partners, we're committed to leaving the world better than we found it — together.

# **HOW WE DO THIS:**

We're guided by four foundational principles:



### **BE RESPONSIBLE**

Travel should leave the world better than we found it. From reducing waste to supporting local communities through carbon-neutral tours and Responsible Travel Highlights, we commit to a greener, more sustainable future.



# **BE THE LEGACY**

We invest in people and communities through global foundations and microgrants — supporting education, healthcare, and sustainability.

Every journey helps build a lasting, positive impact.



# **BE TRAILBLAZERS**

We lead with purpose, aligning with the UN Global Compact to set high ethical and sustainability standards. From transparent partnerships to protecting people and animals, we blaze trails that matter.



# **BE HAPPY**

Happy teams create amazing travel experiences. Through growth opportunities, wellness programs, and a culture of belonging, we empower our people to thrive — and bring that joy to every journey.

# **MAKING TRAVEL**

# A FORCE FOR GOOD

# **Impact Moments**

At Collette, we believe travel has the power to uplift communities and protect the places we explore. That's why every small group Explorations tour features Impact Moments — visits to social enterprises, nonprofits, or organisations that directly benefit the local community.



Delve into Cambodia's history and the devastating impact of landmines on local communities at the APOPO Visitor Center in Cambodia, where "hero rats" are trained to detect landmines left over from past conflicts. Gain insight into the complexities of post-war recovery while contributing to the cause of landmine clearance and community safety.

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In Hiroshima, visit the Atomic Dome and Peace Memorial Museum before meeting with a survivor who shares personal stories of life during and after the bombing — an unforgettable experience of history and humanity.

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Meet with a local siege survivor in Sarajevo and learn about the impact of the Bosnian War before spending time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum, the site of the "Tunnel of Hope" that connected the besieged city to the outside world.

THE BALKANS: FROM COASTAL CROATIA **TO LEGENDARY GREECE, PAGE 22** 

# SO YOUR HOLIDAY IS WORRY-FREE

Our tours are designed by destination experts who live all over the globe. Inclusive tours feature must-see sights, accommodation, transportation, and an experienced Tour Manager who is with you every step of the way.

That's stress-free travel.

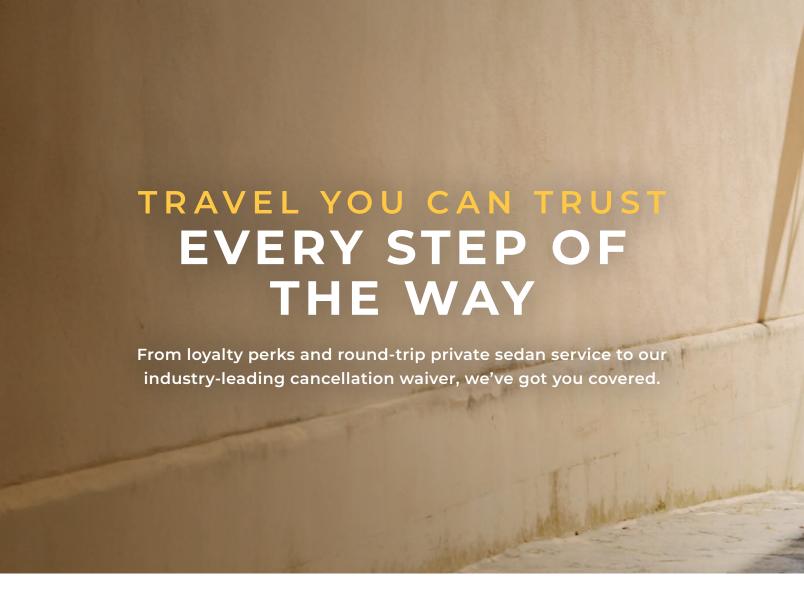
- All Your Logistics Are Handled Transportation and logistics are taken care of so you can sit back, relax, and enjoy every moment.
- Your Accommodation is Arranged Stay in 4-star and above accommodation throughout your trip, with expertly paced itineraries keeping one-night stays to a minimum.
- Plenty of Meals are Included Get a taste of the local flavour - literally! Every tour includes many meals and culinary experiences that support local communities and immerse you in the culture.
- 24/7 Customer Support
  We have boots on the ground all over the world, and a support team available 24/7 before, during, and after your tour. As industry leaders since 1918, your happiness is our top priority.

# Perfectly Balanced Itineraries for Travellers

You want to experience the destination fully and also have time to explore independently. We get it because we're travellers, too. Our experts craft itineraries that blend free time with must-see inclusions so you can do it all, your way.

We pioneered Choice on Tour, so that on most itineraries you can choose between two included excursions, as well as optional experiences, pre and post tour extensions, and free time. It's your tour, your way.







# Your Stamp to More Adventures

Receive a 5% credit on your next Collette tour when it's completed within 12 months of your most recent departure date. The Collette Passport Club rewards you for every trip you take.



# Guaranteed to Go

Choose from thousands of guaranteed departure dates. Book with confidence knowing that your tour will run on the date you selected. When we say guaranteed, we mean it.





# **Cancellation Waiver**

Collette's industry leading, worry-free cancellation waiver offers you a full refund, less the deposit. This enables you to cancel for any reason right up to the day before your departure.



# **Complete Transportation Package**

When you purchase air with Collette, you secure door-to-door sedan service to and from the airport. It's the perfect way to start and end your trip. \*Conditions apply. See page 142 for details.

# A DAY ON TOUR SUNRISE TO SUNSET

If you're new to guided travel, you may be wondering what to expect. While no two days on tour with Collette are exactly alike, here's what an "average" day might look like.



# **Breakfast as You Please**

Breakfast is included daily on every tour in the hotel, so you can dine at leisure. You're likely to see fellow travellers exchanging stories over coffee before heading out for the day's adventure.

# **Get Acquainted**

After arriving in a new city the night before, it's time to get to know the lay of the land. Expect neighbourhood walking tours, tours by boat, public transit, and more. Sometimes the coach is a great way to show all the sites quickly, but it won't be the only way.



# **Make Connections**

After getting to know the city, it's time to get to know its people. Meet the people who make Venice's gondolas. Talk with a war survivor in Vietnam. Chat with women looking to become financially independent in Morocco. Expect moments of connection all across the world.



# **Free Time to Explore**

Now it's time to explore. Ask your Tour Manager for recommendations — they'll have them! You'll likely have a few hours of leisure time built into your itinerary every few days, allowing you to explore confidently and do your own thing.

# Return, Relax, Rejuvenate

You can often expect leisure time around a specific area (like a bustling market or plaza), with the bus returning you back to the hotel with time to prepare for dinner.



# **Welcome Home**

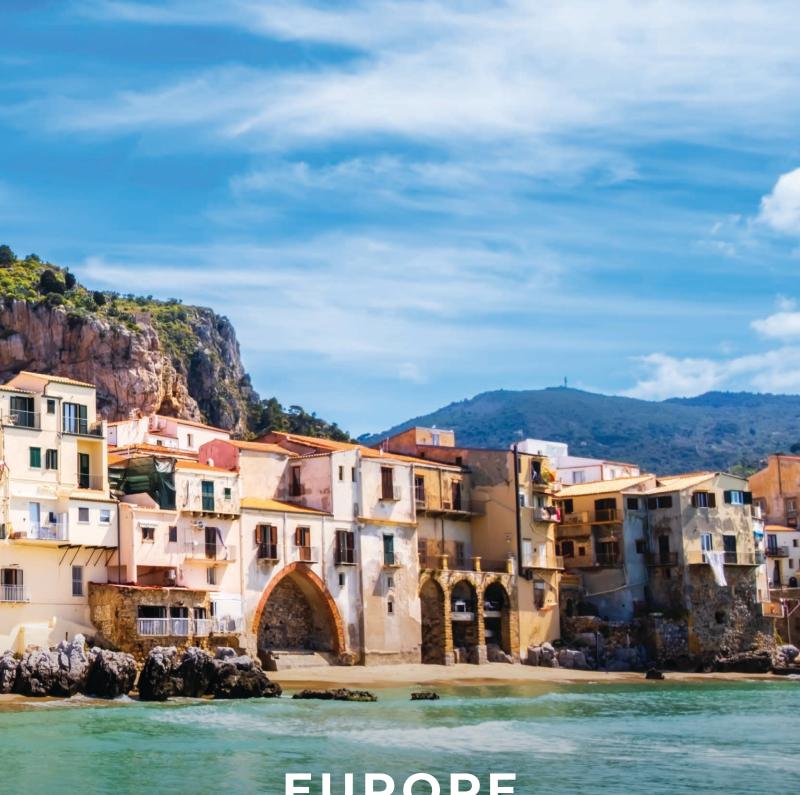
With more than half of dinners included on most of our tours, we seek to vary the dining experience each night. Travellers love the homehosted dinner, where you're welcomed into a local's home to enjoy a home-cooked meal and meaningful conversation. Other dining experiences could include cooking classes, dinner cruises, local restaurants, and more.



Because Collette prioritises multi-night stays. you don't have to worry about packing up when you've just arrived. Explore the nightlife or rest up and dream of the adventures to come in a city you're just getting to know.







# EUROPE

Europe never runs out of ways to charm you. One day you're standing in a vineyard in northern Spain, the next, watching the northern lights in Iceland. These experiences take you past the landmarks and into the layers: a conversation in a tucked-away café, the quiet of a medieval village square, a market stall you wouldn't have found on your own. On an Explorations tour, find the Europe you didn't know you were missing.

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# **NEW TOUR**





# What's Included

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Our Lady of the Rocks, Boka Bay Scenic Sailing, Kotor, Albanian Farm Experience, Tirana, Gjirokastra, Kalambaka, Meteora, Athens

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- · Impact Moment: Uncover Sarajevo's wartime history with a siege survivor.
- · Discover Gjirokastra's Old Town, bazaar, and castle.
- Visit a traditional iconpainting workshop in Kalambaka.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

14 Breakfasts (B) 2 Lunches (L) 7 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy traditional Albanian food and folk entertainment in the capital city, Tirana.
- Sit down for a farm-to-table lunch in the village of Fishtë and learn about traditional Albanian agriculture.
- Experience Bosnian hospitality and regional dishes, joining a local family for a meal in a Sarajevo home.

Day 1: Zagreb, Croatia Arrive in Croatia's fascinating capital city, Zagreb. As arrival times may vary, there are no scheduled activities today. Spend time as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D) Accommodation: Le Premier Boutique Hotel, Zagreb

Day 2: Zagreb This morning, join a local guide on a walking tour of Zagreb's highlights, from the main square to Upper Town. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own in the city. Perhaps you'll wander through the old town's two medieval settlements, stroll the many open squares and parks, browse the stalls at the Dolac Market, or savour the flavours of Zagreb's exciting culinary scene. (B)

Day 3: Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes This morning, travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Enjoy a short cruise into the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Tonight, stay at a hotel in the small village near the national park. (B, D)

Accommodation: The Lyra Hotel Plitvice, Licko Petrovo Selo, Plitvice Lakes

Day 4: Plitvice Lakes - Sarajevo,
Bosnia and Herzegovina This
morning, continue to Sarajevo —
Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital city,
your home for the next two nights.
Experience this multicultural city shaped
by its rich history and the coexistence
of various religious sects. Perhaps
you'll join a guided stroll this evening
to get acquainted with the area. (B, L)
Accommodation: Hotel Colors Inn,
Sarajevo

Day 5: Sarajevo With a local expert, uncover the history of Sarajevo, the starting point of the First World War. Meander the storied roadways and take in its blend of religions and architectural styles before enjoying some free time to independently explore the city. During an IMPACT MOMENT, meet with a local siege survivor, who will uncover more of Sarajevo's past. Spend time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum, the site of the "Tunnel of Hope" that connected the besieged city to the outside world. The rest of the afternoon is yours to

explore Sarajevo on your own. Tonight, locals welcome you to their home for dinner. Enjoy regional favourites such as *klepe* (meat dumplings) and *burek* (flaky filled pastries). Sip Bosnian coffee as a soundtrack of traditional folk music sets the tone for a truly memorable evening. (B, D)

Day 6: Sarajevo - Mostar - Dubrovnik, Croatia This morning, on your way to Croatia, spend time in Mostar, home to the iconic arched Stari Most Bridge (UNESCO). Explore Mostar on a guided walk before lunching on your own in the historic part of the city. This afternoon, be greeted by views of the Adriatic Sea when you arrive in Dubrovnik. As the day comes to an end, perhaps you'll join in an evening stroll. (B)

Accommodation: Hotel Adriatik.

Dubrovnik (ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE)

Day 7: Dubrovnik Dubrovnik's ancient streets share their history and timeless appeal during a tour of the city. Then, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Take a harbour cruise for magnificent views of Dubrovnik's medieval city walls and visit Lokrum Island -OR- get a bird's-eye view of the city by cable car, riding up to Srd Hill, a breathtaking vantage point to look over the Old Town below and the Adriatic Sea. The rest of the day is yours to explore independently. (B)

Day 8: Dubrovnik - Kotor, Montenegro
It's "Dovidenja" to Croatia as you
head to Montenegro. Set sail on a
private boat for the islet of Our Lady
of the Rocks. Visit the church before
coasting through the breathtaking
Kotor Bay towards the Old Town of
Kotor (UNESCO). Complete your visit to
Kotor with a locally guided tour before
you settle into your hotel. (B, D)
Accommodation: Hotel Cattaro, Kotor

Day 9: Kotor Today, have fun exploring Kotor your way. Perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to Njeguši, a quiet and peaceful village located on the slope of Mount Lovcen about 900 metres above sea level. Soak in the views from a cable car and get a tasty local lesson on the traditions of prosciutto and homemade cheeses famously produced here — and, of course, sample these specialities. Learn more about Montenegrin history while visiting the royal town of Cetinje. Upon return, the remainder of the day is yours to explore the hidden corners of Kotor. (B)

## Day 10: Kotor - Fishtë, Albania -

**Tirana** Cross another border today and arrive in Albania! A traditional cultural experience awaits in one of Albania's best-regarded agritourism destinations, located in the village of Fishtë. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch of authentic dishes made from organic, locally sourced ingredients, and take a stroll through the farm and learn about traditional Albanian agriculture. Continue your travel day on your way to Tirana, the capital city of Albania. Explore its history and architecture on a locally guided tour while learning more about Albania's intriguing past. Visit a former top-secret nuclear bunker, now a museum dedicated to the victims of one of the most controlling communist regimes in Europe. (B, L) Accommodation: Hotel Rogner, Tirana

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Day 11: Tirana Today, explore Tirana as you wish. Perhaps you'll decide to join an optional excursion to the ancient city of Durrës, where the Roman Amphitheatre of Emperor Hadrian stands as the city's most prominent attraction. Join a local guide to see the historic city's ruins, and later, enjoy a wine tasting paired with local specialities at a winery. No matter how you fill your day, experience the best of the local cuisine and a show of folk traditions during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Tirana - Gjirokastra - Kalambaka, Greece Soak in the beauty of the countryside on your way to Gjirokastra. Perhaps one of the steepest cities in the world, explore its unique architecture and glorious history. Join your local guide on a tour of Gjirokastra's dominant castle on the hill. Cross into Greece, your last border on this travel journey. Arrive in Kalambaka in the late afternoon and enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D) Accommodation: Divani Meteora Hotel, Kalambaka

# Day 13: Kalambaka - Metéora

- Athens This morning, explore Metéora. Visit one of the remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape, where limestone rock "towers" extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks built their monastic community perched atop these rocks. Later, learn how Byzantine icons are created by visiting an icon-painting workshop in Kalambaka. Watch some of the process at this atelier, where icons are made using traditional methods. Spend some time on your own in this



# **Important Details**

### **PRICING**

Starting at **\$9,499 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,999 (SOLO)** 

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 11 June 2027 departure.

### **TOUR DATES**

September – October 2025; April – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June – October 2026; April – June 2027 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2026 – June 2027 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Zagreb** · Pre-Night Stay

 $\textbf{Athens} \cdot \mathsf{Post}\text{-Night Stay}$ 

Ljubljana · Pre-Tour Guided Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$1,350 $^{\dagger}$  pp

Tour beautiful Ljubljana, Slovenia, then visit picturesque Lake Bled and enjoy a boat ride to scenic Bled Island.

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

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

enchanting town before continuing your journey to Athens. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers to savour a delicious Greek dinner and celebrate all you've experienced. (B, D) Accommodation: NYX Esperia Palace Hotel, Athens

Day 14: Athens Explore the sights of Athens on a locally guided walking tour. From Syntagma Square and the Monument to the Unknown Soldier, wander through the streets, soaking in the essence of this iconic city. Visit the new Acropolis Museum, considered one of the most important museums

in the world, to trace the story of the ancient city. Located within a short walking distance of the Acropolis, the museum houses archeological treasures from the Acropolis and offers wonderful views on the ancient site. The rest of the day is yours to explore more of Athens on your own before joining your fellow travellers to toast to the end of your journey. (B)

**Day 15: Athens - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. (B)

# Majestic Cities of Central & Eastern Europe featuring Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest & Krakow

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 24 • STARTING AT \$7,399



# What's Included

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Prague Castle, Pannonhalma Archabbey, Vienna, Viennese Coffee House, Budapest, Krakow, Wawel Castle, Auschwitz

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

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

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

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

- Experience Viennese coffee house culture during an Impact Moment.
- Enjoy traditional Polish cuisine and folklore performance.
- Learn the secrets of Viennese confectionery during a candy-making demonstration

Day 1: Berlin, Germany Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin, a blend of deep-rooted history, modern flair and multi-cultural influences. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Accommodation: Radisson Red Hotel, Berlin

Day 2: Berlin This morning, head out with your local guide and get to know Berlin's rich history while passing by the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm, and the Reichstag Building, Finish your morning city tour by meeting with a Berliner to learn about life in communist East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Later, enjoy some free time for lunch on your own in one of the neighbourhood's many restaurants. Later this afternoon, set out on a panoramic tour into historic West Berlin, seeing the former border crossing known as Checkpoint Charlie and remnants of the Berlin Wall. The rest of the day is yours to discover and explore at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic Depart for Prague this morning, the "City of a Thousand Spires." En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony. Meet a local guide for a tour highlighting its Baroque splendour and architectural treasures such as Frauenkirche, the Cathedral of our Lady and the Royal Palace. Enjoy time on your own to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. After arriving in Prague, join your fellow travellers in a traditional Czech cooking class. (B, D) Accommodation: Majestic Plaza Hotel, Prague

Day 4: Prague Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Prague Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Home to kings and emperors, the complex at Prague Castle is one of the most important sites in the Czech Republic and is easily the highlight of the city. Continue on a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town and see the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. Learn about the poignant history held in Prague's Jewish Quarter when you

pass the Old Jewish Cemetery and Synagogue. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy Prague during your free time. (B)

## Day 5: Prague - Vienna, Austria

This morning, hop on a train and depart for your next adventure to Vienna, the "musical city." Upon arrival in Vienna, enjoy a short orientation drive through the city. Learn about Vienna's sweet confectionary history at a candy workshop, where candies are still made according to traditional recipes dating back over 150 years. Then, enjoy an **IMPACT MOMENT** at a Viennese coffee house connecting generations, because at this café, the baked goods are lovingly crafted by grandmas. This social enterprise aims to give local retirees a chance to engage with locals and travellers around the world. Later, enjoy an evening just outside of Vienna at a beloved, folksy Viennese restaurant, where dinner intertwines with local culture and flavour to create an unforgettable night. (B, D) Accommodation: Imperial Riding School Hotel, Vienna

Day 6: Vienna This morning, meet your local guide for a scenic walking tour to Vienna's city centre and take in the beautiful architecture. scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city followed by some free time to make your own discoveries. Later this afternoon, participate in one of Vienna's most treasured traditions during a Viennese Waltz lesson. Tonight, perhaps you'll choose to explore the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a musical performance at the famous Orangerie where the past comes alive. (B)

## Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia

- Budapest, Hungary Sit back, relax, and enjoy the picturesque countryside en route to Budapest. Make a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history during an orientation walking tour with your Tour Manager before taking time to enjoy lunch on your own. Next, head towards a true historical gem and UNESCO site: Pannonhalma. Hear about the abbey's history dating back a thousand years and present life in the Archabbey from one of the monks. The succession of history can be seen clearly in the various

architectural styles of the monastic buildings. Top off your day in this region with a delicious meal in a local restaurant. Continue to lovely Budapest, a city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. (B, D) Accommodation: Up Hotel, Budapest

Day 8: Budapest The beautiful city of Budapest is yours to discover. This morning, a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament, and Gellert Hill with a special stop at Heroes' Square, a unique monument to the diverse leaders of Hungary. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore as you like. This evening, perhaps you'll take in the essence of the region during an optional dinner followed by a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. (B)

Day 9: Budapest This morning,
IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Choose to visit
the House of Terror Museum and
Memorial and gain an important
perspective of 20th-century
Hungarian history -OR- indulge in the
famous Thermal Baths of Budapest,
one of the largest spa baths in
Europe. This afternoon is yours to
uncover "the Queen of the Danube"
however you wish. (B)

# Day 10: Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland Take

in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop for lunch near Donovaly, a small village situated within Low Tatras National Park. Your home for the next three nights is the lively city of Krakow, a historic city offering old-world charm. This evening, get to know traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local cuisine. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Mercure Krakow Old Town, Krakow

## Day 11: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour complete with stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the university. In Market Square, marvel at the Gothic city hall tower and the beautiful palaces that surround you. You'll also get an inside look at Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. This afternoon, embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel



# **Important Details**

### **PRICING**

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### **TOUR DATES**

October – December 2025; March – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June – December 2026; March – June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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# **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Berlin** · Pre-Night Stay **Krakow** · Post-Night Stay

# **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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to the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp, where you will learn about the sobering history and resilience of the human spirit. The evening is yours to spend it as you wish. (B)

Day 12: Krakow This morning, join a local guide and discover Krakow's most known city district, Kazimierz. On a walking tour, you'll visit many synagogues along with one of the most prominent ones — the Remuh Synogogue and Cemetery. Walk the former Jewish Market with your guide and connect with the Jewish history and culture along the way. The rest of

the day is yours to explore the town on your own. Toast to the end of this memorable trip as you sit down with your fellow travellers at a Jewish restaurant, feeling connected to the cultures and traditions of Central and Eastern Europe. (B, D)

Day 13: Krakow - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

# Mediterranean Coastal Journey Spain, France & Italy

15 DAYS • 23 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 24 • STARTING AT \$9,749



# What's Included

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Barcelona, La Casa Batlló, Parc Güell, Spanish Riviera, Dali Theatre-Museum, Abbaye de Fontfroide, Aix-en-Provence, Cassis Boat Tour, Wine Tasting, French Riviera, Monaco, Portofino, Carrara Marble Quarries, Florence, Truffle Hunting, San Gimignano

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Soak up the views from the medieval city walls of Girona.
- Explore Saint-Honorat Island, belonging to the monks of Lérins Abbey.
- Set out through the rolling hills and olive groves of Tuscany in the company of a truffle hunter and his truffle-sniffing dogs.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

14 Breakfasts (B) 2 Lunches (L) 7 Dinners (D)

- At ancient Fontfroide Abbey, enjoy lunch paired with the abbey's wines in the tasting cellar.
- Dine on traditional Catalan specialties in a 17th-century farmhouse transformed into a local restaurant.
- Savour a true taste of Tuscany with an exclusive olive oil tasting experience.

Day 1: Barcelona, Spain Welcome to the Mediterranean Coast. Begin your journey in Barcelona, famed for its exceptional architecture and vibrant culinary scene. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D) Accommodation: H10 Art Gallery, Barcelona

Day 2: Barcelona This morning, step into the shoes of a local and navigate the metro. Then, explore the ever-changing Catalan capital as it's meant to be — on foot. Stroll along the bustling La Rambla boulevard, famous for its street artists and performers. Wander along the Gothic Quarter's labyrinthine streets and delve into one of Barcelona's lively food markets. This afternoon, gain a different perspective on Barcelona at Parc Güell (UNESCO). This expansive garden, designed by the legendary Antoni Gaudí, is a feast for the eves with its colourful mosaics and fantastical architecture. Finally, visit

to the surreal and stunning Casa Batlló, locally known as the "house of bones" — another of Gaudí's architectural masterpieces. (B)

Day 3: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava (Spanish Riviera) Set out for medieval Girona, On arrival, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Visit the Museum of Jewish History to uncover the legacy of Girona's Jewish community -ORhead uphill through the old town towards Girona Cathedral to explore the Arab Baths, a serene 12th-century bathhouse built in Romanesque style. Enjoy time for lunch on your own before heading to the Catalonian coast for a three-night stay at a seaside hotel in alluring Costa Brava. This evening, relax over dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Accommodation: Park Hotel San Jorge, Costa Brava

Day 4: Costa Brava - Figueres Costa Brava Take in the Spanish
coastline during a coastal walk
between the charming villages of
Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc.
Then, travel inland to the town of
Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador

Dalí. Visit the extraordinary Dalí Theatre-Museum and explore the works of one of the 20th century's most influential artists. Later, return to your hotel for a free evening. (B)

Day 5: Costa Brava Today is yours to enjoy at leisure along the stunning Costa Brava. Relax at your coastal hotel, swim in the Mediterranean, or simply unwind on the beach. For those eager to explore further, consider an optional excursion to the enchanting medieval town of Besalú, and experience a taste of the region's rich winemaking heritage. (B)

Day 6: Costa Brava - Aix-en-Provence, France Cross into southern France and journey into the heart of Provence. Along the way, visit Fontfroide Abbey, founded almost 10 centuries ago. Explore its tumultuous history during a guided visit that concludes with a paired lunch of its locally produced wine. Continue your journey to Aix-en-Provence, a charming town known for its elegant boulevards, lively markets, and artistic heritage. (B, L) Accommodation: Boutique Hotel Cezanne, Aix-en-Provence

Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Cassis - Aix-en-Provence Journey to the charming fishing village of Cassis. With its colourful waterfront, bobbing boats, and laid-back Mediterranean vibe, Cassis invites you to slow down and soak in its coastal charm. Enjoy a scenic cruise through the Calanques, marveling at the breathtaking landscape. Back in Aix, walk to dinner at a nearby restaurant and savour Provençal cuisine. (B, D)

Day 8: Aix-en-Provence - Cannes - Nice, French Riviera Travel to glamorous Cannes and soak up its star-studded atmosphere before setting sail across the Bay of Cannes to the serene island of Saint-Honorat. For over a thousand years, the monks of Lérins Abbey have called this island home. Here, enjoy a tasting of the island's locally produced wine, crafted by the monks themselves. Return to the mainland and continue to Nice for a two-night stay in the heart of the Côte d'Azur. (B) Accommodation: Hotel Apollinaire, Nice

**Day 9: Nice** The day is yours to explore Nice on your own. Or opt for a journey to St. Paul de Vence,

exploring this charming walled medieval village, and then on towards Grasse, where you'll uncover the art of French perfumery in a hands-on workshop led by a master "nez." No matter how you spend your day, this evening, savour a tasting menu highlighting the delights of the South of France. (B, D)

Day 10: Nice - Monaco - Arenzano, Italy Bid au revoir to France this morning as you head to Monaco, the second smallest country in the world. Witness the changing of the guard at the Prince's Palace and step inside the Cathedral of Monaco, the final resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Then, take time to explore the charm and elegance of this tiny yet iconic nation at your own pace. Take in the coastal views as you cross into Italy during an afternoon-long transfer to Arenzano, a picturesque seaside town on the Ligurian Riviera, offering a blend of coastal charm, historic elegance, and lush natural surroundings. Settle into your hotel for a two-night stay on the Italian Riviera. (B) Accommodation: Grand Hotel Arenzano, Genoa

Day 11: Arenzano - Santa Margherita - Portofino - Arenzano

Start your day with a peaceful morning in Arenzano. Then, set off on a picturesque drive to the sophisticated town of Santa Margherita Ligure, situated along the stunning Ligurian Coast. Later this afternoon, board a boat to one of the most glamorous spots on the Italian Riviera — Portofino. Take in its colourful harbour, dotted with fishing boats and yachts set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. (B)

Day 12: Arenzano - Carrara - Tuscan **Countryside** Venture beyond the usual tourist routes to discover one of Italy's most impressive natural landmarks: the marble quarries of Carrara. Embark on an off-road journey through the rugged Apuane Mountains, tracing the paths carved out by quarrymen. Carrara marble has long been revered for its beauty and was famously used by Michelangelo for masterpieces such as the Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica and the iconic *David.* Your day continues through Tuscany's gentle hills. After tasting some traditional bites paired with olive oil, arrive for a relaxing stay in the Tuscan countryside. (B, D)



ARRIVAL: BARCELONA (BCN)

DEPARTURE: FLORENCE (FLR)

# **Important Details**

### **PRICING**

Starting at **\$9,749 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,999 (SOLO)** 

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### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; March - May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June - December 2026; March - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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# **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Barcelona · Pre-Night Stay

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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Accommodation: Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany

Day 13: Tuscan Countryside -Florence - Tuscan Countryside Today is dedicated to Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Join a local expert for a walking tour through the city's heart. Marvel at Ghiberti's gilded "Gates of Paradise" and Brunelleschi's imposing dome at the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral complex. Continue to the Palazzo Vecchio then end your guided walk in the Piazza Santa Croce. Enjoy free time to explore on your own before savouring Tuscan specialties for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 14: Tuscan Countryside - San Gimignano - Tuscan Countryside Enjoy a memorable epicurean adventure with a truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Set out on foot through rolling hills and silvery olive groves in search of the elusive tuber-shaped fungi before sampling the results for lunch. Then spend time in San Gimignano, whose slender medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

**Day 15: Tuscan Countryside - Tour Ends** Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey along the Mediterranean Coast comes to an end today. (B)



# What's Included

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Stockholm, Gammelstad Church Town, Finnish Lapland, Arctic Forest Walk, Sámi Museum, Hurtigruten Coastal Express Cruise, Lofoten & Vesteralen Archipelagos, Bergen

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Explore stories of Sweden's Gammelstad Church Town (UNESCO) surrounding a 15th-century stone church.
- Discover the traditions, art, and stories of Europe's only Indigenous people at the Sámi Museum.
- Sail Norway's essential sea route and glimpse into local life in coastal villages.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

15 Breakfasts (B) 9 Lunches (L) 9 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy lunch at a cosy restaurant in the historic village of Gammelstad.
- At Kukkola Rapids, enjoy freshly grilled whitefish inside a traditional kota (wooden hut).
- Savour a variety of locally sourced food on board your ship.

Day 1: Stockholm, Sweden Welcome to Stockholm — a compact city, built on 14 islands and connected by 57 bridges. With no scheduled activities through the afternoon, take some time to get to know this Scandinavian capital at your own pace. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D) Accommodation: Elite Adlon Hotel, Stockholm, Sweden

Day 2: Stockholm Step off the beaten path and into the heart of Stockholm on an immersive three-hour walking tour with a local guide. Discover the city's secrets — and the locals' love of *fika*, the cherished Swedish coffee break. The rest of the day is yours to further explore Stockholm your way. Perhaps you'll venture to the Vasa Museum, the ABBA Museum, or the contemporary Fotografiska gallery. (B)

Day 3: Stockholm - Sigtuna - Luleå This morning, say hej då to Stockholm as you head for Luleå, the gateway to Swedish Lapland. Along the way, stop in Sigtuna, Sweden's oldest town, where Viking rune stones whisper stories of the past. With its charming streets and lakeside views, Sigtuna is a living museum of Nordic heritage. Then, board your flight to Luleå. Upon arrival, get settled in and explore this coastal city at your leisure — perhaps stroll along the harbour or enjoy a fika with a view. (B) Accommodation: Hotel Clarion Sense, Luleå, Sweden

Day 4: Luleå Step into the soul of Swedish Lapland with a local guide leading the way. Begin with a walking tour of Luleå, where modern life blends with centuries of tradition. Just outside Luleå, visit Gammelstad Church Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site where 400 red cottages cluster around a 15th-century stone church. Step back in time as you learn how worshippers once travelled great distances to gather here for services. Enjoy lunch at a cosy local restaurant in the village. Later, return to Luleå for a free evening. (B, L)

Day 5: Luleå - Tornio -Kukkolankoski, Finland - Rovaniemi Head towards the Arctic Circle today, crossing into Finnish Lapland. In Tornio, pause to see Finland's oldest wooden church, still in use since the 1600s. Then, continue to Kukkolankoski, where the river's rapids sustain a centuries-old fishing tradition. See the fishing installations that line the banks and walk to a kota (wooden hut), where whitefish is grilled over an open fire. As your catch cooks in the traditional Kukkola style, gather around the fire, listen to local stories, and enjoy the fresh, smoky flavours straight from the flames. Later, arrive in Rovaniemi, the official hometown of Santa Claus. (B, L)

Accommodation: Santa's Hotel Santa Claus, Rovaniemi, Finland

Day 6: Rovaniemi Wake up in the heart of Finnish Lapland. This morning, join a local expert for a two-hour walking tour of Rovaniemi. At the Arktikum Museum, dive into the stories of the North — its people, wildlife, and the forces of nature that shape life here. This afternoon, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Sip and savour at Lapland Brewery, Finland's northernmost brewery, for a guided tour and tasting -OR- visit a local artisan's studio, where reimagined antlers become beautiful keepsakes. The evening is yours to enjoy in Rovaniemi as you please. (B)

# Day 7: Rovaniemi - Saariselkä

Cross the Arctic Circle today as your journey ventures deeper into the untouched wilderness of Finnish Lapland. By afternoon, arrive in Saariselkä, a remote village nestled in the fells. This is your home for the next two nights — a place where silence is golden and the sky stretches endlessly. (B, L, D) Wilderness Hotel Muotka, Saariselka, Finland

Day 8: Saariselkä Step into the stillness of the Arctic forest on a two-hour morning walk with a local guide. As you wander through pinescented trails, keep an eye out for native wildlife and listen to the quiet magic of Lapland. Return to your hotel for an included lunch and enjoy the rest of your afternoon free. You might consider one of the many experiences available at your lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Saariselkä – Inari, Norway -Kirkenes Venture further north into Norway, crossing into the land of the midnight sun. In Inari, visit Siida, the Sámi Museum where the rich heritage of Europe's only Indigenous people comes to life through art, artefacts, and storytelling. By evening, arrive in Kirkenes, nestled near the Russian border — remote, rugged, and full of Nordic spirit. (B) Accommodation: Thon Hotel, Kirkenes, Norway

Day 10: Kirkenes - Board Ship Enjoy a relaxed morning today before boarding your ship and settle in for a five-night Coastal Express voyage — Norway's legendary sea route. After dinner, stroll the deck and take in the beauty of the Norwegian waterways. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Hurtigruten Coastal Express

Day 11: Hammerfest Enjoy your first full day of cruising, allowing you to discover majestic fjords, mountains, cosmopolitan cities, market towns, and isolated hamlets. While the cruise makes its regular scheduled stops at several smaller towns, the longest docking today will take place in Hammerfest, one of the world's northernmost towns. Set out on a scenic bus tour, stopping at a museum that shows how the region was rebuilt after World War II. Then, see the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, a monument marking the northernmost measuring point used to establish the exact size and shape of the Earth, and take in sweeping mountain views from the top of Mount Salen. Back on board this afternoon, your ship continues its route down Norway's coast, docking in Tromso close to midnight. If you're travelling in the summer months, you can stroll around the still-busy city in glorious 24-hour daylight! (B, L, D)

Day 12: Harstad - Ferry Crossing -Sortland - Stokmarknes Begin the day with a short sightseeing tour of Harstad, a coastal town shaped by fishing, oil, and military history. Just outside town, visit the 13th-century Trondenes Church and the historical centre. Then, a scenic drive takes you across Hinnøya Island to board a ferry. As you cross the fjord, sip hot chocolate and enjoy fresh waffles and lefse with the stunning scenery. After, continue by bus to rejoin your ship at port in Sortland. Continue your sailing with a longer docking in Stokmarknes, the birthplace of the Coastal Express in the late 19th century. (B, L, D)



# **Important Details**

### **PRICING**

Starting at \$13,749 (DOUBLE) or \$16,749 (SOLO)

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### **TOUR DATES**

June - September 2026; May - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Stockholm** • Pre-Night Stay **Bergen** • Post-Night Stay

Day 13: Brønnøysund Today, your voyage will have you crossing the Arctic Circle in the early hours of the morning. As your ship makes several brief stops along the coast, admire the stunning landscapes drifting by and learn about the legends that link these landscapes to troll lore. In the afternoon, arrive at Brønnøysund, a charming town nestled between sea and mountains, with some time to explore its bustling marina as you wish. This evening, relax on board, mingle with fellow travellers, or simply watch the sun linger on the horizon. (B, L, D)

# Day 14: Trondheim - Kristiansund

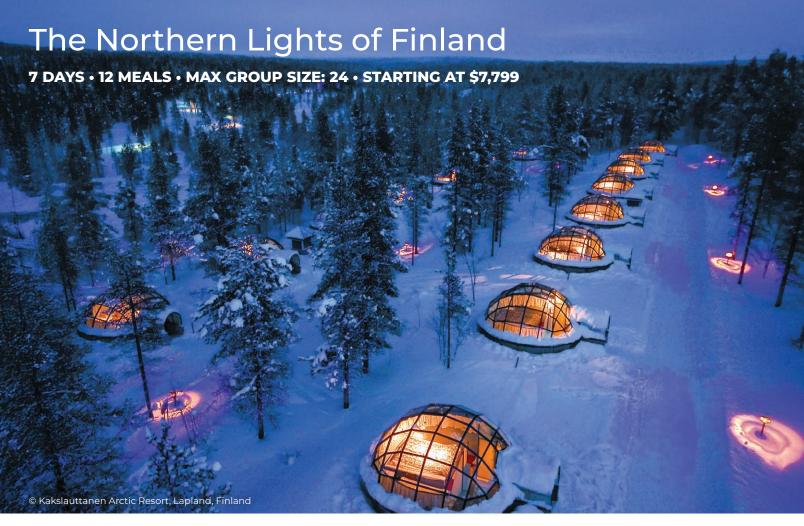
Wake up in Trondheim, where the ship will dock until 9:30 a.m. The time is yours to explore on your own. Perhaps stroll across Gamle Bybro bridge for a photo over the Nid River, visit the Niadros Cathedral, resting place of St. Olav or wander the cobbled streets and treat yourself at a chic café. After continuing its coastal trek, your ship docks briefly in Kristiansund's harbour in the late

afternoon. During your final evening aboard, relax as you cruise past tiny coastal communities and dramatic fjords. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Disembark Ship - Bergen If you are up for an early start to your day, you'll have a chance to glimpse

day, you'll have a chance to glimpse Nordfjord, under the enormous Jostedal Glacier, mainland Europe's largest. Disembark in Bergen in the early afternoon. After settling into your hotel, head out with a local guide for a walking tour through the historic Bryggen Wharf, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Grand Hotel Terminus, Bergen, Norway

Day 16: Bergen - Tour Ends Your Nordic journey comes to an end today. (B)



# What's Included

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Helsinki, Helsinki Rock Church, Lapland Region, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Santa's Home Visit, Reindeer Safari, Northern Lights Searches, Husky Safari, Overnight in Glass Igloo

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- · Lead your very own dog sled team on a husky safari.
- · Immerse yourself in the Arctic wilderness and learn about Sámi cultural traditions over the course of a 3-night stay in the north of Finland.
- Introduce yourself to majestic Lappish reindeer before they take you for an evening sled ride.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

6 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 5 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in Finnish and Lappish cuisine.
- · Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.

Day 1: Helsinki, Finland Hei Helsinki! Finland's vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. With no scheduled activities through the afternoon, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city centre, taking a 20-minute stroll to a local restaurant. Hyvää ruokahalua! (bon appetit!) (D)

Accommodation: Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

Day 2: Helsinki Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's core is the Empire-style Senate Square, home of the iconic Helsinki Cathedral. Take a 90-minute walking tour of the historic Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city's famous international market. See the steel monument dedicated to the composer Sibelius. This afternoon, take time to explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

Day 3: Helsinki - Kakslauttanen -Northern Lights Search Escape to northernmost Finland's winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland's culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish a sled ride with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights. At the remote Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin indulging in your own personal Finnish sauna. Take the motorcoach north towards Inari on a chase for the northern lights. Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance to witness nature's dazzling, electric light show. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Kakslauttanen Arctic

Accommodation: Kaksiauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen (ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE)

Day 4: Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search Hit the snow and mush yourself to breakfast aboard your own authentic Finnish sleigh. After a leisurely breakfast, meet Santa's elves, who will take you to meet Santa Claus in his own home.







Learn about Santa's origins during a warm and friendly conversation at his house. After dinner, under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer. Set out on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Then step inside a Lappish teepee, or kota, and sip warm berry juice (a Finnish tradition) around an open fire while gaining insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. The search for the elusive northern lights continues in the surround of northern Finland's wilderness. (B, D)

Day 5: Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You'll also be introduced to the equipment you'll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your incredible and unique glass igloo. You may even see the northern lights dancing overhead from the comfort of your own bed. (B, D)

## Day 6: Kakslauttanen - Helsinki

Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore the city's central squares or the latest Finnish trends in charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

Accommodation: Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

**Day 7: Helsinki - Tour Ends** Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# **Important Details**

### **PRICING**

Starting at \$7,799 (DOUBLE) or \$9,299 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 11 November 2026 departure.

### **TOUR DATES**

November 2025 - March 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

October 2026 - March 2027 (featured itinerary)

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# **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Helsinki · Pre- or Post-Night Stay





# What's Included

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Reykjavík, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Lake Mývatn, Húsavík, Whale Watching, Horse Farm Visit, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Icelandic Goat Farm, Langjökull Glacier

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Ascend the massive Langjökull glacier via mountain truck.
- Learn about Icelandic goats and how local farmers brought this rare breed back from the brink of extinction.
- Go whale watching in Skjálfandi Bay aboard specialised RIB Zodiac boats.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

7 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste homemade specialties during a goat farm visit.
- · Indulge in Icelandic cuisine at a local restaurant.
- Try a piece of lava bread and learn how locals use geothermal energy to cook food.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland Discover culture and history in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital. Explore the old section on a walking tour featuring the Parliament, harbour, city hall, and the city's oldest building. Gaze up at the famous glass facade of the Harpa Concert Hall, a true marvel of modern architecture. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and experience the freshness of Icelandic food at a local restaurant. (D)

Accommodation: Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle -Reykjavík Travel the Golden Circle to see Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, including the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Thingvellir National Park where you can walk between two continents. Learn how locals use Iceland's geothermal energy to cook food and taste "lava bread," which is submerged into the earth and cooked for 24 hours. Continue along the Golden Circle and take in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall before visiting the explosive Strokkur fountain geyser. Return to Reykjavík for an evening on your own. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Húsafell -Langiökull Glacier - Borgarnes This morning, journey inland to Húsafell and look out at the misty waterfalls cascading over lava rocks. Then, experience an IMPACT MOMENT with a visit to an Icelandic goat farm. Learn how local farmer, Jóhanna, helped to bring this unique breed, dating back to the time of Iceland's settlement, back from the brink of extinction. After visiting with the friendly goats, enjoy a simple meal of homemade specialities from the farm. Then, bundle up and ascend Langjökull glacier via mountain truck and go "Into the Glacier" to experience the purest blue ice colour in this man-made tunnel, the world's largest. End the day in Borgarnes, your home for the next two nights. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Hotel Hamar, **Borgarnes** 

Day 4: Borgarnes - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarnes This morning, journey to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Enjoy lunch on







your own in Arnarstapi, a beautiful small fishing village located at the foot of Mt. Stapafell, and where extraordinary columnar basalt and cliff formations form a safe harbour. This afternoon, take in the views on Mount Kirkjufell with its iconic shape and freestanding form; one of the most photographed landscapes in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 5: Borgarnes - Norðurland Vestra Region - Húsavík Today, head to the scenic Norðurland Vestra region, famous for horse breeding. On a family-owned farm, grab your camera for a photo tour of the stables and interact with these friendly animals and their caretakers. En route, stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where legend says Iceland converted from its pagan roots to Christianity in AD 1000. End your day in Húsavík, one of the first settlements on the island. (B, D)

Accommodation: Fosshotel, Húsavík

Day 6: Húsavík - Lake Mývatn -Húsavík - Whale Watching This morning, take in the unique volcanic landscape that surrounds Lake Mývatn. You will have a chance to explore the Hverir geothermal area, where bubbling mud pools resemble a Martian terrain. Join your Tour Manager for a hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by irregular lava formations and mystical caves that inspire your imagination. After free time for lunch, gear up in thermal wear to join expert whale watchers on a cruise on Skjálfandi Bay. Aboard specialised Zodiacs, you'll get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see humpback, minke, fin or harbour porpoise, and possibly the orca or giant blue whales that frequent these waters. (B)

Day 7: Húsavík - Akureyri -Reykjavík This morning, fly back to Reykjavík. Then, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Experience the Icelandic tradition of geothermal bathing with a dip in the warm, mineral rich waters of scenic Sky Lagoon -OR- go on a thrilling virtual experience ride, giving you the feeling of flying over Iceland's glaciers, fjords, and most iconic landscapes. Come together

# **Important Details**

### **PRICING**

Starting at **\$7,949 (DOUBLE)** or **\$9,749 (SOLO)** 

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 22 May 2027 departure.

### **TOUR DATES**

May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June - September 2026; May - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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# **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Reykjavík · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

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this evening for a farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring Icelandic cuisine. (B, D)

Accommodation: Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík **Day 8: Reykjavík - Tour Ends** Head home having uncovered Iceland's adventurous side. (B)



# What's Included

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin, Experience Gaelic Games, Rock of Cashel, Distillery Tour, Kinsale, Dingle Peninsula, Dingle Sheepdogs Demonstration, Aran Islands, Cliffs of Moher

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Overnight on the enchanting Aran Islands and jump head-first into Irish culture.
- See Irish sheepdogs in action as they work on a Dingle farm.
- Discover how one man's love of beer resulted in a successful local brewery.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

9 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 4 Dinners (D)

- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Enjoy a cheese tasting at an award-winning goat farm.
- Savor traditional Irish cuisine at a popular local pub.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland Fáilte and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. With no scheduled activities through the afternoon, you can take time to soak up the vibrancy of Dublin's fair city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and toast the start of a wonderful adventure. (D) Accommodation: Trinity City Hotel, Dublin

Day 2: Dublin A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent streets on a walking tour, taking you through the history and culture of this eclectic city. Get up close and personal with Dublin as you discover the vibrancy of the capital and its evolution over the centuries. This afternoon, experience an IMPACT **MOMENT** as you immerse yourself in Irish culture with Experience Gaelic Games. This social enterprise benefits the wider community, giving local youth opportunities to engage in community-based sport and cultural activities, Learn why these national sports are so important to many Irish people -

and if you're feeling sporty, have a go yourself! (B)

Day 3: Dublin - East Cork Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of outstanding natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. (B, D) Accommodation: Garryvoe Hotel, East Cork, Cork

Day 4: East Cork This morning, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of the world-famous Jameson Irish Whiskey. Indulge in a tipple with a tasting of the distillery's production. Next, head to the pretty coastal town of Kinsale for the afternoon, Enjoy free time to peruse the charming shops, galleries, and cafés. (B)

Day 5: East Cork - Garnish Island - Dingle Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed — Garnish





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Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to the colourful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula — your home for two nights. (B)

Accommodation: Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle

# Day 6: Dingle - Dingle Peninsula

- Dingle This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula with a drive along Slea Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. During a visit to a Dingle farm, witness the remarkable skill of sheepdogs in action, all set against a backdrop of sweeping ocean views. Later, soak in the charm of Dingle with a lively pub lunch in the heart of town. Then, step into the story of a beloved local brewery and discover how one man's passion for craft beer brewed a thriving business. The rest of the day in Dingle is yours — wander the colourful streets, chat with friendly locals, or simply savour the harbour's peaceful rhythm. (B, L)

Day 7: Dingle - Aran Islands (Inishmore) Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Upon arriving in Inishmore's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh, Learn about the island's 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your cosy island chalet. The humble accommodations in the heart of Inishmore allow the striking, rocky coast to be the star of your stay. (B, D)

Accommodation: Aran Islands Hotel, Aran Islands

# Day 8: Aran Islands (Inishmore)

- Cliffs of Moher - Ennis In the morning, visit Dun Aonghusa, a prehistoric hill fort facing the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the Seven Churches, a pilgrimage site in the

# **Important Details**

### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,999 (DOUBLE) or \$8,999 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 9 October 2026 departure.

### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; March – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June - October 2026; March - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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# **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Dublin** · Pre-Night Stay

**Belfast** • Pre-Tour Guided Extension 4 Nights, Starting at \$2,700 pp

Delve into Belfast's story and visit Northern Ireland's iconic World Heritage Site, the Giant's Causeway.

Middle Ages. Look to catch a glimpse of a colony of seals on your way to visit a family-run goat farm. Savour the flavours of locally produced award-winning cheeses during a tasting. Later, enjoy time in Kilronan village to explore and peruse the famous Aran sweaters. Then, ferry back to the mainland, taking in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. (B)

Accommodation: Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

Day 9: Ennis This morning, join a local historian on a walking tour of the town of Ennis. Your walk ends at the site of the medieval Franciscan friary, where you may wish to tour the ruins and grounds at leisure. The afternoon is yours with free time to

shop for those last-minute souvenirs before joining your fellow travellers this evening to toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

Day 10: Ennis - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)



# What's Included

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin, Jeanie Johnston Famine Ship, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, Hillsborough Castle, Belfast, Culinary Walking Tour, Soda Bread Making, Giant's Causeway, Derry, Blessingbourne Estate, Boatyard Distillery, Galway, Kilkenny, Hurling Experience

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Be immersed in stories of Irish emigration at the Jeanie Johnston famine ship and EPIC Museum in Dublin.
- Explore Cork's Nano Nagle Place and its dedication to empowering people through education and spirituality.
- Meet the owners of Blessingbourne Estate and learn the fascinating history of their family home.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

13 Breakfasts (B) 4 Lunches (L) 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste new Irish cuisine on a culinary walking tour in Belfast.
- Savour the traditional flavours of Ireland in a local pub.
- Make your own soda bread in a farmhouse kitchen.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland Arrive in Dublin, a city rich with layered history and lively culture. With no planned activities today, the time is yours to explore independently. This evening, meet your fellow travellers and toast the start of your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. (D) Accommodation: Hyatt Centric The Liberties, Dublin

Day 2: Dublin Join a local expert on a walk through Dublin's lively streets, gaining insight into the historic places and modern culture of this eclectic city. After free time for lunch, delve into stories of Irish emigration. Follow in the footsteps of those who fled the famine as you board the Jeanie Johnston, a replica museum ship. At EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, trace the history of how more than 10 million people left Ireland over the centuries and its influence on the world. The evening is yours to explore on your own. (B)

Day 3: Dublin - Belfast, Northern IrelandThis morning, cross the border into Northern Ireland and enjoy a visit to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, Northern Ireland's royal residence. Afterward, it's on to Belfast, a buzzing capital city. Kick it off by meeting up with local foodies for a culinary walking tour, enjoying Belfast's flavours as you explore the city. After checking into your hotel, the rest of the evening is yours to further immerse yourself in Belfast's vibrant scene. (B, L)

Accommodation: Europa Hotel, Belfast

Day 4: Belfast Start your day with a visit to the farmhouse home of a local in Killinchy. After a hands-on lesson in making your own soda bread, be treated to a lunch with homegrown produce from the farmhouse garden. This afternoon, enjoy free time to discover Belfast at your leisure. (B, L)

# Day 5: Belfast - Giant's Causeway

- Derry - Donegal Visit the ethereal Giant's Causeway, walking in the footsteps of mythical legends. Marvel at the hexagonal basalt slabs, that according to legend, were formed by gargantuan beasts crossing the crashing waves. Next, make your way to Derry, a growing artistic and



cultural hub. On a guided walking tour, delve into the complex history of this city once gripped by the conflict known as the Troubles. Later on, arrive in the pretty town of Donegal and gather for dinner tonight. (B, D)

Accommodation: Mill Park Hotel, Donegal

Day 6: Donegal Set out to explore the Wild Atlantic Way. Visit the Slieve League Cliffs, offering stunning views over the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay. Three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher, these iconic cliffs are amongst the highest and most scenic in Europe. Then, take in the beauty of Killybegs, Ireland's largest fishing port, on a short harbour cruise before finishing the day back in Donegal. (B)

Day 7: Donegal - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland This morning, meet the Lowry family, owners of the Blessingbourne Estate. Get a peek inside the private living quarters of Blessingbourne House and hear how this wonderful property has been passed through generations of the same family, all whilst enjoying their Irish hospitality. Enjoy free time for lunch upon arriving in Enniskillen, a charming island town. This afternoon, visit a local gin distillery on the banks Lough Erne and discover how this family business has grown into an integral part of the local community. (B, D) Accommodation: Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen

Day 8: Enniskillen - Sligo, Ireland - Galway Arrive in Sligo, the place that inspired poet W. B. Yeats. Visit the 13th-century abbey and take some time to explore the local shops and eateries. Continue the journey to

Galway, a lively city of medieval relics and modern flair. Tonight, dinner is at a local pub. (B, D)

Accommodation: The Connacht Hotel, Galway

Day 9: Galway The day is yours. Perhaps you'll pop into a pub for a drink with the locals, or peruse one of the city's many museums, or go shopping along bustling Quay Street. Consider taking an optional tour to Kylemore Abbey, where you'll drive through Connemara National Park before embarking on a tour of the monastery. (B)

Day 10: Galway - Bunratty - Cork
Peek into Irish culture at a sheep

farm, where you'll watch a sheep farm, where you'll watch a sheepdog herding demonstration and meet the friendly canine workers. Next, visit Bunratty Folk Park, a living history museum in County Clare, which recreates a 19th-century Irish village including farmhouses, shops, and streets, all brought to life by costumed characters and demonstrations. Later, arrive in the vibrant city of Cork, famous for its riverside walks and 18th-century English Market. (B)

Accommodation: The River Lee Hotel,

Day 11: Cork This morning, meet a local guide to explore Cork, Ireland's second city, on a three-hour walking tour showing off its mix of historic architecture, bustling markets, and scenic waterways. After lunch at a garden café, experience an IMPACT MOMENT with a visit to Nano Nagle Place. During a guided tour, learn about how this important school empowers people through education, inclusion, and spiritual engagement, and wander the site's walled gardens and award-winning museum. (B, L)



### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October – November 2025; March – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June – November 2026; March – June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Dublin** ⋅ Pre-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

Day 12: Cork - Kilkenny Today, enjoy a lunch at a traditional Irish pub, owned by the same family for 200 years. Listen to stories about the family ancestors, and the social role that pubs play within rural communities. Afterwards, watch a hurling demonstration, a traditional sport of Ireland, with the opportunity to participate yourself! Continue to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming cities. (B, L) Accommodation: Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny

Day 13: Kilkenny This morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Enjoy a leisurely day to explore the town and Kilkenny Castle on your own -OR- travel just outside

of town to the ruins of Jerpoint Abbey, a Cistercian abbey founded in the 12th century. You will also attend a captivating demonstration at a family-owned glass company and learn about the important role Kilkenny plays in Irish design and craftsmanship. No matter what activities fill your day, come together in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Sláinte! (B, D)

**Day 14: Kilkenny - Tour Ends** Wish the Emerald Isle goodbye as you depart for home. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Glasgow, Scottish Highlands, Sheepdog Demonstration, Isle of Mull, Isle of Iona, Urquhart Castle, Cawdor Castle, Whisky Tasting & Dinner, Edinburgh

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm.
- Walk the trails of Glencoe, where dramatic peaks and valleys echo clan legends.
- Immerse yourself in the history of tartan as told by Highland women.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

9 Breakfasts (B) 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy Scottish treats on a Highland farm overlooking Loch Lomond.
- Toast with the famous "water of life" during a whisky-inspired dinner in Edinburgh.

Day 1: Glasgow, Scotland Welcome to Glasgow, a cultural trove of art. music, and history. Get ready to experience the eclectic architecture, friendly locals (Glaswegians), and rich traditions that make this city such a fascinating place. As arrival times will vary, the day is yours to explore at your own pace — maybe visit one of the many museums or galleries or simply relax and take in the local scene. Settle into your hotel before joining your fellow travellers this evening for a welcome dinner. (D) Accommodation: Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow

Day 2: Glasgow Soak in the rich culture of Glasgow. Join a local guide on a walking and motorcoach tour that leads you through historic George Square and the beautiful Beaux-Arts style architecture that surrounds it; to Provand's Lordship, the oldest surviving house in the city; the medieval Glasgow Cathedral; prestigious Blythswood Square; and the futuristic-looking Science Centre. After lunch on your own in central Glasgow, enjoy the rest of the day free to discover the city as you like. (B)

Day 3: Glasgow - Luss - Oban - Loch Melfort Leave the city behind, travelling along sloping fields towards Loch Lomond. Visit a family-run farm with spectacular views of the lake and surrounding hills, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration, and enjoy Scottish snacks. Next, arrive in Luss and explore this quaint lakeside village of stone cottages and bright flowers, taking time for lunch on your own. Then, it's off to Oban, where a local guide will lead you on a walking tour of this coastal town and important fishing port. Continue to Loch Melfort and settle into your hotel for the next two nights. Take in a stunning view of the ocean from the hotel before wandering the grounds, home to friendly Highland cows and neighbouring the National Trust's Arduaine Gardens, (B, D) Accommodation: Loch Melfort Hotel, Arduaine, Oban

Day 4: Loch Melfort - Isle of Mull - Isle of Iona - Loch Melfort It's time to island hop! Setting off from Loch Melfort, take the ferry from Oban



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

#### Day 5: Loch Melfort - Inverness

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

Accommodation: Best Western Palace Hotel, Inverness

Day 6: Inverness This morning, step back in time as you explore Cawdor Castle, a romantic 14thcentury stronghold steeped in Shakespearean legend and Highland history. This afternoon, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Delve into the poignant history of the Jacobite uprising at Culloden Battlefield -OR- explore Inverness Castle, where an immersive experience brings Highland culture, heritage, and stories to life. After, the remainder of the day in Inverness is yours to soak in the atmosphere of this Highland hub. (B)

### Day 7: Inverness - Edinburgh

Discover the story of the local pioneering women who created the ethical clothing company, Prickly Thistle, and learn the true story of tartan as told by a Highland woman. After, make your way to the picturesque town of Pitlochry, take some time for lunch on your own, and then board a high-speed train to finish your day in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. (B) Accommodation: Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood, Edinburgh

Day 8: Edinburgh This morning, join a local expert for a three-hour walking tour of Edinburgh's hilly Old Town and discover more about the lore and legends of the capital city. After your tour, the afternoon and evening are yours — perhaps take the opportunity to visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. (B)

Day 9: Edinburgh The day is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you'll take a stroll among the Georgian architecture of the New Town or journey to Leith for a visit to the royal yacht *Britannia*. Or you might take advantage of the optional excursion to Stirling Castle, an iconic landmark in Scotland's history, followed by a brief stop at the Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures. Gather in the evening for a whisky-inspired farewell dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland and toast to your Scottish explorations. (B, D)

**Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends** Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$7,499 (DOUBLE) or \$8,999 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; April - May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June - October 2026; April - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Glasgow · Pre-Night Stay

Edinburgh · Post-Night Stay

#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**



# Scotland: Land of Lore & Legend featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Experience The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and uncover Scotland's soul through Highland legends, island abbeys, tartan tales, and whisky toasts in cities, castles, and coastal towns.

Dates Available: August 2026



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Holyrood Palace, Lake District Railway Journey & Boat Cruise, Liverpool, Strawberry Field, Ferry Across the Mersey, Broadway & Stow-on-the-Wold, Roman Baths, Sea Shanty Performance, Cornish Cream Tea, London

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Travel like a local by taking a ferry across the Mersey.
- Discover the legacy of Strawberry Field, following the footsteps of John Lennon.
- Enjoy a lively performance by a Cornish sea shanty band.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

12 Breakfasts (B) 6 Dinners (D)

- Savour traditional Scottish fare with a modern twist during a welcome dinner in Edinburgh.
- · Enjoy a traditional Cornish cream tea.
- Dine on English comfort food in a cosy London restaurant.

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland, and enjoy time on your own discovering this vibrant city. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities until this evening. Tonight, gather for your first taste of Scottish culture during a locally inspired dinner with a modern-day twist. (D)

Accommodation: Edinburgh Marriott Hotel, Holyrood, Edinburgh

Day 2: Edinburgh See the city like a local during a two-hour walking tour of the Old Town, passing by Victorian houses and cobblestone streets. Explore the Royal Mile, ending at the bottom of the hill at Holyrood Palace, where you'll enjoy exploring this historic home of the Monarchy. The rest of the day is yours to experience the city however you please. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - Lake District, England Say goodbye to Scotland and travel towards the scenic Lake District, eternalized through the works of Scott and Wordsworth. Along the way, spend a little time on a family farm and learn about rural life in the borders. Visit the village of Lanercost for a guided visit of one of Cumbria's best-preserved monasteries from the 13th century. Enjoy a relaxing evening on the shores of Lake Windermere, your home for the next two nights. (B, D) Accommodation: Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Lake Windermere (ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE)

Day 4: Lake District See the area from a different perspective and step back in time as you board a steam train for a scenic ride. Then, set sail on Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. This afternoon, decide how you'll explore more of the Lake District's surrounding beauty — IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Discover a magnificently restored and rare architectural gem with a visit to Blackwell, the Arts & Crafts House -OR- embark on a two-hour guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails with a local expert. (B)

### Day 5: Lake District - Liverpool

Head to Liverpool, England's popular port city. You will visit Strawberry Field, the site where John Lennon came to play as a child, which he later immortalised in the song, 'Strawberry Fields Forever." Here you will experience an IMPACT MOMENT and learn about the work the Salvation Army does at Strawberry Field to give young people with learning difficulties the opportunity for work experience. This afternoon, join a local expert and embark on a two-hour walking tour of the Georgian Quarter, discovering one of the most beautiful parts of the city and where Paul McCartney went to school. (B)

Accommodation: Hotel Indigo, Liverpool

Day 6: Liverpool - Cotswolds This morning take a ferry across the Mersey. This public commuter ferry gives you the most spectacular views of the iconic city scape. Continue your journey by motorcoach to Shrewsbury, the birthplace of Charles Darwin. Set amidst the glorious Shropshire countryside close to the Welsh border, Shrewsbury is one of England's finest medieval market towns. Take time to meander the streets or walk along the river and have lunch. Tonight settle into an 18th-century modern boutique hotel, in the heart of a charming Cotswolds town. (B, D) Accommodation: The Queens Hotel, Cotswolds

Day 7: Cotswolds This morning, join a local for a walking tour of Broadway, often called the "Jewel of the Cotswolds." Afterward, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace. This afternoon, spend time in Stow-on-the-Wold. Perched nearly 800 feet above sea level, Stow is the highest of the Cotswolds towns, and its grand Market Square speaks to its rich history as a trading hub. Wander among elegant townhouses, antique shops, and cozy cafés. (B)

#### Day 8: Cotswolds - Bath - Cornwall

The morning will be spent in the city of Bath, where centuries-old history is told with a visit to the Roman Baths. Learn about the indulgence and opulence of a bygone time and see how Bath developed over centuries. After lunch on your own, the journey continues into the heart of Poldark's Cornwall. Tonight, after dinner, join your fellow travellers for an evening of music and lore as a Cornish sea shanty band shares songs of the sea. (B, D)

Accommodation: The Cornwall Hotel and Spa, Cornwall

Day 9: Cornwall Today, uncover the wild beauty of Cornwall's dramatic north coast. Start your day with one of the shortest yet most scenic train journeys in Britain, winding along the coast to the picturesque town of St. Ives. Your local guide will introduce you to the town — once a vital fishing port. After lunch on your own, rejoin your local guide and take an hour-long coastal walk with spectacular views. Along the way, hear stories of Cornwall's Celtic roots and its tin mining history. The day offers opportunities to experience the beauty of the rugged north coast on foot and a visit to a typical Cornish town. (B, D)

Day 10: Cornwall Join a local guide on foot and discover what makes this peaceful peninsula so special. After the walk, enjoy a beloved local tradition — Cornish cream tea, complete with scones, jam, and clotted cream. This evening, you might wish to indulge in the region's flavours with an optional tasting experience featuring local wines and cheeses, guided by an expert sommelier. (B)

### Day 11: Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

Bid farewell to the countryside as you board the Great Western Railway bound for London. Upon arriving in London, get the lay of the land on a walking tour led by a local expert. Take in the exterior views of London's iconic landmarks, including Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. The evening is yours to explore on your own. (B) Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton, Victoria, London

Day 12: London Spend the day discovering London your way. Whether you're sipping a pint in a cosy pub, wandering through world-class museums, or soaring above the skyline on the London Eye, the city is yours to explore. For those looking to dive deeper into England's royal past, an optional excursion to Hampton Court Palace offers a glimpse into the lavish world of Henry VIII and the Tudor court. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

**Day 13: London - Tour Ends** Your journey through Great Britain comes to a close today. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at **\$9,499 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,699 (SOLO)** 

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; March - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June - November 2026; March - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Edinburgh · Pre-Night Stay

**London** ⋅ Post-Night Stay

Jersey · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

3 Nights - Call for details.

Venture to Jersey, the largest of the Channel Islands, and unwind on a laid-back island retreat.

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**



# Coasts & Countrysides of England featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

An adventure fit for an English tale takes you from bustling cities to verdant hills, featuring a memorable performance by the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Dates Available: August 2026

### **NEW TOUR**

# Journey through Spain: Madrid to Barcelona

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 24 • STARTING AT \$6,599



### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid, Prado Museum, Córdoba, Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba, Olive Oil Mill Tour, Seville Cathedral, Flamenco Show, Granada, The Alhambra, Valencia, Paella Experience, Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Granada.
- · Visit a family-owned olive grove and taste the awardwinning local product.
- Explore the Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba and venture through the old town.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

9 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 4 Dinners (D)

- Experience a paellamaking demonstration and delicious paella lunch.
- · Indulge in Spanish wines with every included dinner.
- · Savour the essence of Spain with every bite of tapas.

Day 1: Madrid, Spain Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Accommodation: H10 Puerta de Alcala. Madrid

Day 2: Madrid Journey through Madrid's historic heart on a locally guided walking tour, marvelling at iconic landmarks like the vibrant Plaza Mayor, where history has unfolded since the 17th century. And the day's adventure doesn't stop there! Dive into the artistic treasures of the world-renowned Prado Museum, opened in 1819, to explore its unparalleled collection of masterpieces by legendary artists like Velázquez and Goya. Tonight, consider an optional night out in Madrid, taking the metro and walking to reach a restaurant for dinner with traditional entertainment. (B)

Day 3: Madrid - Córdoba Travel by the AVE high-speed train, quickly reaching the next destination of your journey, the extraordinary Moorish city of Córdoba. Upon arriving, take some time to get lunch and wander on your own. Embark on a guided walking tour of Córdoba's historic old town, and visit La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Next, IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Continue your exploration of the city's heritage with a guided tour of Córdoba's Jewish Quarter -OR- by seeing the vibrant patios of Córdoba, discovering a cherished tradition. Later, after settling into your hotel, meet up for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) Accommodation: H10 Palacio Colomera, Córdoba

Day 4: Córdoba - Seville - Córdoba This morning, set off towards Seville and visit an award-winning olive grove along the way. Immerse yourself in the grove's charm, discover the secrets of this familyowned business, and sayour their unique olive oil. Next, arrive in breathtaking Seville and join a local expert on a journey through the historic centre. Visit the awe-inspiring Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. Marvel at the ornate architecture and the monument to Christopher Columbus's tomb. Continue your on-foot exploration with a stroll through the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter among its bright, cascading flowers, whitewashed buildings, and winding streets. Later, return to Córdoba. (B)

Day 5: Córdoba - Granada Travel to Granada, the last grand capital of the Moors in Spain, conquered by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, take in your first impressions of the historic centre alongside your Tour Manager. Later, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a beautiful complex of buildings and gardens. Surrounded by lush, tree-lined walkways and water flowing from its fountains, behold a stone fortress overlooking the entire city - a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. After exploring the Alhambra, and the day draws to a close, immerse yourself in the passionate rhythms of a traditional Flamenco show and light dinner, experiencing the soulful music and dance that are integral to Andalusian culture. (B, D)

Accommodation: NH Collection Granada Victoria, Granada

#### Day 6: Granada - Murcia - Valencia

On your way to the Mediterranean coast, travel through Spain's stunning landscape with olive and orange groves dotting the rolling hills. Enjoy some time in "Europe's orchard," the charming city of Murcia surrounded by a mountain chain. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture and Spain's third largest city, melding historic and modern culture. This evening, head out for a panoramic drive, taking in views of the stunning Valencian seafront, charming promenades, and the iconic City of Arts and Sciences. (B)

Accommodation: AC Hotel by Marriott, Valencia

**Day 7: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia** Valencia is a place full of contrasts,

where a charming old town lives next to futuristic buildings. Explore the city's old town on foot, discovering the history with a local expert. View the ornate towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals. Next, embark on a journey to Albufera, a breathtaking freshwater lake that evolved from an ancient marine gulf. This crucial wetland is a sanctuary for wildlife and the birthplace of the renowned dish, paella. Discover more about this fascinating area and indulge in a lunch of paella, savouring its genuine flavours right where it originated. Back in Valencia later, enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish. (B, L)

Day 8: Valencia - Barcelona Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most enchanting cities. Prepare to explore the city on foot during a walking tour through Barcelona's captivating boulevards, where every corner reveals a new story. Stroll along the iconic, bustling promenade, Las Ramblas, and throughout the famous Gothic Quarter, a labyrinth of narrow medieval streets. (B) Accommodation: H10 Casanova, Barcelona

Day 9: Barcelona Spend this morning at leisure exploring Barcelona your way or choose an optional excursion to the quaint mountain village of Montserrat. Later, set off on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, hearing from a local expert as you see the city's highlights. Your journey will culminate in a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), the crown jewel of Gaudí's masterpieces. Gaudí's design incorporates helicoidal piers, hyperboloid vaults, and a hyperbolic paraboloid roof, creating a forest-like interior that symbolizes the natural world. Prepare to be captivated by its grandeur and intricate details! (B, D)

### Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage or begin your Spanish Riviera post-trip extension. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



ARRIVAL: MADRID (MAD)

**DEPARTURE: BARCELONA (BCN)** 

## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,599 (DOUBLE) or \$8,149 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 28 June 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

June 2026 - June 2027

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

 $Madrid \cdot Pre-Night Stay$ 

Barcelona · Post-Night Stay

**Barcelona and Spanish Riviera** · Post-Tour Hosted Extension 4 Nights, Starting at \$2,700 pp

Enjoy one more day in Barcelona — and continue to the Catalonian coast to explore and relax by the sea.

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**



#### Spain's Classics

Embark on a Spanish adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes, and delectable cuisine.

Dates Available: January – May 2026



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Malaga, White Villages of Andalusia, The Alhambra, Ronda, Cordoba, The Mosque-Cathedral, Home-Hosted Meal, Seville Cathedral, Alentejo, Lisbon, Tram Tour, Sintra, Pena Palace, Portuguese Riviera

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Experience Ronda, one of Spain's loveliest and most historic towns.
- · Visit a family-owned olive grove and taste the awardwinning local product.
- Venture to a bull ranch to learn about the animals' care and life on the farm.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

11 Breakfasts (B) 3 Lunches (L) 4 Dinners (D)

- · Savour local flavours at a farm-to-table *tapas* lunch near Seville.
- Sample Malaga's tapas during a tour of the city.
- · Enjoy a home-hosted meal in Ronda.

Day 1: Malaga, Spain Welcome to Malaga, a city known for its Andalusian lifestyle and the birthplace of artist Pablo Picasso. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception.

Accommodation: NH Hotel, Malaga

Day 2: Malaga Discover the port city of Malaga with a local guide. Walk through the colourful market stalls and learn about the history and culture of this seaside community. Meet a local from the Sepulcro Brotherhood to learn about the importance of the religious brotherhoods to the local culture. Then, stop at a local bodega bar to sample some tapas. Next, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Audio guide in hand, venture into the Malaga Cathedral, a stunning example of Renaissance architecture -OR- visit the Picasso Museum with a local expert and see paintings by this iconic artist who called Malaga his first home. (B, D)

### Day 3: Malaga - Granada - Malaga

Today, travel to Granada, the last capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Spend the morning with a local expert visiting the Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage site that's known as one of the Wonders of the Muslim World. After your extensive morning walk at this centuries-old palace and fortress complex, enjoy some free time in Granada for lunch on your own. Later, return to your hotel to spend the evening as you please. (B)

Day 4: Malaga - Nerja - Frigiliana - Malaga Journey to the picturesque white villages of Andalusia. Visit Nerja, renowned for its breathtaking caves that house one of the largest stalactites on Earth. Continue your adventure to Frigiliana, considered to be one of the most beautiful villages in the region, which will make you feel as though you have stepped back in time. Take in its whitewashed houses and historical sites while walking through the narrow cobblestone streets. Return to Malaga where you can choose to join your

Tour Manager on a sunset stroll with a sweet surprise — the perfect way to say goodbye to Malaga. (B)

Day 5: Malaga - Ronda - Cordoba Today's final destination: Córdoba. But first, let's stop in Ronda, a historic town perched upon a cliff in Andalusia. Explore the Old Town, full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century *Puente Nuevo* (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. During your walking tour, get the local perspective on the often-debated topic of bullfighting in this city rich with the history surrounding these contests. Complete your tour of Ronda and be welcomed into a local's home for a home-hosted lunch. Arrive in Cordoba and conclude your day with a leisurely stroll through its enchanting streets. (B, L) Accommodation: H10 Palacio

Day 6: Cordoba Begin your day immersing yourself in the culture of Cordoba when you admire the rows of patios filled with colourful flowers and plants. The tradition of decorating patios dates to the time when Cordoba was under Muslim rule. Houses were built with inner courtyards to provide a cool, private space for families. Later, tour the magnificent Mezquita (UNESCO). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. End your afternoon with a visit to a family-run bull ranch to see life on the farm and learn about the care of these animals. (B, D)

Colomera, Cordoba

Day 7: Cordoba - Seville Your taste of the local culture continues today. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about this familyowned business. Try their unique olive oil during a delightful light tapas lunch before arriving in Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." Once you arrive, get acquainted with Seville on a panoramic city tour featuring the famous Bull Ring, Torre de Oro, Plaza de Espana, and Maria Luisa Park. This evening, take in sweeping views of Seville from atop the *Mirador* Setas viewpoint. After you've worked up your appetite, you'll sit down to dinner at a trendy local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: H10 Casa de la Plata, Seville Day 8: Seville In Seville, begin your day with the guidance of a local expert as you walk from your hotel and explore the historic centre until you reach the magnificent Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. View the ornate architecture of the cathedral and see Christopher Columbus' tomb. Then, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Continue with your guide on a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings, and winding streets -OR- learn the secret of ceramics in a dynamic hands-on workshop. Later this afternoon, during an IMPACT MOMENT, participate in a flamenco lesson at Fundacion Cristina Heeren de Arte Flamenco. This is a non-profit organisation dedicated to preserving the art of flamenco in Spain and internationally. After your lesson, enjoy a traditional flamenco performance. (B)

Day 9: Seville - Estremoz, Portugal - Lisbon Say adios to Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Estremoz — a historic town whose marble can be found in Portuguese monuments throughout the country. After savouring a delightful lunch brimming with local flavours, set off towards Lisbon, nestled along the serene banks of the Tagus River. This charming, coastal city will be your welcoming home in Portugal. Enjoy an evening at leisure to do as you please. (B, L) Accommodation: Turim Lisboa Hotel,

Lisbon

Day 10: Lisbon Olá Lisboa! It's time to get to know Europe's second oldest capital city. Start in Belem, home to many of Lisbon's most iconic sites, like the Maritime Museum that showcases Portugal's pioneering role in ocean exploration, the facade of the impressive Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO), and birthplace of the most famous Portuguese sweet — the Pastel de Belem. Embark on a unique panoramic city tour when you hop on one of Lisbon's iconic trams taking you through the postcard-worthy streets of the hilly city. Return to your hotel and spend the rest of the day exploring independently. This evening, you may choose to join an optional experience to see local artists perform traditional fado music (UNESCO). (B)



## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at **\$7,499 (DOUBLE)** or **\$9,599 (SOLO)** 

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 22 February 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June 2026 - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Málaga · Pre-Night Stay

**Lisbon** · Post-Night Stay

Madrid • Pre-Tour Guided Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$2,100† pp

Experience Madrid and its iconic sites — the Plaza Mayor, Prado Museum, and Palacio Real await.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

Day 11: Lisbon - Sintra - Portuguese Riviera - Lisbon Head to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. High above, nestled in the crown of the Sintra hills, lies the enchanting Pena Palace, surrounded by a magnificent park. Spend some time exploring this storybook town before heading to the stunning coastal views of Guincho Beach. Then, make a stop in Cascais, the picturesque gem of the Portuguese Riviera, before returning to Lisbon. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your

fellow travellers during a farewell dinner featuring savoury Portuguese favourites. (B, D)

Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends This cultural deep dive into Spain and Portugal comes to a close today. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Douro Valley, Porto, Amarante, Douro River Cruise, Market Visit and Home-Hosted Lunch, Aveiro, Alentejo, Lusitano Stud Farm, Olive Press Experience, Local Winery Visit, Évora, Lisbon, Alfama Walking Tour, Fado Performance

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore an old oil press in Marvão and learn about traditional olive oil production.
- Venture to Alter do Chão, a small village with ties to the Lusitano horse breed.
- Experience a night of fado and learn about this traditional art form.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

- 9 Breakfasts (B) 3 Lunches (L) 4 Dinners (D)
- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a locally sourced farm-totable dinner at a winery.
- Savour the cuisine of Portugal during a homehosted lunch full of local flavours.

### Day 1: Porto, Portugal - Amarante

Arrive in Porto today and continue directly to the starting point of your tour in the Douro Valley. Soon you'll find yourself surrounded by the natural beauty of vineyards in tranquil Amarante — your home for the next three nights. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Accommodation: Monverde Wine Experience Hotel, Amarante, Douro River Valley

Day 2: Amarante - Douro Valley - Amarante Explore the charming town of Amarante, famous for its sweets, set on the banks of the Rio Tâmega. Walk across the São Goncalo Bridge, a symbol of the town's heroic defence against Napoleon's troops. Then, travel to Regua and embark on a cruise of the Douro River, taking in the incredible scenery of the Douro Valley. Follow the river along the Port Wine Route, admiring the terraced vineyards (UNESCO) and enjoying

lunch onboard. Later, disembark in Pinhao and travel back to Amarante for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 3: Amarante - Porto - Amarante

Set out to explore the local flavours as well as the captivating city of Porto today. Begin with a stop at a local market to pick up some fresh ingredients alongside your hosts for the day. Explore the local produce, considering how it shapes Portugal's regional identities, traditions, and gastronomy. Next, arrive at your host family's home and join them in preparing a market-fresh lunch together. Then, it's on to Porto where you'll join a local expert to discover the hilly city on a walking tour. Take in the sights and sounds of the lively Ribeira neighbourhood in the heart of the old town along the riverfront. Return to Amarante for a free evening. (B, L)

### Day 4: Amarante - Aveiro - Alentejo

This morning, say goodbye to the Douro region. On the way to the Alentejo, visit the enchanting city of Aveiro, known for its colourful canal boats, traditionally used for



harvesting seaweed. Explore Aveiro's rich history and heritage, defined by its canals and coastline. Continue along the rolling hills of Portugal to the village of Alter do Chão for a three-night stay. (B, D) Accommodation: Vila Galé Collection Alter Real, Alter do Chão, Alentejo

Day 5: Alentejo (Alter do Chão -Marvão - Alter do Chão) Start your day venturing to the hilly village of Marvão and pause to take in dramatic vistas of the plain — on a clear day, you may see all the way to Spain! Your taste of local culture continues today at an olive grove. Learn about traditional olive oil production as you visit an old olive press and enjoy a tasting of the unique oil with lunch. Return to your hotel to explore the equestrian surroundings with a guided tour of the Alter Stud Farm, established in 1748 and renowned for its Lusitano purebred horses. Spend the rest of the evening at your leisure, or perhaps join an optional excursion back to Marvão to experience the region on horseback with a relaxing trot through the countryside. (B, L)

Day 6: Alentejo (Alter do Chão -Estremoz - Portalegre - Alter do Chão) Start the day like a true local at the Estremoz city market, an exciting place to be on a Saturday, when the countryside comes to town with baskets full of fruit, vegetables, grains, olive oil, cheeses, olives, and livestock. Peruse the adjacent flea market where browsing can feel like travelling back in time. This afternoon, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Enjoy more time in the picturesque Portuguese village of Estremoz to visit a local tile museum **-OR-** venture farther for a walk along the Serra d'Ossa walkway in Redondo. End your day by indulging in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region paired with a locally sourced farm-to-table dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Alentejo - Évora - Lisbon
Say goodbye to Portugal's charming
countryside as you travel to the
vibrant capital of Lisbon. On the
way, your journey takes you to
the medieval walled city of Évora
(UNESCO), known for its 2nd-century
Roman temple to Diana and the
mysterious 16th-century Chapel of
Bones. Arrive in Lisbon in the late
afternoon. (B)

Accommodation: Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon

Day 8: Lisbon Travel to Belem to see the iconic Belem Tower (UNESCO) and the facade of the 16th-century Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO). Next, dive into the city's industrial past at the historic Electricity Factory, part of Lisbon's Museum of Art, Architecture, and Technology (MAAT), and be sure to also take advantage of access to the MAAT Gallery's panoramic views of the river and the cityscape from its strikingly modern structure. After some time for lunch on your own, explore the lively and unique Alfama district of Lisbon, where there are many stories and mysteries to be unraveled. Are we all descendants of Ulysses? How many hills can you climb in Lisbon? Uncover the city's hidden corners and dark courtyards with a local expert before returning to your hotel for a free night. (B)



ARRIVAL: PORTO (OPO)

**DEPARTURE: LISBON (LIS)** 

## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,299 (DOUBLE) or \$7,649 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 2 November 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June 2026 - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Douro Region · Pre-Night Stay

**Lisbon** ⋅ Post-Night Stay

 $\textbf{Algarve} \cdot \textbf{Post-Tour Guided Extension}$ 

3 Nights - Call for details.

Travel by train to Tavira in the spectacular Algarve. Explore charming Faro, enjoy a boat tour, visit a winery and more.

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

Day 9: Lisbon It's your day to experience Lisbon at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer a guided experience today, you may choose to join an optional excursion to Ericeira and Sintra. From the windswept cliffs in Ericeira to the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra, you'll hear many fascinating tales. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an unforgettable farewell dinner of

Portuguese cuisine and wine, and listen to local artists perform the traditional *fado* (UNESCO). (B, D)

**Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Lisbon Funicular, Templar Castle and Convent of Christ, Porto Ribeira, Port Wine Tastings, Douro River Valley, Salamanca, La Rioja Wine Region, Pamplona, Bilbao, Guggenheim Museum, San Sebastián

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Call a picturesque quinta estate in the Douro River Valley your home for 2 nights.
- · Immerse yourself in the lively, vibrant city of Salamanca.
- Visit a bullfighter's family home museum in Pamplona and learn about this iconic Iberian tradition.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

14 Breakfasts (B) 3 Lunches (L) 6 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a petiscos cooking class in the Douro River Valley.
- Explore wine cellars in the Douro and Rioja regions and enjoy wine tastings.

Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal Arrive in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Perched on seven hills, Lisbon enchants travellers with its laid-back charm. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D) Accommodation: Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon

Day 2: Lisbon Good morning, Lisboa! Start your day with a walk to the public funicular to ride downtown. Meander through historic neighbourhoods, hearing stories that bring the city and its colourful neighbourhoods to life. Walk to the Chiado neighbourhood, embracing its bohemian vibe at a local café, and enjoy a tasting of Portuguese foods with a light petiscos lunch. After, your journey takes you to the best view of Praça do Comercio in downtown Lisbon, one of the biggest squares in Europe. Enjoy time to visit a captivating museum that brings the story of the city to life through immersive exhibits. Spend the rest

of the day as you wish and return to the hotel by subway. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional *fado* music. (B, L)

Day 3: Lisbon Explore the city today at your own pace. Or you may also choose an optional excursion to explore the beach town of Ericeira and then Sintra with its enchanting palaces and villas. This evening, dinner is accompanied by an IMPACT MOMENT as you learn how the restaurant supports people experiencing homelessness through catering training. (B, D)

Day 4: Lisbon - Tomar - Porto Depart Portugal's capital city and head to Tomar, home to the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ (UNESCO). Explore the octagonal Templars' Rotunda and imagine the day-to-day life of a warrior monk. Next stop: Porto! Take in the landscape of wild pine trees as you leave Tomar and embark on a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Portugal's second largest city. (B, D) Accommodation: Turim Oporto Hotel, Porto

Day 5: Porto Today, an extensive walking tour of Porto reveals its many charms. See the São Bento railway station, which opened in 1916 and is one of Portugal's most striking architectural gems. Visit the Bolsa Palace (UNESCO) — a 19th-century neoclassical masterpiece, and finish your morning crossing the river to Vila Nova de Gaia for a taste of the port wine production scene. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. This evening, you can choose an optional experience: an authentic meal shared with locals in their own home. (B)

Day 6: Porto - Douro Valley Today, set out for the Douro wine region. Visiting the Douro combines natural beauty, cultural and historical richness, and of course, the region's famed gastronomy. On the way, visit one of the most famous wineries in Portugal for a tasting and a visit to their stunning baroque palace. This afternoon, embark on a relaxing boat trip along the Douro River and sail past the stunning landscapes, vineyard slopes, and famous terraces. Then settle into your home for the next two nights at a winery hotel in the heart of the Douro River Valley. Later, enjoy a dinner of traditional Portuguese cuisine paired with delicious local wine. (B, D) Accommodation: Vila Galé Douro Vineyards, Douro River Valley

Day 7: Douro Spend a relaxed morning enjoying the grounds of your winery hotel. After soaking in the serene atmosphere, roll up your sleeves for an engaging cooking class where you'll prepare and savour a light lunch of *petiscos*, or Portuguese *tapas*. After, visit the Douro Museum and learn about the centuries-old tradition of winemaking. Return to your hotel and enjoy the end of the day on your own. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Douro - Salamanca, Spain

Depart the Douro wine region and cross the border into Spain! Head to an olive grove and learn about this family-owned business, known for its dedication to traditional methods of olive cultivation. Sample the unique olive oil, renowned for its rich taste and health benefits. The tasting will be accompanied by a light lunch featuring local delicacies. End your day with an orientation walk to help you find your preferred spot for dinner on your own. (B, L)

Accommodation: NH Collection Palacio de Castellanos, Salamanca

Day 9: Salamanca In Salamanca, feel like you've stepped back in time during a walking tour with your local guide and learn more about this ancient city. Visit the Cathedral of Salamanca, which is in fact two churches joined together from the 12th-13th centuries and 16th century. Imagine the life of a student from medieval times to present as you stroll around the oldest university in Spain, the University of Salamanca. Afterward, the rest of the day is yours to explore Salamanca at your own pace. (B)

Day 10: Salamanca - Burgos - La Rioja Today, leave for the famous Rioja wine region! On your way, stop in Burgos and set out on a walking tour, discovering the city's pedestrian-friendly riverside to the historic Plaza Mayor. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. Finally, arrive in La Rioja, your home for the next two nights. (B, D) Accommodation: NH Logroño Herencia Rioja, La Rioja

#### Day 11: La Rioja - Pamplona - La Rioja

Today, it's off to Pamplona, home to the legendary Feast of San Fermin — the Running of the Bulls. Once every year, bulls are led through the city's streets by daredevil runners, and today, a local guide takes you on a city tour of Pamplona where you can hear all about its colourful, unique history before visiting the family home of a bullfighter. During your visit, learn firsthand about bullfighting traditions and controversies, and enjoy the chance to ask your questions. As you make your way back to stunning Rioja, stop at a local winery nestled in the centre of Spain's beautiful Basque Country. Taste some of the wines and walk the vineyards before heading back to your hotel. (B)

#### Day 12: La Rioja - Vitoria - Bilbao

Begin your adventure with a visit to Salinas de Añana, one of the most ancient and unique salt valleys in the world. Next, make your way to Vitoria, the capital of the Basque Country. Embark on a walking tour through its enchanting old town, where you'll encounter a tapestry of historic buildings and bustling squares. Finally, head to Bilbao, a city that pulses with energy and modernity. (B) Accommodation: Radisson Collection Gran Via Bilbao, Bilbao

**Day 13: Bilbao** Wearing comfortable walking shoes, be ready for whatever



## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$9,149 (DOUBLE) or \$11,549 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June 2026 - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Lisbon** · Pre-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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the day brings. This morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Enjoy a guided tour of the coastal villages of Mundaka and Bermeo for an opportunity to explore the glimmering Spanish coastline -ORtake a leisurely hike along the *Camino* de Santiago, "the Way of Saint James," Then, set off for an extensive walking tour of Bilbao, a city known for its blend of avant-garde architecture and rich history. Wander through the old town, Casco Viejo, with its charming streets and vibrant atmosphere, alongside a local expert, and spend your afternoon with a guided visit to the iconic Guggenheim Museum, a masterpiece of modern architecture. (B)

Day 14: Bilbao - San Sebastián -Bilbao Set off to San Sebastián, beginning your day with panoramic views of the city and coastline and then a locally guided walking tour of the city. The vibrant Mercado de la Bretxa offers a feast for the senses, with colourful stalls brimming with local produce and artisanal goods. End your morning with a leisurely walk along La Concha Beach, its golden sands and azure waters inviting you to relax and soak in the beauty of the Bay of Biscay before returning to Bilbao. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner featuring savoury Spanish flavours. (B, D)

#### Day 15: San Sebastián - Tour Ends

Today, your tour of Portugal and Spain comes to a close — all of the wonderful memories will truly be the best souvenirs. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

São Miguel Island, Lagoa das Sete Cidades "Blue & Green Lagoons," Furnas Valley, Home-Hosted Meals, Faial Island, Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Centre, Terceira Island, Angra do Heroismo, Natural Volcanic Pools, Lisbon

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore the vivid Horta Marina and its importance to sailors crossing the Atlantic.
- On São Miguel, learn about traditional basket weaving from local artisans.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

11 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 6 Dinners (D)

- Experience a truly unique cozido das furnas lunch in Furnas valley.
- Enjoy two home-hosted meals — in a village on São Miguel Island and on Terceira Island.

Day 1: Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal This is the Azores. A set of islands virtually untouched by urban development. Your adventure begins on São Miguel, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring Ponta Delgada independently, perhaps strolling along the seaside promenade and breathing in the mild air of the Atlantic.

Accommodation: Vila Gale Collection, São Miguel, Azores

Day 2: Ponta Delgada - Sete Cidades - Ponta Delgada Get to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of São Miguel, on a morning walking tour of the area. Discover the city's rich history, culture, and beauty alongside your Tour Manager, seeing highlights like the iconic 18th-century Portas da Cidade and the stunning Igreja Matriz de São Sebastião, and perhaps even catching the farmers market, the vibrant Mercado da Graça. This afternoon, take a ride up to Sete Cidades caldera's highest point and discover some of Mother Nature's finest work: the twin blue

and green lakes that make up this caldera and are explained by local legend! On the way back, visit a pineapple plantation and learn about unique cultivation methods on the island, producing pineapples renowned for their sweetness and flavour. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Ponta Delgada - Furnas -Ponta Delgada Start the day with a visit to one of the few remaining basket weavers on the island. Learn how willow basket making has evolved and how this father-son enterprise has kept this traditional craft alive. Then, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra pool, built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores -OR- embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden. For lunch, enjoy a traditional cozido das furnas meal, where your food is cooked in the earth's volcanic heat. Later, continue to the green fields of a nearby tea plantation to learn



about this unique crop with a handson experience before an evening of leisure in São Miguel. (B, L)

Day 4: Ponta Delgada Today, enjoy a full free day to explore São Miguel at your own pace. Perhaps you will take to the waves on an optional ocean excursion to watch for whales and dolphins, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Regardless of how you choose to spend your day, gather tonight for a home-hosted dinner in a local village. (B, D)

Day 5: Ponta Delgada - Horta,
Faial Say bom dia (good morning)
to Faial with a walking tour of Horta.
Its marina and painted murals are a
testament to the island's importance
to the sailors who have visited the
island on voyages crossing the
Atlantic. Later, encounter the volcanic
vitality of Faial when you take in the
surrounding rocky landscape and
ash hills with a fascinating visit to the
Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation

Accommodation: Hotel do Canal, Faial, Azores

Centre. (B, D)

Day 6: Horta The day is yours to enjoy on your own and relax on Faial Island! You may also consider joining an optional tour to Pico to encounter the Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture (UNESCO) and explore this scarcely populated island's scenery, a sublime mixture of lava rock and exotic vegetation. (B)

Day 7: Horta - Angra do Heroismo, Terceira Board your flight to Terceira and say hello to the colourful capital of Angra do Heroismo (UNESCO) with a local guide. Restored in traditional style, the city features white facades and vibrant trims. Learn about the Holy Ghost Chapels, known locally as Imperios, and customs surrounding this tradition. Tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant. (B, D) Accommodation: Torel Terra Brava Hotel & Spa, Terceira, Azores

Day 8: Angra do Heroismo Biscoitos - Algar do Carvao - Angra
do Heroismo Start your day with a
swim in the natural volcanic pools
of Biscoitos. Later, on your way to
Algar do Carvao, stop at Serra do
Cume viewpoint where views of the
agricultural fields and their neat,
orderly stone walls will take your
breath away. At Algar do Carvao,
the "Cavern of Coal," feel the quiet
stillness as you descend into this
ancient lava tube. Enjoy the evening
exploring Angra do Heroismo as you
wish. (B)

Day 9: Angra do Heroismo Today, the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You may choose to join an optional tour to the western side of Terceira in the morning, sipping coffee at an organic coffee plantation and tasting locally grown bananas along the way and ending at a familyowned cheese factory for a light lunch made up of local products. End the day at a petiscos home-hosted dining experience. (B, D)

Day 10: Angra do Heroismo -Lisbon Say farewell to the Azores



ARRIVAL: PONTA DELGADA (PDL)

**DEPARTURE: LISBON (LIS)** 

## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,299 (DOUBLE) or \$8,099 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; March – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June - October 2026; March - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

São Miguel · Pre-Night Stay Lisbon · Post-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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archipelago as you head to Lisbon in continental Europe. Lisbon, known as the city of the seven hills, and the starting point of many of its 15th-century explorations, was also the departure point of many of its immigrants that crossed the Atlantic searching for a better life. (B) Accommodation: Bessa Hotel Liberdade, Lisbon

Day 11: Lisbon Start your morning with a panoramic tour of Belem. View the imposing 16th-century Jeronimo's Monastery, a masterpiece of Manueline and Gothic architecture, its facade adorned with intricate carvings, maritime motifs, and religious symbols. Then, join a local expert to visit the National Coach

Museum, which showcases beautifully decorated coaches from the 16th to 19th centuries and highlights the craftsmanship and artistry with each coach telling a unique story. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon as you wish before gathering tonight for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends** Say *adeus* (goodbye) to Portugal and the Azores as you depart this coastal paradise.

# A Journey through the Netherlands, Belgium & France: Canals, Champagne & Culture



### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris, Eiffel Tower Dinner, Amsterdam, Canal Cruise, Kinderdijk, Bruges, Reims, Route du Champagne, Cheese Tasting in Meaux, Montmartre Neighbourhood Tour

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Connect with local traditions in the storybook Belgian city of Bruges (UNESCO).
- Immerse yourself in France's countryside during an exploration of its Route du Champagne (UNESCO).
- Meet local cheese enthusiasts in Meaux and sample the famous Brie de Meaux.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

9 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 5 Dinners (D)

- Tour a traditional brewery in Bruges and sample some legendary Belgian beers.
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.
- Be connected by food during an Impact Moment at Amsterdam's A Beautiful Mess restaurant.

#### Day 1: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes — this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel, an impressive historic building with rich history and your home for the next three nights. As arrival times may vary, there are no scheduled activities during the day. Spend time as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, get a taste of the local flavours and meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Accommodation: The Manor, Amsterdam

Day 2: Amsterdam See the city the way it's meant to be seen — by canal on a private boat. Cruise under sloping bridges and pass by classic Dutch houses. Continue discovering Amsterdam on a walking tour with a local guide. Spend the late afternoon chatting with a local about the city's progressive (and often controversial) culture. Enjoy an evening at leisure to spend time in the city however you wish. (B)

Day 3: Amsterdam Make the most of a free day in Amsterdam. Perhaps you'll visit the Van Gogh Museum and explore the Anne Frank House. Or, choose an optional excursion to Delft, spending the day in this picture-perfect city, where the artistic legacy of Johannes Vermeer lives on. After a guided walking tour, visit the Royal Delft earthenware factory, which has been producing hand-painted blue motives since the 16th century, and try your hand at painting a tile before returning to Amsterdam. No matter how you spend your day, complete it with an **IMPACT MOMENT** at A Beautiful Mess — a restaurant that helps refugees find independence in the Dutch community. Be united by food and enjoy locally sourced, environmentally conscious ingredients over a dinner featuring authentic Middle Eastern and North African flavours. (B, D)

Day 4: Amsterdam - Kinderdijk -Bruges, Belgium Today, IT'S YOUR CHOICE as you visit Holland's storied windmills in Kinderdijk. Take this opportunity to enjoy a short boat ride along the canal, walk along the winding paths, and venture inside of a working windmill **-OR-** ride a bike alongside a local guide, pedaling through the Kinderdijk landscape. No matter what you choose, take in the wind, water, and open spaces that make Dutch history come to life in Kinderdijk (UNESCO). End your day in storybook Bruges, your home for the next two nights, and join in an evening stroll in the city. (B, D) *Accommodation: Hotel Aragon, Bruges* 

Day 5: Bruges Wander the cobblestone streets of Bruges and get familiar with this cosy Belgian city on a walking tour with a local guide this morning. Then, cruise through fairytale canals before connecting with local traditions. Taste Belgian chocolate and learn about the intricate craft of lace making. After an afternoon at leisure, cheers to the day with a visit to a local brewery where you'll taste Belgium's most classic beverage. Continue tasting your way across local cuisines and enjoy dinner on your own. (B)

#### Day 6: Bruges - Arras, France -Reims

Journey through Flanders into France, savouring the charm of lesserknown cities and villages along the way. Visit Arras in northern France, which stands out with its striking Flemish-Baroque architecture and vibrant local markets. Join in a walk around its core, the Grand Place and Place des Héros — lively gathering spots where locals come together over coffee and conversation - and immerse yourself in the welcoming atmosphere. Back on the road to Reims, take your time to unwind as you enter the heart of France's illustrious Champagne region. Settle into your hotel before tasting your way through French cuisines paired with a glass of champagne. (B, D) Accommodation: Continental Hôtel, Reims

### Day 7: Reims - Champagne Winery

- Reims Uncover the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture during a guided walking tour in Reims. Step into the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims and gaze up at a sea of colourful stained glass. This afternoon, cityscapes give way to vineyard rows as you make your way

along the Route du Champagne. Learn all about this world-famous artisan production during a tour and tasting at a nearby *maison du champagne*. Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Reims - Meaux - Paris Make your way to the French capital, but don't rush past Meaux — a hidden gem beyond its famed Brie de Meaux cheese. Get to know Meaux with a local expert, exploring its rich medieval history. Of course, no visit is complete without indulging in the local flavours. Meet a local cheese enthusiast, who will guide you through the artisanal production and aging process of Brie, before treating your taste buds to a sample of this creamy delicacy. Say bonjour to Paris this afternoon and explore your new neighbourhood — your new home for the next two nights — until the sun fades and the "City of Light" debuts its sparkling grandeur. Enjoy your evening at leisure or perhaps you'll choose to experience Paris's nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B) Accommodation: Courtyard Marriott Paris Gare de Lyon, Paris

Day 9: Paris This morning, step into the enchanting enclave of Montmartre as you join a local expert and ride Le Métro to this historic hilltop neighbourhood. Stroll through its charming, cobbled streets, where artists set up their easels. Admire the stunning Sacré-Cœur Basilica, with its graceful white domes and sweeping city views, before exploring the Musée de Montmartre, a hidden treasure nestled in a 17th-century house. The afternoon is yours to embrace the magic of Paris however you choose. Perhaps you'll wander along the Seine, or maybe you'll indulge in some shopping along the Champs-Élysées, the world-famous avenue brimming with elegance and energy. End the day and give a toast to a wonderful journey over an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views. (B, D)

**Day 10: Paris - Tour Ends** Say *au revoir* to Europe as you depart for home. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$7,649 (DOUBLE) or \$9,899 (SOLO)

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Pricing and itinerary details subject to change. See our website for more information.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June - November 2026; May - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Amsterdam · Pre-Night Stay

Paris · Post-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**



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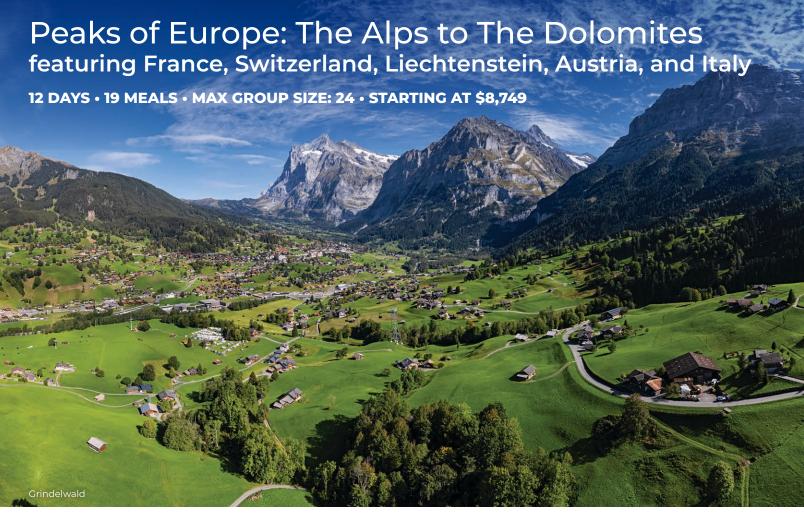
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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Chamonix, Annecy, Mont Blanc, GoldenPass Train, Gstaad, Jungfrau, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Dolomites, Cortina, Prosecco Region, Venetian Countryside Villa Stay

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Inhale fresh alpine air with 3 unique mountaintop experiences.
- · Discover the local flora and fauna during a nature walk with a local alpinist.
- · Visit Barryland, a foundation that protects the heritage of Switzerland's national dog the St. Bernard.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

11 Breakfasts (B) 3 Lunches (L) 5 Dinners (D)

- · Taste the fruits of Italy's Prosecco region, with a vineyard visit and tasting.
- · Toast to the end of your scenic journey during a farewell dinner in a Venetian countryside villa.
- · Savour the flavours of Switzerland during a raclette brunch at a dairy farm

Day 1: Chamonix, France Say bonjour to Chamonix - the perennial ski-hub nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities through the afternoon. Spend time as you wish, exploring the pedestrianfriendly streets of this quaint town steeped in hundreds of years of history. Tonight, join with new friends and toast to the beginning of your alpine adventure. (D) Accommodation: La Folie Douce

Hotel, Chamonix

Day 2: Chamonix - Annecy -Chamonix Journey to one of France's most picturesque cities, Annecy - often called the "Venice of the Alps" due to its storybook charm. Join a local guide on a walking tour through an old medieval town featuring canals, crisscrossing bridges, and pastel-coloured houses. Take advantage of some free time to explore the town's vibrant outdoor market. This afternoon, we return to Chamonix where the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Chamonix Today, decide how to explore the legendary Mont Blanc - the birthplace of mountaineering because IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Ascend the Aiguille du Midi by cable car to an elevation of over 12,600 feet (3,842 metres). This is the closest you can get to the summit of Europe's tallest peak -OR- relax aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc rack-railway taking in its vintage charm and the impressive views from the Eagle's Nest, located 7,782 feet above sea level (2,372 metres). This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the woods in the bottom of the valley. (B)

Day 4: Chamonix - Gstaad, Switzerland Bid Chamonix and France adieu and set out for Switzerland. During today's IMPACT **MOMENT,** learn all about the pups of Barryland, a local foundation that promotes and protects the heritage of the St. Bernard, the official dog of Switzerland. An afternoon train ride on the GoldenPass whisks you through the pastoral Swiss landscape en route to Gtsaad. Check in to your hotel before relaxing over dinner. (B, D)



Accommodation: Golf Hotel Le Hauts de Gstaad, Gstaad

Day 5: Gstaad - Grindelwald Travel through the alpine meadows of the Bernese Oberland, an area renowned for its cheese production. Visit an artisanal creamery producing raclette cheese and taste the local produce during brunch on the farm. This afternoon, head on to Grindelwald, nestled at the base of legendary Mount Eiger. Settle in for a two-night stay in this charming alpine village. This evening is at leisure. (B, L) Accommodation: Sunstar Alpine

Day 6: Grindelwald - Jungfraujoch

Hotel, Grindelwald

- **Grindelwald** A short cogwheel train ride brings you to Jungfraujoch (UNESCO), known as the "Top of Europe." Take your time to explore this eternal winter wonderland with impressive views of the imposing triple peaks of Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau. Wander the frosty halls of the Ice Palace to see works of icy art carved by local artists or stand next to the Swiss flag to capture your time above it all. Tonight is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 7: Grindelwald - Lucerne - Seefeld, Austria Before departing Switzerland, spend some time to learn for yourself why the lakeside city of Lucerne is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Make your way through Liechtenstein, the only country to lie entirely within the Alps on your way to Austria. This evening is yours to relax and to get to know your home in Seefeld for the next two nights. (B, D)

Accommodation: Seelos Hotel NIKO, Seefeld

Day 8: Seefeld This morning explore the idyllic town of Seefeld in a horse-drawn carriage, pausing to take in the unspoiled beauty of the Tyrolean mountains and forests. Enjoy a free afternoon or elect to cross into Germany on an optional tour of Oberammergau, the worldrenowned home of the Passion Play. This Bavarian village of traditionally painted houses comes together every 10 years to perform a marathon 10-hour folk theatre rendition of the Passion in thanksgiving for escaping the plague of 1633. After visiting the theatre site and town, indulge in homemade Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant before returning to Seefeld. (B)

Day 9: Seefeld - Innsbruck -Brunico, Italy Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck. Walk the charming streets, discover the historic old town, and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof. Depart Austria for Italy to witness the unique jagged limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive in Brunico, a historic town dating back to the 1200s, and your home for the next two nights. Perhaps after dinner you'll join an evening stroll in this charming town. (B, D) Accommodation: Hotel Ander. Brunico

# Day 10: Brunico - Dolomites -

Journey into the Dolomites (UNESCO) mountain range and discover natural beauty and local traditions. During



### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at **\$8,749 (DOUBLE)** or **\$9,999 (SOLO)** 

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#### **TOUR DATES**

May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June - October 2026; April - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Venice** · Post-Tour Hosted Extension 2 Nights, Starting at \$1,500 pp

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#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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a walk in the Val Badia valley, learn about the centuries old Ladin culture. Stop at a nearby *maso* – an alpine farm – for a taste of local Landin fare. After lunch, a cable car ride brings you to Rifugio Lagazuoi for a feast of stunning views of the Dolomites. The evening is yours to explore Brunico as you wish. (B, L)

Day 11: Brunico - Cortina - Mogliano Veneto Discover the charm of Cortina, a ski town encircled by the scenic backdrop of sky-skimming Dolomite peaks. The rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region bring you to a local vineyard where you'll taste

the region's sparkling speciality.
This evening, explore the frescoed halls and grounds of your historic countryside villa before you gather for dinner and toast to new friends, fond memories, and unforgettable scenery.
(B, L, D)

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto, Venice

**Day 12: Mogliano Veneto - Tour Ends** Your alpine adventure comes to a close today. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Venice and Murano, Venetian Mask-Making, Ravenna, Republic of San Marino, Romagna Countryside and Adriatic Coast, Florence, Orvieto, Rome, Pasta-Making Experience

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- · Be dazzled by medieval mosaics in Ravenna that gave inspiration to the poetry of Lord Byron and to Cole Porter's romantic song, Night and Day.
- Discover the craftsmanship behind the creation of Venetian gondolas and Murano glass.
- Unleash your creativity in a Venetian mask-making workshop, guided by expert artisans in the heart of Venice.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

10 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste traditionally-made Parmigiano cheese and balsamic vinegar in the Food Valley.
- Enjoy a food tour in Rome in the liveliest area of the city.
- Discover how tagliatelle pasta is made and enjoy a farm-to-table dinner and wine pairing.

Day 1: Murano, Venice, Italy Welcome to enchanting Murano, one of Venice's 117 storied isles. Known for its centuries-old glassmaking tradition, Murano offers a peaceful introduction to the magic of the Venetian Lagoon. As arrival times will vary, today is yours to explore at your own pace. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D) Accommodation: Hyatt Centric Murano, Venice

Day 2: Murano, Venice Today, glide across the lagoon by motorboat to the centre of Venice. With a local guide leading the way, walk among Venice's most iconic sights. Pause for the perfect view over the Bridge of Sighs and take in St. Mark's Square, adorned with marbled palaces and gilded basilicas. After time to enjoy lunch on your own, dive into one of Venice's most whimsical traditions during a hands-on Venetian mask-making workshop. (B)

Day 3: Murano, Venice This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind two of the city's symbols: the fascinating blown glass typical of Murano, and the sleek, iconic

gondola boats. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the floating city. Perhaps you'll head out for your own treasure hunt in search of the city's hidden gems. Or, consider an optional gondola ride to see the city from its most magical vantage point and fully appreciate the craftsmanship you observed at the gondola shipyards. (B)

Day 4: Murano, Venice - Ravenna -Romagna Riviera Say ciao to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its joie de vivre. Spend the afternoon exploring Ravenna (UNESCO). During the darkness that enveloped the last days of the Roman Empire, Ravenna emerged as a centre of power thanks to its strategic position. The city's rulers the Byzantines, the Goths - adorned its churches with dazzling mosaics. During a guided walking tour, discover the city's most illustrious monuments. In the afternoon, continue to your hotel on the Adriatic coast and settle in for your two-night stay. (B) Accommodation: Batani Hotels, Romagna Riviera, Rimini (ROOM **UPGRADE AVAILABLE**)



Day 5: Romagna Riviera Grab your passport and journey to the landlocked Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched at the top of Mount Titano, the old town of San Marino (UNESCO) gives visitors sweeping views over the Adriatic Riviera and the gentle rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Explore the Old Town's intricate system of fortification towers, walls, gates, and bastions during time at leisure. This afternoon, discover how to make pasta staples such as handmade tagliatelle. Then, sit back and enjoy the results of your work for dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Romagna Riviera - Florence

Today, travel to the Emilia region, Italy's foodie haven. During an **IMPACT MOMENT**, meet students and teachers at a vocational high school dedicated to the culinary arts and agriculture. Here, Italy's future chefs and farmers learn how to make Parmigiano Reggiano cheese according to traditional standards, dating back to the 1300s. Students also try their hand at aging balsamic vinegar, a generational process taking anywhere from 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a farm-to-table light lunch prepared by the culinary students using ingredients from the school's farm. Later, continue to Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and your home for the next two nights, (B, L) Accommodation: Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence

**Day 7: Florence** This morning, meet a local expert for a walking tour of a city that is a work of art all on its

own. Your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the Baptistery. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Florence's cultural riches independently. Perhaps you'll visit one of the city's many museums, such as the Uffizi or Academy Gallery, where Michelangelo's *David* is kept. (B, D)

Day 8: Florence - Orvieto - Rome

This morning, traverse southern Tuscany, the ancient land of the Etruscans. This mysterious civilisation predated the Romans, who assimilated them, erasing most of their way of life, even though many early kings of Rome were Etruscans. By all accounts, they were an advanced society and culture. One of the Etruscans' most important cities was hilltop Orvieto. Here, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Join an expert local guide for an in-depth walking tour of the city -OR- enjoy free time to eat, drink, and dive into the local scene. Arrive in Rome (UNESCO) in the late afternoon and settle in for a threenight stay. (B)

Accommodation: Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome

Day 9: Rome This morning, your extensive walking tour winds its way through Rome's medieval district which developed organically from the ruins of the ancient city. This neighbourhood is a charming combination of narrow cobblestone streets, dark tufa stone, and repurposed Roman ruins. Ascend to the panoramic terrace of the Vittoriano with a combination of stairs and elevator to take in one of the city's most impressive



### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Venice** • Pre-Night Stay **Rome** • Post-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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views. Gaze upon the vestiges of the Roman Empire, from the Forum to the majestic Colosseum before making the most of a free afternoon in the Eternal City. This evening, explore Rome's dynamic dining scene during a food tour in the bohemian Trastevere district. (B, D)

Day 10: Rome Delve into Rome's second Golden Age on a walking tour exploring the city's Renaissance and Baroque heritage alongside views of the Pantheon and the oval-shaped Navona Square. Then, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! At your own pace, peruse the remarkable collection of antique Greek and Roman statuary of the Palazzo Altemps Museum -OR- extend your walking tour with a challenging

visit to the Castel Sant'Angelo fortress. Standing tall above the Tiber River, this imposing castle sheltered popes and became the setting for Puccini's beloved opera, *Tosca*. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll indulge in shopping along Rome's Cola di Rienzo Street or make your way to the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and Saint Peter's Basilica. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian tour during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)

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#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome, Spoleto, Olive Oil Mill, Assisi, Home-Hosted Lunch, Truffle Hunting, Pecorino Cheese Farm, Pienza, Orcia Valley, Bagno Vignoni, *Brunello* Wine Tasting, Siena, Florence, San Gimignano

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Enjoy 3 nights in a restored Tuscan villa.
- · Behold the unique waterfilled piazza in the village of Bagno Vignoni.
- Hunt for truffles with a local expert and his truffle-sniffing dogs.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

- 9 Breakfasts (B) 3 Lunches (L) 3 Dinners (D)
- Savour the famous *Brunello* red wine during a tasting at a winery in Montalcino.
- Experience a home-cooked meal in one of Umbria's country homes.
- Sample pecorino sheepmilk cheese at a local farm in the Orcia Valley.

Day 1: Rome, Italy Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring independently. Get a taste of the local culture and start your journey at a delicious welcome dinner. (D)

Accommodation: Kolbe Hotel, Rome

Day 2: Rome - Spoleto - Umbria

Olive and cypress trees accent the Umbrian hill town of Spoleto. Stroll the historic streets with a local expert and see centuries of architectural history, from the ruins of the Rocca Albornoz castle to the gilded elegance of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Pause at a family-owned frantoio (olive presser), where olives are pressed each November. After learning about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods, join a tasting of the EVOO produced at the mill. Then, take in the splendours of country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town, your home for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

Accommodation: Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria Day 3: Umbria Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets. Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home for lunch as their honoured guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

Day 4: Umbria In the shadow of the Apennines, experience Umbria's epicurean side. Join a local truffle hunter in search of the elusive fungi in the company of his trained, trufflesniffing dogs. Sample the goods yourself during a rustic, home-cooked lunch before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 5: Umbria - Pienza, Southern
Tuscany Leave Umbria for the
villages of Tuscany, nestled among
the rolling hills and cypress trees of
the Val d'Orcia region (UNESCO). Taste
the flavours of the region at a dairy
farm producing prized sheep-milk
pecorino cheese. Snack on some of





the cheesemaker's creations and take in the views of the sparse farmhouses and open fields on your way to Pienza (UNESCO), a Renaissance village where flowers and plants adorn the cobblestoned streets. The evening is yours to eat, drink, and explore the local scene. (B, L) Accommodation: Hotel Corsignano,

Accommodation: Hotel Corsignano Pienza, Tuscany

### Day 6: Pienza, Southern Tuscany

Embark on a journey through the undulating landscape of the Orcia Valley. Pause in the unique hamlet of Bagno Vignoni, whose central piazza is filled with thermal water once used to cure pilgrims who stopped here on their way to Rome. Then explore hilltop Montalcino, namesake to one of Italy's great red wines, the Brunello. Tour a winery's estate and cellar before indulging in a tasting of these noble red wines. Back in Pienza for an afternoon at leisure, maybe you'll explore the countryside along one of the many white roads that cut through the farmland. (B)

Day 7: Pienza - Siena - Chianti Region, Northern Tuscany Take a guided walking tour through Siena, delving into the local history as you learn about the world-renowned Palio Horse Race. Enjoy free time to explore more of this hilly town, perhaps visiting its cathedral or the town hall's frescoes. An afternoon drive through the Chianti countryside takes you to the restored Tuscan villa where your hotel is located. (B)

Accommodation: Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany

### Day 8: Chianti Region, Northern

Tuscany Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance," during an extensive walking tour in the company of a local expert. View the Ponte Vecchio, the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. Take in the Signoria Square and its imposing Palazzo Vecchio, where, for over 300 years, the Medici Family ruled over the city. Admire the Piazza del Duomo, richly adorned by polychrome marble and gilded bronze doors. Take some time on your own to explore the city's seemingly endless treasures, before returning to your Tuscan villa in the evening. (B)

Day 9: Chianti Region, Northern Tuscany Spend your morning in San Gimignano, whose 13th-century medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. Nicknamed "the Manhattan of the Middle Ages,"



### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,299 (DOUBLE) or \$7,199 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; March – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June – December 2026; March – June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Rome · Pre-Night Stay

 $\textbf{Tuscan Villa} \cdot \textbf{Post-Night Stay}$ 

Rome · Pre-Tour Guided Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$1,800 pp

Explore the Colosseum and Roman Forum, taste your way around Rome's favorite pizza parlors, and more.

**Correggio** • Post-Tour Guided Extension 2 Nights, Starting at \$1,500 pp

Dive into the heart of Italy's Emilia region, where culinary excellence and automotive innovation shine.

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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San Gimignano's towers soar over the landscape making its distinctive skyline stand out against the rolling hills. Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour while you wander the cobbled streets and gaze up at the imposing towers during time at leisure in this Tuscan gem. Return to your hotel

mid-afternoon. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner of Tuscan specialities. (B, D)

**Day 10: Chianti Region - Tour Ends** Your journey through Tuscany and Umbria comes to a close today. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Stresa & Lake Maggiore, Italian Riviera, Portofino, Cinque Terre, Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion, Tuscan Countryside, Italian Cooking Class, San Gimignano, Florence, Balsamic Vinegar Tasting, Venice

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- During an Impact Moment, experience the locals' dedication to preserving the way of life of their small mountain village.
- · Go off-roading in the famous marble quarries of Carrara, exploring how the precious stone shaped this region.
- Discover the cultural landscape of traditional terraced olive groves in Cinque Terre.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

10 Breakfasts (B) 2 Lunches (L) 6 Dinners (D)

- Taste traditionally made balsamic vinegar at a family-owned acetaia.
- · Journey by boat to Pescatori Island for a lovely welcome dinner.
- · Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on cooking lesson.

Day 1: Stresa, Italy Begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring independently and admiring the views. This evening, cruise to Isola Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

Accommodation: Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa (ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE)

Day 2: Stresa During an IMPACT
MOMENT, visit an ancient village
nestled in the mountains, where
a local family is actively working
to preserve local traditions and
historic buildings. After a tour of the
village, they invite you to sample
their very own artisanal cheeses,
paired with the region's best wines.
The remainder of the day in Stresa
is at your leisure. Explore its piazzas,
flower-lined cobblestone streets,
and lakeside promenades. Or, enjoy
your breathtaking surroundings
during an optional cruise to Isola

Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here, an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an enchanting garden. (B, L)

Day 3: Stresa - Portofino - Chiavari, Italian Riviera Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast. Spend some free time in the famous village of Portofino, known for its picturesque harbour and vibrant colours, and as a glamorous getaway spot and retreat for the jet set. Early this evening, arrive in Chiavari and settle in for your two-night stay in this charming coastal town. (B, D) Accommodation: Grand Hotel Torre Fara, Chiavari, Italian Riviera

Day 4: Chiavari - Cinque Terre Travel by rail today as you discover the colourful Cinque Terre, a string of once-upon-a-time fishing villages, perched on the edge of the sea. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards and hop off to visit two of these fabled locales. (B)



Day 5: Chiavari - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. During an off-road drive in the Apuane Mountains, you'll follow the pathways carved by guarrymen while extracting the precious stone. Over the centuries, Carrara marble was used by artists such as Michelangelo to carve his legendary statue of David, Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay. (B, D) Accommodation: Villa Lecchi, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany

### Day 6: Tuscany - San Gimignano

This morning, take in Tuscany's landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards and endless groves en route to San Gimignano. Nicknamed the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, San Gimignano's 14 towers soar distinctively over the landscape. making this iconic hilltop village stand out against the rolling hills. Later, journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a familyowned villa welcomes you. After a tour of the house and grounds, engage in a hands-on cooking lesson. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan dinner and toast to your host with local Chianti wine. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuscany - Florence Welcome to Florence — the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli, and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and

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

Day 8: Tuscany Spend a relaxing day of dolce far-niente (sweet donothing) at your Tuscan villa. Stroll the surrounding countryside or just take in the views from your favourite spot in the garden. Or, embark on an optional truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained truffle-sniffing dogs. As you wander along unpaved trails, learn about the fascinating world of truffles and the techniques used to forage them. Indulge in a truffle-themed lunch before returning to your villa in the late afternoon. (B)

Day 9: Tuscany - Venice A morning transfer takes you from Tuscany to the Emilia region for a visit to a family-owned acetaia. Tour the attic, where balsamic vinegar has been produced for five generations, and discover this generational process, which spans 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a light lunch infused with balsamic vinegar, before continuing to Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," for a twonight stay in one of the world's most romantic cities. (B, L)

Accommodation: Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

**Day 10: Venice** Spend the day in *Venezia*, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of



## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; March – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June - November 2026; March - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Stresa · Pre-Night Stay

**Venice** · Post-Night Stay

**Turin & Piedmont Wine Country · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension** 2 Nights, Starting at \$2,250 pp

Ease into Italy with elegant Turin, vineyard-strewn hills, Barolo tastings, and rich Piedmont flavours.

**Venice** · Post-Tour Hosted Extension 2 Nights, Starting at \$1,050 pp

Extend your Italian adventure with two magical nights in Venice, exploring canals, culture, and hidden gems..

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondola-laden canals. A local guide takes you on a walking tour of its incredible sites, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Bell tower, and St. Mark's Square. Then, travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore more of Venice on your own. Consider an optional gondola cruise

to experience Venice's most famous pastime. This evening, say *arrivederci* to Italy at a savoury farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 11: Venice - Tour Ends** Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Naples, Ercolano, Wine Tasting, Minori, Amalfi, Positano, Matera, Lecce, *Tarantella* Folk Music & Dance Performance, Ostuni, Ape Calessino Tour, Alberobello

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- · Impact Moment: Discover traditional Neapolitan songs and music during a private performance at a local social enterprise.
- · Zoom through Ostuni like a local — in the backseat of a 3-wheeled Ape Calessino car.
- Experience the Italian landscape like never before and spend 2 nights in a unique cave-dwelling accommodation.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

12 Breakfasts (B) 3 Lunches (L) 3 Dinners (D)

- · Visit a pasta factory and taste an iconic Italian dish.
- Sample the traditional robust wines and food of Puglia.
- Discover the secrets of making limoncello in the place where the liqueur originated

Day 1: Naples, Italy Arrive in Naples, a vibrant mecca for locals and travellers alike. Volcanic landscapes give way to medieval architecture and Grecian lanes, creating a unique culture exclusive to Naples. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Toast to the start of your Italian getaway over dinner, looking out over the deep blue Bay of Naples to Mt. Vesuvius looming in the distance. (D)

Accommodation: Royal Continental Hotel, Naples (ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE)

Day 2: Naples Explore Naples' exuberant historic city centre (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii and Ercolano. Tonight's IMPACT MOMENT comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the Napulitanata social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. (B)

Day 3: Naples - Optional Excursion to Isle of Capri Take the day to explore the lively city of Naples on your own. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion and sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri, where you'll reach the world-famous *Piazzetta* and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés. Join your guide on a panoramic drive to Anacapri to sample local food and wine, then sail back to Naples in the afternoon.

Day 4: Naples - Ercolano - Minori Begin your day exploring the archeological site of Herculaneum in Ercolano, at the western foot of Mount Vesuvius. Imagine Roman society of the past as you wander through the excavated ruins of Ercolano with a guide. Then, visit a pasta factory and taste an iconic Italian dish right where it is produced during a light lunch. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next three nights. (B, L) Accommodation: Hotel Villa Romana. Minori, Amalfi Coast



Day 5: Minori - Amalfi - Positano
- Minori Journey by boat to Amalfi,
the rocky coast's namesake town.
Formerly a maritime republic, Amalfi
puts a historic spin on the seaside
hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas
and towering mosaicked cathedrals.
Enjoy some time at leisure, then ferry
past tumbling cliffs and pastelcoloured houses on your way to
Positano. Enjoy a free afternoon in this
resort town, perhaps browsing the
posh boutiques or resting along the

beach. Return to Minori by ferry. (B)

Day 6: Minori A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential Amalfitana vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about sfusato lemons, used in limoncello. Sample this fragrant liqueur before hiking along the coast. You'll travel the rugged Path of Lemons - an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town of Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. This afternoon, IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** You can enjoy the relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere of Minori like a local, sipping coffee and people watching -OR- explore the nearby village of Ravello and its amazing views from the picturesque gardens of Villa Rufolo. (B, D)

Day 7: Minori - Matera This morning, discover one of Italy's delectable cheese products during a visit to a dairy farm. Taste freshly-made mozzarella for lunch before continuing south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next two nights. Each cave is unique, half-excavated and half-carved from the land. In these unparalleled accommodations. connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B, L) Accommodation: Locanda di San Martino Hotel, Matera

Day 8: Matera Today, IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** You can hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided hike along its hillside caves, narrow passages, and steep alleys known to locals as the Sassi - OR- discover some local recipes during a cooking demonstration inside one of the rock dwellings. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Matera's heritage. Perhaps you'll visit the remarkable Palombaro Lungo underground water cistern or head out of town for a hike through the surrounding countryside dotted with prehistoric caves and medieval rock churches. (B)

Day 9: Matera - Lecce Cross into the Puglia region and pause at a wine museum to learn about the special wines produced in Puglia before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papiermâché craftsmanship. (B, L) Accommodation: Santa Chiara Suite Hotel, Lecce, Puglia

### Day 10: Lecce - Otranto - Lecce

Today, visit the picturesque village of Otranto and enjoy its characteristic winding lanes and hidden cafés. Take your time for a relaxing lunch along the sea and enjoy your time at leisure in one of the pearls of Salento. Reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional *pizzica e taranta*. According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)

Day 11: Lecce - Ostuni - Alberobello Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town

Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town surrounded by olive trees. Zoom through the town like a local in the backseat of an open-air Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car. Enjoy time on your own in Ostuni before continuing to Alberobello (UNESCO), a whimsical city known for its trulli,



## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at **\$7,799 (DOUBLE)** or **\$9,299 (SOLO)** 

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October – November 2025; March – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June 2026 - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

 $\textbf{Naples} \cdot \mathsf{Pre}\text{-}\mathsf{Night} \; \mathsf{Stay}$ 

Alberobello · Post-Night Stay

Naples · Pre-Tour Guided Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$1,500 pp

Give yourself the luxury of extra time in Naples, including a day trip to the enchanted Isle of Ischia.

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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stone huts with cone-shaped roofs. Meander with your guide through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, some adorned with symbols carrying religious or astrological meanings. Make your way to your personal room in one of these peculiar houses that will be your home for the next two nights. (B)

Accommodation: Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello, Puglia

**Day 12: Alberobello** Today, take a tour of an olive oil mill and taste a variety of extra virgin olive oils. Back in

Alberobello, enjoy free time to further explore the city on your own. As the day draws to a close, gather to wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Alberobello - Tour Ends Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Palermo, Monreale, Marsala, Stagnone Salt Pans & Lagoon Sailing, Olive Oil Farm, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, Cefalù, Isle of Salina, Caper Farm, Taormina, Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

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

# CULINARY EXPERIENCES

12 Breakfasts (B) 3 Lunches (L) 5 Dinners (D)

- · Discover Sicilian wines on the slopes of Mount Etna.
- Savour salty capers and sweet Malvasia wine at a local producer on Salina
- During an Impact Moment, visit an olive grove for a taste of their sustainably produced oil and learn how their ethical production methods help combat the Mafia.

Day 1: Palermo, Italy Arrive in Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital city. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing. Spend the day exploring independently, taking in Palermo's gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy. Late this afternoon, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead; tonight, come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Accommodation: Hotel Porta Felice, Palermo

Day 2: Palermo Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical centre and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food. Palermo's culinary heritage layers Arab and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives, and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex -OR- ascend the southern tower to the

panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

Day 3: Palermo - Marsala As you head west this morning, bid farewell to Palermo's Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and set forth on a journey to uncover Sicily's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with Classical designs. Late this afternoon, settle into your hotel in coastal Marsala for a three-night stay. Perhaps you'll take a sunset walk along the waterfront before heading out for an evening at leisure. (B) Accommodation: Hotel Stella d'Italia, Marsala

Day 4: Marsala Discover the ancient craft of sea-salt harvesting during a guided visit to the salt pans of the Stagnone Lagoon, once at the confluence of Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilizations. Hop on a local boat and take in the views of the lagoon and surrounding, low-laying islands before returning to Marsala for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

**Day 5: Marsala** The day is yours to explore Marsala as you please.



Perhaps you'll visit one of the city's numerous wineries, noted for producing the eponymous fortified wine. Or, you may join a full-day optional excursion to Favignana. A short waterjet ride from Sicily's mainland, Favignana island is part of the Egadi archipelago. Once famous for its tuna fish production, this small island boasts crystal clear waters and enchanting gardens. (B)

Day 6: Marsala - Agrigento This morning, experience an IMPACT **MOMENT** when you visit an olive oil maker who uses ethical farming methods to produce EVOO. Hear this local man's story, his dedication to sustainable farming, and how he stands up against the rules that the Mafia tries to impose on local farmers. Explore the olive groves on foot and pause for a rustic picnic-style lunch before continuing to Agrigento's seaside. Settle in for a one-night stay and dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Hotel Foresteria Baglio della Luna, Agrigento

Day 7: Agrigento - Cefalù Coast In company of an expert guide, wander through the imposing Greek ruins of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples. Discover the myths enshrouding the foundation of ancient Akragas, and watch history come alive. Then, relax aboard your motorcoach during a full afternoon transfer to Sicily's northern coast. As the sun sets, acquaint yourself with the extensive grounds of your cliffside resort. (B, D) Accommodation: Mangia's Pollina Resort, Cefalù (ROOM UPGRADE

Day 8: Cefalù Coast Today, set off for the seaside town of Cefalù on Sicily's northern coast. Stroll the medieval streets and enjoy ample free time

AVAILABLE)

to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll peek into the city's impressive cathedral showcasing Norman architecture, or take in Sicilian medieval art at the Mandralisca museum. Return to your coastal resort mid-afternoon. You will have time to venture down to the resort's private beach and dip your feet in the Mediterranean, if you choose. Today (B, D)

Day 9: Cefalù Coast - Ferry to Aeolian Islands - Isle of Salina Grab your bags and hop on a ferry in Milazzo. Sail by Vulcano and Lipari on your way to Salina, a far-flung isle surrounded by vibrant blue waters and dark volcanic rock. Somewhat off the beaten path, Salina is one of the less-travelled Aeolian Islands, preserved as a holiday getaway for Italians. Start your 2-night stay and slow your rhythm to the gentle pace of this small island. (B) Accommodation: Hotel La Salina Borgo di Mare, Salina

Day 10: Salina Dramatic landscapes of rocky cliffs and vibrant vineyards pass you by on your way to nearby Pollara, famous for its traditional caper cultivation. Wander through the fields, tasting the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of Malvasia, a locally produced dessert wine. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll find a café by the sea and soak in the local life while sampling their every flavour of granita ice-slush. (B)

Day 11: Salina - Ferry to Sicily -Taormina Early this morning, ferry back to mainland Sicilia. Journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theatres and hilly walkways. Discover its wellpreserved Greek theatre in company of a local guide. Walk in the footsteps



ARRIVAL: PALERMO (PMO)

**DEPARTURE: CATANIA (CTA)** 

### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; April – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June – October 2026; April – June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Palermo · Pre-Night Stay

Taormina · Post-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent sea. Spend the evening on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Accommodation: Splendid Hotel, Taormina (ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE)

Day 12: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks before

stopping at a local winery to sample their local production. This evening, toast to your Sicilian sojourn at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Taormina - Tour Ends Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with memories of Italy's favourite island.

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Malta, Grand Harbour Cruise, Valletta, Ferry to Sicily, Aromatic Herb Farm Visit, Ragusa-Ibla, Siracusa, Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion, Taormina's Greek Theatre

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- · Ascend the sides of Mount Etna (UNESCO) in off-road vehicles.
- Soak up the island ambiance of Malta with a 4-night stay in Sliema.
- Delve into Maltese culture during a tour of a traditional limestone village.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

10 Breakfasts (B) 2 Lunches (L) 3 Dinners (D)

- Pause for a Sicilian cappuccino and pastry breakfast at a local "bar."
- Explore the flavours of Maltese cuisine during a family-style dinner at a local band club.
- Visit a family-owned organic herb farm and enjoy a lunch flavoured with delicious aromatic plants.

Day 1: Sliema, Malt Start your journey with a 4-night stay in Sliema, a welcoming Maltese resort town with a lively waterfront promenade. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Stretch your legs and take in views of Marsamxett Harbour and Manoel Island. Uncover Malta's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with mysterious prehistoric temples and Renaissance architectural masterpieces. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D) Accommodation: Land's End Boutique Hotel, Tas-Sliema (ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE)

Day 2: Sliema - Valletta - Sliema
Begin your adventure with a
panoramic sailing of Valletta's
(UNESCO) Grand Harbour aboard
traditional Dghajsa boats before
exploring the Maltese capital during
a walking tour led by a local expert.
View the skyline of the Three Cities
from the Upper Barrakka Gardens and
take in the elegant profile of the Grand
Master's Palace. Then, enjoy some

free time to explore on your own. This afternoon, visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta before hopping on the local ferry back to Sliema for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Sliema - Maltese Village **Experience** Enjoy a morning at leisure. Perhaps you'll join a half-day optional tour to Mdina - the "Silent City" and Malta's ancient capital. This afternoon, immerse yourself in Maltese traditions as you board a retro bus for a village where daily life and customs remain unchanged. Experience an IMPACT **MOMENT** as you are hosted for dinner at a local band club. Band clubs have a special place in the community. A source of intense pride and with a solid place in Maltese social culture, the band club's premises are an ideal meeting point for locals to exchange gossip, play a game of pool or engage in village festa activities. (B, D)

Day 4: Sliema The entire day is yours. With free time, you might choose to relax in Sliema or venture back to Valletta for a visit to Caravaggio's masterpiece housed in Saint John's Co-Cathedral. Or join an optional full





ARRIVAL: MALTA (MLA)

DEPARTURE: CATANIA (CTA)



day exploration of the Isle of Gozo, the second largest island of the Maltese archipelago and home to the Ggantija temple complex (UNESCO), which is older than Stonehenge. (B)

Day 5: Sliema - Ferry to Sicily -Ragusa, Italy Early this morning, grab your bags and hop on a ferry to Sicily. Pause in the seaside town of Pozzallo for a Sicilian breakfast. As in most of Italy, breakfast in Sicily is a simple but tasty affair, traditionally consisting of a pastry and cappuccino. Continue your culinary exploration of the Sicilian countryside with an **IMPACT MOMENT:** a visit to a familyowned herb farm to learn about their sustainable production of organic aromatic plants. Then, during lunch, enjoy dishes enlivened with herbs grown on the farm. A delightful way to experience the region's unique and delicious flavours. This afternoon, settle into your hotel for a leisurely 3-night stay in the heart of Ragusa. (B, L)

Accommodation: San Giorgio Palace Hotel, Ragusa

Day 6: Ragusa - Ragusa-Ibla - Ragusa Explore Ragusa-Ibla (UNESCO), a time-worn city perched upon a hill. Meander through its late-Baroque neighbourhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, linger in town for dinner on your own. (B)

Day 7: Ragusa The day is yours to do as you please. With free time, you might choose to relax in Ragusa. Or, perhaps you will join an optional tour to the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica (UNESCO), where you'll enjoy a savoury brunch featuring fresh ricotta at a countryside restaurant before venturing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B)

Day 8: Ragusa - Siracusa - Taormina Take in the rugged landscape of South-Eastern Sicily en route to Siracusa (UNESCO). Then, IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Explore the fascinating streets of Ortigia and find out more about local culture and traditions in the company of a local expert -OR- take in the views of the old town during a panoramic boat ride.

### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,199 (DOUBLE) or \$7,399 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 21 February 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October - November 2025; March - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June 2026 - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Malta · Pre-Night Stay

Taormina · Post-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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This afternoon, relax during a bus transfer to Taormina, a charming resort town perched high above the Mediterranean Sea. (B) Accommodation: Excelsior Palace

Hotel, Taormina

Day 9: Taormina - Mount Etna -Taormina See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna (UNESCO). Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks before pausing for lunch at a local home. Back in Taormina, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Taormina Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Enjoy a free afternoon in town. In the evening, gather with your fellow travellers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands accompanied by Sicilian food at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Taormina - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Sicily and the Mediterranean as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Acropolis Site & Museum, Naxos & Lesser Cyclades Day Cruise, Kitron Distillery & Tasting, Knossos Palace, Cooking Class, Pottery Demonstration, Olive Oil & Wine Tasting, Cretan Folk Dancing & Dinner

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore the culture and traditions of Naxos, the largest of the Cyclades islands, where families go back generations and one of the few Greek islands full of year-round residents.
- Connect with the mission of Shedia Home, a café and artists' workshop in Athens that supports its community.
- In Archanes, get a local cooking lesson at co-op café preserving traditional Cretan recipes.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

12 Breakfasts (B) 4 Lunches (L) 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy tastings of Cretan olive oils and wines at a family-run olive mill and winery.
- Immerse yourself in Greek folk traditions during a Cretan taverna dinner with dancing.
- · Sample the local Kitron, a liqueur only produced on the Greek island of Naxos.

Day 1: Athens, Greece Arrive in Athens, the capital of Greece and "the cradle of democracy." Settle in as you prepare to be a part of this immortalised city, home to the famous Parthenon, ancient monuments, as well as to inviting neighbourhoods where you can explore the heart of Greek culture. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing or meals today. Later this evening, meet for a briefing about the journey ahead.

Accommodation: Holiday Suites Boutique Hotel, Athens

Day 2: Athens Begin your day in Athens on a panoramic tour through the city, taking in the history of Athens' many landmarks. Then, explore artefacts recovered from the Acropolis archeological site with a guided visit to the Acropolis Museum. Just steps from where ancient relics were recovered, the "new museum" (as the locals still call it) offers incredible views of the Acropolis. After, get to know Plaka, the lively neighbourhood at the foot of the Acropolis, brimming with welcoming restaurants and shops. Here, take time to explore and

find a spot for lunch on your own, soaking in your surroundings while indulging in delicious Greek cuisine. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Athens Today, get an up-close look at the iconic Acropolis and its monuments - universal symbols of classical antiquity. Marvel at the ancient history all around as you stroll beside the Parthenon on a guided tour of the incredible archeological complex. Next, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** during a stop at a community-minded café and workshop. This café with a mission shines a light on stories of people from the community who have overcome homelessness through work and support of the unique art made onsite. After a light lunch at the café, the rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to explore more of Athens independently. (B, L)

Day 4: Athens - Naxos Get an early start today to set out for the island of Naxos! The journey begins by boarding the ferry with your luggage in hand. Once you've set your luggage



down, settle in for views of the sea as the ferry stops at islands along the way. Arrive in Naxos, the prosperous, self-sustaining island and the largest of the Cyclades in the Aegean Sea. After getting off the ferry, your first stop is to see the island's emblem, the giant marble gate at the unfinished Temple of Apollo – Portara. Take free time for lunch on your own before settling in at your hotel. Tonight, gather for dinner at a nearby restaurant in the Chora (Naxos Town). (B, D) Accommodation: Galaxy Hotel, Naxos

Day 5: Naxos - Lesser Cyclades -Naxos This morning, board a sailboat for a full-day cruise to take in the beauty of Naxos and the nearby Lesser Cyclades islands of Koufonisia. After sailing along the eastern shore of Naxos, step off the boat onto the island of Kato Koufonisi with some time to explore. Enjoy a Greek barbeque lunch with local wines as well as the chance to take a dip in the Aegean Sea's turquoise waters. Next, sail to Ano Koufonisi and take time to stroll along the island's beautiful beaches and visit the small village. Sail on, back towards Naxos to Rina Cave, where you may wish to dive in and explore. Arrive back at your Naxos hotel this evening. (B, L)

Day 6: Naxos Today, trade the seaside bustle of the Chora for the mountain villages of Naxos. First, visit the peaceful village of Halki, the former capital of the island, and feel like you've stepped back in time as you stroll its alleys. In the picturesque hilltop village of Apiranthos, take time to explore and slow down among the locals. Later, return to your hotel for some downtime. This evening, sample the local spirits, including Kitron (a liqueur exclusively made on Naxos), served with delicious bites at a third-generation family-owned distillery. Learn about the

machinery and distillation process and gain an appreciation for the unique liqueurs made here. (B)

Day 7: Naxos - Heraklion, Crete Enjoy the morning at leisure. Later this afternoon with your suitcase in tow, board the ferry to Heraklion, Crete. After a ferry trip of approximately three hours, arrive at Crete, the largest of the Greek islands. (B, D) Accommodation: Olive Green Hotel, Heraklion

Day 8: Heraklion This morning, take a walk around Lion's Square - the heart of Heraklion, Next, head to Knossos Palace for a guided tour of the site, a major centre of Minoan civilisation. Among these remarkably preserved ruins, imagine the everyday lives of ancient Minoans and recall legend, as this is considered the mythic place where King Minos kept the Minotaur in his labyrinth. As you travel through the Cretan countryside, take in the sprawling olive groves that have shaped Crete ever since olive cultivation began in Minoan times. In Archanes, visit a women's cooperative café to learn about traditional Cretan dishes and enjoy a hands-on cooking class followed by lunch. Afterward, return to your hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Heraklion - Rethymnon - Chania Leaving Heraklion, head towards Chania today with a couple of stops along the way. Visit Margarites, a pottery village. Among the more than 20 pottery workshops in this village, visit the only one that uses both new and old (wood-fired) baking techniques. After watching a pottery demonstration, you can take the opportunity to shop for unique wares. Continue to Rethymnon with its beautiful old town and enjoy free time



## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$8,849 (DOUBLE) or \$10,799 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

April - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June - September 2026; April - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Athens · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

for lunch. Later, arrive in the city of Chania and gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Accommodation: Samaria Hotel, Chania. Crete

#### Day 10: Chania - Vouves - Anoskeli

- Chania Set out to explore Chania's old Venetian Harbour, the port city's vibrant hub, built in the 14th century. As you stroll along the narrow streets, you may enjoy sips of Greek coffee or try a local pastry. Then, set out for Vouves to see the world's oldest olive tree, estimated to be an astonishing 2,000–4,000 years old. Continue to a family-run olive mill and winery for a tasting of the oils and wines paired with a light charcuterie lunch. Back in Chania, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 11: Chania Today, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Visit the Archaeological Museum of Chania and explore its treasures on your own -OR- join a

guided tour of Aptera's archaeological site. Spend the afternoon in Chania any way you wish. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and celebrate the journey. Enjoy dinner and a performance of traditional Cretan folk dances – and join in during a dance lesson! (B, D)

Day 12: Chania - Athens This morning, a short flight takes you back to Athens. Take the afternoon to soak in the city's energy or do some last-minute souvenir shopping. Tonight, gather for a drink and light fare, toasting to the end of your journey through Greece. Look out over the city and soak in the incredible sight of the Acropolis once more, aglow at night. (B) Accommodation: Holiday Suites, Athens

**Day 13: Athens - Tour Ends** Your tour of Greece's gems ends today. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Istanbul, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Spice Market, Bosphorus Straight Cruise, Ephesus, Pamukkale Archeological Site, Aegean Coast Boat Ride, Impact Moment, Konya, Cappadocia, Grand Bazaar

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Experience a transcendent Whirling Dervishes ceremony.
- · Cruise the Dalyan River to the Aegean Coast.
- Explore the towering rock formations of Cappadocia and underground cities of past civilizations.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

12 Breakfasts (B) 5 Lunches (L) 7 Dinners (D)

- Taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district and Spice Market.
- Learn family recipes during a hands-on cooking class at a restaurant in Cappadocia.

Day 1: Istanbul, Türkiye Welcome to Istanbul, the bridge between east and west, and a hub of intermingling cultures, complex history, and legendary architecture. Settle into your hotel for the next three nights, and then meet your fellow travellers at a welcome briefing before taking the rest of the evening to relax as you please.

Accommodation: Elite World Hotel, Istanbul

Day 2: Istanbul Today, sample some of Istanbul's most iconic sites, which connect Greek-Roman heritage with Ottoman-Islamic Art. First is the 17th-century Blue Mosque with its impressive domes and minarets, followed by Hippodrome, the former sporting and social centre of the Roman Empire. Visit Hagia Sophia (UNESCO), a church-turned-mosque and a true embodiment of Byzantine Architecture, and then Topkapi Palace and Harem, former home to the Ottoman Sultans. Whilst exploring the city's legendary history and architecture, please know that Istanbul is also known for its legendary traffic, which is also an iconic experience -

one that requires great patience! This evening, gather at a local restaurant where the chef will delight you with Ottoman-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

Day 3: Istanbul Explore Türkiye's culinary heritage as you taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district during a walking tour that includes a visit to the city's famous Spice Market and multiple tastings of Turkish specialities sampled from local street vendors. This afternoon, take in Istanbul's majestic skyline as you sail between two continents during a cruise of the Bosphorus Strait, which divides Europe from Asia. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps you'll visit the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art, home to rare artefacts, sculptures, and one of the most important collections of woven carpets in the world, some dating back to the Ottoman Empire. Or, choose to go on an optional excursion to an historic Hammam, where you'll enjoy an authentic Turkish scrub and foam bath. (B, L)

**Day 4: Istanbul - Izmir** Early this morning, leave the bustle of Istanbul

behind and take a flight to Izmir (known as Smyrna in antiquity), Türkiye's third most populous city and your home for the next two nights. Enjoy free time this evening to explore the seafront promenade with its shops and restaurants, just a short walk from your centrally located hotel. (B, L) Accommodation: En Hotel, Izmir

Day 5: Izmir - Ancient Ephesus -Sirince - Izmir This morning, your in-depth tour of Ancient Ephesus (UNESCO) takes you to the Terrace Houses for a walking tour of these impressive residential villas. See the imposing Library of Celsus, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, and walk the paths that Paul the Apostle once walked. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Archeological Museum. This afternoon, travel to charming Sirince. This village is a rare and protected example of Ottoman Christian architecture, known for its locally produced olive oil, wine, and peaches. Here, relax at a local café, taste a traditional Turkish coffee, and meet with locals who offer Turkish coffee ground readings for those who want to get their fortunes told! Afterwards, return to your hotel for some time to relax, and this evening, sample the cuisine of Izmir with Diner's Choice choosing from a variety of local restaurants for an included dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Izmir - Pamukkale - Dalyan

Start the day by learning about the folklore of the *nazar boncuk* (evil eye) at a workshop where these traditional talismans are crafted using a process passed down through generations. Next, continue your journey inland to Pamukkale (UNESCO) to visit the famous Cotton Castle — named for its natural cascading thermal pools and white limestone — as well as the ruins of the Greco-Roman period. Whilst here, take a guided tour of the archeological site via golf cart and visit the local museum followed by some free time to visit the site's "Cotton Candy" pools. This evening, arrive in the quaint riverbank town of Dalyan and check into your home for the next two nights at a small, family-run bed & breakfast with simple accommodation and a deck overlooking the river. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll stroll the streets of Dalyan browsing the local shops or find your favourite café and soak in the local life. (B)

Accommodation: Arp Hotel, Dalyan

Day 7: Dalyan - Ancient Kaunos -**Dalvan** Eniov a leisurely breakfast this morning before setting off to tour the ruins of Ancient Kaunos followed by a relaxing boat trip along the river that connects Dalyan to the Mediterranean Sea. Enjoy the unique environment as you pass through the marshland that is home to birds, fish, and turtles. Take in views of the Aegean coastline and make some stops (weather permitting) along the way for swimming. After lunch in a local restaurant, get ready for your **IMPACT MOMENT** at a loggerhead turtle rescue and conservation centre. Return to Dalyan for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Dalyan - Burdur - Konya Prepare for a full day of travel, beginning early and following the path of the ancient Silk Road trading route that once led from China all the way to Istanbul. Take some time to explore the downtown of Burdur during a quick lunch stop. Continue on to Konya, arriving in the early evening, where dinner is included at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Bayir Diamond Hotel, Konya

Day 9: Konya - Sultanhani Caravanserai - Cappadocia Begin the morning in Konya with a visit to the Mevlâna Museum, the world centre of the Whirling Dervishes. Next, visit Sultanhani Caravanserai. After viewing the soaring vaults of this fortified road stop, travel on, arriving in Cappadocia in the early afternoon for a tour of one of the region's famous underground cities. These subterranean towns, some built almost 3000 years ago, provided refuge for their inhabitants during times of war and invasions. As you head towards your hotel, take in the ethereal scenery and mesmerising rock formations created by thousands of years of volcanic activity and erosion. This evening, check in to your home for the next three nights. (B, D)

Accommodation: Zemi Hotel, Cappadocia

Day 10: Cappadocia Get an early start with an optional balloon ride. Visit Göreme's Open-Air Museum (UNESCO), a vast site comprising of 11 early Christian rock-cut churches and monasteries often adorned with colourful frescoes. For lunch, join a local family for a hands-on cooking



## **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October - November 2025; March - May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June - October 2026; March - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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class using vegetables from the family's garden, followed by a meal of home-cooked *manti* (traditional Turkish meat-stuffed dumplings). Then, visit a pottery workshop and learn how locals make use of the area's natural resources by extracting clay from the surrounding soil and developing pottery into an art form. Later this evening, come together for a Whirling Dervishes ceremony. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cappadocia Start the day with a countryside walk in Love Valley, famous for its conspicuous rock formations. This afternoon, you'll learn about the traditional Turkish craft of carpet weaving, from silkworm cultivation to spinning, dyeing, and patterning techniques. (B, D)

Day 12: Cappadocia - Istanbul Head to the airport in Cappadocia this morning for a short flight back to Istanbul. After a drive back to the city, stop at the colourful Grand Bazaar. Later this afternoon, check in to the hotel before regrouping for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) Accommodation: Elite World Hotel, Istanbul

**Day 13: Istanbul - Tour Ends** Your exploration of Türkiye comes to a close today. (B)



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#### **NEW TOUR**

# Journey Through Northern Vietnam A Cultural Exploration from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay

11 DAYS • 23 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 20 • STARTING AT \$4,799



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Water Puppetry Artist Demonstration, Vespa-Led Hanoi Food Tour, Meet a Vietnam War Veteran, Lac Village Home-Hosted Dinner, Market Visit & Hands-On Cooking Experience, Hoa Lu Ancient Capital, Trang An Grottoes, Ha Long Bay, Cua Van Floating Village

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Step into the home of a master artist to learn about Vietnam's centuries-old water puppetry tradition.
- Meet with a Vietnam War veteran and their family in Mai Chau, connecting with the region's history.
- Join in a local wellness tradition with Tai Chi on the deck of a Ha Long Bay cruise.

## **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

10 Breakfasts (B) 5 Lunches (L) 8 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a traditional dinner while learning about customs of the White Thai ethnic group.
- Discover the secrets of making sticky rice during a cooking experience and home-hosted meal.
- Sip egg coffee and sample pho on a Vespa-led food tour through Hanoi's buzzing night markets.

Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam Arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. With its tree-lined boulevards, French colonial facades, and a street food culture that hums with energy, Hanoi offers a rich and layered introduction to the country. Since arrival times vary, today is yours to explore at your leisure. You might stroll through a local market, unwind at a lakeside café, or simply take in the rhythm of the city. Tonight, dinner is on your own — perhaps sample a steaming bowl of pho or crispy bánh xèo from a nearby eatery.

Accommodation: Hotel du Parc, Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi Step into the heart of Vietnamese tradition with a visit to the home of a master water puppet artist, where you'll experience this centuries-old art form. Then, hop aboard a cyclo — a three-wheeled bicycle taxi — for a guided ride through the streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter. This evening, stroll down lively Beer Street to sample local brews, and cap off the day with a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Hanoi This morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Head into Hanoi's narrow backstreets to visit the famed Train Street, where homes and cafés sit inches from the railway line -OR- sit down to a bowl of bún chả at Huong Lien Restaurant, the very spot where President Obama and Anthony Bourdain once shared this staple dish. After, visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex and Vietnam's first university, the Temple of Literature. Enjoy lunch at a social enterprise restaurant that empowers disadvantaged youth through culinary training. This evening, hop on the back of a Vespa for a guided food tour through the Old Quarter, sampling local favourites like pho and egg coffee while weaving through the city's lively night scene. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Hanoi - Mai Chau Leave the buzz of Hanoi behind as you make your way into the lush hills of Mai Chau, a peaceful valley framed by misty mountains and dotted with stilt houses. Upon arrival, take a walk through the surrounding rice paddies, catching glimpses of daily life in





the local villages. Tonight, unwind at your eco-lodge, surrounded by soaring mountains and unbridled forests. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Mai Chau Eco Lodge, Mai Chau

Day 5: Mai Chau: Hich Village & Lac Village This morning, connect with the living history of Mai Chau during a visit to Hich Village. Meet a Vietnam War veteran and their family, hearing firsthand stories that offer a personal lens into the region's past. Experience an IMPACT **MOMENT** in Lac Village with a visit to Hoa Ban, a social enterprise that uplifts women from the White Thai minority through vocational training. Later, be welcomed into a local home for a traditional dinner. Share a meal of regional dishes and enjoy warm hospitality as you learn more about the customs of the White Thai ethnic group. (B, D)

Day 6: Mai Chau - Ninh Binh Leave the hills on Mai Chau for the dramatic landscapes of Ninh Binh, often called "Ha Long Bay on land" for its towering limestone formations and winding rivers. Your first stop is Hoa Lu (UNESCO), Vietnam's ancient capital dating back to the 10th century. Marvel at the temple and fortress ruins as you explore this historical site. This afternoon, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Hike to Hang Mua

viewpoint, climbing over 500 steps to be rewarded with spectacular views -OR- indulge in a relaxing massage back at the hotel spa. (B, L) Accommodation: Emeralda Ninh Binh Resort & Spa, Ninh Binh

#### Day 7: Ninh Binh: Trang An Grottoes

This morning, step into a rowboat and glide through the serene waterways of Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its labyrinth of limestone caves and jungle-covered peaks. As you paddle through Bright Cave, Dark Cave, Ba Giot, and Nau Ruou, the quiet beauty of this hidden world unfolds around you. This evening, connect with locals over a home-hosted dinner that begins with a visit to the market for fresh ingredients and continues with a hands-on cooking class before sharing the meal together. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Ninh Binh - Ha Long Bay

Travel to Ha Long Bay and board a cruise boat for two spectacular nights. Pass through Trong Mai Islet, Ngon Tay Islet, and Con Coc Islet before arriving at a coastal village. Choose to explore by bicycle or electric cart, winding through the village and learning about daily life in this peaceful corner of Northern Vietnam. Later, take part in an IMPACT MOMENT at the Bhaya Community Farm, where you'll learn about sustainable farming as well as



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$4,799 (DOUBLE) or \$6,149 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

September 2026 - April 2027

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

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Tour Ho Chi Minh City, cruise the Mekong River, explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, and visit the Mui Ne Fishing Village.

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

the Save the Langurs conservation project. From Bhaya's café, enjoy views of verdant fields dotted with wandering buffalos, and try your hand at crafting some local delicacies. Back aboard the ship, unwind as the sun sets over the bay. (B, L, D) Accommodation: The 'Au Co' Ship

Day 9: Ha Long Bay Greet the day with a Tai Chi session on the deck as the sun rises over Ha Long Bay. Then, take the chance to further explore the Trinh Nu area by kayak, paddling through quiet coves and beneath towering limestone cliffs. After lunch onboard, visit Cua Van Floating Village, considered one of the most beautiful destinations in the world, drifting past colourful homes and fishing boats by kayak or traditional rowing boat. Finish the day with another spectacular sunset over the bay. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi This morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Explore Sung Sot Cave, the largest in Ha Long Bay, following the 500-meter paved passageway that threads through it -OR- visit Titov Island for a swim in the calm waters, sunbathing on the pristine beach, or if you're up for a trek, a hike up the mountain for a panoramic view of Ha Long Bay. Then, bid the bay farewell as you travel back to Hanoi. Enjoy one last free afternoon to revisit your favourite spots or simply relax before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D) Accommodation: Hotel du Parc, Hanoi

Day 11: Hanoi - Tour Ends Your adventure through Northern Vietnam comes to a close today. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Private Sumo Show, Mt. Fuji 5th Station, Overnight in Traditional *Ryokan* (Japanese Inn), Old Tokaido Highway, *Shabu-Shabu* & Geisha Experience, Shinkansen Bullet Train, Sushi-Making Class, Nara Park, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, Taiko Drum Lesson

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- · Experience a Goma fire ritual at Fukagawa Fudo-do Temple in Tokyo.
- Tap into Japan's train culture as you travel on the famous Shinkansen (bullet train).
- Spend two nights in a ryokan (Japanese inn) style hotel.

## CULINARY EXPERIENCES

10 Breakfasts (B) 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a shabu-shabu (Japanese hot pot) dinner and geisha experience in Hakone.
- Participate in a sushimaking class and dine on your creations.

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Arrive in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture meets rich, long-kept traditions. In consideration of varied arrival times, today is yours to explore independently. Dive into Tokyo's bustling streets, savour local delicacies, or simply soak in the city's unique blend of ancient and modern wonders.

Accommodation: Courtyard Marriott Tokyo Ginza Hotel, Tokyo

Day 2: Tokyo Today, immerse yourself in Tokyo with a day of sightseeing. Marvel at the grandeur of the Imperial Palace and wander through its serene East Garden. Witness the captivating Goma fire ritual at Fukagawa Fudo-do Temple, where devotion meets dramatic spectacle. Stroll through Ginza's streets, a blend of rich history and modern elegance. End your day with dinner at a local restaurant, savouring authentic Japanese flavours. (B, D)

**Day 3: Tokyo** Begin your day at the Tokyo National Museum, where

centuries of art and history unfold before you. Then, enjoy a unique experience — a private sumo wrestler show, offering a glimpse into the world of these revered athletes. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Tokyo at your own pace. (B)

Day 4: Tokyo - Mt. Fuji 5th Station

- Hakone Say goodbye to Tokyo and embark on a scenic journey to Hakone, a haven of natural beauty. At Mt. Fuji Fifth Station, take in the breathtaking views (weather permitting) of Japan's iconic peak -Mount Fuji's snow-capped splendour is truly inspiring. This evening, immerse yourself in Japanese tradition with a stay at a ryokan style hotel, featuring tatami-matted rooms and sliding paper doors. Delight in a kaiseki dinner, a multi-course feast that highlights seasonal ingredients and culinary artistry. (B, D) Accommodation: Hakone Yunohana

Day 5: Hakone Begin the day with an ascent on the Komagatake Ropeway, followed by a short walk

Prince Hotel, Hakone





to its summit, leading to panoramic views of Hakone's serene landscape. Next, drift along the waters of Lake Ashi aboard a cruise ship, arriving at Hakone Sekisho-ato Pier, a historic checkpoint from the Edo period. Walk in the footsteps of samurai along the Old Tokaido Highway — the route once connecting Tokyo and Kyoto — and stroll beneath towering trees on Ancient Cedar Avenue. Later, be captivated by the sculptures and exhibits at the Hakone Open-Air Museum. As night falls, enjoy a traditional shabu-shabu dinner and the opportunity to meet a geisha. (B, D)

Day 6: Hakone - Kyoto Board the Shinkansen (bullet train) and watch the scenery shift as you glide toward Kyoto, where timeless tradition and modern charm intertwine. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel. This evening, take a stroll through the bustling Nishiki Market. Nicknamed "Kyoto's Kitchen" and dating back to the early 14th century, soak in this scene where centuries-old food traditions and modern-day street snacks mix. Sample local delicacies like soy-glazed grilled mochi or kushi katsu, a deep-fried meat and vegetable skewer. (B) Accommodation: Hotel Nikko Princess, Kyoto

Day 7: Kyoto This morning, experience the peaceful beauty of Fushimi Inari Shrine before the crowds arrive. This afternoon, visit the historic Gion district, where Kyoto's timeless charm comes to life. Walk along the flagstone-paved streets and enjoy tastes of some of the local flavours, like Japanese sweets, along the way. (B)



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$9,999 (DOUBLE) or \$12,599 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

March - May 2027

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Tokyo** · Pre-Night Stay **Osaka** · Post-Night Stay

Day 8: Kyoto Begin your morning with a peaceful walk through Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, where soaring bamboo stalks sway gently in the breeze. The rest of the day is yours to explore Kyoto at your own pace — perhaps visit a hidden temple, shop for local crafts, or relax in a teahouse. In the evening, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on sushi-making experience, then enjoy your delicious creations for dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Kyoto - Osaka Travel to Nara, where sacred deer roam freely in Nara Park and history comes alive at Todaiji Temple, home to Japan's largest bronze Buddha. Then, continue to Osaka for a guided walking tour through the city's lively Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi districts, where neon lights, street food stalls, and bustling shops create a vibrant atmosphere. The evening is yours to independently explore Osaka, considered Japan's culinary capital. (B) Accommodation: Centara Grand Hotel, Osaka

Day 10: Osaka Start your day with a lesson in taiko, a traditional Japanese drum. Then, visit Osaka Castle Park, where we will see some of the main buildings and sights connected to this city's samurai legacy. End your visit close to 1:00 p.m. and enjoy the rest of the afternoon as you wish — perhaps visit a museum, sample takoyaki from a street vendor, or stroll along the canal. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating an unforgettable adventure. (B, D)

Day 11: Osaka - Tour Ends Your journey through Japan comes to a close today. With memories made and stories to share, leave with a deeper connection to this remarkable country. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Tea Ceremony, Bullet Train, *Ama* Pearl Divers Dinner, *Okonomiyaki* Cooking Class & Dinner, Discussion with an A-Bomb Survivor in Hiroshima, Fushimi Inari Taisha, Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, Korean Demilitarized Zone, North Korean Defector Talk, Gyeongbok Palace

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- · Join a North Korean defector for a private and emotional discussion about their escape and new life.
- Meet Japan's ama pearl divers and learn more about their elite profession.
- Visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and Memorial Museum and hear accounts of the atomic bomb's devastation.

## **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

14 Breakfasts (B) 2 Lunches (L) 7 Dinners (D)

- Outside the bustle of Seoul, experience a home-hosted traditional lunch with a Korean family.
- Try your hand at the delicate art of sushi making in Kyoto.
- Make delicious okonomiyaki, savoury pancakes that are a Japanese favourite.

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan Say "Konnichiwa!" to the incredible, eclectic city of Tokyo. From busy cities to quiet shrines filled only with silence, you'll come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making. Storied history, artistic traditions, cutting-edge technology — it's all part of Japan's everyday life. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Accommodation: Aloft Tokyo Ginza, Tokyo

Day 2: Tokyo This morning, start your day in Tokyo like a true local — by hopping on the subway. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world. Set out on a walk to the Imperial Palace and see the Niju Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Palace. Later this afternoon, make your way back to your hotel located in the popular Ginza district of Tokyo, a perfect location for spending an afternoon at leisure before getting to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Tokyo Head to Asakusa to

witness the subtle art of preparing green tea in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Visit the Sensoji Temple before enjoying free time to the Nakamise shopping street, where you can stroll between the stalls and buy local souvenirs and sweets. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of the city. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. This evening, you are free to explore on your own. (B)

Day 4: Tokyo - Ise-Shima Climb aboard the high-speed shinkansen, or bullet train. Sleek, modern, and comfortable, the bullet train will flash through the idyllic Japanese countryside at 200 miles per hour, but you'll barely feel or hear a thing. Keep an eye peeled for Mt. Fuji in the distance. Arrive at one of the most important shrines in Japan — Ise Shrine. This grand shrine is built to honour the Shinto sun goddess Amaterasu. Wander among the thatched roofs and raw wood of buildings, taking in the serenity of this spiritual wonder. Tonight, your meal will be a traditional and delicious Japanese

kaiseki dinner, an artfully prepared and presented, multi-course meal using ingredients at the absolute peak of freshness. (B, D)

Accommodation: Nemu Resort, Ise-Shima

Day 5: Ise-Shima This morning, you'll head to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum. Explore the island and the legacy of the skilled *ama* pearl divers, women who defy conventional gender roles to dive in the sea to harvest oysters and their pearls. Watch divers take the plunge and learn about the history and science of pearl diving. This evening, set out for Azurihama Beach, where you'll venture across the sands to an ama hut for an incredible dining experience. Whilst local seafood is grilled in a charcoal fire right before your eyes, hear tales from the ama women about their lives and the sacred rights of their profession. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Ise-Shima - Nara - Hiroshima

Today, travel to Nara Park and Todaiji
Temple. Venture inside the massive
temple to view the huge bronze
Buddha statue. Wander the grounds
outside and discover the famous
"bowing" deer of Nara. Then, you'll once
again board the *shinkansen* bullet train
and be whisked away to Hiroshima.
Enjoy dinner at a local cooking studio,
where you'll learn how to make
the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*,
or savoury pancake, a favourite of
Hiroshima residents. (B, D)

Accommodation: ANA Crowne Plaza,
Hiroshima

Day 7: Hiroshima A short walk from your hotel takes you to the Peace Memorial Park, Pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO), a sobering reminder of the devastation caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II. Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum before a powerful **IMPACT MOMENT** connects you with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the atomic bomb firsthand. They'll talk about what it was like to live in Japan during that time, the aftermath of that terrible day, and how they preserve the memory of those who were lost. After, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic O-torii Gate. (B)

**Day 8: Hiroshima - Kyoto** Journey to Kyoto via *shinkansen* bullet train. Your first stop takes you to Fushimi Inari Taisha for a glimpse into the most

revered shrine of Inari. Follow the rows of orange torii that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Later this afternoon, head to Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district. As you walk through Gion's narrow cobblestone streets, if you're lucky, you may see a woman in full traditional geisha regalia headed to one of the hidden, exclusive tea houses. Tonight is at leisure. (B) Accommodation: Hotel Monterey, Kyoto

Day 9: Kyoto Enjoy a laid-back morning before visiting the Arashiyama bamboo forest. Set out among the towering bamboo stalks that shade the forest paths and gently sway in the breeze. Continue to Kinkaku-ji Temple (UNESCO), known as the Golden Pavilion for its top two floors that are completely covered in gold leaf. It has survived wars, been rebuilt after fires, and still stands as an impressive piece of historic architecture. Later, try your hand at making sushi during an interactive class and dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Kyoto This morning, make your way to Nishiki Market with your Tour Manager, where colourful stalls are filled with fresh foods and local specialities, like pickles, dried seafood, and sushi. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore how you want. Perhaps you'll take another visit to the Gion district, visit a museum, or spend time in the park and grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. (B)

#### Day 11: Kyoto - Seoul, South Korea

Today, jump on a flight and journey to your final destination: Seoul, the capital city of South Korea. An energetic and eclectic modern city with deep roots, Seoul has something for everyone. Arrive later this afternoon and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) Accommodation: Courtyard Marriott Namdaemun, Seoul

Day 12: Seoul Head to the Korean Demilitarized Zone, or the DMZ, this morning. This conflict-ridden stretch of 150 miles between North and South Korea has been sealed tight for the last 68 years, and the struggles of the Korean War have yet to be resolved. Take an exclusive tour of this storied border, seeing Imjingak Park, the Bridge of Freedom, the DMZ Theatre and Exhibition Hall, the Dora Observatory, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, and more. This is a rare opportunity



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October – November 2025; March – May 2026 (different itinerary – see note\*)

June - December 2026; March - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

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to see the "Hermit Kingdom" of North Korea up close, and the long cold war between the two countries. Tonight, your evening is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 13: Seoul This morning, learn about the struggles in North Korea firsthand when you gather for a private talk with a North Korean defector. During this Impact Moment, learn about their life in North Korea, how they escaped to the south and are adjusting to their new life, and the struggles they face in a new country. Leave the city and stop by a local market to pick up some ingredients before you sit down for a home-hosted traditional Korean lunch with a local family, and get insight into the daily lives of a South Korean family. (B, L)

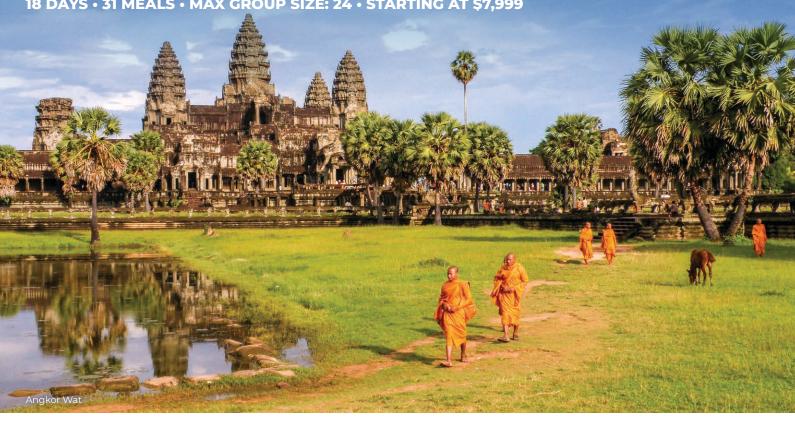
**Day 14: Seoul** Start your day by hopping on the subway and heading to the awe-inspiring Gyeongbok Palace. Take a tour of the sprawling

grounds and watch the elaborate and ceremonial changing of the guard.
Next, visit Insadong Street, Seoul's charming and colourful shopping area.
Tour the narrow maze of alleys that hold tea shops, boutiques, galleries and cafes. You have the afternoon at leisure to explore the area, perhaps heading to the Museum of Contemporary History with its multimedia exhibitions, or the National Museum of Korea with its statues, paintings, and artefacts.
Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 15: Seoul - Tour Ends Say goodbye to the energy and splendour of Seoul as you depart for home. Return with countless memories of your journey through Japan and unforgettable moments from the South Korean capital. (B)

# Kingdoms of Southeast Asia Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand

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#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Hanoi, Walking Food Tour, Discussion with Vietnam War Veteran, Ha Long Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Reunification Palace, Mekong Delta, Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, Luang Prabang, Wat Xieng Thong, Pak Ou Buddha Cave, Monk Alms Offering, Bangkok

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter on an exciting walking tour.
- · See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- · Visit with a Vietnam War veteran and learn about the war from his perspective.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

17 Breakfasts (B) 7 Lunches (L) 7 Dinners (D)

- · A local Laotian family welcomes you into their home for dinner.
- · Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking during an interactive class.
- · Sample several famous Vietnamese dishes on a walking food tour.

Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam Arrive today in Hanoi. Layers of the city's complex past can be found interwoven into its modern culture. Known for its French colonial architecture, tree-lined streets, and vibrant street food scene, Hanoi is Vietnam's dynamic capital. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

Accommodation: Silk Path Hotel, Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi Start your morning with a city tour of Hanoi and the Old Quarter. Visit Ba Dinh Square and the Temple of Literature. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes such as banh mi and pho. Enjoy coffee and views of Hoan Kiem Lake at a rooftop café. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Hanoi Today you may choose to start your day early with tai chi at a local park. After, visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison, now a museum. This historic site tells the story of colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Following your visit, sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War to chat and connect with him as he recounts his history. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you see fit. You may choose to join an optional tour to see the famous water puppets of Hanoi followed by dinner. (B)

Day 4: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay Journey to Ha Long Bay and board a charming junk boat for an overnight cruise. Once on board, enjoy fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history, and archaeology. Back on board, sit back, relax, and enjoy the peaceful sway of the boat. (B, L, D) Accommodation: The Au Co

Day 5: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An Your day begins with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck at sunrise. Next, visit Sung Sot cave, one of the many limestone grottos accessible by

boat in Ha Long Bay. After, cruise back to the mainland. Fly to Da Nang and travel to Hoi An (UNESCO), an ancient trading port. (B)

Accommodation: Little Oasis Hotel & Spa, Hoi An

Day 6: Hoi An Start your day with a walking tour of the old town, stroll by the ornate Chinese-style temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the famous 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant market on the banks of the Thu Bon. Finish with an introduction to the local tailoring culture in Hoi An, a tradition dating back to the days of the silk route. See the process of making cotton and silk cloth, and you may even choose to have some tailor-made clothes made. Enjoy a free afternoon before joining the group for a local dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Hoi An Explore the flavours of Hoi An. Board a basket boat and journey along the Co Co River for an immersive cooking class. Learn how to catch seafood in the river and grind rice into flour. Use your ingredients to cook four classic local dishes which you'll enjoy for lunch. Soak up the local atmosphere with a free afternoon and evening. (B, L)

Day 8: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh Cit Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. On an eye-opening city tour, you'll see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Reunification Palace. Head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1. (B) Accommodation: Novotel Saigon Centre, Ho Chi Minh City

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City Take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the region's history and culture. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City. This evening you might choose to go on an optional Saigon after-dark tour by Vespa, where you'll experience the city's vibrant nightlife, street food, and hidden gems from the back of a vintage scooter. (B, L)

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City Spend your morning at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Ho Chi Minh City before your dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia This afternoon, board your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia's gateway to the wonders of Angkor. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant accompanied by a traditional Khmer dance performance. (B, D) Accommodation: Borei Angkor Resort & Spa, Siem Reap

Day 12: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Siem Reap Depart for a sunrise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture. Enter its eastern gate and exit to the west, watching the sunlight dance along stones. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces at the centre of the city. (B)

Day 13: Siem Reap - Preah Dak - Siem Reap Start your day with an IMPACT **MOMENT** experience at the Visitor Centre of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Then travel to the village of Preah Dak to learn about daily life and see how Nom Banh Jok (rice noodles) are created. Get a peek into the local culture at the palm sugar market, where tree sap is gathered and cooked for sugar. Make your way to Les Chantiers Ecoles, where local apprentices are trained in fine arts, and peruse the different workshops. You may choose to end your day with a visit to Phare, the Cambodian Circus. (B, L)

Day 14: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos This morning, visit the Kompong Khleang floating village and see the stilt houses and floating homes. Board a flight to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. Venture into a lively outdoor market at night, and see a bustling cluster of vendors selling local street foods and baked goods, paper lamps, and textiles. (B) Accommodation: Souphattra Hotel, Luang Prabang

Day 15: Luang Prabang Hop into a tuk- tuk with a guide and make your way to the city centre, including a visit to the National Museum — the former Royal Palace. Continue to Wat Xieng Thong monastery, decorated in eye-



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$7,999 (DOUBLE) or \$9,949 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

September 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

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#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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catching gold. Meander along the Nam Khan River to Wat Khili. After lunch, cruise to the Pak Ou Caves, shrouded in mystery and home to thousands of Buddha statues. End your day with a home-hosted dinner and traditional Baci ceremony. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Luang Prabang - Ban Long Lao - Luang Prabang Journey to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao and learn about this ethnic group and their way of life. Set out on a hike through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the incredible Kuang Si Waterfall. Return to Luang Prabang for lunch in a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 17: Luang Prabang - Bangkok,
Thailand You may choose to rise early
and begin your day with a traditional
alms offering to local monks. After
breakfast back at the hotel, continue
to the airport. Board your flight to
Bangkok, the capital of Thailand.
Tonight, join your fellow travellers and
toast to the end of your adventure on a
Klong dinner cruise. (B, D)
Accommodation: Pullman Bangkok
Hotel G, Bangkok

**Day 18: Bangkok - Tour Ends** Return home with wonderful memories (B)

# Wonders of Thailand

Discovering Ancient Wonders and Natural Beauty from Bangkok to Phuket



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Bangkok, Reclining Buddha, Emerald Buddha, Bangkok Street Food, Sukhothai, Chiang Rai, The Golden Triangle, Chiang Mai, Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai, Lanna Home Visit, Home-Hosted Meal, Phuket, Tuk-Tuk Rides

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- · Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk-tuk.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's Old Town on a boat trip.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

14 Breakfasts (B) 6 Lunches (L) 4 Dinners (D)

- · Join a Lanna family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.
- Savour the sweet, spicy, and salty flavours of Bangkok's famous street food.

Day 1: Bangkok, Thailand Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history. As arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Dinner tonight is on your own. Accommodation: Amari Bangkok, Bangkok

Day 2: Bangkok Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's Old Town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex in the Phra Nakhon District and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha. Enjoy some free time before sitting down with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 3: Bangkok Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace — the official residence of the Kings of Siam since 1782. Enjoy

some free time or choose to join an optional tour to the Jim Thompson House and Museum, featuring lunch. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a diffrent perspective. Climb aboard your tuk-tuk a motorised rickshaw — for a front row seat to the bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. The streets are alive with energy as your tuk-tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavour. End with a visit to the flower market — this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 4: Bangkok - Sukhothai Today, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Choose between a walk from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques -OR- take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D) Accommodation: Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa, Sukhothai

Day 5: Sukhothai Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park, spanning the ruins of Sukhothai — which means "dawn of happiness" — as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling. (B, L)

Day 6: Sukhothai - Chiang Rai Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun — an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple. Arrive in Chiang Rai. (B, L)

Accommodation: The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai

Day 7: Chiang Rai Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos, and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's all aboard for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Burma, Laos, and Thailand. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch before driving to the hill tribe village to learn from locals about the long, rich traditions of this beautiful area. Most of the Thai ethnic groups are set off in remote locales, and the hill tribes relocated here to warmly welcome visitors and introduce them to each of the ethnic groups. Meet with Akha and Karen Long Neck people. As the women weave during the visit, you have the opportunity to support these local artisans by purchasing some of the products they make for tourists. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar, experiencing the culture of this region in a whole new way. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai

Today, it's off to Chiang Mai — once a religious centre, where elaborate Buddhist temples reflect its rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep — one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand. Marvel at the stunning views before taking

the ornate steps back down. Flanked by jeweled naga — lavish serpents these steps are the perfect spot for a photo! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B, L)

Accommodation: Kantary Hills Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai

Day 9: Chiang Mai See elephants in their natural setting today for a powerful IMPACT MOMENT during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means "relaxed elephants." This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander through country roads to reach the camp. Then, walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants. From a distance, watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, socialize with one another, and embrace their freedom, Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a mahout on changes to the elephant trade practices and the impact to the *mahout* community. Travellers who wish to observe the elephants grazing can set off for a 20-minute hike to do so. (B, L)

Day 10: Chiang Mai Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden, and hear all about the herbs grown here. Together with hosts, you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labour with a simple lunch. Tonight, IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage -OR- get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 11: Chiang Mai - Phuket Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in, rustling the palms and soothing the soul. Perhaps hit the waves, or unwind with a good book, reflecting on your cultural journey thus far. Stay as long as you'd like. (B)

Accommodation: Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket



#### **Important Details**

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Bangkok · Pre-Night Stay

**Singapore** • Pre-Tour Guided Extension 4 Nights, Starting at \$2,599† pp

Before Bangkok, explore Singapore's vibrant neighbourhoods, local flavours, and the Gardens by the Bay.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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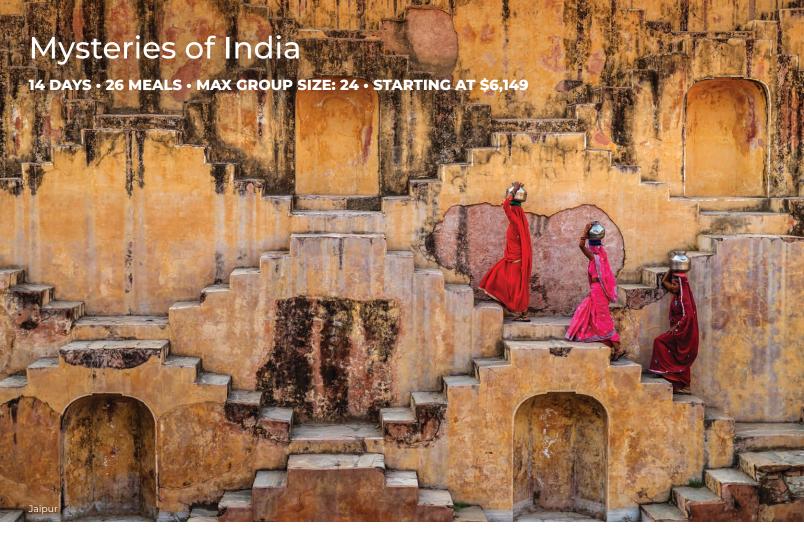
Day 12: Phuket Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafés, and ice cream shops. Explore this charming Old Town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beachfront resort to soak up those saltwater vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day. (B)

Day 13: Phuket It's a completely free day today, so take advantage of your idyllic tropical resort or perhaps head back to the Old Town and dive into some of Phuket's most popular haunts. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture, and incredible discoveries in Thailand. (B, D)

Day 14: Phuket - Bangkok Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories — the best kind of souvenir. (B)

Accommodation: Hyatt Regency Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok

**Day 15: Bangkok - Tour Ends** Say farewell to Thailand and return home today. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

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

# CULINARY EXPERIENCES

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

- Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a homehosted dinner.
- Savour the flavours of authentically brewed chai tea at a bustling streetside stall in Jaipur.

Day 1: Delhi, India A paradise of contradiction, Delhi features a bustling energy, age-old monuments, and an allencompassing vitality that courses its way through the busy streets. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Accommodation: Jaypee Vasant Continental, Delhi

Day 2: Delhi Start your morning at the expansive Humayun's Tomb, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments dating back to the 1500s. This sprawling complex inspired countless mausoleums, including the legendary Taj Mahal. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather with your group in the evening for a welcome dinner featuring Indian specialities. (B, D)

Day 3: Delhi Cut through Old Delhi's

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

Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur Wish the city goodbye and embark on a scenic drive through the countryside. Stop for lunch in a local restaurant before arriving in Jaipur, the "Pink City." See Hawa Mahal, the former home of a maharaja (Indian prince). Marvel at the city's architectural brilliance as you stroll through the heart of the old city during your free time. (B, L) Accommodation: Radisson Jaipur City Center, Jaipur

**Day 5: Jaipur** Take in the extensive palace complex of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power. Head to the palace by means of a vintage jeep,

scaling the hills overlooking Jaipur. In the evening, get to know a local family as you join them for a hosted dinner in their home. (B, D)

Day 6: Jaipur Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you explore the secrets hidden in the walled city of Jaipur on an eco-friendly e-rickshaw. With Pink City Rickshaw Company, which employs women from low-income households, you'll get a peek into the soul of the old city as your driver steers the way. Continue your exploration of the beautiful city, starting with the City Palace. Nearby, take in the impeccable masonry of the Jantar Mantar — the world's oldest stone sundial. The afternoon is yours to discover Jaipur however you please. (B)

Day 7: Jaipur - Ranthambore
National Park Travel to
Ranthambore National Park
where we will seek out tigers in
their natural habitat. Learn about
Project Tiger's conservation efforts
and the impact the organisation
has had on the Ranthambore
sanctuary. Connect with a naturalist,
introducing you to India's extensive
wildlife. (B, L, D)
Accommodation: Juna Mahal,
Ranthambore

Day 8: Ranthambore Board a canter (open-air truck) for your first game drive. Seek out barking deer, Indian gazelles, and exotic birdlife. Follow the tigers' paths in search of the sanctuary's renowned wildlife. Then. IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Enjoy some leisure time to relax at the hotel and explore your surroundings at your own pace -OR- take a short trip for an IMPACT **MOMENT** at Dastkar Ranthambore. a social enterprise renowned for empowering local women artisans. No matter what you choose, return to the wild for another chance to seek out marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, and the park's famous Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Ranthambore - Agra

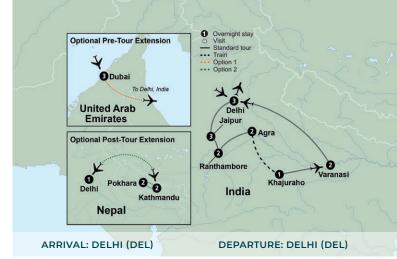
Today, we depart early as we make our way to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. Along the way, visit the impressive Abhaneri stepwell. Built over 1,000 years ago, it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently. Then, stop for lunch and get another taste of local flavours.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

Day 10: Agra The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was built as an expression of love by Emperor Shah Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning, when the colours of the sky dance on the bright façade and shimmer in its reflective pool. Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. During an IMPACT MOMENT, enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout — a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

Day 11: Agra - Khajuraho Start your morning with a train ride to Jhansi where you will connect with your coach and make your way to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range, find a city of stone temples and mystifying sculptures. Make the most of time at leisure this afternoon to explore the area on your own. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho

Day 12: Khajuraho - Varanasi Take in the Chandela Temple complex, home to unparalleled temple architecture and intricate stone carvings. Fly to Varanasi — India's holiest city - where spiritual energy radiates from the ground up. Sail along the Ganges River and pass by the *ghats* (banks) where locals wade into the river. From the Dasaswamedh Ghat, enjoy a reserved seat to experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky. (B) Accommodation: Radisson Hotel, Varanasi

Day 13: Varanasi Take advantage of a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the Ganges River. Travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama — later known as Buddha — gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Discover this holy site and gain insight into the country's divine past. Celebrate your adventure through India alongside new



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,149 (DOUBLE) or \$7,949 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 7 November 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

September 2026 - April 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

New Delhi · Pre-Night Stay

**Dubai** · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension 3 Nights, Starting at \$1,500<sup>†</sup> pp

Set out sooner to discover Dubai's skyscrapers, souks, mosques, and museums, and ride in 4x4s in the desert.

**Nepal** · Post-Tour Guided Extension 5 Nights, Starting at \$2,400† pp

From Kathmandu to Pokhara, Nepal's serene lakes, energetic cities. and iconic mountains await.

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#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour

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

Accommodation: Lemon Tree Premier, Delhi



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Auckland, Rotorua, Maori Cultural Experience, Wellington, Christchurch, Aoraki / Mount Cook Region, Milford Sound, Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration, Wellington Walking Food Tour

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore Whakarewarewa
   a Maori cultural and geothermal experience.
- Visit Walter Peak High Country farm for a sheepdog demonstration.
- Take a traditional Maori canoe down the Ōtākaro/ Avon River in Christchurch.

# CULINARY EXPERIENCES

16 Breakfasts (B) 2 Lunches (L) 8 Dinners (D)

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

Day 1: Auckland, New Zealand Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the world's best places to live. Auckland's Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. As arrival times will vary greatly, there are no scheduled activities through the afternoon. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Accommodation: Rydges Auckland, Auckland

Day 2: Auckland Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The full afternoon is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city on your own. (B)

Day 3: Auckland - Rotorua Depart Auckland and travel south to the town of Rotorua, known for geothermal activity and Maori culture. On the way, stop in at the Red Barn for a guided tour of a local farm and a morning tea. Upon reaching Rotorua, marvel at the height and age of the Redwoods in the Whakarewarewa Forest; some of these trees are over 120 years old and nearly 250 feet tall. (B, D) Accommodation: Sudima Lake Rotorua Hotel, Rotorua

Day 4: Rotorua Find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua, known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Whakarewarewa, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Explore an authentic Maori village where people live using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have done for centuries. In the evening, experience ceremonial Maori rituals at an authentic hangi dinner and performance. (B, D)

Day 5: Rotorua - Wellington Today, travel to Wellington - New Zealand's capital city, known as the "Windy City," a coastal city nestled against the mountains. (B, D) Accommodation: Novotel, Wellington

**Day 6: Wellington** Embark on a city tour of Wellington. See the Beehive — New Zealand's Parliament; and

the Old Government Building - the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Then, get to know Wellington for its reputation as a foodie destination and explore the culinary scene on a walking food tour. Visit some Wellington institutions and try some Kiwi favourites before enjoying an afternoon and evening at leisure. With your free time, perhaps you'll explore the vibrant waterfront, where you can stroll along Queen's Wharf, visit Te Papa Museum, or relax at a harbourside café while soaking in views of Wellington's picturesque harbour. (B, L)

Day 7: Wellington Continue your exploration of New Zealand's capital city with a full free day at leisure. Perhaps you'd like to see the rugged coast of New Zealand on a half-day tour to Seal Coast, or take a half-day Lord of the Rinas tour to get closer to the filming locations and learn about its legacy in Wellington. (B)

Day 8: Wellington - Picton -Christchurch Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. Experience what is considered to be one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world. Arrive in Picton on the South Island and continue along the breathtaking east coast to the largest city on the South Island, Christchurch. (B, D) Accommodation: Distinction, Christchurch

Day 9: Christchurch Christchurch, the "Garden City," is still rebuilding and recreating itself after a devastating earthquake in 2011. See firsthand how this city is evolving on a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, a leader in the conservation of New Zealand species. Here, you'll have the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" - kiwi, kaka, tuatara, kea, and takahe, Learn about the local Indigenous culture of the Maori, with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional canoe, or waka. (B)

Day 10: Christchurch In Christchurch this morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Visit Quake City, a museum dedicated to recounting the Canterbury earthquakes and how the city has rebuilt -OR- get to know Christchurch's long history of exploration in Antarctica during a visit the International Antarctic Centre.

Continue to explore Christchurch your way with free time for the rest of the day. (B)

Day 11: Christchurch - Aoraki / Mount Cook Region Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Aoraki / Mount Cook region, where extensive glaciers blanket the rugged peaks. The Maori word Aoraki means "cloud piercer." This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You can take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

Accommodation: The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook

Day 12: Aoraki / Mount Cook Region - Dunedin Travel to Dunedin, situated on the southeast coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Visit Baldwin Street - the world's steepest public road as awarded by the Guinness Book of Records. Enjoy a free afternoon before dinner at a local Ale House. (B, D)

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin

Day 13: Dunedin Start your morning with a panoramic tour, visiting Larnach Castle and the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these otherworldly birds. Albatrosses are the focus in many seafaring myths, and their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet. (B)

Day 14: Dunedin - Queenstown Drive past vineyards, amazing landscapes and the charming towns of Central Otago as you head to Queenstown. Dubbed the "adventure capital of the world," it's a mountainside town set against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. In the afternoon, take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. (B)

Accommodation: Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

Day 15: Queenstown - Milford Sound

- Queenstown During a cruise of the beautiful Milford Sound, you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sites on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000



ARRIVAL: AUCKLAND (AKL)

**DEPARTURE: QUEENSTOWN (ZQN)** 

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$10,849 (DOUBLE) or \$13,249 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 10 April 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May 2026; September 2026 - April 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Auckland · Pre-Night Stay

Queenstown · Post-Night Stay

Fiji · Post-Tour Independent Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$1,500† pp

Escape to the tropical paradise of Fiji — relax and recharge after your South Pacific journey.

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#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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feet (1,219 metres) on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. On your return to Queenstown, perhaps you will consider an optional scenic flight, allowing you to see the landscape from an entirely new perspective. (B, L)

Day 16: Queenstown Enjoy a relaxed start to your day or head out to explore. Try an optional tour taking you through the stunning Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed and learn about the gold rush that

first brought travellers to the region. This evening, cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a BBQ dinner lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before cruising back. (B, D)

Day 17: Queenstown - Tour Ends Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many memories. (B)



# AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST From the wide-open plains of the African savanna to the winding alleys of ancient cities, this region rewards the curious. Watch elephants cross the plains at sunset. Walk through the rose-red city of Petra with a guide who knows every stone. Wander a spice market in Istanbul, tasting as you go. With the right local insight, even the most storied places still have surprises to share.

Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya. Learn more on pg. 96

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<b>c⊙llette</b> Tour Name	African Safari: Kenya & Tanzania	Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana
# Days • # Meals • # Wildlife Drives	14 Days • 38 Meals • 7 Drives	14 Days • 29 Meals • 8 Drives & Cruises
Max Group Size	18	19
Countries Visited	Kenya, Tanzania	South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana
Key Experiences	<ul> <li>All day exploration of Ngorongoro Crater</li> <li>3 nights in the Serengeti</li> <li>Interact with 2 local tribes in Lake Eyasi</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Full-day exploration of the Western Cape winelands</li> <li>Visit Victoria Falls and spend time in the local community</li> <li>Cable car ride up Table Mountain</li> </ul>
Accommodation Highlight	ThornTree Camp, Serengeti	Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park
Wildlife Watch	Big 5, giraffes, zebras, flamingos, 500+ species of birds	Big 5 and big predators; plus a variety of antelopes and 500+ species of birds
Safari Vehicles		
Best Time to Visit	<b>June – October</b> (the dry season makes it easier to spot animals)	May – October (the end of the rainy season – March – April – is great for birdwatchers)
Ideal for	Travellers who want a true safari experience.	Travellers seeking out a multi-cultural look into the cities, winelands and wildlife of southern Africa.
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Kenya	Botswana, Zimbabwe, South Africa	Namibia, South Africa
Traditional bush dinner, with a Maasai dance performance	3-night houseboat cruise of Lake Kariba	See the towering dunes of Sossusvlei, Namib Desert
<ul> <li>Engage with a member of the Samburu tribe</li> </ul>	See Victoria Falls and visit a local home for lunch	Spend 2 days each in Kruger and Etosha National Parks
Explore the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of <i>Out of Africa</i> .	3 nights each in Chobe National Park and Hwange National Parks	Join a local family for a home- hosted dinner in Cape Town
Sarova Mara Tented Camp, Masai Mara	Houseboat, Lake Kariba	The Desert Grace, Sossusvlei
Expect to see giraffes, zebra and the Big 5 across several reserves and national parks	Hippos and crocodiles are common in Lake Kariba. The Big 5 and big predators are in abundance in Chobe National Park	Between Kruger & Etosha National Parks there are 100+ species of mammals (like the Big 5 and rare black rhinos) and abundant birdlife
July – October (the dry season makes it easier to spot animals)	May – October (the end of the rainy season – March – April – is great for birdwatchers)	June – October (the cooler dry air is great for spotting wildlife and exploring the desert)
Travellers looking to see the diverse wildlife of Kenya and connect with its people and cultures.	Travellers looking for a variety of safari experiences (drives, walks, cruises).	People who are well-travelled and looking to experience Africa beyond a safari.
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#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Kruger National Park, Table Mountain, Victoria Falls, 7 Wildlife Safaris, Masai Mara National Reserve, *Out of Africa* Farmhouse, Pyramids of Giza & Great Sphinx, 4-Night Nile River Cruise, Karnak Temple, Valley of the Kings, Kom Ombo, Philae Temple, Grand Egyptian Museum

## CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Embark on a 4-night voyage down the Nile, where temples, tombs, and timeless landscapes unfold at every bend.
- Visit the Karen Blixen farmhouse in Nairobi and step into the world of Out of Africa.
- Explore Chinotimba township and market in Victoria Falls for a glimpse of everyday Zimbabwean life.

## **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

23 Breakfasts (B) 14 Lunches (L) 14 Dinners (D)

- Savour Zimbabwean cuisine at the Lookout Café, perched above Batoka Gorge with views of the Zambezi
- Dine with a Capetonian family and share stories over dinner in their home.
- Picnic on the savanna during game drives in Masai Mara and Kruger.

#### Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's vibrant gateway city. After your long international flights, today is all about rest and recovery. With your hotel conveniently located near the airport, this evening is designed as a quiet pause before the adventure begins. There are no scheduled activities today, allowing you to settle in at your own pace.

Accommodation: Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre, Johannesburg

Day 2: Johannesburg - Kruger
National Park Leave the city behind
and start your adventure with a
six-hour overland drive into the wild
as you head to Kruger National Park
- South Africa's largest game reserve.
Your lodge, positioned at the park's
entrance, sets the stage for your safari
experience. Tonight, gather with fellow
travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)
Accommodation: Mdluli Safari Lodge,
Kruger National Park

Day 3: Kruger National Park Get your camera ready - today is all about the wildlife! Set out on a full-day game drive in an open-air vehicle, searching

for Africa's iconic "Big 5" - the safari "bucket list" of animals includes lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and water buffalos. Pause midday for a picnic lunch, then continue your safari adventure into the afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kruger National Park This morning in Kruger National Park, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Rise early for a sunrise safari to watch the landscape awaken -OR- or enjoy a slower start and head out later for an afternoon game drive. However you explore, the magic of Kruger surrounds you. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Kruger National Park Cape Town Wave goodbye to the
wilderness and fly south to Cape Town,
South Africa's electric cultural mecca.
Nestled between mountains and sea,
the "Mother City" invites you to explore
its vibrant neighbourhoods, historic
sites, and scenic waterfront. Settle in
for your three-night stay. (B)
Accommodation: Southern Sun the
Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

Day 6: Cape Town Start your day with a ride up Table Mountain by cable car, where panoramic views stretch from Lion's Head to Robben Island. Then, dive into Cape Town's rich history on a guided city tour including a drive past the colourful Bo-Kaap and a walk through The Company's Garden in the centre of the city. Then, travel to a home of a Capetonian family where you're an honoured guest. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 7: Cape Town Venture along the Western Cape, stopping at the legendary Cape of Good Hope, where dramatic cliffs meet the crashing sea. Take a funicular to the top of Cape Point and hike up sandstone steps to the lighthouse that protects wayward ships from an unfortunate demise. Enjoy lunch overlooking the ocean before heading to Boulders Beach to see the protected colony of endangered African penguins. (B, L)

Day 8: Cape Town - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Fly to one of the world's most awe-inspiring natural wonders - Victoria Falls. Settle in at your lodge overlooking Zambezi National Park. (B, D)

Accommodation: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls

**Day 9: Victoria Falls** Feel the mist on your face as you stand before the

mighty Victoria Falls - a thundering cascade that stirs the soul. After a free afternoon, unwind with a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. (B)

Day 10: Victoria Falls This morning, experience an IMPACT MOMENT as you connect with conservation efforts during a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust. After, travel into Chinotimba township and market - a bustling hub and great place to shop for some African curios to take back home. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

- Nairobi, Kenya This morning, you might opt to join a responsibly organised wildlife encounter with African elephants in their natural habitat. Later this afternoon, fly to Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya and your gateway to East Africa's wonders. (B, L)

Accommodation: Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi

Day 12: Nairobi - Masai Mara
National Reserve Depart Nairobi
early this morning and begin your
journey in specially designed 4x4
safari vehicles into Masai Mara, one
of Kenya's best spots for wildlife
viewing. Settle into your tented safari
camp - a truly special experience
that brings you closer to nature. This
afternoon, head out on your first
game drive and witness the Mara's
incredible biodiversity. (B, L, D)
Accommodation: Fig Tree Camp,
Masai Mara

#### Day 13: Masai Mara National Reserve Today, go deeper into the wild with a morning and afternoon game drive. Keep your eyes peeled for the "Big 5" and enjoy a picnic lunch on the open plains, surrounded by zebras, scattered acacia trees, and the rhythm of the savanna. (B, L, D)

# **Day 14: Masai Mara National Reserve**After breakfast, depart on an early morning game drive, returning to camp mid-morning. Later, head out on an afternoon game drive, returning

to camp as the sun sets. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Masai Mara National Reserve - Nairobi Return to Nairobi and step into the world of *Out of Africa* with a visit to Karen Blixen's farmhouse. Enjoy a free evening to relax. (B, L) *Accommodation: Crowne Plaza* 

Nairobi Airport, Nairobi

#### Day 16: Nairobi - Cairo, Egypt

Pre-dawn this morning, say goodbye to your African Tour Manager before boarding your five-hour flight to Cairo, Egypt. Arrive in the "Land of the Pharaohs" and meet your Egyptian Tour Manager, who will accompany you for the rest of the trip. Take the rest of the day to relax and catch up on sleep after the red-eye flight. This evening, gather for your first taste of Egyptian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Accommodation: Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo

Day 17: Cairo Today, stand in awe before the Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Great Sphinx - timeless icons of human achievement. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy a free evening. (B, L)

#### Day 18: Cairo - Luxor - Board Ship

Rise before dawn for your 75-minute flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, visit the expansive Karnak Temple. Then, board your Nile River cruise ship and settle in for your four-night voyage. This evening, take in golden hour views from the sundeck before gathering for your first dinner aboard. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Blue Shadow II, Nile Biver

#### Day 19: Luxor - Valley of the Kings

- Edfu As dawn breaks, venture to Luxor's West Bank, trekking along the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for a late lunch. In the early afternoon, set sail to Edfu, where you'll arrive early tomorrow morning. (B, L, D)

Day 20: Edfu - Kom Ombo In Edfu, pick between an early or a late start to your day, because IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Head out at daybreak for a guided visit of the mesmerising Temple of Horus, returning for a late breakfast aboard **-OR-** rise at your leisure and linger over a relaxed breakfast, as you take in views of a place where daily life has changed little over the centuries. This afternoon, coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Then, watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by as you sail on to Aswan. This evening, don a traditional Egyptian gown and join a festive galabeya party for a fun evening on board. (B, L, D)



ARRIVAL: JOHANNESBURG (JNB)

DEPARTURE: CAIRO (CAI)

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$19,399 (DOUBLE) or \$22,399 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 27 March 2027 departure.

Pricing and itinerary details subject to change. See our website for more information.

#### **TOUR DATES**

May 2026, September 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Johannesburg** · Pre-Night Stay

Cairo · Post-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

Day 21: Aswan Your morning opens in Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artefacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a felucca (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

#### Day 22: Disembark Ship - Fly to Cairo

Early this morning, return to Cairo with a 90-minute flight. Upon arrival, head towards the old town and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar. Peruse

colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. This afternoon, check into your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B) Accommodation: Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo

Day 23: Cairo This morning, get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during a visit to the recently inaugurated Grand Egyptian Museum. This museum showcases over 100,000 ancient artefacts, including the treasures discovered in 1922 in King Tutankhamun's sepulcher. Tonight, toast to the memories made on this epic journey through Africa at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 24: Cairo - Tour Ends** Your adventure in Africa ends today. (B)

#### **NEW TOUR**

# Namibia & South Africa: **Epic Landscapes and Wildlife**



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Sossusvlei Dunes, Swakopmund, Etosha National Park, 5 Wildlife Safaris, Cape Town, Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope, Kruger National Park

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Join a local Capetonian family at home and learn about their daily life.
- · Visit a local non-profit in Windhoek dedicated to empowering women through traditional craftwork and skill sharing.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

15 Breakfasts (B) 7 Lunches (L) 11 Dinners (D)

- · Experience an authentic South African Braai lunch inside Kruger National Park.
- · Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a winery set against Namibia's Erongo Mountains.

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa Arrive in Johannesburg after your overnight flight. Get settled at your airport hotel and rest before tomorrow's morning flight to Namibia. As arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Accommodation: Radisson Hotel &

Convention Centre, Johannesburg

Day 2: Johannesburg - Windhoek, Namibia - Sossusvlei Today, fly to Windhoek, Namibia's capital city. One of Southern Africa's most fascinating destinations, Namibia is one of the youngest countries in Africa and one of the least populated in the world. With its recent independence from South Africa, this frontier nation is a surprise to most. After landing in Windhoek, travel to Sossusvlei, one of Namibia's most stunning landmarks. Arrive at your lodge at the end of the day just in time to settle in and enjoy your first dinner with your travelling companions. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Desert Grace Lodge, Sossusvlei

Day 3: Sossusvlei Embark on the experience of a lifetime. Start the day early to ensure the best experience at one of Namibia's most dramatic landscapes — the red sand dunes of Deadvlei in the Namib Desert. A landscape reminiscent of science fiction movies, the Sossusvlei region is home to some of the world's tallest dunes. Climb one of these epic dunes to access Deadylei, a salt pan famous for its ancient petrified trees. A paradise for photographers and scenery enthusiasts alike, the Namib Desert will leave lasting memories. See firsthand how animals survive in this harsh environment, and look for its most famous resident — the oryx! (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Sossusvlei - Swakopmund Say farewell to the Namib Desert and travel to the coastal town of Swakopmund, With its German colonial architecture, marine wildlife, and access to the Skeleton Coast, Swakopmund is a unique desert oasis. This afternoon, visit the Welwitschia Plains and Moon Valley for another look at what makes Namibia so unique — its hyper-

arid landscape creates the perfect conditions for endemic species of plants seen nowhere else. (B, D) Accommodation: Strand Hotel, Swakopmund

Day 5: Swakopmund This morning, drive to beautiful Walvis Bay and join a marine cruise to search for Cape fur seals, pelicans, dolphins, and more. Learn from your cruise guides what makes this area so unique for these marine animals. Continue your exploration to Pelican Point for a glimpse of some pink feathered friends and a view of what makes this coastline so famous — its numerous ship wrecks. (B)

Day 6: Swakopmund - Etosha
National Park Leave this coastal
beauty behind as we head to your
second Namibian National Park —
Etosha. On the way, stop for a tasting
and lunch at a winery paving the
way for Namibian wines and spirits.
Later this afternoon, check in to your
rustic lodge and settle in before
dinner overlooking the African bush.
(B, L, D)

Accommodation: Etosha Safari Lodge, Etosha

Day 7: Etosha National Park Early this morning, depart for your first game drive. In open safari vehicles, search for rhino, giraffe, lions, elephants, and several types of antelopes. Ostriches will welcome you at every corner and wildebeest will greet you at watering holes. Return to your lodge for lunch before departing for your afternoon game drive. End the day with memories of salt flats and wild animals thriving in a surreal landscape. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Etosha National Park

Today, take a break from safari vehicles and join a full day game drive in an enclosed vehicle. If you wish, you may choose to upgrade to open vehicles (if your adventurous side has not yet been satiated!). (B, D)

Day 9: Etosha National Park -Windhoek Travel your last Namibian leg of this journey and arrive back in its capital city, Windhoek. Despite it being the capital, enjoy its calm atmosphere during your free afternoon before you join your fellow travellers at dinner to reminisce about your adventure in Namibia. (B, D) Accommodation: Weinberg Hotel, Windhoek

Day 10: Windhoek - Cape Town, South Africa End your time in Namibia with a meaningful visit to Penduka during an IMPACT **MOMENT.** With its mission to support gender equality and empower women, learn how Penduka supports the local community through traditional craftwork and skill sharing. Then, travel to the airport for your flight to Cape Town, South Africa, and end your day as a guest of honour in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D) Accommodation: The Cape Milner Hotel, Cape Town

Day 11: Cape Town Get to see the natural side of Cape Town today. Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, contrasting the bright blue waves below. Visit the Cape of Good Hope and stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events — a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Return to the city via Table Bay. (B, L)

Day 12: Cape Town Today, explore
South Africa's eclectic cultural
mecca. Rise gently over the South
African landscape in a cable car to
Table Mountain, taking in views of
Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic
Robben Island. Then, view the city's
heritage sites, historic landmarks,
and bustling city centre during a city
tour. Enjoy a free afternoon to relax at
your hotel or to further explore this
fascinating city as you wish. (B)

Day 13: Cape Town - Johannesburg - Kruger National Park Say goodbye to city life and hello to South Africa's stunning natural beauty. Board your flight to Johannesburg as you make your way to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Check in to your hotel, ideally located at the entrance of the park on the banks of the Sabie River. (B, D) Accommodation: Kruger Gate Hotel, Kruger National Park

Day 14: Kruger National Park Pack your camera as you head off on a full- day game drive! Search for the "Big 5" from your open-air vehicle and experience some iconic



ARRIVAL: JOHANNESBURG (JNB) DEPARTURE: JOHANNESBURG (JNB)

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$13,299 (DOUBLE) or \$15,999 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025; April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May - October 2026; April - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Johannesburg · Pre-Night Stay

Livingstone · Post-Tour Guided Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$3,900 $^{\dagger}$  pp

Experience mighty Victoria Falls, take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, and visit Mukuni Village.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

South African scenery. Relax with an authentic South African *Braai* lunch featuring local meats, before gathering again for your afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Kruger National Park Head out again on another full-day game drive for your last opportunity to see all the majestic scenery and animals you have come this far to experience. Tonight, join your fellow explorers for dinner and toast farewell to all the extraordinary places you've encountered during this epic African adventure. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Kruger National Park -Johannesburg - Tour Ends Bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave Kruger for Johannesburg and head back home. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Nairobi, Shaba National Reserve, Samburu National Reserve, Sundowner, Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara, Karen Blixen Home, Amboseli National Park, 13 Game Drives, Africa's "Big 5"

# **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Visit Rothschild's giraffes at a sanctuary that serves to educate thousands of Kenyan school children each year.
- Learn the traditions of the Samburu people during a visit with a tribe member.
- · Immerse yourself in the culture during a visit to a Maasai village.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

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

- · Indulge in a traditional dinner in the bush with Maasai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature at Lake Nakuru.

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya Adventure stirs the soul in Kenya. Arrive in the heart of safari country. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities today, allowing you to settle in at your own pace. Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi

Day 2: Nairobi - Mount Kenya After breakfast, travel towards Mount Kenya, an extinct volcano where peaks reach as high as 17,000 feet. In the foothills, indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil stirs under brilliant waterfalls. This afternoon, set out on your first game drive of the trip at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to an astounding variety of animals. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Maisha Sweetwaters Camp, Mt. Kenya

Day 3: Mount Kenya - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves — home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife — particularly two species you can only find north of the equator: Grevy's zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs — a starkly beautiful semi-desert that's a mecca for birds and wildlife. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" — lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, and rhinos. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve

#### Day 4: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Marvel at the striking contrast of sand, sky, and bush during a morning game drive inside Samburu National Reserve, a tiny gem of Kenya's North Country. Return to Shaba Reserve for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5." Keep watch for some of the approximately 350 species of birds that inhabit the area. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, enjoy a traditional Sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture,



traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Nyahururu

Journey to Nyahururu, its name derived from the Maasai word for waterfall, *e-naiwurruwurr*. Enjoy a free afternoon to relax in your luxury hideaway, a resort situated in the heart of 20 acres of tranquil forest. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Panari Resort, Nyahururu

Day 6: Nyahururu - Lake Nakuru Hit the road for a spectacular, mountainkissed journey on the way from Nyahururu waterfalls to Lake Nakuru National Park. One of the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and wooded, bushy grassland. Set out on a game drive this afternoon. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru

Day 7: Lake Nakuru Wake up in the embrace of Nakuru's acacia forest. During this morning's game drive, make sure your binoculars are ready — this is rhino country. Find this park absolutely brimming with wildlife, on the ground and in the air. Regale in a true taste of Africa: a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush. Unwind at your lodge before continuing your journey through the park on an afternoon game drive. Return just in time to witness one of Nakuru's unforgettable sunsets. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Nakuru - Maasai Mara National Reserve Welcome to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, one of Kenya's best spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodations in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Learn about Maasai culture during a visit to a local village (known as an *enkeng* in Maa, the Maasai language) before an afternoon game drive. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras, and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience. Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Maasai dance performance. (B, L, D) *Accommodation: Sarova Mara Game Camp, Masai Mara* 

#### Day 9: Maasai Mara National Reserve

Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." During a full-day game drive, enjoy the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Maasai Mara. This is truly nature's greatest theatre, where savanna, cloud shadows, and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. After a Mara sunset, head over to your tent and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Maasai Mara National
Reserve - Nairobi Return to
Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of
Karen Blixen for a true Out of Africa
experience. Then, visit a giraffe
sanctuary that also serves as an
environmental education centre and
get an up-close experience with
majestic Rothschild's giraffes. (B, L)
Accommodation: Sarova Stanley Hotel,
Nairobi

Day 11: Nairobi - Amboseli National
Park This morning, experience an
IMPACT MOMENT when you visit
Ocean Sole, a social enterprise that
turns ocean debris into colourful
works of art. Learn about their mission
to clean the waterways and grow
the Kenyan economy. You'll also get
a chance to peruse their collection
of products before continuing on to
Amboseli National Park. Take to the
plains for an afternoon game drive
accompanied by the breathtaking



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$8,899 (DOUBLE) or \$9,649 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Nairobi · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

**Tanzania** · Post-Tour Guided Extension 5 Nights, Starting at \$4,500 pp

Continue your adventure with game drives in Serengeti National Park, then explore the Ngorongoro Crater.

aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a seedball. The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your stay in Amboseli. (B, L, D)

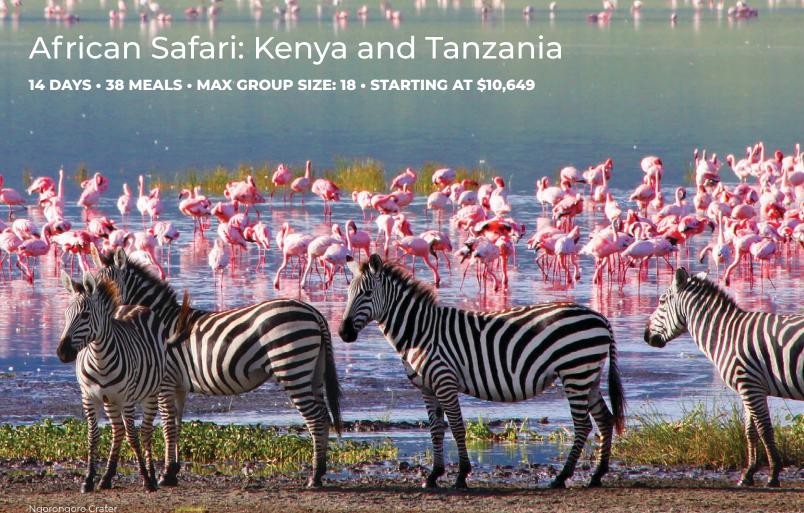
Accommodation: Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

#### Day 12: Amboseli National Park

Today will start with a sunrise game drive followed by breakfast back at the lodge. Then all of Amboseli is at your feet during a morning and afternoon game drive. Derived from the Maasai word meaning "salty dust," this unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of

elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make an impact on the continent you've grown to love. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Amboseli National Park -Nairobi - Tour Ends Return to Nairobi for your departure home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Nairobi, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, *Out of Africa* Farmhouse, Amboseli National Park, Shanga Workshop, Karatu, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti, Lake Eyasi, Tarangire National Park, 7 Game Drives

# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- See how a local workshop empowers citizens with disabilities through the Shanga Project.
- · Get a peek into the daily lives of two local tribes at Lake Eyasi.
- Seek out the elusive "Big 5" on 7 different game drives.

# **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

13 Breakfasts (B) 13 Lunches (L) 12 Dinners (D)

 Enjoy five picnic lunches on your game drives, taking in the natural landscape around you. Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya Arrive in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Serving as the gateway to Africa's sought-out wildlife, Nairobi is the ideal place to get acclimated to the Kenyan lifestyle. As travellers' arrival times will vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Dinner tonight will be on your own. Accommodation: Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi

Day 2: Nairobi Visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which rehabilitates young or injured elephants. See the gentle giants up close as they are fed and bathed by their caretakers. Head to Karen Blixen's Out of Africa farmhouse for lunch before stepping outside to visit the sanctuary's inquisitive Rothschild's giraffes. Visit the Kazuri Beads Factory, where mothers are employed and trained as jewellery artisans. In the evening, toast to the start of your African adventure at a savoury welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park Make your way to Amboseli National Park, nestled along the border of Tanzania and looking out on the great Mt. Kilimanjaro. After lunch, get a glimpse into Kenyan culture and interact with locals at a Maasai village. Settle into your accommodation for the next two nights — a tented camp with the comfort amenities of a proper lodge. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Kilima Safari Camp, Amboseli

#### Day 4: Amboseli National Park

Embrace your wild side on a full-day game drive in Amboseli National Park. This is your first chance to seek out Africa's elusive "Big 5" — the safari "bucket list" of animals includes lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and water buffalos. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the open plains, watching for herds of wildebeest and grazing zebras. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Amboseli National Park -Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu Enter Tanzania, a country devoted to harmony among its people and animals. Today will be an IMPACT MOMENT as you visit Shanga, a local jewellery workshop that trains and employs citizens with disabilities. Your day ends in Karatu, a humble



town located on the precipice of untamed nature. Overnight in a charming lodge where colourful gardens meet welcoming hospitality. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Country Lodge, Karatu

#### Day 6: Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater

- Karatu Make the most of more opportunities to spot the local wildlife with a full-day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Containing one of the densest mammal populations in the world, this "African Eden" is one of the best places to seek out the "Big 5." Allow the sheer magnitude of the area to wash over you as you enjoy a picnic lunch in the highlands, taking in the flourishing habitat around you. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Karatu - Serengeti Your path continues to the renowned Serengeti, a Maasai word meaning "endless plains." Enjoy lunch and venture out on your first Serengeti adventure on an afternoon game drive, returning to camp at dusk. Relax in your exclusive safari abode, your home for the next three nights. The camp includes all of the amenities of a lodge but allows you to remain immersed in nature. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: ThornTree Camp, Serengeti

**Day 8: Serengeti** Say good morning to the Serengeti! After breakfast, set out and enjoy a full day of animal-seeking safari adventures with a picturesque picnic lunch. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Serengeti** Lions. Gazelles. Cheetahs. Hippos. There's no telling

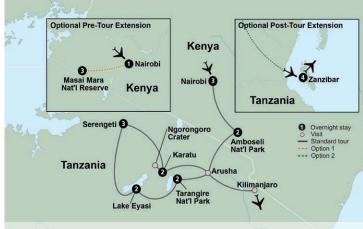
what you might spot on your fullday game drive. Under the careful guidance of an expert, discover the savanna's wild residents and get a glimpse into the untamed animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Serengeti - Lake Eyasi

You're on your way to Lake Eyasi, an unexpected splash of blue amidst the plains and mountains. Pause for a picnic lunch along the way, providing more chances to view the local wildlife. Meander around the salt lake, perhaps passing a wading pat of flamingoes or some lively hippos cooling off in the water. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge, Lake Eyasi

Day 11: Lake Eyasi See how native communities live in harmony with the environment. Start your morning with the Hadzabe tribe, huntergatherers that strive to leave no lasting impact on their surroundings. After lunch back at your lodge, continue with a visit to the Datoga tribe — another community based at Lake Eyasi — and see how their vast farms contribute to day-to-day life. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Lake Eyasi - Tarangire
National Park Decide how you
spend the morning because IT'S
YOUR CHOICE! Learn from a local
fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village
about their trade -OR- spend time
with a local craftsman who will
show you current projects at African
Galleria. Then, head to Tarangire, the
forested national park known for its
giant baobab trees and elephant
migration. After lunch, embark on
a thrilling game drive. Don't be
surprised if you see a pride of lions



ARRIVAL: NAIROBI (NBO)

DEPARTURE: KILIMANJARO (JRO)

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$10,649 (DOUBLE) or \$11,549 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 22 May 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Nairobi · Pre-Night Stay

Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve  $\cdot$  Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

4 Nights, Starting at \$2,100 pp

Kick off your journey with 5 game drives in Kenya's iconic Masai Mara, home to Africa's "Big Five."

Zanzibar · Post-Tour Hosted Extension

4 Nights, Starting at \$2,550† pp

Extend your adventure in Zanzibar with a spice tour, marine adventure, and beachside bliss after your Tanzania safari.

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

lounging in the shade, a herd of buffalos wading into the water, or a parade of elephants passing by. (B, L, D)

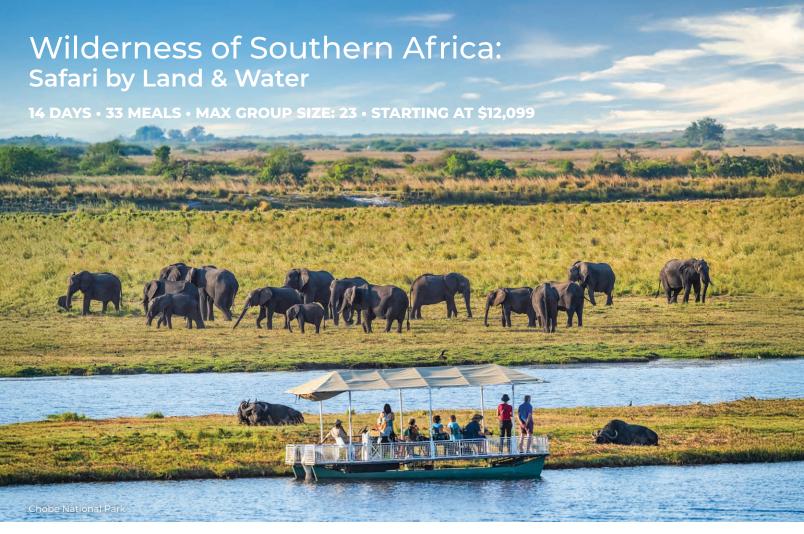
Accommodation: Sangaiwe Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park

#### **Day 13: Tarangire National Park**

Enjoy a full-day game drive, venturing out in the morning on your quest for animal sightings with a break for a picnic lunch in between. Make sure you look to the skies because Tarangire is an aviary paradise, home to more than 500 bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for various

starlings, weavers, and guinea fowl. Wish Africa goodbye at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Tarangire National Park -Arusha - Tour Ends Return to Arusha on the final day of your African adventure. Settle into a dayroom to relax before lunch. Depart with memories of the endless plains and unparalleled wildlife. (B, L)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Chobe National Park, 3 Cruises on the Chobe River, Hwange National Park, Lake Kariba Safari Boat, Victoria Falls, 6 Game Drives & Game Cruises, Home-Hosted Meal

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

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

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

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

- · Share a simple traditional meal during a homehosted lunch in Victoria
- · Savour an al fresco dinner on the banks of the Zambezi River.

#### Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city! This afternoon, transfer to your hotel for the evening and enjoy a relaxing evening before your adventure in search of the Big 5 begins tomorrow. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Accommodation: Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg

Day 2: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, ZW - Chobe National Park, Botswana This morning, board a plane for a short flight to Victoria Falls, where you will meet your Tour Manager before continuing to your lodge for the next three nights in Botswana. Enjoy some time at leisure at the lodge before gathering with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Accommodation: Chobe Bush Lodge, Chobe National Park, Kasane

Day 3: Chobe National Park Rise early with the sounds of the local wildlife ahead of your first game drive in Chobe National Park, an excellent location to search for the

Big 5. You and your fellow travellers will ride in open-air vehicles with a local expert who will be able to tell you all about the creatures you'll see along the way. Later in the morning, enjoy some free time, either at the lodge or to drive into the nearby town of Kasane. After lunch at the lodge, board your private boat and take to the waters of the Chobe River in search of elephants and aquatic birds while sipping on cool beverages. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Chobe National Park Start your day early with a private game cruise on the Chobe River and see the animals visiting the water first thing in the morning. After your search, return for some free time at the lodge, perhaps relaxing at the pool or stopping by their beauty salon. After lunch this afternoon, enjoy a game drive in Chobe National Park, where you may spot buffalo, hyenas, or zebras. Later, enjoy a dinner cruise along the gentle waters of the Chobe River during an exclusive boat ride with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chobe National Park -Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park Enjoy a leisurely final morning in Chobe National Park. After breakfast, take a 90-minute drive to Victoria Falls, where we will stop for lunch. Savour fresh, local ingredients while you look over the gorge to the Zambezi River below. Next, it's off to Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, for a late afternoon game drive. This national park is home to over 100 types of mammals and 400 bird species, giving you the chance to look out for cheetahs, lions, giraffes, and so much more. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Iganyana Tented Camp, Hwange National Park

Day 6: Hwange National Park Today is another day to rise early in search of the Big 5. After breakfast, spend a full day on a game drive in Hwange National Park. By enjoying a picnic lunch break, you can venture deep into the bushland and maximize your chances to spot buffalo, elephants, and other animals gathering in the park. Return to the lodge for dinner. You'll savour your meal and the memories of the day's extensive safari. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Hwange National Park This morning, search for the Big 5 your way, because IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Return to an open-air vehicle and enjoy a morning game drive -ORjoin an expert national park guide on a game walk, giving you the rare opportunity to search for wildlife up close, including seeing some plants, insects, and reptiles you may not spot otherwise. After, return to the lodge and relax over tea and pastries. This afternoon, you will be returning to the park for another glimpse into the animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls - Lake Kariba Enjoy a final morning in the park before driving to Lake Kariba, the world's largest artificial lake. Board your safari boat which will be your home for the next three nights. With limited access to technology, revel in the experience of floating along the still waters, seeing breathtaking sunsets, and searching for local wildlife in the water. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Lake Kariba Safari

Boat

Day 9: Lake Kariba Trade in your safari boat for a smaller tender boat, perfectly sized to cruise upriver channels off the lake. You will return to the safari boat for brunch. Later, enjoy the chance to try your hand at fishing in Lake Kariba from a tender boat on an afternoon game cruise. Before having dinner on the safari boat, take time to admire the stunning red and orange hues of the setting sun over Lake Kariba. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Lake Kariba Start your day relaxed as you sail past the unspoiled wilderness and rugged scenery. Savour brunch later this morning, then enjoy a trip and chance to fish on tender boats in the afternoon. This evening, stargazing coupled with a delicious meal will be a dining experience you won't soon forget. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Kariba - Victoria
Falls Your safari boat experience
will come to a close this morning
as you drive back to Victoria Falls.
Upon arriving at the Ilala Lodge,
enjoy lunch. Then, grab your poncho
because this afternoon you will visit
the exhilarating natural wonder of
Victoria Falls! At 5,600 feet wide and
354 feet tall, this waterfall is one of
the world's largest. (B, L)
Accommodation: Ilala Lodge, Victoria
Falls

Day 12: Victoria Falls This morning, start your day with a visit to Chinotimba township. Visit a local market, where you can barter for goods and experience daily life. After, vou will visit the modest home of a local family for lunch. Your host will prepare an authentic, simple meal with you and share what life is like around Victoria Falls. Following vour home visit, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional tour taking a relaxing cruise on the Zambezi River, a body of water that separates Zimbabwe and Zambia, whose banks are frequented by the local animals. (B, L)

Day 13: Victoria Falls Your last full day on tour will bring you up close to elephants at a local sanctuary. Hear stories from these gentle giants' caretakers and learn about the efforts to understand, care for, and protect these intelligent and inspiring creatures, all while marvelling at the



ARRIVAL: JOHANNESBURG (JNB) DEPARTURE: JOHANNESBURG (JNB)

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$12,099 (DOUBLE) or \$14,069 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 14 May 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Johannesburg · Pre-Night Stay

**Cape Town** • Post-Tour Guided Extension 4 Nights, Starting at \$2,250<sup>†</sup> pp

Explore Cape Town, ascend Table Mountain, tour the Cape Peninsula to Boulders Beach, and more.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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animals interacting and walking by their side. Continue learning about animal conservation and care with a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust for an IMPACT MOMENT. The staff at the VFWT will review some of the incredible work they do, ranging from wildlife rehabilitation to community outreach and disease research. You will have the afternoon free to do as you wish. This evening, you will join your fellow travellers for a 3-course farewell dinner under the stars on the bank of the Zambezi River. (B, D)

Day 14: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends Say goodbye to your safari companions as you take a flight from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg, where you will board your return flight home. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Chobe National Park, Pilanesberg National Park, Braai Barbeque Dinner on the Chobe River Bank, 8 Wildlife Safaris, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Learn about African elephants during a sanctuary visit.
- · Head out for an African sundowner via 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- · Explore the Dutch architecture and vineyards of the Cape Winelands.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

13 Breakfasts (B) 6 Lunches (L) 10 Dinners (D)

- · Sample South African wines at a vineyard tasting.
- · Get to know a Capetonian family over dinner in their home.

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa Your adventure starts in Johannesburg — a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild. Dinner tonight is on your own. Accommodation: Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg

Day 2: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Fly to Victoria Falls today — an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge - an authentic African tent camp with all the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when the chance to see rainbows is highest, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. (B, D) Accommodation: The Wallow,

Victoria Falls

Day 3: Victoria Falls Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and witness some of their unique behaviours. Then, experience an IMPACT MOMENT during our visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and learn how their programs are having a positive impact in the local communities and animals. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead, meet the village chief, and come to understand more about traditional ways of living in this part of the world. Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe — an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along

the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores. and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane

Day 5: Chobe National Park On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Tonight, gather by the river for an unforgettable dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional *braai*, complete with some local favourites and delicacies. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Chobe - Victoria Falls -Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National **Park** This morning, transfer to Victoria Falls Airport where you will

fly to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg, transfer to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater and where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of now laid out before you just waiting to be discovered. (B, D)

Accommodation: Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park

Day 7: Pilanesberg National Park

Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes. Later on, an afternoon game drive could take you past the big cats preparing for the hunt, and while you're out there, enjoy a traditional African sundowner with a drink and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. Back at the lodge tonight, indulge in a Boma dinner, an authentic, outdoor dining experience. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Pilanesberg National Park

Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Pilanesberg - Cape Town, **South Africa - Somerset West**

After one final morning game drive, we depart the bush to where the winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts

a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Head to Johannesburg and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the town of Somerset West — located in South Africa's most famous wine region and overlooking the majestic False Bay. Settle in for a two-night stay among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. (B) Accommodation: Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West

Day 10: Somerset West -Franschhoek - Somerset West Sip the South African specialities with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the local favourite; crossed between a Pinot Noir and a Cinsaut, the Pinotage is a speciality of South Africa. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Somerset West - Cape **Town** Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates you at every turn. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Return to the city via Bo Kaap, a hillside town known for its narrow-cobbled streets lined with colourful houses. (B) Accommodation: Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

Day 12: Cape Town Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events — a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honoured guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to



ARRIVAL: JOHANNESBURG (JNB) DEPARTURE: CAPE TOWN (CPT)

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$10,749 (DOUBLE) or \$12,099 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 2 December 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Johannesburg** · Pre-Night Stay

Cape Town · Post-Night Stay

**Dubai** · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension 3 Nights, Starting at \$1,500† pp

Before the safaris, see Dubai's skyscrapers, souks, mosques, and museums, and ride in 4x4s in the desert.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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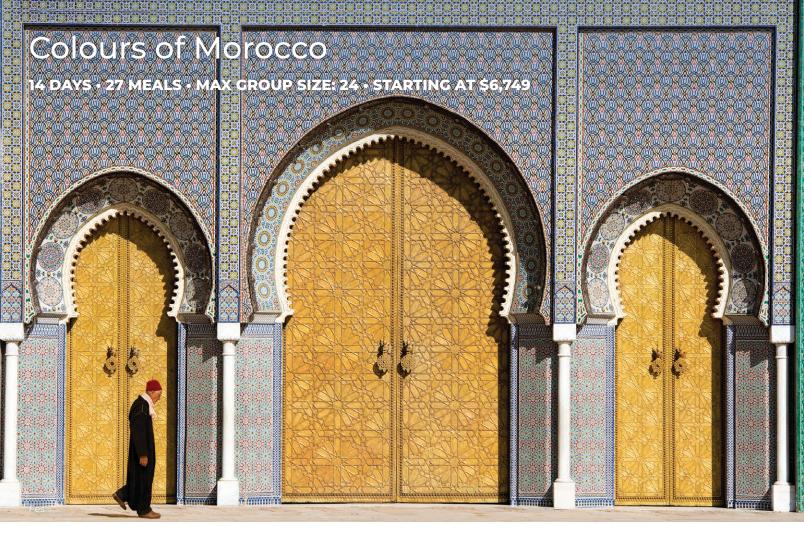
Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 13: Cape Town Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner to taste the country's beloved flavours, starring a host of South African specialities and delicacies. (B, D)

Day 14: Cape Town - Tour Ends

Today you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. Depending on your

departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Rabat, Fes, Sahara Desert Luxury Tented Camp, Camel Ride, Khamlia Music Village, Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou, High Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Cooking Class, Casablanca, Hassan II Mosque

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.
- · Visit a nomad family and learn about their ancient traditions.
- · Experience the desert by 4x4 and during your twonight camp stay.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

13 Breakfasts (B) 6 Lunches (L) 8 Dinners (D)

- · Indulge in a tour and tasting at a winery estate.
- · Select your own ingredients for a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.
- · Experience a dish prepared by the women of the Ksar following traditional recipes.

#### Day 1: Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat

Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca, you'll transfer to Rabat. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat and join in a first toast to the tour.

Accommodation: Flower Town Hotel & Spa, Rabat

Day 2: Rabat Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour with a local guide who'll share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Visit the Chellah, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. Explore the mausoleum of Mohammed V. The mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. See the Kasbah de Oudaias and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. At the end of your day, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Rabat - Fes Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting, and lunch. Explore the winery's grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, and taste some of the vintages. End your tour with lunch at the estate. Then continue on to Fes, where you'll spend the next three nights at a riad. (B, L) Accommodation: Riad El Yacout, Fes

Day 4: Fes Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the royal palace and Al-Qarawiyyin University (UNESCO), the oldest continuously operating university in the world, admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. Take a deep breath before getting a closer look into an ancient tannery. Some Fes tanneries date back to the 11th century and continue to operate using traditional methods, offering a unique glimpse into the ancient craft of leather-making. On a walking tour of the 9th-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. (B, D)

Day 5: Fes Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or maybe visiting a museum. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to the archaeological site of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins, followed by a local lunch. (B)

Day 6: Fes - Erfoud Cross Morocco's breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called the "Door to the Desert," and where many famous movies were filmed, including The Prince of Persia and *The Mummy*. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Kasbah Hotel Xaluca, **Erfoud** 

Day 7: Erfoud - Sahara Desert Today, enjoy some free time in Erfoud, a fascinating oasis town known as the "Gateway to the Sahara." You may want to relax at your hotel or take this chance to explore more of Erfoud. Consider visiting the ancient fortified village, Ksar Maadid, admiring the Royal Palace, or strolling through the souk. In the afternoon, make your way into the Sahara in a Jeep 4x4 for a twonight stay under the stars in a luxury tented camp in the desert. (B, D) Accommodation: Sahara Desert Camp, Merzouga

Day 8: Sahara Desert Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow, and red. This morning, ride through the dunes on the back of a camel. Continue your day by travelling to the village of Khamlia. Meet with locals for an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan Gnawa music. Next, you'll to meet a nomadic group. You'll learn about this ancient way of living and how its traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the desert. This evening, sit with your Tour Manager and learn more about the importance of Islam in Morocco through the centuries and its impact on today's day-to-day life in sub-Saharan Africa. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sahara Desert - El Khorbate - Boumaine du Dades Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the sweeping sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village

showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artefacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Enjoy a simple lunch at a local restaurant. This IMPACT MOMENT supports a business whose profits are used to conserve the cultural heritage and improve the living conditions of this small community. Later, arrive in Boumaine du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeraies, and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades

Day 10: Boumaine du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the Ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, enjoy a homemade meal, then continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains, and Berber villages. (B, L) Accommodation: 2Ciels Boutique Hotel & Spa, Marrakech

Day 11: Marrakech This morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Explore the Bahia Palace with its stunning architecture and gardens on a locally guided tour **-OR-** visit the Moroccan Culinary Arts Museum to discover the fusion of Arab, Amazigh, Mediterranean, and French influences in Moroccan cuisine. Then, wander through the vibrant streets of Marrakech and the Medina, taking a moment to delve into the world of spices and their enchanting uses. Enjoy some free time for exploring the intricate alleyways, a perfect opportunity for shopping and savouring the local flavours. This afternoon, visit the enchanting Jardin Majorelle, an iconic site that beautifully showcases Morocco's rich cultural heritage. (B, D)

Day 12: Marrakech Visit a women's training centre during today's IMPACT **MOMENT**. With your visit, support a program that empowers women seeking social and financial stability through culinary training. Enjoy an interactive cooking class, gathering



ARRIVAL: CASABLANCA (CMN)

DEPARTURE: CASABLANCA (CMN)

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,749 (DOUBLE) or \$8,249 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 4 December 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

September 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Rabat · Pre-Night Stay

Casablanca · Post-Night Stay

Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier

**Pre-Tour Guided Extension** 

4 Nights, Starting at \$2,250† pp

Start your trip in northern Morocco — from Casablanca to the "Blue City" of Chefchaouen to Tangier.

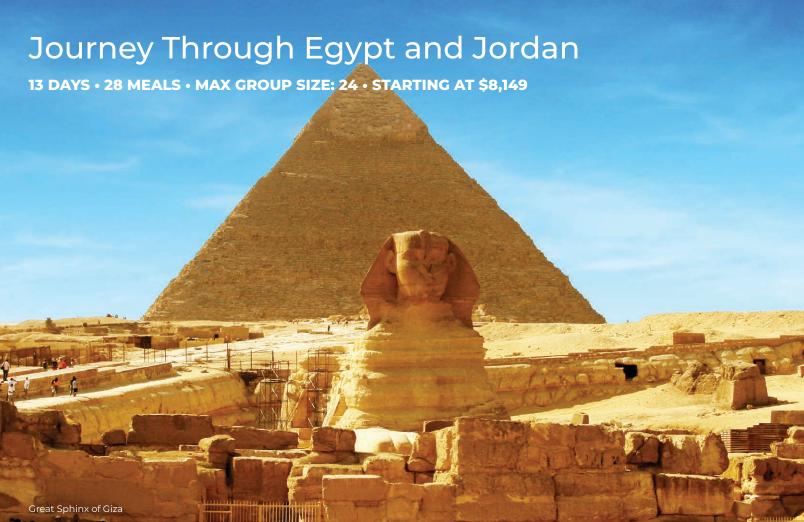
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fresh herbs and vegetables from the garden and learning the secrets to making tagine, while also getting to know the stories of the chef trainees and the stigmas they face around women's roles in society and the workplace. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, perhaps you'll join an optional horse-drawn carriage ride through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 13: Marrakech - Casablanca Depart Marrakech for Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival, visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privately led tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colourful artistry of the ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then say goodbye to your Tour Manager and fellow travellers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) Accommodation: Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca

Day 14: Casablanca - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Amman, Petra, Impact Moment, Home-Hosted Lunch, Dead Sea, Giza Pyramids, Great Sphinx, 4-Night Nile River Cruise, Valley of the Kings, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Philae Temple

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Connect with locals during a home-hosted lunch in Madaba.
- · Discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river, on a 4-night cruise.
- · Dress up and join the fun at a traditional galabeya party.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

12 Breakfasts (B) 6 Lunches (L) 10 Dinners (D)

- · Immerse yourself in Middle Eastern flavours during a 'small plates' meze lunch in the Jordanian capital.
- · Prepare your meal and eat family-style at an Arabic cooking class in Petra.
- · Enjoy an afternoon tea aboard your ship, while gazing upon the Nile's banks.

Day 1: Amman, Jordan Your adventure starts in Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Meet your Jordanian Tour Manager who will accompany you throughout your time in the Middle Eastern country.

Accommodation: Amman Marriott Hotel, Amman

Day 2: Amman - Petra This morning, tour Amman, a city built on seven hills, with a rich history spanning nearly 10,000 years. Pause for lunch at a local restaurant, indulging in meze - a large variety of small sharing plates showcasing the exotic flavours of the Levant. This afternoon, take in Jordan's rocky landscape during your four-hour journey to Petra, the fabled "Rose Red City." At your hotel, connect with your fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Petra Marriott Hotel, Petra

Day 3: Petra At daybreak, weave along sandstone carvings as you tour the vast archeological site of Petra. Serving as a crossroads

between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, Petra contains ages of hidden wonders just waiting to be explored. Take advantage of an afternoon at leisure to adventure further on your own. Perhaps you'll travel up the 850 steps to the "Monastery," one of Petra's legendary monuments. In the evening, roll up your sleeves and join an authentic Arabic cooking class in a local home. During this IMPACT MOMENT, learn about the evolving role of women in Jordanian society as you chat about Bedouin traditions, ingredients and recipes from your host. Dig into dinner, family-style before returning to your hotel for the night. (B, D)

Day 4: Petra - Dead Sea A full morning transfer takes you to the once-fertile basin of the Jordan Valley. In Madaba, view its famous 6th-century mosaic map of the Holy Land and engage with the local community during a homehosted lunch. Experience proverbial Jordanian hospitality and authentic home cooking as you share stories and connect with your hosts over a traditional meal. This afternoon, like

Moses long before you, gaze upon the Promised Land at Mount Nebo. Then, descend to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea for a two-night stay at a hotel featuring direct access to the legendary sea. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa, Dead Sea

Day 5: Dead Sea This morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Travel the short distance between your hotel and the Jordan River to Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the UNESCO-recognised site believed to be where St. John the Baptist baptised Jesus Christ -ORtake advantage of your hotel's private access to the beach and enjoy a morning at leisure to experience the Dead Sea's natural buoyancy. Wrap up your afternoon at leisure with a scenic sunset overlooking the Dead Sea, before gathering for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Pre-dawn this morning, say goodbye to your Jordanian Tour Manager before boarding a 90-minute flight to Cairo, the capital of Egypt. Arrive in the land of the Pharaohs and meet your Egyptian Tour Manager, who will accompany you for the rest of the trip. Feel Cairo's constant thrum of energy wrap around you as you

Day 6: Dead Sea - Fly to Cairo, Egypt

Accommodation: Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo

transfer to the hotel for a two-night

stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Cairo - Pyramids of Giza This morning, get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during a visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Be prepared for a dose of Cairo's legendary traffic as you head to Giza. Embrace the Egypt you always imagined as you stand in awe before the iconic Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, Marvel at the stoicism of the Great Sphinx, a colossal structure jutting out of the desert sand, full of mystery and intrigue. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B)

Day 8: Cairo - Fly to Luxor - Board Ship Pre-dawn this morning, transfer to the Cairo airport for your 75-minute flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, visit the expansive ruins of Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic

proportions. Then, board your cruise ship and settle in for the next four nights. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, take in the views from the sundeck, before joining your fellow travellers for your first dinner aboard. (B, L, D) Accommodation: M/S Blue Shadow I. Nile River Cruise

Day 9: Luxor - Valley of the Kings -Afternoon Sailing As dawn breaks, venture to Luxor's West Bank, trekking along the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for a late lunch. In the early afternoon, set sail to Edfu, where you'll arrive early tomorrow morning. As you sail upstream, glimpse the small farms scattered along the Nile's banks, and appreciate the simple, modest livings of local farmers. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Edfu - Kom Ombo In Edfu, pick between an early or a late start to your day, because IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Head out at daybreak for a guided visit of the mesmerising Temple of Horus, returning for a late breakfast aboard -OR- rise at your leisure and linger over a relaxed breakfast, as you take in views of a place where daily life has changed little over the centuries. This afternoon, coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Then, watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by as you sail on to Aswan. This evening, don a traditional Egyptian gown and join a festive galabeya party for a fun evening on board. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Aswan Your morning opens in Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artefacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a felucca (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$8,149 (DOUBLE) or \$9,949 (SOLO)

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#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Amman · Pre-Night Stay

Cairo & Alexandria · Post-Tour Guided Extension 3 Nights, Starting at \$1,500 pp

Uncover Alexandria's coastal charm, ancient monasteries, and Greco-Roman history on this guided extension.

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Aswan - Disembark Ship - Fly to Cairo Early this morning, return to Cairo. Head towards the old town and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar. Peruse colourful trinkets, handpainted crafts, polished pendants, and more. Check into your hotel in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your Middle Eastern journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Accommodation: Intercontinental Citystars, Cairo

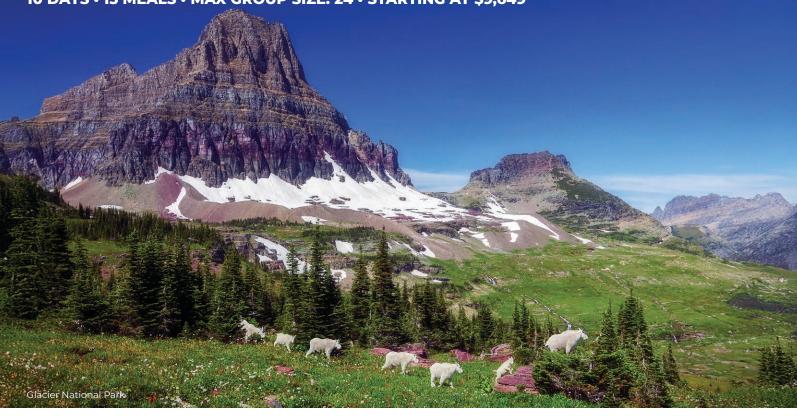
Day 13: Cairo - Tour Ends Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of these mystical lands.





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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Grand Canyon, Gates of the Mountains, Glacier National Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road, Whitefish, Kootenai Traditions

## **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Explore both the Northern and Southern Loops of Yellowstone National Park.
- · Learn about native culture at the Flathead Reservation.

## CULINARY EXPERIENCES

9 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 5 Dinners (D)

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

Day 1: Bozeman, Montana Step outside, take a deep breath in, and look around you — you're in big sky country. Montana is wilderness, adventure, and beauty, and you're about to see what makes it unique, as well as its crown jewels. Today, arrive in Bozeman, the jumping off point to explore the northern and southern loops of Yellowstone, America's first national park. Get your cameras ready and your boots laced tight, there's a good chance you're going to come across roaming bison, roaring geysers, and more. As travellers' arrival times vary, there is no included sightseeing today.

Accommodation: AC Hotel Downtown, Bozeman

Day 2: Bozeman - Yellowstone
Southern Loop - Gardiner This
morning, pass through Yellowstone's
northern gate and venture into the
Lower Loop, the road that encircles
the entire lower half of the National
Park. Your first stop will be at the
Grand Prismatic Spring, where
steaming azure-blue waters clash
brilliantly with the bright orange of
the clay earth surrounding it. You'll

quickly learn why this is one of the most photographed spots in the entire park — its unearthly beauty is something to behold. The best spot to take it all in is at the overlook, and you'll have enough time to take the 20-minute hike up if you choose. Afterwards, head to Old Faithful, the legendary geyser that you can "set your watch to." Enjoy lunch on your own, walk the boardwalk trails surrounding Old Faithful, and cheque the time on the next eruption. No drive through Yellowstone is that quiet, though - you'll want to gaze out your window at the mountains, plains, cliffs, and forests. Bison, elk, bears, eagles, wolves, and antelope call this incredible slice of wilderness their home, and you might spot them at any time. (B, D) Accommodation: The Ridgeline Hotel at Yellowstone, Gardiner

Day 3: Gardiner - Yellowstone
Northern Loop - Gardiner Today,
explore Yellowstone's northern loop.
Your first stop will be Mammoth
Hot Springs. Here, bubbling pots of
geothermal water trickle down the
step-like terraces, creating incredible

shapes and colours. Explore the boardwalks that wind through the steaming landscape. Next, head to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone lookout, where you'll find yourself standing over the massive, 20-milelong canyon. Its craggy walls are streaked with brilliant whites, pinks, and oranges from the volcanic minerals contained in the rocks. The Yellowstone River roars along at the bottom over three different waterfalls. Later today, return to your hotel in Gardiner. (B)

Day 4: Gardiner - Paradise Valley -Helena This morning, head through the sweeping vistas of Montana's Paradise Valley. In the distance, you'll see the Absaroka Beartooth Mountains to the east, and the Gallatin Range of the Rocky Mountains to your west. You'll arrive in the capital of Montana, Helena, a city with rich gold rush history and beautiful Victorian era architecture. These days, the "Queen City of the Rockies" is less known for gold and more known for its great local restaurants and microbreweries, as well as a stunning trail system in the surrounding landscape. (B, D) Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown, Helena

Day 5: Helena - Gates of the Mountains - Helena Start your day today with a local guide showing you around the beautiful and welcoming mountain city of Helena on a narrated, train trolley tour. See the opulent mansion district, marvel at the Cathedral of St. Helena, and roll by governor's homes. Pass by a restored miners' village, enjoy the unique architecture along Last Chance Gulch, and catch a glimpse of the Old Fire Tower. After exploring the city a bit, you'll have time on your own to enjoy the charm of downtown Helena before heading to the Gates of the Mountains. Here, on the shores of the Missouri River, you'll follow in the footsteps of the most renowned explorers in American history — Lewis and Clark. Climb aboard a boat and cruise these storied waters, follow the path Lewis and Clark took on their legendary journey across this vast wilderness, and take in the natural beauty. Meriwether Lewis himself named this stunning canyon the Gates of the Mountains, and you'll discover just how it must have felt to come across this awe-inspiring sight. Tonight, return to Helena for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Helena - Great Falls - St. Mary Today, venture to Great Falls. where the mighty Missouri River thunders down from the Rocky Mountains, over five waterfalls to the great plains below. This was a massive obstacle for Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1805. They had to carry their boats over land for a month to make it from the lower falls to the upper falls. You will not have to work that hard, because IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Centre where you can learn about the trials of the legendary expedition -OR- explore the exhibits at the C.M. Russell Art Museum during a selfguided tour, where you'll see the art of Charles Russell, a cowboy-turned-artist from the turn of the century, as well as his original home and log studio. Afterwards, continue to St. Mary, the eastern entryway to Glacier National Park. (B, D)

Accommodation: Great Bear Lodge at St. Mary Village, St. Mary

Day 7: Glacier National Park - Goingto-the-Sun Road - Whitefish Head into Glacier National Park to board one of the 1930s vintage red buses and venture down one of the most breathtaking roads in North America, Going-to-the-Sun Road. Sit back and admire the views of the valley as your "jammer," one of the experienced guides, drives you through this natural landscape. Relax and take in all the majestic sights, before heading to the town of Whitefish where forests, lakes, rivers, and mountains unfold in every direction. (B, L)

Accommodation: Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish

Day 8: Whitefish This morning, enjoy some leisure time in the quaint, picturesque town of Whitefish, Always listed as one of America's 25 prettiest towns, indulge yourself with time to stroll around, do some shopping, or just relax. Perhaps you'll stop for lunch at one of the great restaurants found along Central Avenue or buy some Huckleberry jam from a local shop. A true favourite in Montana, huckleberries can be found in snacks, drinks, candy, and more. Your morning leads into an adventurous afternoon, because IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Grab a paddle and get ready for a whitewater rafting adventure -OR- take the calmer, scenic route on a float down the Flathead River. No matter which style river journey you choose,



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$9,649 (DOUBLE) or \$12,199 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 30 June 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

June - September 2026 (featured itinerary)

Itinerary featured is for for June – September 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Bozeman** · Pre-Night Stay **Missoula** · Post-Night Stay

the awe-inspiring views of Glacier National Park await. Tonight, tell tales about your river escapades while sitting down for a mouth-watering barbeque dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Whitefish - Flathead Lake -Missoula Depart Whitefish and drive south, journeying along the western edge of beautiful Flathead Lake. Carved by the ancient glaciers that give Glacier National Park its name. Flathead Lake stretches almost 200 square miles. Quaint, small towns dot the shores here, built with the beautiful backdrop of nature behind them. You might even spot some orchards growing Flathead cherries. Encompassing most of the lake is the Flathead Reservation, home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, At one point, these tribes had territories that stretched out of Montana and into Idaho, British Columbia, and Wyoming. The Hellgate Treaty of 1855 set aside Flathead Lake for the tribes, reducing

their lands to a fraction of what it once was. Tribal land was once again shrunk in 1904 by over half a million acres. Despite all of this, the Tribal way of life continues on to this day, passed down from elders to children though a rich oral and spiritual tradition. Get a glimpse into these traditions when you meet a descendant of the last Kootenai chief, and learn about the importance of the land in native life. Then, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Smokejumper Visitor Centre to learn about the heroes who fight fires in North America. This evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow travellers, where you can raise a glass and toast to a wildly fun Montana adventure. (B, D)

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown, Missoula

**Day 10: Missoula - Tour Ends** Say goodbye to Big Sky Country and its beautiful sights as you head home. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Roaming Coastal Maine featuring Portland, Acadia & Penobscot Bay

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 24 • STARTING AT \$5,749



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Portland Head Lighthouse, Portland Harbor Cruise, Oyster Farm, Acadia National Park, Lobster Boat Cruise, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

## **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.
- Experience the locals' view of Portland's working Old Port and iconic lighthouses from the sea on a harbour cruise.
- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park.

## **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

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

- Tour an oyster farm before digging into the local delicacies.
- Enjoy a rustic New England lunch at a traditional Maine lobster shack.
- Learn about the people behind some of Maine's specialties during a fun and informative tasting.

Day 1: Portland, Maine Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat. Due to varied arrival times, there are no scheduled activities today. Enjoy the day to dive into Portland's scene independently. Accommodation: Hyatt Place Portland Old Port, Portland

Day 2: Portland Discover the essence of this vibrant harbour city by means of a true New England classic — a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. After some free time for lunch, experience the view from the sea of the iconic lighthouses and sights of the harbour on a scenic cruise. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 3: Portland - Camden - Bar Harbor This morning, get an intimate look at a working oyster farm and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking demonstration. Then, head to Camden for some time at leisure and lunch on your own. This quintessential Maine town is home to the annual National Toboggan Championships and boasts many storefronts and 19th-century homes. Later, arrive in Bar Harbor, an iconic holiday spot featuring rich blue waters and home to Acadia National Park. With an evening at leisure, explore the bustling downtown, full of cosy cafés and indulgent ice cream shops just steps from your

Accommodation: Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor

Day 4: Bar Harbor - Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor This is Acadia National Park. Breathe in the crisp, fresh air and allow the nature around you to captivate your senses. Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with







a local guide. Take in the sweeping views from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. Tonight is yours to explore Bar Harbor on your own. (B)

Day 5: Bar Harbor - Freeport Today, your scenic journey takes you back down the Maine coast. Stop at a lobster shack for a casual New England lunch featuring a must-try local favourite, the Maine lobster roll. Next, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! between two local museums. Explore Maine's role in American art at the Farnsworth Art Museum -OR- discover antique automobiles and more at the Owls Head Transportation Museum. Then, treat your palate again during an IMPACT **MOMENT** at the Maine Tasting Centre. Here, try a variety of Maine's iconic foods such as blueberries, seaweed, potatoes, and more, and learn about the hardworking locals behind these specialities. Later,

arrive in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Accommodation: Harraseeket Inn, Freeport

Day 6: Freeport - Boothbay - Freeport Today, enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Join a local expert for an informative walk-through or perhaps, if you're feeling more active, go on a self-guided hike to find the giant hidden trolls in the garden's wooded trails. These magical trolls stand up to 30 feet tall and were constructed using recycled wood. This afternoon, enjoy some free time in Boothbay browsing this quaint, seaside town's cute shops and restaurants. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

**Day 7: Freeport - Tour Ends** Your tour of coastal Maine comes to a close today. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$5,749 (DOUBLE) or \$7,549 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 14 June 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May - October 2026 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May – October 2026 tour departures.

Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Portland** • Pre- or Post-Night Stay





#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Anchorage, Northern Lights Excursions, Winter Glacier Cruise, Prince William Sound, Talkeetna, Alaska Railroad, Fairbanks, Dog Mushing

## **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- Hop in a sled and experience dog mushing like a local.
- · Search for the northern lights in Fairbanks' starfilled sky.
- Visit Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.

## **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

6 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 4 Dinners (D)

- · Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
- Learn all about the Iditarod as you dine on the property of a legendary racing kennel.

Day 1: Anchorage, Alaska Your journey starts in Anchorage, a city on the edge of the snowcapped Chugach Mountains and 60 sparkling glaciers. This is your gateway to wilderness and adventure. Due to varied arrivals, there are no group activities planned for today.

Accommodation: Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage, AK

Day 2: Anchorage - Winter Glacier
Cruise - Anchorage Head to Whittier
and embark on an incomparable
glacier cruise of Prince William
Sound, narrated by an expert guide.
Blue skies collide with stark white
glaciers and playful otters dip in and
out of the calm waters. Embrace the
sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural
beauty as you venture through a
geological wonderland. Feel like a true
explorer during a beach landing. In the
evening, gather with new friends for a
welcome dinner in a local restaurant.
(B, L, D)

Day 3: Anchorage - Palmer - Talkeetna Take a step into the past when you visit Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project — a

sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these woolv creatures since 1954. Continue on to Talkeetna as Denali, North America's tallest mountain, looms large over the landscape. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and experience a breathtaking perspective of Denali (weather permitting). Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali (when conditions allow). Later, perhaps you will spend some time on the lodge's expansive deck, a great place to search for the northern lights, or just enjoy some hot cocoa by the roaring fireplace in the great room. (B, D) Accommodation: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna, AK

#### Day 4: Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad

- Fairbanks Begin your day with a lecture on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle before hopping on Alaska Railroad's Aurora Winter Train for a full-day journey to Fairbanks. Sit back and relax as you are whisked away, through snow-covered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras







ready — the train conductor will point out wildlife as you pass by. Dinner is included in the train's dining car. This evening you arrive in Fairbanks, your home for the next three nights and one of the best places in Alaska to see the northern lights. (B, D) Accommodation: Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

Day 5: Fairbanks Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax or flex your sense of adventure with optional excursions: consider flightseeing to the Arctic Circle. Late this evening, chase the legendary northern lights, considered to be one of the most amazing natural spectacles in the world. Walk out in the snow under an unspoiled bed of stars and search for the shimmering hues of green. (B)

Day 6: Fairbanks Feel the brisk air and discover Fairbanks, the perfect combination of nature and civilisation. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage cars sit between timely artefacts and fashionable designer dresses from times gone by. Hop in a car and pose for a perfect souvenir snapshot. In the afternoon, embrace the Iditarod spirit as you step into a sled with an expert guide and glide over the snow with a pack of sled dogs. Stay for dinner at the kennel owner's home and learn more about what the life of a musher is like. Later in the evening, enjoy a final chance to spot the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 7: Fairbanks - Tour Ends Enjoy a relaxing morning before heading to the Museum of the North, the University of Alaska's collection featuring 2.2 million years of biodiversity and thousands of years of human history. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Your hotel room is available for your use whether your flight is today, tonight, or tomorrow morning. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$7,149 (DOUBLE) or \$8,499 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 21 March 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

February - March 2026 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for February - March 2026 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Anchorage • Pre-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.





#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary, Lake Louise, Banff National Park, Banff Gondola & *Nightrise* Experience, Northern Lights Searches in Whitehorse, Yukon Wildlife Preserve, Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, Dog Mushing Excursion, Vancouver

## CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Relax in the therapeutic hot springs of Whitehorse, surrounded by the Boreal Forest
- Experience the thrill of dogsledding in The Yukon and the life of a musher.
- Learn about rescued wolfdogs at a sanctuary devoted to their well-being.

## **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

- 9 Breakfasts (B) 1 Lunch (L) 4 Dinners (D)
- Dine under the moon and stars atop Sulphur Mountain, overlooking Banff
- Delve into traditional foods during dinner at a First Nation Cultural Centre in Whitehorse.

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta A winter adventure spanning the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliance of the Yukon sets the stage for unforgettable encounters with local cultures and the beauty of nature. As you arrive in Calgary, in the province of Alberta, take time to settle in and explore at your own pace. There are no scheduled activities today, giving you time to unwind and get ready for the breathtaking days ahead. Accommodation: Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel, Calgary, AB

Day 2: Calgary - Cochrane - Canmore - Lake Louise Your journey into the heart of the Canadian Rockies begins with an Impact Moment at the Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary. Here, rescued wolfdogs find safety, care, and fulfilling lives. Learn about the sanctuary's mission to promote understanding of wolfdogs and wild wolf conservation during an up-close experience and viewing of these animals guided by passionate experts. After continuing the day's trek, enjoy free time during a stop in the quaint town of Canmore. This afternoon. arrive at the famous Fairmont Chateau

Lake Louise, a stunning retreat nestled beside the frozen lake and surrounded by towering mountains — the scenery is nothing short of magical, and perhaps the elusive auroras will even make an appearance after dark. Tonight, enjoy the company of your fellow travellers as you dine at one of the Chateau's acclaimed restaurants. (B, D) Accommodation: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, AB

Day 3: Lake Louise - Banff Wake up to a postcard-perfect morning in Lake Louise, where the stillness of winter wraps the landscape in quiet beauty. With free time this morning, why not take a walk along the scenic lakeshore? Mid-morning, set off for the charming alpine town of Banff. Enjoy some time in the cosy downtown before learning about a uniquely Albertan treasure. Meet a local ammolite specialist to discover the story behind this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. Later, check into the legendary Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, affectionately known as "Canada's Castle in the Rockies." With its grand architecture and storied past, it's more than a hotel — it's a





destination in itself. (B) Accommodation: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, AB

Day 4: Banff This morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Lace up your boots for a guided hike through Johnston Canyon, where steel catwalks hug the canyon walls and lead you to frozen waterfalls and dramatic views -OR- enjoy a hands-on bead-working experience led by a member of the Metis community, an Indigenous people with a unique history, culture, and language all their own. Enjoy free time on your own surrounded by the snow globe atmosphere of charming Banff. Later today, soar above it all on the Banff Gondola, ascending Sulphur Mountain for panoramic views of snow-covered peaks and valleys. At the summit, enjoy a memorable dinner surrounded by alpine beauty, followed by Nightrise, an interactive art experience created in collaboration with the Stoney Nakoda Nation. (B, D)

Day 5: Banff - Calgary Back in Calgary after a late morning departure from Banff, dive into the city's vibrant food scene with a guided tasting tour of Calgary Farmers' Market West. With your local foodie guide leading the way, sample regional flavours and discover stories behind the ingredients. It's a delicious way to connect with Alberta's culture — one bite at a time. Enjoy a free evening as

you wish. (B, L)
Accommodation: Calgary Marriott
Downtown Hotel, Calgary, AB

Day 6: Calgary - Whitehorse, The Yukon Today, take a flight to Whitehorse, the capital of The Yukon - a land of vast wilderness, rich Indigenous heritage, and gold rush legends. Though it's Canada's smallest territory by population, The Yukon's spirit is anything but small. Larger than many countries, it's a place where nature reigns and stories run deep. Whitehorse sits directly beneath the aurora oval, making it one of the best places on Earth to witness the northern lights — and tonight, you'll have your first chance to see them dance across the sky. Bundle up, step outside, and look up. The magic of the Yukon night sky awaits. (B) Accommodation: Hyatt Place, Whitehorse, YT

Day 7: Whitehorse Today, discover the heart and soul of Whitehorse, a small city with a big personality. Join a local guide for a tour that brings the town's frontier spirit to life. See the SS Klondike, a grand paddle-wheeler that once ruled the Yukon River, and see the Old Log Church, the city's oldest building. Along the way, hear stories of "sourdoughs" — those hardy souls who've braved a Yukon winter and wear it like a badge of honour. This afternoon, get closer to the wild at the



ARRIVAL: CALGARY (YYC)

DEPARTURE: VANCOUVER (YVR)

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$9,499 (DOUBLE) or \$10,849 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 24 January 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

November 2026 - March 2027 (featured itinerary)

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Calgary** · Pre-Night Stay **Vancouver** · Post-Night Stay

Yukon Wildlife Preserve, where you'll have the chance to spot native species like muskox, elk, and Dall sheep in their natural habitat. Then, unwind in the steamy, mineral-rich waters of the Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, surrounded by snow-covered forest. It's a moment of pure Yukon serenity. As night falls, head out once again in search of the aurora borealis. With luck, the sky will come alive in waves of green — an unforgettable spectacle in this land of endless wonder. (B)

Day 8: Whitehorse After a late night seeking the aurora, enjoy a leisurely morning to rest or explore Whitehorse at your own pace, perhaps sipping coffee in a cosy café or strolling along the Yukon River. This afternoon, embrace the spirit of the North with a thrilling dogsledding adventure. Led by an expert musher, glide through the snow-covered backcountry behind a team of eager huskies. It's an exhilarating, unforgettable way to experience the Yukon wilderness just as early explorers once did. Tonight, gather at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, a riverside space that

honours the traditions and stories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. Share a meaningful meal and connect with the culture of the land through food, art, and storytelling. Later, return to the aurora viewing site for one last chance to witness the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 9: Whitehorse - Vancouver,
British Columbia Say farewell to
the wild beauty of the Yukon as
you fly south to the vibrant, coastal
city of Vancouver. Nestled between
mountains and ocean, Vancouver is
a cosmopolitan hub with a laid-back
West Coast vibe. This evening, gather
with your fellow travellers for a farewell
dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)
Accommodation: Sheraton Vancouver
Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

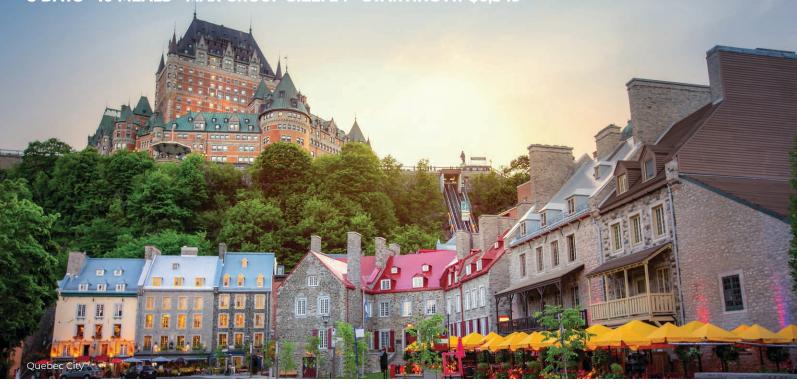
Day 10: Vancouver - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. As you return home, reflect on your favourite moments from your journey — from the icy stillness of Lake Louise to the electric skies of the Yukon. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **NEW TOUR**

## Charms of Québec A Journey through Montreal, Charlevoix & Quebec City

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 24 • STARTING AT \$6,549



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, Indigenous Maple Museum Breakfast and Tour, Whale-Watching Zodiac Expedition, Montmorency Falls, Tasting Tour of Île de Orléans

## **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

- At the family-run Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Museum, encounter stunning works of handembossed copper.
- Get to know Montreal's neighbourhoods and mix of modern and historic architecture.
- Learn about the production of lavender, an emblem of French culture, and savour some lavender-infused delights.

## **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

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

- Taste your way through the terroir of Île d'Orléans on a progressive culinary adventure.
- Peek into the ovens cooking up Montreal's famous bagels — and taste why they're a city-wide staple.
- Discover the ancestral tradition of maple syrupmaking at an Indigenous maple museum.

Day 1: Montreal, Quebec Welcome to Montreal. This lively multicultural city is rich in history and European charm. An in-depth exploration of the vibrant, French-speaking province of Quebec kicks off in this exciting, modern hub. As flights arrive throughout the afternoon and evening, there will be no inclusions, so you can take time to explore Montreal on your own. Accommodation: Le Centre Sheraton,

Accommodation: Le Centre Sneraton, Montreal

Day 2: Montreal Start your day with a panoramic tour of Montreal. Take in the sights of the city, including Jacques Cartier Square and McGill University, and along the way, stop inside a bakery to find out why Montreal is famous for its bagels. Top it off with spectacular views from "the mountain" as it's called by locals, named Mount Royal by Jacques Cartier in 1535. The afternoon is yours. Sit in a sidewalk café, visit a museum, or browse some of the city's many famous shops. This evening, experience a taste of Montreal during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Montreal - La Malbaie, Charlevoix Region This morning, breakfast awaits at an Indigenous maple museum and grove, where the highlight of the menu is fresh maple syrup! The practice of tapping maple trees has ancient roots from the Indigenous peoples of North America and has resurged as an important connection to nature and ancestral traditions. Next, visit the only studio in North America still producing embossed copper art by hand. During a visit to the family-run Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Museum, learn about this disappearing artform, see a demonstration of the detailed work, and enjoy a treat cooked in unique copper molds. Next, it's on to Sanctuaire Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. Set off for Charlevoix, a picturesque region sculpted between the sea and mountains. Arrive at Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, a serene and historic castle-like hotel overlooking the St. Lawrence River and your home for two nights. (B) Accommodation: Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, Charlevoix







Day 4: La Malbaie - Baie Sainte Catherine - La Malbaie Today, take to the water aboard a large Zodiac boat for an exhilarating whale-watching expedition. Embrace nature all around you in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park and set out to encounter the fascinating and majestic creatures here. A naturalist guide will introduce you to the many species that reside in this marine protected area, like minke whales, fin whales, humpback whales, porpoises, and belugas. Then, the remainder of the day is at leisure to take advantage of your resort's many amenities. Maybe you'll relax at the spa, hit the golf course, or hike along the property's trails. This evening, enjoy an included dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Charlevoix Region - Baie-Saint-Paul - Quebec City Begin the day with a visit to Papeterie Saint-Gilles, a workshop and economuseum where craftsmen make paper as they did in the 17th century. During this IMPACT MOMENT, connect with artisans who preserve this piece of heritage through the craft of pressing paper made from cotton. Next, head

to a family-owned lavender farm to learn about the production of the cherished herbal plant and enjoy a taste of some lavender treats. Then, at Montmorency Falls, stand in awe of the river plunging 272 feet off the Canadian Shield (approximately 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls), taking in stunning views from the many lookout points. Finally, arrive in historic Quebec City, the cradle of French America and North America's only fortified city. (B) Accommodation: Clarendon Hotel, Quebec City

Day 6: Quebec City - Île d'Orléans - Quebec City This morning, set out to explore the city your way, because IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Join a local guide for a walking tour and stroll the history-filled streets of Old Quebec, hearing stories of days gone by -OR- embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec, seeing the provincial Parliament, the Saint-Louis Gate, and the site of the original settlement of the city. Then, you're off for a culinary adventure to taste your way through

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at **\$6,549 (DOUBLE)** or **\$7,999 (SOLO)** 

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 14 August 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May - October 2026 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May – October 2026 tour departures.

Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Montreal · Pre-Night Stay

**Quebec City** · Post-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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Île d'Orléans. One of the first areas of the province to be colonized by the French, the island is known for its ancestral homes, agriculture, and breathtaking scenery. Stop to sample local products like cheese and fresh jams among a variety of seasonal delights, with chances to meet local producers along the way. Travel down the island's coast to a vineyard to enjoy a winery tour and wine tasting paired with beautiful views of the island's greenery. Return to Quebec City and spend the remainder of your day at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Quebec City Today is yours to explore however you wish. Old Quebec's winding streets and old-world European ambiance call. Maybe you'll meander beside the fabulous Château Frontenac and descend to Lower Town to visit the boutiques and cafés in Petit-Champlain. Or choose to join an optional tour to explore Indigenous history and culture at the Huron Wendat First Nations Museum and sample First Nations flavours over lunch. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure before gathering to say au revoir to your time in Quebec during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Quebec City - Tour Ends

Your tour of the charming Canadian province of Quebec comes to a close today. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# SOUTH AMERICA

In South and Central America, the journey is shaped by rhythm, resilience, and deep-rooted tradition. You might share a meal in a highland village, walk through centuries-old plazas, or learn the stories behind ancient ruins. These are regions where daily life and history are closely intertwined — and where travelling with local insight opens doors to moments that feel both personal and profound.

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## **Essential South America** featuring Chile, the Mendoza Wine Region & Buenos Aires

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 22 • STARTING AT \$7,199



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Central Market & Cooking Demonstration, Mendoza, Vineyard Tour & Tasting, Cooking Class, Wine-Paired Lunch, Buenos Aires, Tango Lesson, San Antonio de Areco, Draghi Silversmith Museum, Estancia Visit with Traditional Asado Lunch

#### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- · Discover Argentina's yerba mate tea, a drink steeped in tradition.
- · Learn about families tragically separated during Argentina's military dictatorship and an organisation that works to reunite them.
- · In Buenos Aires, master the art of tango with a professional dancer before mingling with the locals at a social club.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

- 8 Breakfasts (B) 3 Lunches (L) 3 Dinners (D)
- · Experience Santiago's Central Market with a local before enjoying a seafood lunch with your finds.
- · Enjoy wine tastings at two of Mendoza's breathtaking vineyards.
- · Savour an asado barbeque on a sprawling ranch.

Day 1: Santiago, Chile Arrive early this morning in Santiago, the vibrant capital city of Chile nestled in a valley of the Andes Mountains. Settle in at your hotel where you'll enjoy early access to your room to recoup after your flight. This afternoon, meet your fellow travellers and head out on a panoramic tour of Santiago, getting a look at the city's blend of modern and colonial architecture and learning about its history. Tonight, toast to the beginning of your South American adventure at a local restaurant. (D) Accommodation: Renaissance Santiago Hotel, Santiago

Day 2: Santiago Follow your curiosity about Chilean history and culture to a museum because IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Choose between the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artworks and artefacts from Central and South America -OR- the Memory and Human Rights Museum, which commemorates the victims of human rights violations during the last Chilean military dictatorship, After, set out to discover market-fresh Chilean food with a visit to the Mercado

Central de Santiago. Joined by an enthusiastic local, walk through the fish market, stopping along the way to learn about the local seafood and pick up a fresh catch. Then, at a local restaurant, watch as a chef turns your find into a delicious ceviche before sitting down for lunch. Take the rest of the day to enjoy Santiago as you please. (B, L)

Day 3: Santiago - Mendoza, Argentina An early morning flight brings you to the desert region of Mendoza, known for its vineyards and Malbec wine, and the stunning views of the Andes Mountains. Upon arriving enjoy a brief orientation tour of downtown Mendoza and free time to have lunch on your own. This afternoon, travel outside the city to visit a boutique, family winery. Sample wines selected to show the richness of the terroirs and come to appreciate the unique qualities of the Luján de Cuyo wine-producing sub-region with its dry, almost desert-like climate and irrigation from the Mendoza River's pure Andean meltwater, Later, settle into your hotel in the city of Mendoza for



an evening at leisure. (B) Accommodation: Diplomatic Hotel, Mendoza

Day 4: Mendoza Enjoy a leisurely morning before continuing your taste of the region's renowned wines with a visit to another vineyard. Upon arrival, a pick-me-up comes with a taste of yerba mate tea, a traditional South American caffeinated drink. As your guide demonstrates how to make a cup, learn about the cultural significance of this beverage that brings many Argentinean families together for daily "mate breaks." Enjoy a tour of the vineyard followed by a hands-on cooking class with the winery chef. Finish off your visit with a gourmet, wine-paired lunch. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the laid-back city of Mendoza with its inviting restaurants and atmospheric plazas. (B, L)

Day 5: Mendoza - Buenos Aires

Say so long to Mendoza as you fly to Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Set out on a guided tour of Buenos Aires, sampling the local eats along the way and exploring the fusion of flavours that comes with the city's Spanish, Italian, and Jewish influences. During a panoramic tour, discover the San Telmo, Puerto Madero, La Boca, and Recoleta neighbourhoods. Then, settle in at your hotel in the elegant Recoleta neighbourhood, full of historical and architectural charm. This evening, come together for dinner and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (B, D) Accommodation: Palladio Hotel Buenos Aires MGallery, Buenos Aires

Day 6: Buenos Aires Today begins with an IMPACT MOMENT focused on the work of the Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo, a human rights organisation that has helped to restore the identities of children taken during Argentina's military coup from 1976 to 1983. Meet with someone who was personally impacted and learn about los desaparecidos ("the disappeared") and this time in Argentina's history. This afternoon, IT'S YOUR CHOICE how you see more of the city. Choose between two walking tours, either exploring the captivating Recoleta Cemetery -OR- discovering the colourful murals of the Palermo neighbourhood. This evening, it's time to live like the locals! Take a lesson from a professional tango dancer, then take your moves to the dance floor at a local milongas social club. (B)

Day 7: Buenos Aires Today is yours to explore Buenos Aires as you wish, taking your time to wander through neighbourhoods, savour Argentine cuisine, or maybe visit the city's fantastic opera house. Add another stamp to your passport during a full day optional excursion to one of Uruguay's oldest towns. Take an early morning ferry across the Rio de Plata to Colonia del Sacramento with its picturesque cobblestone streets and charming cafes. Travel into the Uruguayan countryside for an included lunch, followed by free time to explore the city's Historic Quarter before returning to Buenos Aires by ferry. Tonight, perhaps you'll decide to join an optional tango show and dinner at a popular tango house. (B)

Day 8: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires Set out into the countryside to explore Argentina's Pampas region. In San Antonio de Areco, discover the small town's strong connection with silversmithing



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$7,199 (DOUBLE) or \$8,699 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 22 January 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for June 2026 – May 2027 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

**Buenos Aires** · Post-Night Stay

Iguazu Falls · Post-Tour Hosted Extension 3 Nights, Starting at \$1,800<sup>†</sup> pp

Extend your South American adventure and visit another country — Brazil — and the famous Iguazu Falls.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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and gaucho culture. A visit to Museo Draghi offers the chance to see silversmiths at work and admire a private collection of silverware. Then, it's on to experience a true taste of gaucho life by spending the rest of the day on a traditional estancia, following a bumpy, unpaved road to the gates of the ranch's sprawling land and inviting, rustic house. You may decide to explore the property by horseback or horse drawn carriage, or head inside the main house to relax and take in views from the porch. Gather for a traditional asado lunch, with flame-cooked meats served at the table along with sides

and wine. Later, sit back and enjoy a folk performance of gaucho traditions with singing, dancing, and displays of horsemanship - topping off an unforgettable encounter with this South American way of life. This evening back in Buenos Aires, gather for dinner at a local restaurant and toast to the end of a grand adventure. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end today. Transfer to the airport for your flight home later today. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Pisac Market, Ollantaytambo Ruins, Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio, Quechua Community Visit & Lunch, Machu Picchu, Koricancha Temple, Uros Floating Islands, Home-Hosted Lunch, Larco Museum

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- · Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.
- · Learn traditional methods of harvesting and weaving from a rural community.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

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

- · Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
- · Delight in a farm-totable lunch with a local Quechua community.
- · Experience a homehosted meal on Lake Titicaca.

Day 1: Lima, Peru Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings." Due to arrival times, there are no scheduled activities today. Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn Miraflores, Lima

Day 2: Lima Discover Lima's fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas and visit the Casa de Aliaga — former house of the conquistador Jeronimo de Aliaga y Ramirez — where the energy of colonial and republican Lima comes to life. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to discover Lima on your own. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner featuring artfully crafted Peruvian dishes. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilisation. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. Whilst en route to your hotel, explore different towns in the valley, each a representation of the region's unique culture. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B) Accommodation: Casa Andina

Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay

#### Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo

- Sacred Valley This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian



cultures. Deep dive into the cultures of modern Andean people and experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you mingle with a nearby community. Thanks to their effort and teamwork, tourism has become an additional income to agriculture which has positively impacted their quality of life. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting, and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialities. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu

Picchu Prepare for an early morning departure as you climb aboard your train to Machu Picchu for breathtaking views through panoramic windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration and learn how to craft the perfect ceviche and pisco sour before your dinner featuring a Peruvian menu. (B, D)

Accommodation: Sumag Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or you may choose to visit Machu Picchu again this morning. Return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco this evening, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure. (B)

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn,

Day 7: Cuzco Start your morning on a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral, Later, IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuamán Fortress -ORembark on a walking tour through the enchanting streets of Cuzco, going off the beaten path and uncovering the city's best-kept secrets. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, dine at your leisure at a local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno Today, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. Upon arrival, check into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Accommodation: GHL Lago Titicaca, Puno



#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$6,199 (DOUBLE) or \$7,199 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 8 April 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2026 – May 2027 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Lima · Pre-Night Stay

Peruvian Amazon · Post-Tour Hosted Extension 4 Nights, Starting at \$3,000<sup>†</sup> pp

Continue your adventure on a 4-night Peruvian Amazon cruise, discovering wildlife all around you.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

Day 9: Uros Floating Islands - Lake Titicaca - Chullpas de Sillustani -

Puno Spend today getting to know the locals. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Experience walking on the island's spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Then, cruise to a local rustic village for a homehosted meal and swap stories with Peruvian families before visiting the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani — an archaeological area boasting 13thcentury funerary monuments. (B, L)

Day 10: Puno - Lima Spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival, head to the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artefacts. Your tour concludes with a farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D) Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn Miraflores, Lima

Day 11: Lima - Tour Ends Your tour come to a close today. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Machu Picchu & Galápagos Wonders featuring a 4-Night Cruise

15 DAYS • 28 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 15 • STARTING AT \$14,749



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Pisac Market, Ollantaytambo Ruins, Cooking Class, Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio, Quechua Community Visit & Lunch, Machu Picchu, "Middle of the World," 4-Night Galápagos Cruise

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Learn traditional methods of harvesting and weaving from a rural community.
- · Stand tall in the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.
- · Wind through the Andes on a train to Machu Picchu.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

14 Breakfasts (B) 6 Lunches (L) 8 Dinners (D)

- · Master two of South America's classics, ceviche and pisco sours, at an interactive cooking class.
- · Delight in a farm-to-table lunch with a local Quechua community.

Day 1: Lima, Peru Touch down in Lima, the "City of Kings." Across ancient lands and earthly legends, experience the mysticism of the Peruvian Andes. Due to late flight schedules, there are no scheduled activities today. Accommodation: Casa Andina

Premium Miraflores, Lima

Day 2: Lima Tour Lima's historic centre, (UNESCO) where the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas stands out among the colonial architecture. Visit the former home of a conquistador then enjoy some free time this afternoon to discover Lima on your own. Get to know new friends over a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley Fly over the Andes on your way to Cuzco — the heart of the Inca civilisation. Follow the trails of this Andean paradise with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market. Then, join an interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco

sours. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B, D) Accommodation: Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay

### Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo

- Sacred Valley Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see the intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Then, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you mingle with an Andean community. Learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting, and weaving; listen to their music; and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-to-table meal. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Board your train to Machu Picchu, where views of the Andes astound through panoramic windows as you climb toward the "Lost City of the Incas." Uncover the mysteries of this "Lost City" at the meeting point between the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu or La Ciudadela, (the Citadel), is one of the world's most spectacular

archaeological sites. (B) Accommodation: Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco Enjoy some leisure time this morning. You may choose an optional excursion to visit Machu Picchu for a second time. Then, board your train back to the Sacred Valley. Continue to Cuzco and feel the local culture at a special community dining experience. (B, D) Accommodation: Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco

Day 7: Cuzco This morning, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuamán Fortress -OR- embark on a walking tour through the enchanting streets of Cuzco, going off the beaten path and uncovering the city's best-kept secrets. After, come together for a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha Temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. This evening, enjoy flexible dining at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador Fly to Ecuador's stunning capital city — Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B) Accommodation: Mercure Hotel Alameda, Quito

Day 9: Quito Today, tour the Presidential Palace in Quito's colonial centre. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 10: Quito - Baltra - Embark Ship - Santa Cruz Highlands, Galápagos

Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Baltra, to launch your eco-adventure aboard the M/Y Coral II, an exclusive yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After dry landing on Santa Cruz Island, head from the coast to the dense humid forests and the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. In addition to famed Galápagos Giant Tortoises, you may also spot many different kinds of birds, such as tree and ground finches, vermillion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets. (B, L, D) Accommodation: M/Y Coral II

Day 11: Isabela Island - Fernandina Island On Isabela Island, soak in the wonders of one of the richest marine havens on Earth during

deep-water snorkeling at the Bolivar Channel, Then, take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe a great diversity of sea and coastal birds: Nazca and blue-footed boobies, noddies, brown pelicans, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Continue on to Fernandina Island, where the largest, most primitive-looking marine iguanas are found mingling with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. You may even encounter flightless cormorants at their nesting sites, Galápagos penguins, and the "King" of predators on the islands, the Galápagos hawk! (B, L, D)

Day 12: Isabela Island Make a wet landing today on the volcanic black beaches of Urbina Bay — home to giant tortoises, land iguanas, and the unusual flightless cormorant. Enjoy time to snorkel, possibly swimming alongside sea turtles, sea lions, and countless tropical fish. Don't miss the views of the Alcedo Volcano from the island's uplifted coral reef. Travel from Urbina to Tagus Cove for a dry landing. Take the trail that leads to Darwin's salt-water crater lake, offering views of lava fields and volcanic formations. A dinghy ride along the shoreline full of marine wildlife highlights a variety of seabirds. Keep an eye out for graffiti believed to have been left by 19thcentury pirates. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Santiago Island Walk in Darwin's footsteps today on Santiago Island. Begin with a wet landing at Egas Port's black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. Take a trail formed of volcanic ash that transitions halfway to uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The layered terrain of Santiago is home to a myriad of marine wildlife. After landing in Sullivan's Bay, walk through the otherworldly landscape of solidified pa-hoe-hoe lava flows. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Santa Cruz - Disembark Ship -Quito - Tour Ends Your last landing is on Santa Cruz at Bachas Beach where ponds entice Galápagos flamingos to visit, iguanas to sunbathe, and coastal birds to flit among the red and black mangroves. This beach is also one of the main sea turtle nesting sites in the Galápagos.Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito. (B)

Day 15: Quito - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B) Accommodation: Holiday Inn Quito Airport, Quito

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



ARRIVAL: LIMA (LIM)

**DEPARTURE: QUITO (UIO)** 

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$14,749 (DOUBLE) or \$20,749 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 18 January 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - May 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

June - August 2026; November 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for June 2026 – May 2027 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Lima · Pre-Night Stay

Peruvian Amazon · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension 3 Nights, Starting at \$1,050† pp

From your lodge in the Peruvian Amazon, set out for wildlife treks, canoe rides, and hanging bridges.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**



Machu Picchu & Galápagos Wonders — Southbound

Journey from the Land of the Incas to the Galápagos archipelago, enjoying a 4-night cruise aboard a personal yacht.

Dates Available:

November 2025; April - May 2026 & June 2026 - May 2027.

## Patagonia: Edge of the World featuring Argentina, Chile, and a 4-Night Patagonia Cruise

14 DAYS • 30 MEALS • MAX GROUP SIZE: 24 • STARTING AT \$14,999



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Buenos Aires, Tango Show & Dinner, Perito Moreno Glacier, Patagonian Estancia, Torres del Paine National Park, 4-Night Fjord Cruise, Ainsworth Bay, Tucker Islets, Pia Glacier, Glacier Alley, Cape Horn, Wulaia Bay

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Get a glimpse into Argentine culture at a lively tango performance.
- · Meet a local gaucho (cowboy) and learn all about life on the ranch.
- · Embark on a 4-night cruise through the fjords and ethereal wilderness of Patagonia.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

13 Breakfasts (B) 7 Lunches (L) 10 Dinners (D)

- · Spend the afternoon at a family-owned Patagonian estancia and enjoy a traditional lamb roast.
- · Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner while onboard your cruise ship.

Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina Arrive in Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Due to varied arrival times, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Later this afternoon, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome briefing at your hotel. Head to dinner with your new friends and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (D) Accommodation: Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires

Day 2: Buenos Aires This morning, embark on a panoramic city tour with a local guide and coast down the famous Avenida 9 de Julio, the world's widest avenue. Discover the city's most well-known sites before arriving to the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca. Experience an IMPACT **MOMENT** during lunch at Alamesa, a popular restaurant renowned for its inclusive dining experience. Founded by a local doctor who sought to create opportunities for his daughter, who is autistic, this welcoming lunch spot employs neurodiverse staff and has formed a supportive community. Tonight, get into the Argentinian spirit with a tango show and dinner. (B, L, D) Day 3: Buenos Aires Start the day with a visit to the famous Recoleta Cemetery, considered one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the world, and the final resting place of Eva Peron. The rest of the day is yours to spend in Buenos Aires as you please. Perhaps you'll decide to leave the hustle and bustle of the city and take an optional tour of Tigre Delta to explore its serene waterways, lush landscapes, and charming riverside communities. (B)

#### Day 4: Buenos Aires - El Calafate

Fly to El Calafate, the gateway to Patagonia's natural splendour, known as the "National Capital of the Glaciers." Enjoy some free time this afternoon in this charming town. Gather this evening for dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D) Accommodation: Mirador del Lago Hotel, El Calafate

Day 5: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate This morning, get ready to embark on a cruise that will take you up close to the Perito Moreno Glacier. This gigantic tower of vibrant ice rests against blue-green waters - an awe-inspiring wonder of

the natural world. Then, catch many views of the glacier from a series of walkways. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs as you listen for the resounding cracks of ice sheets breaking free. (B)

Day 6: El Calafate - Torres del Paine National Park, Chile Today, take in the vast landscape and learn more about Patagonian wildlife while travelling to the border and crossing into Chile, Arrive in Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most remote, unspoiled places in the world, designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Soak the dramatic beauty of jagged mountains, expansive grasslands, and ethereal teal waters and marvel at cascading waterfalls on a panoramic tour through one of South America's most incredible national parks. Along the way, you may spot soaring condors, inquisitive *guanacos* (llamas), and independent felines. After, check into your hotel for a twonight stay beside stunning views of the Serrano River and Paine mountain range, (B, D)

Accommodation: Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa, Torres del Paine

#### Day 7: Torres del Paine National Park

Set out to spend a full day exploring the wonders of Torres del Paine, Stretch your legs on a morning hike to the Salto Grande waterfall. Your guide will make sure you don't miss a thing, from this landscape's stunning features to the flora and fauna all around you. Following lunch, the adventure continues with a scenic hike around Lago Grey, leading to spectacular views of the Grey Glacier. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales, Chile Enjoy a leisurely morning at your hotel, taking in those final views of the park or perhaps joining your guide for a nature walk. After lunch, head south to Puerto Natales. This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B, L) Accommodation: Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales

#### Day 9: Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas - Board Ship - Chilean Waters

Today, make your way to the coastal metropolis of Punta Arenas. Along the way, stop to spend time at a familyowned Patagonian estancia. Enjoy a traditional lamb roast lunch as you chat and learn about the culture. Later in Punta Arenas, admire the sights, where brightly coloured houses meet

modern skyscrapers. As the day draws to a close, leave the mainland on the Ventus Australis - your home for the next four nights. Head for one of the most remote corners of the world as you sail through Chilean waters. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: Ventus Australis

#### Day 10: Ainsworth Bay - Tucker Islets

Dock in Ainsworth Bay. As you take your Zodiac to shore, keep an eye out for the area's extensive birdlife or perhaps a colony of elephant seals. Get ready to choose how to spend the morning because IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Embark on new adventures by starting at the beach to discover Ainsworth Forest. Learn all about the evolution and vegetation as a cause of the glacier recession and explore a beaver habitat -OR- venture off on an active hike along a glacial moraine - a unique form of glacial sediment made from rock and soil. No matter what vou choose, take in surreal views of the Almirantazgo Sound and Darwin Mountain Range. Back on the ship, sail to the Tucker Islets where you'll head to shore for a close-up view of the Magellan penguins. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

Take a Zodiac to shore and stand in awe before the Pia Glacier, a colossal mass of ice slowly crawling down the mountains. Decide where you want to hike because IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Traverse the Pia Boulders on a medium level hike for panoramic views of the glacier -OR- venture on an easy walk towards the Pia Lookout for panoramic views of the glacier. Back onboard the ship, continue through the Beagle Channel and into Glacier Alley. These impressive masses of ice are so large that most of them are named after countries - including Holland, Italy, Germany, and France. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

Disembark at Cape Horn National Park, home to an archipelago of islands, and considered to be the "End of the Earth." This afternoon, anchor at fabled Wulaia Bay and visit the historic radio station, formerly used by the Chilean Navy. Explore the area by selecting a hike alongside an expert quide because IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Head towards the peak on the most difficult hike for a scenic lookout -ORembark on a slower paced hike with a medium difficulty towards the Forest Lookout -OR- take a peaceful nature walk along the beach for a chance



ARRIVAL: BUENOS AIRES (BUE) DEPARTURE: BUENOS AIRES (BUE)

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$14,999 (DOUBLE) or \$19,799 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 12 March 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - March 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

September 2026 - March 2027 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for September 2026 - March 2027 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Buenos Aires · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Easter Island · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension 5 Nights, Starting at \$5,695† pp

Discover Easter Island's iconic Moai statues, history, and volcanic beauty on this unforgettable pre-tour journey.

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

Iguazu Falls · Post-Tour Hosted Extension 3 Nights, Starting at \$1,800<sup>†</sup> pp

Extend your South American adventure and visit another country — Brazil — and the famous Iguazu Falls.

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

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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to witness even more wildlife. Each choice will offer sprawling vistas of the gentle bay and allows time to leave a postcard at the information centre. (B, L, D)

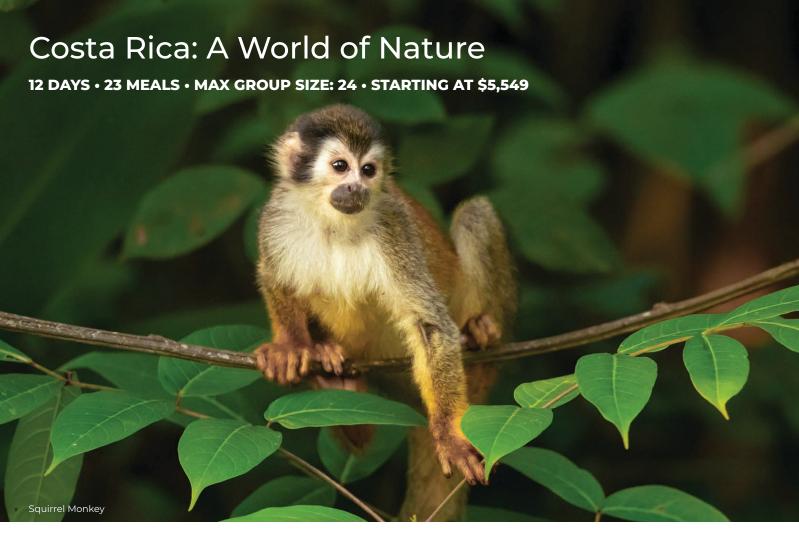
#### Day 13: Disembark Boat - Ushuaia

- Buenos Aires Your cruise through Patagonia comes to an end as you enter Argentine waters, docking at Ushuaia. Disembark in Ushuaia before flying

to Buenos Aires. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner and share a toast with your fellow travel companions. (B, D) Accommodation: Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires

Day 14: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends Say adios to Argentina as your tour draws to a close this morning. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Tortuguero National Park, Hanging Bridges, Manuel Antonio National Park, Zip Lining or Volcano Lava Field, Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting, River Safari, Jungle Crocodile Safari

#### **CULTURAL** CONNECTIONS

- · Learn about Costa Rica's ecosystem and local culture.
- · Visit the world's first sea turtle research station.
- · Stay in Tortuguero National Park and find yourself surrounded by wildlife.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

11 Breakfasts (B) 4 Lunches (L) 8 Dinners (D)

- · Taste for yourself why cacao is called "the food of the gods" and observe the process of converting this seed from bean to bar.
- · Learn how to cook using a coconut before tasting some delicious local candy.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica Pura vida. In English, it translates to "the simple life." But pura vida is so much more: it's an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It's time to experience what pura vida means to you. You're on your way to explore a place that's unlike anywhere else in the world, where pura vida is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have no group activities or meals planned today, today. Accommodation: Doubletree by Hilton

Cariari Hotel, San Jose

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat to your hotel before heading further down the rivers and canals to the world's first sea turtle research station. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the

birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Evergreen Lodge, *Tortuguero* 

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on a nature cruise, getting a glimpse into the habitat of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, a local will teach you about his village and share stories about life in Tortuguero's remote town. Watch as he demonstrates how to harvest and prepare coconuts before sampling a local favourite: coconut candy. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park -Sarapiquí - San Carlos Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Center. Today will be an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you visit a cacao plantation at the Tirimbina Rainforest Centre — an ecotourism destination that is vigilant of environmental, social, and economic impact. Learn the process of sustainably converting seed







from bean to bar and taste for yourself why it's called "the food of the gods." Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the botanical garden lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Tilajari Hotel Resort,

San Carlos

Day 5: San Carlos Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the *finca* of a local family and try homemade snacks such as banana bread, local coffee, and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: San Carlos - Arenal Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at the natural world around you. Later, settle into your

resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next three nights. (B, D) Accommodation: Hotel Lomas del Volcán, Arenal

Day 7: Arenal Today, IT'S YOUR **CHOICE!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle -OR- make your way across lava fields for an up-closeand-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please. Perhaps you'll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax by the hotel's pool. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned finca with an included farm-to-table lunch. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps, if you're feeling adventurous, you'll opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience. Or simply hang back at the resort, explore the grounds, and soak in the views. (B)

Day 9: Arenal - Playa Herradura This morning, wake up and smell the coffee

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$5,549 (DOUBLE) or \$6,899 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 5 December 2026 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

October 2025 - April 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

May 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

\*Itinerary featured is for May 2026 – May 2027 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

San Jose · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known beans. Take a tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next two nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every colour of the rainbow. (B, D) Accommodation: Marriott Los Suenos,

Playa Herradura

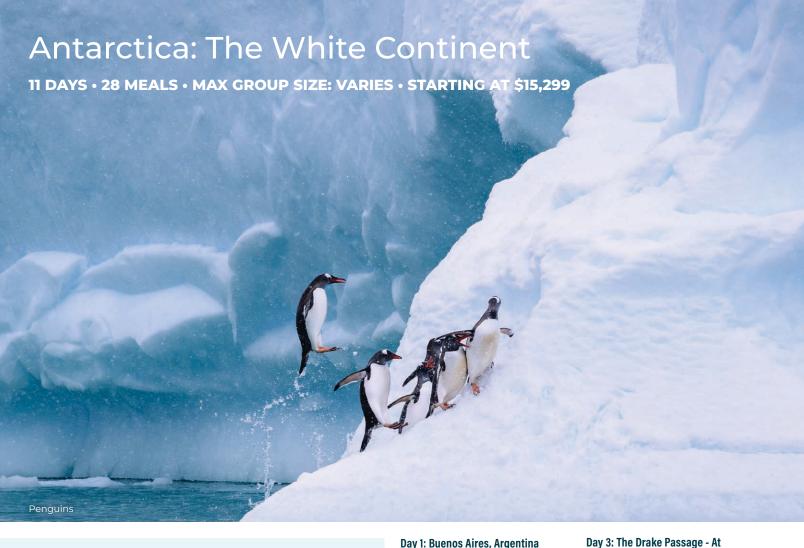
Day 10: Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Plava Herradura Welcome to Manuel Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as

wildlife rummages in the canopies. This evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Playa Herradura - Tárcoles -San Jose See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



#### What's Included

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, The Drake Passage, Zodiac Safaris, Penguin Colony Close-Ups, Polar Plunge, Expedition Landings, On-Board Educational Sessions

#### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- · Experience nearly 24 hours of sunlight as you absorb your surroundings ashore and from the expedition ship's many observatory decks.
- · Discover multitudes of Antarctic wildlife including seals, whales, albatrosses, and chinstrap, gentoo, and Adelie penguins.
- · Take the opportunity, if you wish, for a thrilling polar plunge off the yacht.

#### **CULINARY EXPERIENCES**

10 Breakfasts (B) 9 Lunches (L) 9 Dinners (D)

- · Savour fresh and varied meals aboard the expedition ship while admiring the scenery around you.
- · Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Ushuaia.

#### Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the "Paris of South America." Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of European-style architecture and South American spirit. Spend the day however you wish before setting out to begin your voyage tomorrow. There are no included activities today. Accommodation: Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires

#### Day 2: Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship

- At Sea This morning we fly over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Set out on a panoramic tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park and soak in this dramatic landscape on the southern tip of South America featuring glaciers, lakes, mountains, and waterfalls. From Ushuaia, embark the expedition ship that will be your home for the next nine days during a cruise to Antarctica. (B, L, D) Accommodation: Atlas World Navigator or Atlas World Traveller

Sea Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named after the explorer Sir Frances Drake. Set between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable — a milestone for any adventurer! Warmer waters of the north meet colder, denser waters of the south here in the Antarctic

Convergence, making the area rich

in marine life like humpback whales

and hourglass dolphins. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: The Drake Passage -

Antarctica During the 48-hour journey through the Drake Passage, the soundtrack includes the crash of waves against the ship and cry of petrels, skuas, and gulls overhead. Whilst the waterway is famous for its challenging navigation, on some occasions, the channel is calm and tranguil — this unpredictable nature is part of the adventure. As you emerge from the Drake Passage, reaching the northern point of The White Continent, the mammoth, icy peaks of the South Shetland Islands greet you. (B, L, D)





ARRIVAL: BUENOS AIRES (EZE) DEPARTURE: BUENOS AIRES (EZE)



Day 5: Antarctica Part of the greater Antarctica region, the South Shetland Islands hold a bounty of wildlife, scenic landscapes, hiking opportunities, and magnificent views that inspire a sense of discovery. According to sea and weather conditions, there are several possible shore landing opportunities. A possible landing on Elephant Island, named for the shape of its cliffside and the elephant seals that call it home, sets you on the same path as the famous Shackleton Expedition. Another possible landing is Deception Island, a volcanic caldera with heated springs and black sands. Other possible stops include Half Moon Island, Yankee Harbour, Point Wild, and Barrientos Island with its gentoo penguin rookeries. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Antarctica Your days are filled with discovering Antarctica, the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent are like nowhere else on the planet. The voyage keeps a flexible schedule as your captain expertly navigates ice floes, icebergs, and changing sea and weather conditions to ensure you experience the most from your expedition. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Antarctica Nicknamed "The White Continent" for its vast expanse of icebergs, snow, and glaciers, Antarctica is often a final frontier for experienced explorers to conquer. As you navigate Antarctic waters, you may set foot on sites like Beak Island, Brown Bluff, Cierva Cove, Hidden Bay, and many more. Each landing throughout the continent offers its own unique landscape, from expansive tundra to rugged mountain peaks, all beckoning you to follow the paths that few explorers have trekked before. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Antarctica Each day is a new adventure filled with a spontaneous sense of exploration. Your captain works with the expedition team to determine possible shore landings and Zodiac safaris. You may take a Zodiac foray among towering icebergs or hike along the shoreline near penguin colonies. On one day

#### **Important Details**

#### **PRICING**

Starting at \$15,299 (DOUBLE) or \$22,799 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 18 March 2027 departure.

#### **TOUR DATES**

November 2025 - March 2026 (different itinerary - see note\*)

November 2026 - March 2027 (featured itinerary)

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#### **ENHANCE YOUR TOUR**

Easter Island · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension 5 Nights, Starting at \$5,695† pp

Discover Easter Island's iconic Moai statues, history, and volcanic beauty on this unforgettable pre-tour journey.

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

of the cruise, you can even take the chance to experience a polar plunge by jumping in with a harness from the side of the ship! (B, L, D)

Day 9: The Drake Passage - At Sea Antarctica falls into your wake as you begin sailing back towards Ushuaia today, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. As you make your return through this famed channel, stay on the lookout for the incredible wildlife around you in the sea and sky. (B, L, D)

Day 10: The Drake Passage - At Sea On your final day of sailing the channel, enjoy the time to relax on the ship and reflect on all you have seen and learned along the journey. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Ushuaia - Disembark Ship - Fly to Buenos Aires - Tour Ends After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia and proceed to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires before flying home. (B)

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# CLASSIC TOURS **OUR TOP 12 TRAVELLER FAVOURITES** With an average of 37 travellers and a maximum of 44, our Classic tours bring together the iconic highlights, comfortable pacing, and well-loved experiences that define a destination — all with just the right balance of structure and flexibility. Think Kyoto's quiet temples at dawn. The wild cliffs of Ireland. A glacier cruise through Alaska, then a rail journey across the Alps. These are the moments our travellers remember most and here are just a few of the journeys they love best.



## OUR 12 MOST POPULAR CLASSIC TOURS

#### **Cultural Treasures of Japan**

13 Days • Starting at \$8,299\* PP • Max Group Size: 32

Based on 22 February 2027 departure.

Immerse yourself in the ancient and modern cultures of Japan.

#### **Highlights**

- Visit Fushimi Inari Taisha, made famous by the movie Memoirs of a Geisha.
- Tap into Japan's train culture as you travel by the famous Shinkansen bullet train.
- Try your hand at the centuriesold art of the Japanese tea ceremony, gold leaf decorating and stencilling.

#### Stays

- 3 Nights Tokyo
- 1 Night Hakone
- 2 Nights Takayama
- 2 Nights Kanazawa
- 4 Nights Kyoto





#### **Shades of Ireland**

9 Days • Starting at \$4,999\* PP • Max Group Size: 32

Based on 6 November 2026 departure.

From history-filled Dublin to the rolling green hills and dramatic coast, experience Ireland's charms on a journey through the Emerald Isle.

#### **Highlights**

- Stand in awe of the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher.
- Travel back in time as you take a traditional jaunting car tour through the Killarney National Park.
- Overnight on the grounds of a stately castle.

- 2 Nights Dublin
- 1 Night Waterford
- 2 Nights Killarney
- 2 Nights Limerick
- 1 Night Kingscourt

#### **Best of Eastern Canadian Cities**

featuring Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Quebec City & Montreal 9 Days • Starting at \$5,549\* PP • Max Group Size: 32 Based on 8 May 2026 departure.

From the old-world style of Quebec City to the power of Niagara Falls, say bienvenue to Eastern Canada.

#### **Highlights**

- Witness the incredible power of Mother Nature at breathtaking Niagara Falls.
- Savour breakfast at a local sugar shack nestled in the Quebec countryside.
- Explore Quebec City with an expert local guide.

#### Stays

- 2 Nights Toronto
- 2 Nights Ottawa
- 2 Nights Quebec City
- 2 Nights Montreal





**Canadian Rockies & Alaska's Inside Passage** featuring Rocky Mountaineer and a 7-night Alaska Cruise 15 Days • Starting at \$12,479\* PP • Max Group Size: 32 Based on 23 May 2026 departure.

Get ready for an adventure that highlights the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies, the emerald-green forests of British Columbia, and the grandeur of Alaska's Inside Passage.

#### **Highlights**

- Relax onboard a 7-night Holland America cruise through the famed Inside Passage.
- Take in picture-perfect snowcapped mountains as you explore the Icefields Parkway.
- Travel by train and journey alongside Kicking Horse River while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

- 1 Night Calgary
- 1 Night Lake Louise
- 2 Nights Banff
- 1 Night Kamloops
- 2 Nights Vancouver
- 7 Nights Holland America Cruise

## OUR 12 MOST POPULAR CLASSIC TOURS



## **Canadian Maritimes and Coastal Wonders** *featuring the Cabot Trail*

11 Days • Starting at \$6,749\* PP • Max Group Size: 32 Based on 13 June 2026 departure.

From the nautical beauty of Peggy's Cove to the rugged splendour of the Cabot Trail, the Maritimes will enchant you.

#### **Highlights**

- Take a ferry ride to Prince Edward Island, the "Land Cradled on the Waves."
- Explore the Cabot Trail and fall in love with its rugged terrain.
- Crack into an essential Maritimes feast of fresh lobster and PEI mussels.

#### Stays

- 3 Nights Halifax
- 2 Nights Baddeck
- 2 Nights Charlottetown
- 2 Nights St. John
- 1 Night Halifax

#### **Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains**

featuring a cruise on Lake Maggiore and scenic trains in Switzerland & Italy

9 Days • Starting at \$7,849\* PP • Max Group Size: 32 Based on 18 April 2027 departure.

Climb aboard legendary Alpine railways and set out on a journey across the captivating Alpine landscapes of Switzerland and Italy.

#### **Highlights**

- Enjoy stunning Alpine views on the Glacier Express train.
- Cruise through Lake Maggiore and visit one of the beautiful Borromean Islands.
- Soak up the mountain air with two nights in the Alpine village of Zermatt.

- 2 Nights Lake Maggiore
- 2 Nights Zermatt
- 2 Nights St. Moritz
- 2 Nights Lucerne





#### **Italian Vistas**

12 Days • Starting at 7,199\* PP • Max Group Size: 32 Based on 8 November 2026 departure.

From the ancient ruins of Pompeii to the chic charm of the Sorrento Coast, embark on a spectacular Italian getaway.

#### **Highlights**

- · Stroll the streets of Verona the backdrop for Romeo and Juliet.
- Experience the Colosseum during a tour of this colossal vestige of the Roman Empire.
- Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.

#### **Stays**

- 3 Nights Rome
- 2 Nights Sorrento
- 2 Nights Florence
- 2 Nights Venice
- 2 Nights Stresa

### Southern Italy & Sicily

featuring Taormina, Matera and the Amalfi Coast 13 Days · Starting at \$6,449\* PP · Max Group Size: 32 Based on 8 November 2026 departure.

Journey through a crossroads of civilisations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy.

#### **Highlights**

- Experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.
- Journey to Positano village, the pearl of the Amalfi Coast.
- Tour a vineyard and wine cellar located in the badlands of Matera's Basilicata region.

- 2 Nights Palermo
- 2 Nights Agrigento
- 3 Nights Giardini Naxos
- 2 Nights Matera
- 2 Nights Sorrento
- 1 Night Rome



## OUR 12 MOST POPULAR CLASSIC TOURS

## Discover Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast

11 Days • Starting at \$5,999\* PP • Max Group Size: 32 Based on 21 April 2027 departure.

Dive into beauty and history as you explore the medieval cities, tranquil lakes, stunning coastlines and quaint villages of Croatia and Slovenia.

#### **Highlights**

- Spend 3 nights in Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic."
- Explore Opatija, "Croatia's Riviera," a retreat for Habsburg Monarchs.
- Experience the wonder of cascading lakes at Croatia's Plitvice Lakes National Park.

#### **Stavs**

2 Nights Ljubljana2 Nights Opatija1 Night Plitvice Lakes2 Nights Split

3 Nights Dubrovnik





#### Exploring Greece and Its Islands featuring Classical Greece, Mykonos & Santorini 15 Days • Starting at \$8,849\* PP • Max Group Size: 32 Based on 5 June 2026 departure.

Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean.

#### **Highlights**

- Explore the grandeur of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games.
- Explore Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands, at your leisure.
- Join a local expert to explore Athens and its famed sites.

- 2 Nights Athens
- 1 Night Kalambaka
- 1 Night Arachova
- 2 Nights Olympia
- 2 Nights Tolo
- 2 Nights Mykonos
- 3 Nights Santorini
- 1 Night Athens

#### **Exploring Britain and Ireland**

featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales 14 Days • Starting at \$7,349\* PP • Max Group Size: 32 Based on 2 November 2026 departure.

Travel to fascinating cities and through the magical countryside of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, exploring historic places, iconic sights, and rich heritages.

#### **Highlights**

- · Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- Get to know a local family on their innovative 500-acre farm in the Scottish Borders.
- Feel Ireland's spirit during an evening of traditional Irish song and dance in Dublin.

#### Stays

- 2 Nights Edinburgh
- 2 Nights York
- 2 Nights London
- 2 Nights Cardiff
- 1 Night Waterford
- 2 Nights Killarney







#### Iceland's Midnight Sun: Glaciers, Geysers, and the Golden Circle

9 Days · Starting at \$6,649\* PP · Max Group Size: 32 Based on 5 April 2027 departure.

An island of dramatic contrasts, uncover Iceland's natural beauty through a land forged by ice and fire.

#### **Highlights**

- · Travel to the Golden Circle, one of many of Iceland's natural wonders.
- Gain a local's perspective of Reykjavík on a walking tour.
- Glide past icebergs on an amphibian boat cruise of the ice strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon.

- 2 Nights Reykjavik
- 2 Nights Borgarnes
- 3 Nights Vik
- 1 Night Reykjavik

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Accommodation**

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilised.

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

Can my children travel on tour? Discounted Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-17, sharing a room with one full-paying adult. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour. For safari tours, travellers must be at least 13 years of age.

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

When can I check into my hotel? Normal check-in time is late afternoon. If you do have an early arrival, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

#### **Flights**

Can Collette book our airline reservations? Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines.

#### **Attractions and Sightseeing**

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

Can you tell me more about the safaris? For a fuller wildlife experience you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicles which requires frequently climbing in and out of jeeps and sometimes traversing bumpy roads. We recommend a good fitness level and to prepare properly.

**How can I plan for shore landings?** Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

Are all theatre performances suitable for children? Some theatre performances may be unsuitable for children — please consult your tour manager.

#### **Documentation**

**Do I need a passport?** Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside of Australia. All passengers should check

with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

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

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

#### **Extending your Stay**

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays when offered. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will be available on-call during the duration of the stay. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour. Should you purchase additional nights, your tour manager will not be available during this time.

#### **Extras**

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include international air travel from Australia, travel insurance, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, pre/post tour accommodation, extensions, extension air, presold optional excursions, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, government quarantine fees, and any incidental charges.

#### **Gratuities**

Are gratuities included? Collette offers a pre-paid tipping option for travellers. This allows guests to purchase the package up to 45 days prior to departure and know that all tipping is covered for the tour manager, driver and local guides. Gratuities are not included in the tour price and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Customary gratuities have not been included for hotel housekeeping staff, local sightseeing guides, transfer drivers, motor coach drivers, pre/post accommodation, extensions and tour managers. Gratuities should be given in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service extended to you. With this in mind, we have created a guide for you:

- Tour Manager: \$15 AUD Dollars for Classic tours and \$18 AUD Dollars for Explorations tours (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Local Guide: \$3-5 AUD Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person
- Motor Coach Driver: \$8 AUD Dollars for Classic tours and \$11 AUD Dollars for Explorations tours (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff: \$3-5 AUD Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per room per day
- Applicable gratuities for bellmen, doormen and dining room staff for group meals have been included.

#### **Late Bookings**

**Do you accept late bookings?** Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 90 days prior for standard departures and 120 days prior for cruises.

#### **On-tour Experience**

Where do I meet my tour manager? Our tour manager will make contact with you at your first hotel. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I pre purchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase provided that you make your options purchase 15 days or more prior to the tour start date. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our team. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full, so once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure, but some may incur fees for cancelling. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

#### Revisions/changes

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

**Can I make changes to my reservation?**See section 5, Changes By You, on page 143 for full details.

#### **Transfers**

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

#### What is the private sedan service?

It's your ticket to and from the airport if you purchase international air through Collette. This personalised service is included within an 80km radius from Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth airports.\*

Extended kilometres for travellers residing between 80-100 kilometres, will be available for a surcharge. A surcharge will be provided at the time of reservation.

Services are direct to/from the gateway, no stops.

\* One transfer per room booking. More options are available ask our Reservation staff for details. Visit gocollette.com/chauffeur for more details on this amazing service!

#### **Travel Loyalty**

We design and deliver touring experiences to encourage travellers to choose to explore the world with Collette. We also reward travellers for making the choice to travel again with us. Travellers are automatically enrolled into our Passport Club on booking. Benefit details are available at gocollette.com.au/loyalty or simply ask our consultants for details when you book.

## **Reservation Information**

#### 1. Booking Conditions

These booking conditions, together with our privacy policy, and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Collette Pty Ltd (ACN 600 161 671) of L16, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000 Australia ('we' or 'us'). Please read them carefully as they set out your respective rights and obligations. References to 'you' and 'your' include the first 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 agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

- He/she has read these terms and 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 policy; and
- He/she is over 18 years of age and resident in Australia 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.

### 2. Making A Booking And Paying For Your Holiday

When you confirm your booking you must pay the applicable deposit or full payment detailed in the table below. If the arrangements you wish to book are available we will issue a confirmation invoice and send this to you or your travel agent. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with this confirmation invoice. Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the confirmation invoice (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 10 days of us sending it out (5 days for tickets).

The balance of the cost of your arrangements is due in accordance with the table in section 3 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 the tables in section 7 below will become payable.

In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full Australian dollars amount is received by us after all bank charges have been levied.

#### 3. Deposits & Balances

Further to section 2, in order to confirm your chosen arrangements, you must pay a deposit. The deposit payable and the time that the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any surcharge where applicable) will become due will vary depending on the holiday you book.

#### **Land Package Deposit**

- A \$395 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$695 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

#### Flex Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- An \$895 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
- Additional \$500pp for the air portion of the package is for each ticket issued (on-tour air excluded from this requirement)
- For Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$1195 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

#### Instant Purchase Air

 If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus the land package deposits noted above, all of which is non-refundable.  Instant Purchase Non-refundable Airfare includes round trip airport /hotel transfers (including pre or post days and extensions). Instant Purchase, Non-refundable Airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. Tickets will be issued immediately and, once issued are non-refundable, may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and round trip airport to hotel transfers of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges.

#### **Final Payment**

The balance is due 90 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos. Payment may be made by Direct Credit, bank account details on invoice, charging to clients' MasterCard, Visa, (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order. Rates are guaranteed once deposit is received and booking is confirmed by Collette except for charges resulting from increases in Government taxes and fees.

#### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Retail phone: 1300 792 195 Email: AUSales@collette.com

Groups phone: 1300 062 731 Email: AUGroups@collette.com

#### PLEASE SEND CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER TO:

Collette, L16, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia

#### THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using exchange rates as at the date of advertisement of the holiday.

We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

The price of your confirmed holiday is subject at all times to changes in transport costs such as fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport provider; to cost changes arising from government action such as changes in GST or any other government imposed changes; and to changes in currency exchange rates and to dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports any or all of which may result in a variation of your holiday price. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of \$25 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your travel arrangements (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the options set out in section 9 below. There will be no change made to the price of your holiday within 30 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period.

Discounted Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-17, sharing a room with one full-paying adult.

#### 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 accommodation and services provided, 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 your insurer.

#### 5. Changes By You

If you wish to alter your booking after your holiday has been confirmed, 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. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable person provided that written notice is given no later than 28 days before you are due to depart.

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 as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by ourselves 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 may be payable.

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. Insurance

If you wish on tour comprehensive insurance, please contact Collette for a full quotation.

#### 7. If You Cancel

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 or by email by us at our offices. If cancellation is confirmed prior to 24 hours before date of departure, your non-refundable deposit will be retained. If cancellation is confirmed within 24 hours of date of departure full payment will be retained.

\* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transport or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

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 arrangements in addition to the charge above.

You may be able to reclaim these charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us. 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.

If any member of 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 given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

#### 8. Alterations And Cancellations By Us

Occasionally, we may have to make changes to or cancel your holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 60 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure (as defined in Section 14) or failure by you to pay your final balance. Most changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest opportunity. Your rights vary depending on whether we make a 'minor' or 'major' change.

Examples of "minor changes" include the following when made before departure. Any change in the identity of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other 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 standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether.

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 i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) 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.

If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 9 below.

### 9. Compensation For Major Changes & Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any holiday departure in accordance with operational requirements or circumstances beyond our control. If a holiday is cancelled prior to the scheduled departure date, our only responsibility will be to refund the amount received for the reservation. Wherever possible, we will offer the same holiday with a different departure date, or an alternative similar holiday. If there is a difference in cost, it will be your expense. For air-inclusive holidays, we will try to confirm air schedules for the selected new dates, subject to availability. We are not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through us.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation where we make a major change or cancel more than 60 days before departure or in the event that we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care. All holidays operate subject to a minimum number of bookings. We will not, however, cancel for lack of numbers less than 60 days before departure.

Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see section 14) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure. If this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any from our suppliers), pay you compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

### 10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting.

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 Australian Passport Office (www.passports.gov.au).

Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check http://canberra.usembassy.gov.

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visit www.dfat.gov.au or smarttraveller.gov.au.

If you fail to take the necessary steps, we have no liability to you and you will have to pay us any costs which we incur through helping you because of such failure on your part. 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.

#### 11. Single Traveller Occupancy

We levy a single traveller supplement for those travelling on their own because our contract with hotels is based on a price per room, whilst our holidays are sold per person including flights and other elements. Therefore, the per person price for a single traveller includes the entire room cost. 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 profits 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.

#### 12. 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. Any verbal notification must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. 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 you feel that a complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you must write within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Collette, L16, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, quoting your booking reference number. We will need to investigate your complaint. An acknowledgement shall be sent no later than 14 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. A detailed reply, or a reply containing a detailed explanation for any delay, shall be sent no later than 28 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. The final date for dealing in full with such correspondence shall be 56 days from the date of receipt of that correspondence. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this section may reduce or even extinguish any right which you may have to compensation.

#### 13. Behaviour

You must not behave in a way which may cause distress or annoyance to others. If, in our opinion or the opinion of any airline personnel, accommodation manager or other person in authority, you are behaving in such a way as to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others or damage to property, your holiday arrangements may be terminated by us or the supplier concerned. In this situation, 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 not be responsible for making any refunds, paying any compensation or meeting any costs or expenses you incur as a result. You and/or your party 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 guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

#### 14. Force Majeure

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 relevant supplier(s) control. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. We will follow the advice given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

#### 15. Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we exclude any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a holiday that is caused or contributed by:

- The act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- 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;
- 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
- An event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.

You release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a holiday.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, any condition or warranty which wouldPayment of the deposit to Collette constitutes otherwise be implied by law into these booking conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. Our liability in respect of an Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) providing you with credit for a holiday of an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

#### 16. Prompt Assistance In Resort

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services,

or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

#### 17. 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.

#### 18. Delays And Other Travel Information

If you or any member of your party miss 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.

Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to assist in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but we will not pay for them on your behalf. 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.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in section 14 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 dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

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.

#### 19. Special Requests

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. We will inform the relevant supplier of such request. 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. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being

#### 20. 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 confirm your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your

chosen arrangements. We cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted. 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 details.

#### 21. Advance Passenger Information

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft before the aircraft leaves the country of origin. 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 international flights.

#### 22. DFAT Advice

You are responsible for making yourself aware of warnings issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 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 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure (see section 14).

#### 23. Law & Jurisdiction

These booking conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. 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 by the Courts of New South Wales only.

#### 24. Accuracy Of Prices & 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.

#### 25. Insurance

We strongly advise you to purchase travel insurance to protect you should unforeseen circumstances (e.g. illness, injury, accident, or other medical emergency) arise during your holiday. You should ensure that this insurance fully covers all related costs for the duration of your travel, including, but not limited to, medical expenses, ambulance and evacuation costs and repatriation. Please contact us for details on appropriate travel insurance coverage for your holiday. We are not responsible for any such costs regardless of the cause.

#### 26. Baggage Disclaimer

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low cost insurance to cover these risks.

#### 27. Checked Baggage Charges

Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

#### 28. Holiday & Museum Closures

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

#### 29. Motorcoach Washrooms

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

#### 30. Pre-Paid Tipping

To make budgeting easy and remove the hassle of carrying small change, you can add a package for tipping to your booking. This will cover customary tips for your tour manager, driver, local guides and porterage and is available up to 45 days prior to the tour.

#### 31. Collette Compass App

Precise Location in Background: The Collette Compass app collects location data to display the real-time risk alerts and personalised assistance notification features, even when the app is closed and not in use. This option can be changed later by going to the device settings.

#### 32. Photographs and Video

Collette reserves the right to take photographs and videos during your trip and to use photographs and videos submitted to Collette by others that contain your image or likeness, and to use your name and details of the tour you went on, for marketing and promotional purposes as described below.

If you prefer that your image, likeness, and/or name not be used for such purposes, you must advise Collette in writing, no later than 7 days prior to your departure date.

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## **ACTIVITY LEVELS**

#### 1 2 3 4 LEVEL 1 LIGHT & LEISURELY

**You're a leisurely traveller.** You typically take it easy and discover the energy of a new place by people-watching or soaking in the atmosphere at a local café. You can climb at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk unassisted at a relaxed pace for up to 60 minutes without difficulty. You can easily handle altitudes up to 1524 metres.

#### 1 2 3 4 LEVEL 2 MODERATE

You like a balanced approach to travel. Walking 3 to 5 kilometres over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to 3.2 kilometres (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover four to seven kilometres over uneven terrain. You can handle altitudes up to 1828 metres.



#### Tour Activity Levels help to set expectations on tour.

See the levels below and look for them throughout the itinerary pages.

#### 1 2 3 4 LEVEL 3 ACTIVE

You're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking six kilometres over the course of a day is doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 1828 and 2743 metres. Expect some longer days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

#### 1 2 3 4 LEVEL 4 VERY ACTIVE

You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering five kilometres at a steady pace) and activities that involve uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, latenights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 2743 metres or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travellers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.



