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# **Book Early**

# for 2018/19 and save up to £500 per person

Welcome to the Preview Edition of our 2018 tour collection, where you'll find nearly 80 captivating tours, providing inspiration for your next adventure in 2018. This brochure showcases some of our most popular tours for 2018, which will take you from the national parks of North America, to the wonders of Central and South America, from the culture of Europe, to the ancient sites of Asia, and from the wildlife of Africa to the Outback of Australia.

We are thrilled to be able to include a few of our new tours including Japan and Iceland and more will be coming soon.

You will also be able to find out more about Oberammergau, where in 2020, the Passion Play will take place. Spaces are limited so it's important to reserve your place as soon as possible.

Booking early on any of our tours gives you the added bonus of being able to select the departure that is most suitable for you, and ensuring you are able to make the most of our amazing early booking deals, where you can save up to £500 per person and secure your holiday for just £99 per person.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Thomas Cook tour very soon.

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# Thomas Cook Tours gives you MORE in every way

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





# More expertise

Collette has 100 years' of travel experience organising high quality tours and proudly shares our passion for delivering quality travel experiences, and our commitment to high levels of customer service. This partnership enables us to feature a greater variety of tours, and many more departure dates, with a continued focus on attention to detail and value for money.



# More flexibility

Your tour is just one part of your holiday, and we can tailor all the other elements for you.

You can choose to fly out before the tour starts, or stay on for longer at the end. If you are looking for a longer adventure, you could join two tours back to back or you could opt for one of our tour extensions, where you really do have 2 holidays in 1. You decide!



# More value

We believe in offering you the best value for money. We've included so much more into our tours than ever before. You'll find more meals and excursions included in every itinerary and with our already great quality hotels around the world, with outstanding tour managers guiding the way, we are sure you won't be disappointed.

# The Thomas Cook Tours difference

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





# Unrivalled accommodation

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



# **Culinary delights**

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



# **Experience it your way**

We recognise how individual all our customers are, and this year we have introduced more choice on tour, so you can tailor your holiday exactly the way you want it. You can choose the excursions you'd like to experience with our Choice on Tour and we have also included ample free time on tour so you can explore as much or as little as you like. It's your holiday after all!

# What's your style of touring?

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



# The Classic tours

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



# The Spotlights tours

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



# The Explorations tours

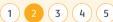
From vibrant cities to remote villages, immerse yourself in other worlds. As part of a small group, of up to 24 people, enjoy hotels chosen to capture the spirit of the destination, savour local cuisine, and take the time to explore on your own. You really get under the skin of your chosen destination!



# River cruising tours

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

# Your guide to our tour pace









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

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

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

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

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

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

# Oberammergau 2020



In the year 2020, the community of Oberammergau will perform the Passion Play again, with a performance which they have preserved throughout the centuries, for the 42nd time.

# Travelling in style...

At Thomas Cook Tours, we believe your holiday starts as soon as you leave your front door. So, when you book a flight inclusive holiday with us, you'll be able to start your holiday in style with our exclusive private door to door service. Getting to the airport can often be one of the most stressful parts of your holiday, but don't worry, we have it all in hand.





# From the comfort of home

Your driver will collect you from your home and take you directly to your chosen UK departure airport. You'll travel in the comfort and style you'll become accustomed to on your Thomas Cook Tour. Your driver has access to the latest satellite navigation technology, to ensure that you have the most convenient, traffic free journey to the airport. Your transfer is exclusively for you and no one else! Just sit back, relax and start looking forward to your adventure with Thomas Cook Tours.



# Once you have landed

When you return from your holiday, your driver will meet you as you come through into the arrivals hall after you have collected your luggage. You will then be whisked away from the airport and taken straight back home, without any diversions, in the comfort you have been accustomed to on your tour.



# Hotel & airport parking

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

Conditions may apply, for full terms & conditions please see page 113-115

# Booking flights with us is easy

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



# Fly from your local airport

# Convenient for you

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

# **Upgrade for comfort**

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

# **Peace of mind**

When you book a flight inclusive holiday with us, if your tour itinerary changes for any reason, or the flight schedule changes, we will manage all the changes for you. Your holiday will also be fully bonded under our ATOL licence giving you full protection for your holiday. If you choose to book your own flight, if anything does change you'll be liable for any flight changes required.



# The Passion Play, Oberammergau 2020



# The amazing story of the Oberammergau Passion Play

In the middle of the Thirty Years War, after months of suffering and death from the plague, the Oberammergauers swore an oath that they would perform the "Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. At Pentecost in 1634, they fulfilled their pledge for the first time on a stage they put up in the cemetery above the fresh graves of the plague victims.



# Oberammergau 2020

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The village at the edge of the Bavarian Alps expects around 500,000 visitors for the Passion Play, where, all actors of the world's largest amateur dramatic performance come from the village. All participants, from actors playing the big speaking parts such as Jesus, Mary or Judas, through members of the choir, orchestra, firemen and ushers, must have been born in Oberammergau or lived there for at least 20 years.

# Experience the Passion Play with Thomas Cook Tours

To enable Thomas Cook Tours customers experience this epic performance, we have weaved in, and in some cases created some brand new tours, to enable as many customers to see the Passion Play as possible, whilst exploring many areas of this beautiful part of Europe.

We visit Oberammergau on many tours throughout the year, not just for the Passion Play, so we really are the experts on Oberammergau and we have some fantastic relationships to ensure we secure the best seats and the best accommodation within the village.

Please see pages 10-11 for our combined Oberammergau tours for 2020

# **About the Passion Play**

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

# The performance proceedings

Each performance lasts for five hours From 14:30 – 17:00 & 19:30 – 22:00

Evening meal is served from: 17:00 - 19:00

# Oberammergau Passion Play 2020



# Thomas Cook Tours featuring the Oberammergau Passion Play

# **Alpine Explorer**



10 Days, 16 meals included

Breath-taking Alpine scenery awaits as you travel through Italy, Switzerland and Austria. From amazing railways to the dramatic Passion Play, experience wonders only found in the heart of Europe.

# **Austrian Delight**



8 Days, 10 meals included

Embrace the beauty of the Austrian Alps and enjoy two nights in the famous Bavarian village of Oberammergau, Germany, where you can experience the powerful Passion Play.

# Call us today to reserve your place on 0800 804 8338

# **Discover Switzerland**



8 Days, 12 meals included

Set out to experience Switzerland, Austria and the Oberammergau Passion Play. Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

# **Exploring Alpine Countries**



12 Days, 19 meals included

Explore three distinct Alpine cultures in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Truly immerse yourself in the world of Oberammergau and witness the incredible Passion Play.

# **Imperial Cities**



9 Days, 14 meals included

Set out on an exciting cultural experience in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe featuring traditional entertainment, a scenic cruise along the Danube River and the stunning Passion Play.

# Romantic Road & Fairy-tale Road



11 Days, 17 meals included

This enchanting journey offers the best of Germany. Travel to some of the country's most iconic cities, through its stunning countryside and to the Oberammergau Passion Play.

# Classic Danube



9 Days, 22 meals included

Embark on a relaxing cruise along the scenic Danube River from Hungary to Germany and experience the powerful Passion Play in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau.

# Spaces are limited...

Spaces are very limited and even though we haven't finalised all of our tour departures and dates, we have already seen a phenomenal demand from customers reserving places on tours and month of departure.

More detailed itineraries can be found online.

# Reserve your place today:

www.thomascooktours.com/oberammergau Call us on 0800 804 8338

# **USA & Canada**



# A continent which is vast, diverse and colourful

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

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# FEATURING

# USA Canada Alaska

# **USA**

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

# Canada

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

# Alaska

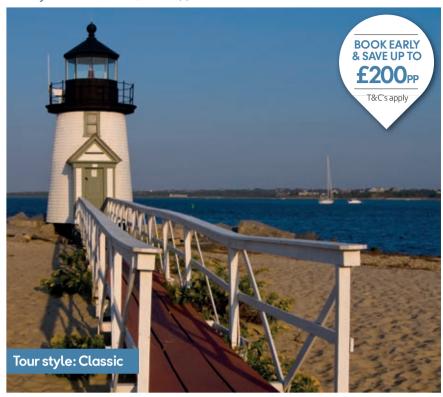
Prepare yourself for the Alaskan wilderness. Known for its awe-inspiring beauty and abundant wildlife, America's last frontier is packed with thrilling sights. Glaciers, breath-taking mountains, waterfalls and sheer rock walls set the perfect scene, whether you are aboard a cruise ship or making your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

# Highlights of USA & Canada

- The Big Apple, USA
- Yellowstone National Park, USA
- Denali National Park, Alaska, USA
- Niagara Falls, Canada
- Canadian Rockies, Canada

# **Islands of New England**

8 Day tour from £1,409pp. Includes 11 meals



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

# Your itinerary

# **DAY 1 Providence, Rhode Island**

Your tour starts in Providence, the capital of Rhode Island

# **DAY 2 Providence - Newport**

Start your day with a sightseeing tour of Providence, "America's Renaissance City" before visiting Newport, the "Yachting Capital of the East." Make your way along breath-taking Ocean Drive en route to Bellevue Avenue which is lined with extraordinary mansions. Then, you have the choice to explore Marble House, the gorgeous summer home of Mr. and Mrs. William Vanderbilt, or tour Rosecliff, the opulent former residence of silver heiress Theresa Fair Oelrichs.

# **DAY 3 Providence - Boston, Massachusetts**

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

# DAY 4 Providence - Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Today, delve into a traditional way of life as you tour a New England cranberry bog and learn about dry harvesting from a local grower. Stop in the celebrated town of Plymouth, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620. Experience the Pilgrim way of life with a visit to Plimoth Plantation, a re-creation of a 17th-century village. "Eat like a Pilgrim" at today's lunch by sampling recipes from that era and enjoy a Thanksgiving feast.

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# DAY 5 Cape Cod - Martha's Vineyard

A ferry ride transports you to the beautiful island of Martha's Vineyard. A local guide will show you all the highlights of the Vineyard including quaint gingerbread-styled cottages and a once-famous whaling port. Later, depart the island and cruise back to Cape Cod. Tonight, complete your New England experience as you indulge in a traditional seafood and lobster feast.

# **DAY 6 Cape Cod - Provincetown**

This morning you'll travel to Provincetown, located on the tip of the Cape. Then, you can choose to set out on a whale watch cruise that takes you out to Cape Cod Bay or embark on a scenic adventure through the iconic sand dunes of the Cape. Tonight, explore downtown Falmouth, a wonderful place to visit, shop

# DAY 7 Cape Cod - Hyannis - Nantucket

Your day begins with a visit to the poignant Kennedy Memorial. Next, board the high speed ferry to Nantucket where you will have free time at leisure to explore the island's waterfront or shop for a famous Nantucket basket. Tonight, enjoy dinner featuring a cooking demonstration.

# **DAY 8 Cape Cod**

Your tour ends in Cape Cod.



# Tour highlights include

- Tour the extravagant Marble House or Rosecliff mansion
- Visit Plymouth where the pilgrims landed in 1620
- Explore the beautiful islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard
- Discover iconic landmarks in historic Boston



# What's included in your tour

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

TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,709

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Providence,

New itinerary From May 2018

- Providence. Sea Crest Beach Hotel, Falmouth. AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**
- **MEALS INCLUDED**
- FREE WIFI

# 2018 Departures

**APR** 26 MAY 04, 11, 31 JUN 01, 07, 11, 15, 29 JUL 06, 19, 20

AUG 09, 24, 31 SEP 06, 07, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27.28

OCT 04, 05, 12, 19

• On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Due to itinerary scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 12:00 noon. • Visa required for entry into the USA. • Please go online for April itinerary.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

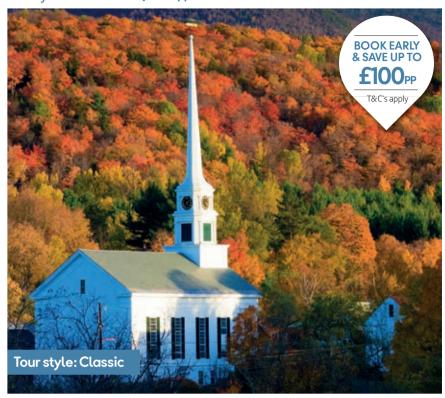
- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing



# **Colours of New England**

8 Day tour from £2,179pp. Includes 10 meals



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

# Your itinerary

# **DAY 1 Boston, Massachusetts**

Your tour starts in the heart of Boston.

# **DAY 2 Boston**

Today, explore Boston your way. Choose either a walk down the Freedom Trail or a coach tour with your local guide to see Boston's iconic treasures. Either way, make a stop at the famed Faneuil Hall Marketplace, bustling with various street performers and tonight, enjoy dinner at a favourite local restaurant.

# DAY 3 Boston - Woodstock, Vermont -Stowe

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

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

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

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

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# **DAY 6 North Conway - Lake Winnipesaukee**

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

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

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

### **DAY 8 Boothbay Harbour - Kennebunkport** - Boston

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



# Tour highlights include

- Embark on a cruise of stunning Lake Winnipesaukee
- Explore historic landmarks in Boston
- · Traverse Vermont, the "Green Mountain State"
- Visit the impressive 165 feet deep, mile-long Quechee Gorge



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 10 meals (7 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trips GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,249

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

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
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2018 Departures

SEP 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30

OCT 01, 06, 08, 11, 12, 13

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# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Heritage of America**

10 Day tour from £1,979pp. Includes 14 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

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

Your tour starts in New York City.

# **DAY 2 New York City**

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

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

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

# **DAY 4 Gettysburg**

Visit the Gettysburg National Military Park and Museum. Then discover the Museum of the American Civil War and explore its galleries. This afternoon choose to visit President Eisenhower's home or embark on a guided walking tour of historic downtown Gettysburg.

# DAY 5 Gettysburg - Shenandoah Valley -Charlottesville, Virginia

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

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# DAY 6 Charlottesville - Williamsburg

Visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson. Make a stop at a local vineyard for a tour of the winery followed by a tasting. This afternoon, arrive in the historic town of Williamsburg

# **DAY 7 Colonial Williamsburg - Yorktown**

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

# DAY 8 Williamsburg - Washington, D.C.

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

# DAY 9 Washington, D.C.

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

# DAY 10 Washington, D.C.

Your tour ends in Washington, D.C.



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,639

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

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# **America's Historic Hotels**

10 Day tour from £2,679<sub>pp</sub>. Includes 14 meals



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

# Your itinerary

# DAY 1 Washington, D.C.

Your tour starts in Washington, D.C. with an included welcome cocktail reception.

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

This morning tour Washington, D.C. to view its iconic sights including the White House, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the U.S. Capitol building. This evening, settle in for a luxurious 2-night stay at the 250-year-old Omni Homestead Resort.

# **DAY 3 Hot Springs**

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

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

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

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

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

Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







# **DAY 6 Hudson River Valley**

Your day begins at the iconic U.S. Military Academy at West Point, then you'll see the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and explore his lifelong home, Springwood estate. Later dine at a local restaurant.

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

Start your day with a visit to Saratoga Springs before the Hildene House, the former home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Later, arrive at the tranquil Equinox Resort

# **DAY 8 Manchester - Woodstock - Windsor**

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

### **DAY 9 Manchester - Boston,** Massachusetts

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

# **DAY 10 Boston**

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.

Your tour ends in Boston



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,479

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

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- ICONIC HOTELS
- MEALS INCLUDED

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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Spotlight on New York**

5 Day tour from £1,279pp. Includes 5 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

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

# **DAY 2 New York City**

This morning, enjoy your breakfast at a local eatery before setting out to embrace the energy of this fascinating city on a locally guided tour featuring: the Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Little Italy, Chinatown, the Empire State Building, Central Park and many other time-honoured landmarks. Visit St. Paul's Chapel in lower Manhattan where George Washington once worshipped and recovery workers were cared for during their time at the World Trade Centre site. Reflect at the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum, a poignant tribute to the lives lost. This evening, it's Diner's Choice! Choose your perfect spot for dinner from a selection of popular restaurants in Times Square. Following dinner, take your seat at a Broadway show!

# **DAY 3 New York City**

Start your day with a fun-filled breakfast at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner, a 50s-themed restaurant featuring the singing waiting staff. Next, board a ferry for a cruise of New York Harbour. Take in the incredible views of the towering Statue of Liberty before getting up-close to "Lady Liberty." who has welcomed immigrants and visitors to New York Harbour since 1886. Created as a token of









# friendship between the

U.S. and France, the Statue of Liberty has become a global symbol of freedom. Step back in time on a self-guided tour of the museum on Ellis Island. Come to know the personal stories of the immigration boom of 1892-1924 when 12 million people passed through this station on their journey to America. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the city that never sleeps.

# **DAY 4 New York City**

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

# **DAY 5 New York City**

Your tour ends in New York City.

# **Sheraton New York**

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

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# Tour highlights include

- Embark on an in-depth tour of New York City with a local guide
- Experience two Broadway shows
- Explore the 9/11 Museum and the 9/11 Memorial
- Cruise New York Harbour and visit the Statue of Liberty



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 5 meals (3 Breakfasts & 2 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,739

ACCOMMODATION: Sheraton New York Times Square, New York.

- FRFF WIFI
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGER
- MEALS INCLUDED

# 2018 Departures

JAN 18	JUN 14, 21, 28
FAB 22	JUL 12, 19
MAR 22	AUG 02, 16
<b>APR</b> 05, 12, 19, 26	SEP 06, 20, 27
MAY 10, 17, 3	OCT 04, 11, 16, 18, 25

# Christmas 2018

NOV 26	<b>DEC</b> 03, 10

# 2019 Departures

JAN 17	MAR 21
FEB 21	<b>APR</b> 04, 11, 25

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Special Christmas seasonal departure dates available. Please go online for details.  ${\bf \cdot}$  Visa required for entry into the USA. • This tour has a different itinerary for Christmas 2018 departures. Please go online for details.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour



# **Southern Charm** 8 Day tour from £1,209pp. Includes 10 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

**DAY 1 Jacksonville, Florida** Your tour starts today in Jacksonville.

DAY 2 Jacksonville - Jekyll Island, Georgia Travel to the exclusive Jekyll Island Club Hotel, situated in the midst of the fabled Golden Isles. Jekyll Island was once the winter retreat of prominent affluent families and their grand cottages still stand. A tram takes you on a tour of the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District - one of the nation's largest restoration projects. The Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan once holidayed here along the 240-acre river edge. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

### DAY 3 Jekyll Island - St. Simons Island -Savannah

Today you will visit another fabled Golden Isle, quaint St. Simons Island. See its striking 106ft tall lighthouse and visit the Museum of Coastal History. Enjoy leisure time to explore the quaint shops and restaurants in the village. Travel north along the unspoiled Georgia coast of vast marshlands, winding rivers and beautiful beaches to historic Savannah, home to the largest National Historic Landmark District in the United States. Tonight, gather at a popular local restaurant for a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional culinary specialties

# **DAY 4 Savannah**

Before you visit Andrew Low House and Gardens, start your day with a trolley tour highlighting Savannah's Historic District. This afternoon, wander around this enchanting city's tree-filled squares or explore Factors Walk and River Street where old cotton warehouses house trendy shops, taverns and restaurants.

Tour pace (1)(2)









### DAY 5 Savannah - Charleston, South Carolina

Travel along the picturesque coastline through South Carolina's Low Country on your way to historic Charleston. On arrival, embark on a guided tour of the city with a local guide visiting the main sights. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

# **DAY 6 Charleston**

Today the choice is yours! You can choose to explore Boone Hall Plantation where you'll experience southern plantation living as you come to know one of America's oldest working plantations. Or, you may opt to explore Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum where you'll board the impressive USS Yorktown aircraft carrier and tour the flight deck. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

# **DAY 7 Charleston**

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore this historic city on your own.

# **DAY 8 Charleston**

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.

Your tour ends today in Charleston.



# Tour highlights include

- Enjoy an overnight stay at the luxurious Jekyll Island Club
- Discover Savannah's Historic District on a trolley tour
- Choose your own adventure in Charleston
- Explore St. Simons Island



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 10 meals (7 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, tram and trolly car GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,739

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

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

ICONIC HOTELS

MEALS INCLUDED

2018 Departures

**JAN** 28 **FEB** 18, 25

MAR 04, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 APR 08, 14, 15, 28, 29

MAY 05, 12, 19, 26

Christmas 2018

**NOV** 24

2019 Departures

**JAN** 26 **FEB** 23 **DEC** 01, 08

JUN 02, 16

NOV 03, 10

SEP 08, 15, 22, 29

OCT 06, 13, 20, 27

MAR 02, 09, 16, 23 **APR** 06, 13, 27

New

itinerary

From May 2018

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Visa required for entry into the USA. • For Jan- April 2018 itinerary please go online

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

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Private return door to door airport transfers

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Competitively priced international flights

# **America's Music Cities**

8 Day tour from £1,679<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 11 meals



Revel in a toe-tapping time on this tour of America's most famed musical cities. Visit New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville as you discover the sounds of the blues, jazz, country and good old rock 'n' roll.

# **Your itinerary**

# DAY 1 New Orleans, Louisiana

Your tour starts in New Orleans.

# **DAY 2 New Orleans**

Today you can choose either a French Quarter walking tour or a coach tour of New Orleans. The walking tour will take you to the majestic St. Louis Cathedral and the bustling French Marketplace where you'll explore Pirates Alley. The panoramic coach tour with a local guide starts on historic Esplanade Avenue and features St. Louis Cemetery No.3 and a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. Tonight, discover how to cook New Orleans-style during a unique cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking. Following dinner, enjoy a jazz revue at a local French Quarter jazz club.

# **DAY 3 New Orleans**

Journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise narrated by your captain. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem while keeping an eye out for wildlife. Return to New Orleans and spend the remainder of the afternoon

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

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

# **DAY 5 Memphis**

This morning, embark on a one-of-a-kind city tour of Memphis. Local musicians board the coach and tell the story of Memphis' musical heritage and history as you view the city's many highlights. Then, don your

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









blue suede shoes when you visit Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley. The remainder of your day is

# **DAY 6 Memphis - Nashville**

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

# DAY 7 Nashville

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

# **DAY 8 Nashville**

Your tour ends in Nashville.

# Hotel upgrade from £40pp

During your stay at Gaylord Opryland Hotel, you can choose to upgrade to a premium Garden View room. Call for more details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,209

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

**FEB** 24

**FEB** 25 JUN 03, 17, 24 NOV 04, 11, 25, 30 MAR 11, 18 APR 06, 08, 15, 22, 27 **DEC** 07, 14 MAY 04, 06, 14, 21, 27, 28 2019 Departures

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

MAR 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Visa required for entry

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

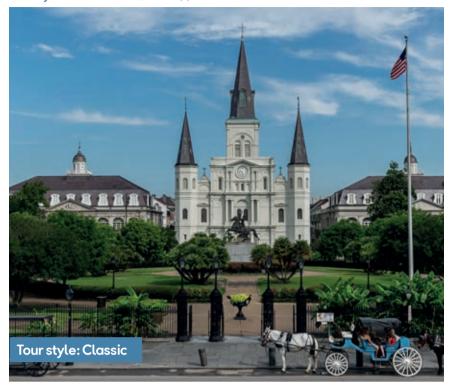
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# **New Orleans & the Deep South**

8 Day tour from £1,279pp. Includes 11 meals



Join us on a cultural journey through the Deep South enjoying Cajun cuisine, visiting antebellum mansions, the bayou and the magic of the French Quarter makes this an unforgettable experience that will last a lifetime.

# **Your itinerary**

# **DAY 1 New Orleans, Louisiana**

Your tour starts in New Orleans.

# **DAY 2 New Orleans**

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

# **DAY 3 French Quarter**

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

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

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

Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









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

# **DAY 6 Natchez - Lafayette, Louisiana**

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

# **DAY 7 Cajun Country**

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

# **DAY 8 Lafayette - New Orleans**

Your tour ends in New Orleans.



# Tour highlights include

- Cruise through Louisiana's Atchafalaya Basin Swamp
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at Twin Oaks
- Learn about the Cajun and Creole heritages at Vermilionville
- Discover Cajun cooking from the New Orleans School of Cooking



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,679

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

- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE WIFI
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

# 2018 Departures

**JAN** 21 MAR 11 **FEB** 25 APR 15, 29

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 1:00 p.m. • Visa required for entry into the USA.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

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- Private return door to door airport transfers
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# America's National Parks & Denver

14 Day tour from £2,709<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 20 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# DAY 1 Scottsdale, Arizona

Your tour starts in Scottsdale.

# DAY 2 Scottsdale - Sedona - Lake Powell

Today you'll visit Sedona and its amazing rock formations before arriving in Lake Powell.

# **DAY 3 Lake Powell - Grand Canyon**

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

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

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

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

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

# **DAY 6 Salt Lake City**

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

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

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

# **DAY 8 Jackson Hole**

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

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









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

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

# DAY 10 Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan

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

# DAY 11 Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota

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

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

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

# **DAY 13 Denver**

Set out for the spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park with incredible views then return to Denver for a free afternoon. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

# **DAY 14 Denver**

Your tour ends in Denver.



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 20 meals (13 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,639

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED

# 2017 Departures

JUL 13, 19 **SEP** 02, 26 AUG 03, 06, 19 OCT 05, 06, 07

2018 dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • This tour includes travelling to high altitudes (approx. 10,000 ft.) • A shorter version of this tour, National Parks of America, is available with the opportunity to finish the tour in Rapid City. Please call or go online for details. • Visa required for entry into the USA. Tour itinerary & price featured are for 2017.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

Private return door to door airport transfers

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Competitively priced international flights

Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details

\*Please go online for our latest pricing



# Winter in Yellowstone

7 Day tour from £2,179<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 11 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# **DAY 1 Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

Your tour starts in Jackson Hole.

# DAY 2 Jackson Hole - Grand Teton -Yellowstone Snow Lodge

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

# **DAY 3 Yellowstone Snow Lodge**

Wake up just minutes away from  $Old\ Faithful\ and$ enjoy a brisk walking tour led by a local expert. You'll learn the history of this colossal geyser and view the amazing natural phenomenon in action. Later, spend free time exploring on your own. Perhaps you will choose to venture out on the trails with snowshoes or partake in some cross-country skiing.

# **DAY 4 Yellowstone - Gardiner, Montana**

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

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







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

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

### DAY 6 West Yellowstone - Jackson Hole, Wvomina

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

# **DAY 7 Jackson Hole**

Your tour ends in Jackson Hole



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 11 meals (6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, sleigh ride and snowcoach GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,979

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE WIFI
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

# 2018 Departures

**JAN** 13, 20, 27

FEB 06

2019 Departures

JAN 07, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28

FEB 02, 04

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Due to limited space on the snowcoach, passengers will be limited to one piece of luggage. • Visa required for entry into the USA.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

Private return door to door airport transfers

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

- Competitively priced international flights
- Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details

\*Please go online for our latest pricing

# **Northern National Parks**

8 Day tour from £1,429pp. Includes 10 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# **DAY 1 Salt Lake City, Utah** Your tour starts in Salt Lake City.

# **DAY 2 Salt Lake City**

Start your day with a comprehensive tour of Salt Lake City, featuring the Great Salt Lake and the capitol building. Then choose to visit the Natural History Museum of Utah or experience the awardwinning displays of the Red Butte Gardens. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or perhaps explore Temple Square independently.

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

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

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

Today, you'll visit the incomparable Yellowstone National Park. The first and oldest national park in the world, famous for its geysers, hot springs and incredible wildlife. Upon arrival, take a scenic drive to observe the park's unspoiled natural splendour. Of course, you couldn't visit Yellowstone without seeing its most iconic attraction: Old Faithful Geyser.

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# **DAY 5 Jackson Hole**

The day is yours to explore Jackson Hole on your own or partake in some optional activities such as shopping, canoeing, hiking and river rafting. This evening, enjoy a fun-filled chuck wagon dinner and authentic cowboy entertainment.

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

This morning, make your way to the awe-inspiring Teton mountain range. Grand Teton National Park features the youngest peaks in the Rockies, yet it contains some of North America's oldest rock formations. Spend some time to soak in the beauty of this majestic landscape before returning to Jackson Hole for some leisure time.

# DAY 7 Jackson Hole - Park City, Utah

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

# **DAY 8 Park City**

Your tour ends in Park City.



# Tour highlights include

- Explore the unspoiled beauty of Yellowstone National Park
- Marvel at the incredible peaks of the Grand Teton mountain range
- · Visit Utah Olympic Park and museum
- Enjoy a relaxing 4-night stay in Jackson Hole



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 10 meals (7 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,049

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FRFF WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERSS

# 2018 Departures

<b>MAY</b> 11, 18	AUG 03, 17
JUN 08, 22	SEP 07, 21
JUL 06, 20	OCT 05

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

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

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



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# The Colorado Rockies

9 Day tour from £1,799pp. Includes 12 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# **DAY 1 Denver, Colorado**

Your tour starts in Denver.

### **DAY 2 Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park**

Today you'll visit the "Roof of the Rockies." Rocky Mountain National Park, one of the largest national parks in the United States. Before you return to Denver for a free evening, make a stop in the town of Estes Park, home to the historic Stanley Hotel and the inspiration for Stephen King's 'The Shining'

# **DAY 3 Denver - Colorado National Monument - Grand Junction**

Take in the views of the spectacular Rocky Mountains as you travel to Grand Junction. Visit one of the grand landscapes of the American West – Colorado National Monument. Continue along the Rim Rock to see a colourful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

# **DAY 4 Arches National Park - Canyonlands National Park - Grand Junction**

Begin your day exploring Arches National Park, see the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches. Then visit Canyonlands National Park and the Island in the Sky mesa resting on sheer sandstone cliffs over 1,000 feet above the surrounding terrain before you arrive in Grand

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# **DAY 5 Grand Junction - Silverton - Durango**

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

# **DAY 6 Durango - Mesa Verde National Park**

An incredible day awaits in Mesa Verde National Park. Choose to join a local guide on a drive through the park or a National Park Ranger on a short hike down the canyon into one of the cliff dwellings.

# **DAY 7 Durango - Colorado Springs**

Enjoy a relaxing scenic ride to Colorado Springs and marvel at the landscape as you depart the San Juan National Forest and across the Wolf Creek Pass.

# **DAY 8 Colorado Springs - Manitou Springs**

Depart for Manitou Springs, for your journey aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad. Travel to the Garden of the Gods to see towering sandstone formations that dot the landscape set in a backdrop of Pikes Peak. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

# **DAY 9 Colorado Springs**

Your tour ends in Colorado Springs.



# Tour highlights include

- Explore four incredible national parks
- Experience the world's highest cog railroad up Pikes Peak
- Journey on board the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Discover the grand landscapes of Colorado National Monument



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and train GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,629

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FRFF WIFI
- **MEALS INCLUDED**
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

MAY 12, 26 JUN 01, 08, 15, 16 JUL 06, 14, 20

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New

itinerary

for 2018

Note:  $\bullet$  On some dates alternate hotels may be used.  $\bullet$  This tour includes travelling to high altitudes (approx. 14,000 ft.). • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00p.m. and departure flights on the last day should not be booked prior to 10:00a.m. • All transfers will depart Colorado Springs for Denver. • Visa required for entry into the USA.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
  - Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Canyon Country** 9 Day tour from **£1,889**pp. Includes 11 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# DAY 1 Scottsdale, Arizona

Your tour starts in Scottsdale

# **DAY 2 Scottsdale**

Enjoy the day at leisure and this evening attend a welcome dinner with real cowboy flair.

# DAY 3 Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon This morning, meet a local tribe member and

delve into the region's Native American heritage before you travel to the stunning Sedona. Enjoy time to soak up the atmosphere and colourful vistas while browsing the arts and crafts shops of the marketplace. Visit Oak Creek Canyon, where the rock formations seem to change with every turn in the road. Continue your journey through the spectacular Kaibab National Forest before reaching the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

# **DAY 4 Grand Canyon - Lake Powell**

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

### **DAY 5 Lake Powell - Monument Valley Navaio Tribal Park or Canvon Cruise**

Begin your day with a breakfast cruise along scenic Lake Powell. Today you can choose either a trip to Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park or to take a canyon adventure cruise through the wondrous geologic formations of the Navajo and Antelope canyons. This evening, return to Lake Powell for dinner and some leisure time.

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# **DAY 6 Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park - Zion National Park**

Today, travel to spectacular Bryce Canyon National Park where you will see the famous rock formations called Hoodoos. These rock formations are created over thousands of years by wind and water. Iron oxidising within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that colour these formations. Your final destination for the day is the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park.

### **DAY 7 Zion National Park - Las Vegas,** Nevada

Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400 foot deep, one-half-mile wide Zion Canyon. Later today, leave nature's beauty for the glitz and glamour of the Las Vegas strip.

# **DAY 8 Las Vegas**

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

# DAY 9 Las Vegas

Your tour ends in Las Vegas.

# **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a couple of extra nights in Las Vegas. Please call for details.



# Tour highlights include

- Experience the majestic Grand Canyon and Zion National Park
- Discover the famous Hoodoos at Bryce Canyon National Park
- Explore Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park
- Enjoy a 2-night stay in Las Vegas



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, open-air tram and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,709

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI

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- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

**APR** 04, 08, 11, 18, 25 MAY 03, 10, 17, 23, 31 JUN 04, 13 JUL 12, 19

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New

itinerary

From May 2018

22, 25, 29

AUG 02, 27, 30

# 2019 Departures

MAR 07, 14

APR 04, 11, 25, 29

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • All transfers will depart from Phoenix airport for Scottsdale. • March and April 2018 tours are 2 days longer. Please go online for details. • Visa required for entry into

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights

Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour



# **California Coast** 10 Day tour from £2,079pp. Includes 12 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# **DAY 1 San Francisco**

Your tour starts in San Francisco.

# **DAY 2 San Francisco**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Tour pace (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









# DAY 6 Monterey - San Simeon - Santa Barbara

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

# **DAY 7 Santa Barbara**

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

### DAY 8 Santa Barbara - Los Angeles -Pasadena

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

# **DAY 9 Pasadena**

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

# **DAY 10 Pasadena**

Your tour ends in Pasadena.

# California

# Tour highlights include

- Enjoy a three nights stay in San Francisco
- Travel the "17-Mile Drive" in Monterey
- Overnight at Yosemite National Park
- · Journey along the breath-taking Big Sur



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and tram GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,909

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- **MEALS INCLUDED**
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

FEB 24	JUL 22
MAR 10	AUG 05, 26
APR 21	OCT 07
MAY 06	NOV 11

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

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# **Pacific Northwest & California**

8 Day tour from £1,739pp. Includes 10 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

**DAY 1 Seattle, Washington** Your tour starts in Seattle

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

# **DAY 3 Portland - Cascade Mountains**

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

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

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

# **DAY 5 North Bend-Bandon State Natural**

Area- Redwood Nat'l. Park, CA-Eureka Begin your day with a drive to Bandon State Natural Area along the striking Beach Loop with sights such as Bandon Rocks and Face Rock. Embark on a cruise up the spectacular Rogue River for your chance to see bald eagles, cormorants, seals and blue heron. Continuing south, enter the redwood country of California. Travel through the

Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









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

# DAY 6 Eureka - San Francisco

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

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

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

# **DAY 8 San Francisco**

Your tour ends in San Francisco.



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 10 meals (6 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and cruise GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,339

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED

# 2018 Departures

APR 08, 22, 23 MAY 06, 20, 27 JUN 03, 10, 17, 18, 24

OCT 07, 08, 14 JUL 08, 09, 15, 22, 23

AUG 05, 12, 13, 19 SEP 02, 09, 10, 16, 17, 23, 30

# 2019 Departures

APR 07, 28, 29

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# **Hawaiian Adventure**

10 Day tour from £2,774pp. Includes 13 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# DAY 1 Honolulu, Oahu

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

# DAY 2 Oahu

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

# DAY 3 Oahu

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

# DAY 4 Oahu - Kauai

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

# DAY 5 Kauai

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

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







# **DAY 6 Kauai**

Step aboard an open-air boat for a cruise along the tranquil Wailua River. Make a stop to disembark for a short guided walk to the lush, green Fern Grotto. On your return boat ride, hula dancers join you to demonstrate this ancient art form.

# DAY 7 Kauai - Maui

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

# **DAY 8 Maui**

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

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

# DAY 10 Maui

Your tour ends in Maui

# Extend your tour

Extend your holiday with a 3 days (2 nights) extension to Hawaii Island. Please call for details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# Tour highlights include

- Visit the USS Arizona Memorial
- Take a cruise on tranquil Wailua River in Kauai
- Visit the surfing mecca of Oahu's North shore
- Explore the breath-taking Waimea Canyon



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 13 meals (9 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, internal flights and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,934

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FRFF WIFI
- **MEALS INCLUDED**
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

JAN 11, 21, 25 FEB 01, 04, 18 MAR 08.18 **APR** 12

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

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Competitively priced international flights

# Alaska & the Yukon 13 Day tour from £3,409\*pp. Includes 19 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# DAY 1 Anchorage, Alaska Your tour starts today in Anchorage.

# **DAY 2 Anchorage - Whittier**

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

# **DAY 3 Anchorage - Tok**

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

DAY 4 Tok - Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada On your way to Whitehorse you'll pass through Kluane National Park, the "crown jewel" of the Canadian national parks system.

# **DAY 5 Whitehorse - Skagway**

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

### **DAY 6 Whitehorse - Carmacks -Dawson City**

Journey through the village of Carmacks to see the famous Five Finger Rapids. Carmacks is named after George Carmack, the man who struck gold in 1896. Within a few years, the population grew from nearly zero to 40,000.

# Tour pace (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









# **DAY 7 Dawson City**

Today choose from a coach tour or a walking tour of Dawson showcasing the city's rich gold rush history. This afternoon you'll have some leisure time to independently explore.

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

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

# **DAY 9 Fairbanks**

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

# DAY 10 Fairbanks - Denali

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

# **DAY 11 Denali National Park**

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

# DAY 12 Denali - Anchorage

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

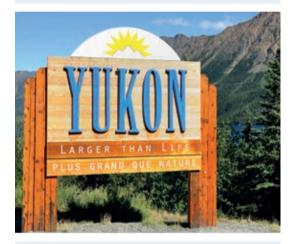
# **DAY 13 Anchorage**

Your tour ends in Anchorage.

# Yukon Gulf of Alaska

# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 19 meals (12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, dome railcar and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,539

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

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AUG 05, 12

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • ^The Tundra Wilderness tour is a fully narrated 7-9 hour tour. • Visa are required for entry into the USA and Canada. • \*Lead in price is based on 2017 departure date. 2018 prices coming soon, please go online for details.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

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- Competitively priced international flights
- Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details

\*Please go online for our latest pricing

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise**

13 Day tour from £2,494\* pp. Includes 25 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

### DAY 1 Fairbanks, Alaska Your tour starts in Fairbanks

# **DAY 2 Fairbanks - Denali National Park**

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

# **DAY 3 Denali National Park**

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

# **DAY 4 Denali National Park - Anchorage**

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

### **DAY 5 Anchorage - Whittier - Board** Cruise Ship

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

# **DAY 6 Cruising - Hubbard Glacier**

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

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







# **DAY 7 Cruising - Glacier Bay**

Cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve that is a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands.

# **DAY 8 Cruising - Skagway**

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

# **DAY 9 Cruising - Juneau**

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

# **DAY 10 Cruising - Ketchikan**

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

# **DAY 11 Cruising - Inside Passage**

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

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

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

# **DAY 13 Seattle Airport Area**

Your tour ends in Seattle.



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 25 meals (11 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise and train GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,094

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2017 Departures

JUN 06, 20 AUG 01, 15, 29 JUL 04, 18 **SEP** 12

2018 dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

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Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

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# **Maritimes Coastal Wonders**

11 Day tour from £2,119<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 16 meals



From the rugged Cabot Trail to the amazing Fundy tides, fun and adventure awaits as we uncover the treasures of the Canadian Maritimes. Marvel at the incredible views at Nova Scotia's Peggy's Cove and learn about the region's Gaelic heritage and local culture.

# **Your itinerary**

# DAY 1 Halifax, Nova Scotia

Your tour starts in Halifax.

# DAY 2 Halifax - Peggy's Cove

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

### DAY 3 Halifax - Cape Breton Island -**Baddeck**

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

# **DAY 4 Cabot Trail**

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

# DAY 5 Baddeck - Prince Edward Island

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

# **DAY 6 Prince Edward Island**

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

Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









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

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

# **DAY 8 Saint John**

Explore the awe-inspiring Fundy Trail, marvelling at the spectacular views of the famous tides. Later, get a taste of local life at the celebrated Saint John City Market. This evening is at leisure.

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

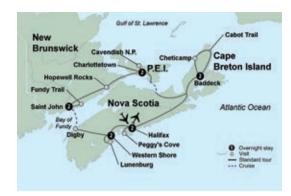
This morning, board a ferry bound for Digby, Nova Scotia. Waterfront accommodation await in charming Western Shore.

### DAY 10 Western Shore - Lunenburg -Western Shore

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

# **DAY 11 Western Shore**

Your tour ends in Western Shore.



# Tour highlights include

- Explore the awe-inspiring Fundy Trail and Cabot Trail
- Venture to the beautiful Peggy's Cove
- Experience local life at the celebrated Saint John City Market
- · Journey along the sea-sprayed shoreline to Hopewell Rocks



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,699

ACCOMMODATION: Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax. Inverary Inn Resort, Baddeck. Rodd, Charlottetown, Prince Édward Island. Hilton Saint John, Saint John. Atlantica Oak Island Resort, Western Shore

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FRFF WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

**MAY** 28 JUN 04, 18, 25 JUL 09, 16, 23, 30 AUG 06, 13, 22, 29, SEP 03, 05, 10, 12, 26 OCT 03

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Return flights should not be booked from Halifax prior to 11:00 a.m. • All transfers will depart from Western Shore for Halifax airport. • Visa required for entry into Canada

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# **Newfoundland & Labrador Discovery**

12 Day tour from £2,819<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 18 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# DAY 1 St. John's, Newfoundland Your tour starts today in St. John's.

# DAY 2 St. John's

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

# DAY 3 St. John's - Clarenville Area

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

# **DAY 4 Clarenville - Cape Bonavista**

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

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

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

# **DAY 6 Gander - Rocky Harbour**

Today the choice is yours! You can choose to explore the Mary March Museum or the Salmonid Centre. Both institutions offer interactive exhibits and their own unique window into the culture of the region. Later, arrive in Rocky Harbour for your two-night stay.

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







# **DAY 7 Gros Morne National Park**

This morning, visit the Discovery Centre to learn how natural forces have shaped the park's dramatic landscape before you explore Tableland Mountains and uncover the park's hidden fjords, stark peaks and highland tundra. Next, board a boat and watch for whales and eagles. Then become an honorary Newfoundlander at a "Screech-In" ceremony.

# DAY 8 Rocky Harbour - St. Anthony

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

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

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

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

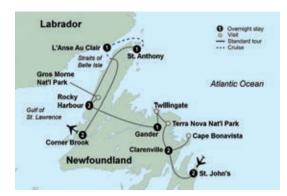
A morning ferry ride returns you to Newfoundland.

# **DAY 11 Corner Brook**

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

# **DAY 12 Corner Brook**

Your tour ends in Corner Brook.



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 18 meals (11 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and ferry **GROUP SIZE: Max 24** SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,629

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

MAY 31	<b>AUG</b> 02, 16
JUN 07, 14	SEP 06, 20
IUL 05, 12	

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day of the tour. • Visa required for entry into Canada.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# The Best of Eastern Canada

9 Day tour from £1,309pp. Includes 12 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# DAY 1 Montreal, Quebec

Your tour starts in Montreal

# **DAY 2 Montreal**

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

# **DAY 3 Montreal - Quebec City**

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

# **DAY 4 Quebec City**

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

# Tour pace (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









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

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

# **DAY 6 Ottawa - Rockport - Toronto**

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

# **DAY 7 Toronto - Niagara Falls**

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

# **DAY 8 Toronto**

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

# **DAY 9 Toronto**

Your tour ends in Toronto.



# Tour highlights include

- Witness the incredible power of Niagara Falls
- Cruise through the spectacular 1000 Islands
- Enjoy a city tour in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City
- Enjoy breakfast at a local sugar shack



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,809

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- **MEALS INCLUDED**
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

**MAR** 20 SEP 02, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 APR 08, 15, 22, 29 OCT 07, 09, 16, 21 MAY 13, 20, 22 **NOV** 04 JUN 05, 12, 24, 26 2019 Departures **MAR** 19 APR 07, 09, 28

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

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# **Canadian Rockies by Train**

10 Day tour from £2,479pp. Includes 13 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# **DAY 1 Vancouver, British Columbia**

Your tour begins in Vancouver.

# **DAY 2 Vancouver - Victoria - Vancouver**

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

# **DAY 3 Vancouver - VIA Rail**

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

# DAY 4 VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta

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

# **DAY 5 Jasper**

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

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









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

**Lake Louise** 

Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway! Waterfalls, rushing rivers and glacial peaks paint the perfect picture. Make a stop at the Athabasca Falls and the Columbia Icefield. Choose a fun ride across the glacial ice or, take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk. Then experience a stay at the world-famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

# **DAY 7 Lake Louise - Banff**

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

for a luxurious 2-night stay.

# **DAY 8 Banff**

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

# **DAY 9 Banff - Calgary**

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

# **DAY 10 Calgary**

Your tour ends in Calgary.

# Hotel upgrade from £60pp

During your stay at Fairmont Château Lake Louise, you can choose to upgrade your room to lake view room. Call for more details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

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

TRANSPORT: Coach, train and ferry GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,909

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FRFF WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

APR 04, 11, 25 MAY 03, 05, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 27

JUN 02, 09, 10, 14, 16, 17, 24, 28, 30

OCT 04, 06, 07, 15, 18,

# 2019 Departures

APR 04, 11, 18, 25, 30

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • An overnight bag is necessary for your train experience aboard VIA Rail. • Maximum elevation is approximately 7,000ft. • Visa required for entry into Canada.

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

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Private return door to door airport transfers

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Competitively priced international flights

# Canada's Winter Wonderland

7 Day tour from £1,279<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 8 meals



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

# **Your itinerary**

# **DAY 1 Edmonton, Alberta**

Your tour starts today in Edmonton.

# **DAY 2 Edmonton - Jasper**

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

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

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

### DAY 4 Jasper - Icefields Parkway - Lake Louise

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

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# **DAY 5 Lake Louise - Banff**

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

# **DAY 6 Banff**

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

# **DAY 7 Banff - Calgary**

Your tour ends today in Banff.



# Tour highlights include

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



# What's included in your tour

MEALS: 8 meals (5 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, horse drawn sleigh ride and gondola

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,539

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- **MEALS INCLUDED**
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

# 2018 Departures

JAN 09 **NOV** 03 **DEC** 01, 08 **FEB** 03

# 2019 Departures

JAN 15, 16 **NOV** 02, 09

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • All transfers will depart Banff to Calgary airport. • Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:00 a.m. • Visa required

# Our tour prices exclude flights.

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# **Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park**

7 Day tour from £1,639\* pp. Includes 9 meals



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

#### **Your itinerary**

#### **DAY 1 Calgary, Alberta**

Your tours starts today in Calgary.

#### **DAY 2 Calgary - Columbia Falls, Montana**

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

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

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

#### **DAY 4 Columbia Falls - Banff**

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

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### **DAY 5 Banff**

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

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

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

#### **DAY 7 Banff**

Your tour ends today in Banff.

or call us on 0800 804 8363 or visit your local travel agent



#### Tour highlights include

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



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, gondola and Jammer car GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,209

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

2018 Departures

JUN 15, 18, 22, 29

SEP 03, 07, 10, 14, 17

2018 dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Maximum elevation is 7,500 feet. • All transfers will depart Banff to Calgary airport. • Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:00 a.m. • Visa are required for entry into the USA and Canada. • \*Lead in price and itinerary are based on 2017 departure dates. 2018 prices coming soon.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

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Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

- Competitively priced international flights
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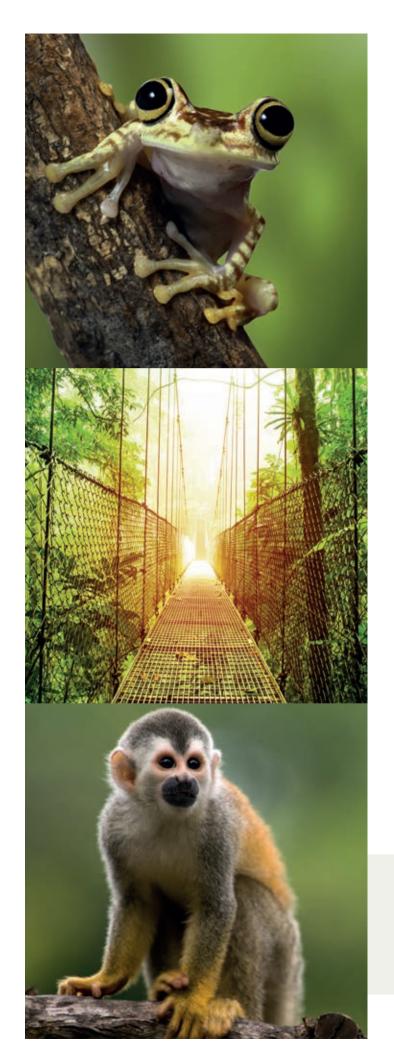
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# **Central & South America**



#### Inspiring landscapes and unforgettable experiences

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



#### FEATURING

# Costa Rica Panama Peru Argentina Brazil

#### Costa Rica

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

#### Panama

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

#### Peru

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

#### **Argentina**

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

#### **Brazil**

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

#### Highlights of Central & South America

- Machu Picchu, Peru
- Arenal Volcano, Costa Rica
- The Galapagos Islands
- · Panama Canal, Panama
- Christ the Redeemer, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

# Costa Rica: A World of Nature

11 Day tour from £1,559pp. Includes 20 meals



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

# Your itinerary

DAV 1 San Jose Costa Rica Your tour starts in San Jose.

DAY 2 San Jose - Tortuguero National Park Journey to the rainforest of Tortuguero National Park and take in the mountain vistas. Later, cruise the rivers with your guide and visit the Green Turtle Research Station.

#### **DAY 3 Tortuguero National Park**

Set out on an early morning bird-watching excursion that explores the variety of local species and migratory birds. Embark on a nature cruise and keep an eye out for howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, caimans, green macaws, jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees.

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

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

#### DAY 5 Arenal Volcano

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

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

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 7 Villa Blanca Cloud Forest -

San Ramón

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

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

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

#### DAY 9 Manuel Antonio National Park - Santa Juana

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

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

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

DAY 11 San Jose Your tour ends in San Jose.



#### Tour highlights include

- Embark on a nature cruise in search of native wildlife such as sloths and toucans
- Explore Arenal Volcano National Park and choose from a zip lining experience or a nature hike
- · Experience a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion
- Visit the world's first Green Turtle Research station in Tortuguero National Park



#### What's included in your tour

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

TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trips

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,409

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

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED
- FREE WIFI

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 11, 18, 25, 28 FEB 01, 11, 15, 18, 25 MAR 04, 11, 18 APR 05, 19

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

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

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Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

- Competitively priced international flights
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Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# **Tropical Costa Rica**

9 Day tour from £1,189pp. Includes 13 meals



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

# Your itinerary

DAV 1 San Jose Costa Rica Your tour starts in San Jose.

DAY 2 San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste Start the day with a tour of a local coffee plantation, highlighting the history of this driver of Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in the Guanacaste region, known for its breath-taking beauty and fine sandy beaches.

#### **DAY 3 Guanacaste**

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

#### DAY 4 Guanacaste - Monteverde

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

#### **DAY 5 Monteverde**

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

#### Tour pace (1)









DAY 6 Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal Uncover the importance of conservation in a visit to a tree nursery, where you will learn about the indigenous trees. Cross through the mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where views of the volcano await you. Be surrounded by tranquility on a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal.

DAY 7 Arenal - Cano Negro- Arenal Today you'll embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a panga (covered canoe), stopping along the way to observe and photograph the wildlife that surround. The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs, and you'll have an opportunity to relax during an optional spa visit.

DAY 8 Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose Discover the charming town of Zarcero and visit its topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. Visit San Jose's colourful Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre. This evening enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner.

DAY 9 San Jose Your tour ends in San Jose.

#### Extend your tour

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Tortuguero National Park. Please call for details

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- · Climb high into the trees for your choice of 'hanging bridges' tour or zip lining!
- Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its topiary garden
- Delight in the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano
- Explore the nature reserve of Cano Negro on a river boat adventure

#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trips GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,639

ACCOMMODATION: DoubleTree by Hilton, Cariari, San Jose. Esplendor Tamarindo, Guanacaste. El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest. Arenal Springs Resort, Arenal.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- **FREE AUDIO GUIDES**
- FREE WIFI
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 04, 06, 08, 11, 13, 15,	JUN 09, 16
18, 22, 25, 29	JUL 21
FEB 01, 05, 08, 10, 17, 19, 22, 24	AUG 25
	SEP 15, 22
MAR 01, 03, 05, 08, 10, 12, 17, 19, 22, 24	OCT 06, 08, 15, 20, 22
APR 02, 05, 07, 14, 16,	<b>NOV</b> 01, 03, 05, 08, 10, 12
21,23, 28	<b>DEC</b> 01, 29
MAY 05, 12, 26	

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JAN 05, 07, 10, 12, 14, 17,	MAR 02, 09, 16, 21, 30
19, 26, 31	APR 01, 06, 25, 29
FEB 02, 07, 14, 16, 21,	
23, 28	

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately 32 USD (approximately £20 GBP) • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. Extend your tour in Tortuguero National Park, please call for details.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries**

11 Day tour from **£2,229**pp. Includes 16 meals



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

#### Your itinerary

# DAY 1 Lima, Peru

Your tour starts today in Lima.

#### DAY 2 Lima

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

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

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

#### DAY 4 Sacred Valley of the Incas -Ollantaytambo

You'll experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people today when you travel to a nearby community. This afternoon you'll explore Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. Tonight savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner, where food is placed on hot stones to cook underground.

## DAY 5 Sacred Valley of the Incas -

#### Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the Lost City of the Incas. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, you'll stay at the base of Machu Picchu.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 6 Machu Picchu - Cuzco

With leisure time this morning you can return to Machu Picchu on your own before you travel back to Cuzco.

The morning is yours to relax and explore at your leisure or enjoy some of our optional excursions. Later, you'll travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress.

#### DAY 8 Cuzco - Puno

This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca, and known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire. Meet the locals before checking into your lakeside hotel.

#### DAY 9 Uros Floating Islands - Las Chullpas de Sillustani - Lake Titicaca

Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. In the afternoon, visit the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani- an archaeological area.

#### DAY 10 Puno - Lima

As your tour comes to a close, spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Your tour concludes with a farewell dinner this evening.

#### DAY 11 Lima

Your tour ends in Lima.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to the Peruvian Amazon. Please call for details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Visit the sacred ruins of Machu Picchu!
- Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market
- Meet the indigenous Uros people of the floating islands on Lake Titicaca
- Taste "Chica" a regional drink made from maize at a local tavern.



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, train, boat trip & internal flights GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,109

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima. Casa Andina Private Collection, Sacred Valley. Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes. Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco. Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- FRFF W/IFI
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 06, 13, 20	JUN 23
FEB 03, 24	AUG 25
MAR 03, 10	<b>NOV</b> 03, 10
APR 12, 19	

#### 2019 Departures

JAN 12, 19, 26

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Highest elevation is approximately 12,500ft (Puno) • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

Private return door to door airport transfers

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

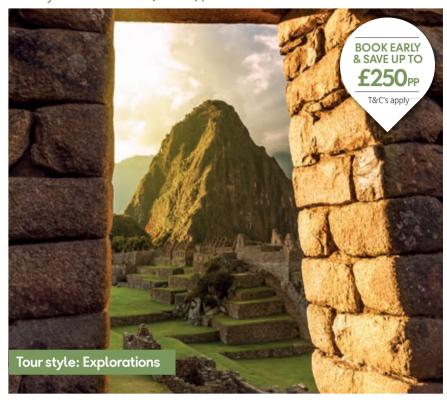
- Competitively priced international flights
- Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details

\*Please go online for our latest pricing



# Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands

15 Day tour from £5,859pp. Includes 28 meals



This adventurous journey brings together the historical experience of the mysterious Machu Picchu, the cultural cities of Lima, Quito and Cuzco to the extraordinary wildlife on the pristine Galapagos Islands.

# **Your itinerary**

DAY 1 Lima, Peru Your tour starts in Lima.

#### DAY 2 Lima

Take a tour of Lima's historic city centre before your exclusive visit to the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard.

DAY 3 Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas Fly to Cuzco. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas.

**DAY 4 Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo**Visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo archaeological site and this evening savour an authentic pachamanca dinner

#### DAY 5 Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train to the "Lost City of the Incas". Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu and enjoy an exclusive culinary

#### DAY 6 Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Enjoy time at leisure this morning before returning to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cuzco.

#### DAY 7 Cuzco

This morning is at leisure. Then make a toast at sunset while overlooking the city before an authentic dinner and folklore show in the heart of Cuzco.

DAY 8 Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador This morning fly to Quito, Ecuador.

#### **DAY 9 Quito**

Take a city tour and then enjoy lunch overlooking the Pululahua volcanic crater.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 10 Quito - San Cristóbal Island, Galapagos - Embark Ship

Fly to San Cristóbal Island. After lunch, board the m/v Galapagos Legend, arrive at the Port Baquerizo Moreno for an up-close look at the endangered tortoises.

#### DAY 11 Española Island

Board your panga to visit Gardner Bay. Home to sea lions, Galapagos hawks and endemic finches. Swim and snorkel with the marine life then take a nature walk

#### DAY 12 Floreana Island

Land at storied Post Office Bay. Snorkel with green sea turtles then sail to Cormorant Point and its olivine green sand beach.

#### **DAY 13 Santa Cruz Island**

Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and see the giant tortoises from the station's breeding programme. Trek through the Santa Cruz highlands to Cerro Chato then embark on a walk inside dormant lava tubes.

#### DAY 14 Daphne Island - Disembark Ship -Baltra Island - Ouito

Keep an eye out for marine wildlife along the shore of Daphne Island. Then fly back to Quito. This evening experience a night time panoramic tour of Quito.

#### **DAY 15 Quito**

Your tour ends in Quito.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Otavalo. Please call for details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Venture through the Andes in a domed train to Machu Picchu
- Sunset toast at the sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuman Fortress
- Embark on a 5 day cruise of the Galapagos Islands
- Admire the giant tortoises at the Charles Darwin Research Station



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 28 meals (14 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 9 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise, panga & internal flights GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £7,589

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Miraflores, Lima. Casa Andina Private Collection Sacred Valley, Yucay.
Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes. Casa Andina Private Collection Hotel, Cuzco. Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Quito. m/v Galapagos Legend, Galapagos Islands.

- FREE WIFI
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 09	MAY 15
FEB 06, 20	AUG 21
MAR 06	SEP 04, 18
APR 03, 17	NOV 27

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Highest elevation: Cuzco, Peru at approximately 11,200 ft. • Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your holiday • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

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Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Discover Panama**

9 Day tour from £1,289pp. Includes 15 meals



Panama is a county of natural beauty and on this amazing tour you will get the chance to cruise through the famous Panama Canal, stay in the rainforest and meet the indigenous Embera people. You will also explore the markets and stay in a community within a volcano crater. What's not to miss!

#### Your itinerary

Day 1: Gamboa, Panama Your tour starts in Gamboa.

Day 2: Gamboa - Emberá Village - Gamboa After your welcome breakfast you will board dugout cannes and set off on an excursion up the Chagres River to an Emberá indigenous village. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy your resort.

#### Day 3: Gamboa - Panama Canal Cruise - Gamboa

Today we explore the canal! Board the Pacific Queen for a partial transit cruise through the Panama Canal.\* Enjoy lunch onboard and then disembark at Flamenco Marina in Panama City.

#### Day 4: Gamboa - Panama City -**Anton Valley**

Arrive at Miraflores Locks Visitor Centre to view the Panama Canal and learn about its past, present and future. Continue to Casco Viejo, the Old Quarter (UNESCO). Then, take a guided walking tour of the Plaza de la Independencia and the National Theatre, then drive a short distance on the famed Pan-American Highway before heading to Anton Valley, a community nestled inside the world's second largest volcanic crater.

#### Day 5: Anton Valley

This morning, visit a frog conservation centre, the Butterfly Haven exhibit and meet the locals at the handicraft market. Try your hand at negotiations (a local pastime) as you peruse items made by indigenous peoples. This afternoon, visit El Chorro Macho waterfall. Embark on a moderate hike along the rainforest trails and you may even take a swim in the natural pool.

Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









Step into the heartland of Panama as you visit a village of artists. Interact with makers of the famous Panama hat and meet the legendary cigar rollers of Panama. Head north to Chitré. Established in 1558, it is one of the first Spanish settlements in Panama. Tonight, immerse yourself in the local culture during dinner with a folkloric dance performance.

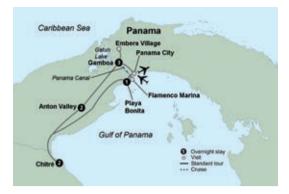
#### Day 7: Chitré

Spend the day meeting the people of Chitré, the "folklore capital" of Panama. Talk to a famous local artist and spend time with Panamanian women who have dedicated their lives to making the handwoven pollera dress. Then visit to one of Panama's famous rum producers. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at your hotel. Tonight you have the option of experiencing an authentic home-hosted meal in a local family's home.

#### Day 8: Chitré - Playa Bonita

Before departing Chitré, get to know a traditional way of cooking at a clay oven bakery and sample artisanal bread and sweets along with some sugarcane juice known as guarapa. Then arrive and relax in Playa Bonita.

Day 9: Playa Bonita Your tour ends in Playa Bonita.



#### Tour highlights include

- Join your guide for a nature walk through the jungle forest
- Travel by dugout canoe to an Emberá village
- Traverse the Panama Canal aboard the Pacific Queen
- Taste the sweet sugarcane juice called "guarapa" at a sugar mill



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 15 meals (8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, canoe and ship

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,909

ACCOMMODATION: Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Gamboa. Los Mandarinos Hotel, Anton Valley. Cubitá Boutique Resort and Spa, Chitré. Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGER
- MEALS INCLUDED
- FREE WIFI

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2018 Departures	
<b>JAN</b> 18	SEP 13
FEB 22	OCT 25
MAR 15	<b>NOV</b> 01
<b>APR</b> 19	DEC 06
JUN 07	
2019 Departures	
JAN 17, 31	MAR 21

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Panama charges an international airport departure tax of approx. 60 USD – the cost of this is included in your air ticket. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.  ${}^{\bullet}$  \*Due to the Panama Canal cruise schedule, activities on days 2 & 3 may be interchanged on select departures. The order of activities is also subject to change. • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense.

**APR** 25

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- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

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Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# The Wonders of South America

11 Day tour from £2,499pp. Includes 16 meals



This 11 day tour of South America encapsulates the best that this region has to offer. From Chile's capital Santiago to Argentina's Buenos Aires and Iguazu, and Brazil's Rio de Janeiro, you'll delve into the vivacious cultures of South America.

# Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 Santiago, Chile

Your tour starts in Santiago with a welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2 Santiago

This morning, embark on a city tour before riding the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes, and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception. The evening is yours to explore this wonderful city on your own.

#### DAY 3 Santiago - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fly to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango. You'll visit the Feria de San Telmo, the famous Sunday market in Buenos Aires before exploring on foot. This evening you'll head to the Esquina Carlos Gardel Tango House.

#### **DAY 4 Buenos Aires**

Today is free for you to choose how to spend your day, either at leisure or enjoying one of our optional excursions.

#### DAY 5 Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco This morning, cross the Argentine Pampas and

embark on a guided tour of the charming country village of San Antonio de Areco. You'll have a traditional Argentine barbecue for lunch before heading back to Buenos Aires for a free evening.

DAY 6 Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls, Brazil Fly to Iguazu Falls – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – hailed as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. You'll board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil's Throat. Then cross into the Brazil side and check into your resort.







Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. This afternoon you can choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls, or enjoy the amenities at your resort.

#### DAY 8 Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro

Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Tour the city of Rio and visit the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. After checking into your beachfront hotel venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain this evening.

#### DAY 9 Rio de Janeiro

Today you'll travel to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. Your afternoon is free to explore at your leisure or join one of our optional tours

#### DAY 10 Rio de Janeiro

Your day is at leisure to explore fabulous Rio de laneiro on vour own.

#### DAY 11 Rio de Janeiro

Your tour ends in Rio de Janeiro.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to the Brazilian Amazon. Please call for details



#### Tour highlights include

- Visit one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, Christ the Redeemer
- Explore Iguazu National Park by eco train and marvel the impressive falls
- Discover the San Telmo market in Buenos Aires
- Move to the rhythms of the tango during a stunning performance



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, train, funicular, boat trip and internal flights

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,409

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago. The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires. Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu. Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 05, 26 MAR 02 **FFB** 16 **APR** 06

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and vaccinations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or G.P. for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

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- Competitively priced international flights

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# The Complete South America

23 Day tour from **£5,749**<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 37 meals



## **Experience the land of wonders**

From the mystical Machu Picchu to cosmopolitan Rio de Janeiro, home of the World Cup and Olympics in a span of two years, this is the trip of a lifetime across South America, one of the world's most exciting and diverse destinations.

# **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to the Peruvian Amazon and or, Brazilian Amazon. Please call for details.



DAY 1 Lima, Peru Your tour starts in Lima.

#### DAY 2 Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site, before your exclusive visit to the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner with a tasting menu of Peruvian dishes and drinks.

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

Today you'll fly to Cuzco and journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas. Visit Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market and drop by a local pub to taste a "chicha," a unique regional drink made from maize.

#### DAY 4 Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo

Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby community. Visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins this afternoon before your authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook.

#### DAY 5 Sacred Valley of the Incas -Machu Picchu

Ride the Machu Picchu Vistadome train to the "Lost City of the Incas." Tonight you'll stay at the base of Machu Picchu and enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration before an award-winning tasting menu at vour resort.

#### DAY 6 Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Spend the morning at leisure before travelling to Cuzco.

#### **DAY 7 Cuzco**

Enjoy a free morning and then decide how you'd like to explore Cuzco in the afternoon. You may choose to follow a local guide on a walking tour or explore the city by coach. Later, discover the Sacsayhuaman Fortress and enjoy a toast at sunset, before dinner and a folklore show.

#### DAY 8 Cuzco - Santiago, Chile

Fly to Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital city.

#### DAY 9 Santiago

This morning, embark on a city tour before riding the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes. Visit a local winery for lunch and sample some of Chile's famous wines.

DAY 10 Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales Today you'll fly to Punta Arenas and head to Puerto Natales, the stepping off point to Chile's Torres del Paine National Park.

#### **DAY 11 Puerto Natales**

Embark on a full-day cruise through the Chilean Fjords, visiting the breathtaking Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers.

Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







**DAY 12 Puerto Natales - Torres Del Paine** Today you'll venture into the UNESCO biosphere reserve – Torres Del Paine National Park.

DAY 13 Puerto Natales - El Calafate, Argentina Make your way from the Chilean side of Patagonia to El Calafate in Argentina, the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Revel in the beauty of the landscapes during your drive through the countryside before settling into your hotel with spectacular views of Lake Argentino.

DAY 14 El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier Today you'll discover the jewel of Argentina's Patagonia – Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares

DAY 15 El Calafate - Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires and head to Esquina Carlos Gardel for a tango performance.

#### DAY 16 Buenos Aires

Choose your own adventure today! You can experience the lively capital by bus or choose to explore the city with a local guide on an exhilarating bicycle tour. The reminder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 17 Buenos Aires - Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay

Take a ferry to the charming village of Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay. Go on a guided walk through the historic old town with a local resident before

#### DAY 18 Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls

Fly to Iguazu Falls. Board the Rainforest Ecological Train and walk to the platform overlooking the powerful Devil's Throat.

#### DAY 19 Iguazu Falls

Explore the spectacular waterfalls with your local guide.

DAY 20 Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Visit the Maracanã football stadium and the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome, before venturing to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain.

#### DAY 21 Rio de Janeiro

Journey to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer and visit the local markets. This afternoon, choose to get a behind the scenes look at Carnival or join a local guide for a tour of a favela.

DAY 22 Rio de Janeiro Today is at leisure.

DAY 23 Rio de Janeiro

Your tour ends in Rio de Janeiro.



#### Tour highlights include

- Venture to Argentina's famous Perito Moreno Glacier
- Embark on a full-day cruise through the breath-taking Chilean Fjords
- Explore the UNESCO village of Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay
- Witness the incredible power of Iguazu Falls



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 37 meals (22 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 10 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise, ferry, train and internal flights

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £7,599

ACCOMMODATION: Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima. Casa Andina Private Collection, Sacred Valley. Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes, Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco. Atton Vitacura, Santiago. Costaustralis Hotel, Puerto Natales. Esplendor El Calafate Hotel, El Calafate. The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires. Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu. Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 25 **FEB** 15 **MAR** 08

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Highest elevation is approximately 11,200ft (Cuzco). • Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/ or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you re travelling to and from. • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passpor holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

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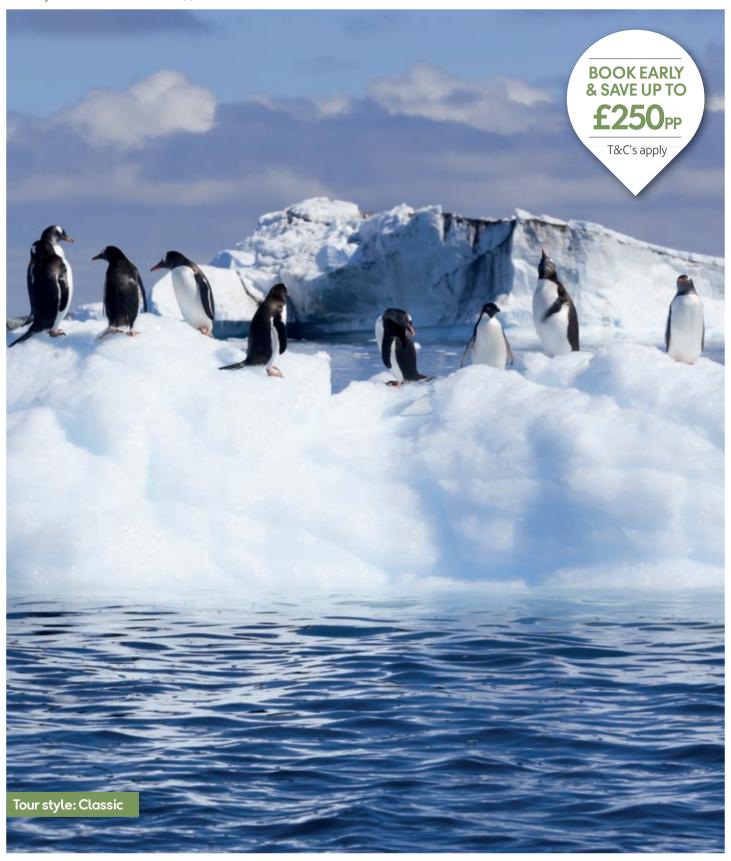
Private return door to door airport transfers

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Competitively priced international flights

# **Antarctica**

19 Day tour from **£9,419**pp. Includes 48 meals



## **Explore the winter continent**

Venture on an unforgettable voyage that takes you deep into a world of pristine, rugged beauty and wildlife experience like no other, but first experience the vibrant city of Buenos Aires.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Iguazu Falls Please call for details.



#### DAY 1 Buenos Aires, Argentina

Your tour starts in Buenos Aires with an included

#### **DAY 2 Buenos Aires**

Today is at leisure to experience this lively city. Browse the boutiques of Calle Florida or visit one of the many renowned art museums. Or perhaps you'll choose to take the optional Tigre y Delta trip.

#### DAY 3 Buenos Aires- Ushuaia

This morning you will fly to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, situated on the Patagonian peninsula overlooking the historic Beagle Channel. Explore the "Land of Fire" at Tierra del Fuego National Park and walk the shores of Roca Lake.

#### DAY 4 Ushuaia- Embark Ship

The morning is yours to enjoy free time in this famous port town before boarding the state-of-theart MS Fram expedition vessel.

#### **DAY 5 The Drake Passage**

Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named for the legendary Sir Francis Drake. Spot whales and sea birds as you begin this voyage of exploration. Experts provide presentations on history, biology and geology throughout vour adventure.

#### DAY 6 The Drake Passage, Antarctica

Arrive in Antarctica – the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The privilege of witnessing this fragile, remote environment is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

#### **DAY 7 Antarctica**

The next nine days are filled with discovery! First, cruise through the astounding, glacier-lined Lemaire Channel – "Kodak Gap" – and enter the majestic Neumayer Channel with its imposing cliffs. Humpback, Killer and Minke whales – and icebergs - are common sights. PolarCirkel (rugged excursion) boats take you to incredible locations along the Antarctic Peninsula

#### DAY 8 Antarctica

Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to Whalers Bay, Deception Island, featuring an active volcanic caldera.

#### **DAY 9 Antarctica**

Today you'll visit Neko Harbour, part of the Antarctic mainland nestled in the fjord-like Andvord Bay, where penguins plus Elephant and Weddel seals are often spotted. Then, you will visit Antarctic Sound & Brown Bluff where you may have the chance to stroll the beach with the cute Adélie penguins.

# Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)





#### **DAY 10 Antarctica**

Explore Port Lockroy, a harbour on Goudier Island and former British base, hosting cormorants and surrounded by glaciers and ice shelves. Here you can mail home a postcard with a rare Antarctic stamp!

#### **DAY 11 Antarctica**

Today you'll visit Yankee Harbour, on the South Shetland Islands. It was once the base of operations for early sealers. Today, it still provides a natural safe haven for sailors and explorers like you who come to see the large colony of Gentoo penguins

#### DAY 12 Antarctica

Today visit Cuverville Island, sitting on the scenic Errera Channel, offering up excitement before you even make landfall. Embark upon a thrilling passage through the channel amid dramatic icebergs. Once on shore you will be surrounded by throngs of nesting penguins.

#### DAY 13 Antarctica

Petermann Island's location on the picturesque Penola Strait makes it a great place to spot icebergs

#### DAY 14 Antarctica

Visit Detaille Island, where you will find the former Station W which was in operation from 21st February, 1956 until 31st March, 1959. Surveying, geology and meteorology work were conducted here. The base was evacuated when the sea ice and weather made relief by ship impossible.

#### **DAY 15 Antarctica**

Today visit Horseshoe Island, which occupies most of the entrance of Square Bay and is an important example of a relatively unaltered and completely equipped British scientific research station of the 1950s.

#### **DAY 16 Antarctica- Drake Passage**

Today you'll leave Antarctica, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. Participate in engaging lectures on Antarctica's wonders.

#### DAY 17 The Drake Passage

Spend another day crossing the Drake Passage.

#### DAY 18 The Drake Passage –

#### Ushuaia - Buenos Aires

Disembark the ship in Ushuaia, transfer to the airport and return to Buenos Aires. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey as you enjoy a dinner featuring Argentine favourites and a tango performance!

#### DAY 19 Santiago

Your tour ends in Santiago.



#### Tour highlights include

- Discover multitudes of curious Antarctic wildlife
- Walk the shores of Roca Lake, once home to the extinct Yámana people
- Cruise through The Drake Passage
- Enjoy a dinner featuring Argentine cuisine and a tango performance!



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 48 meals (18 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 17 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cruise, funicular & internal flights GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £15,629

ACCOMMODATION: The Brick Hotel, Buenos Aires. Alto Andino Hotel, Ushuaia. MS Fram.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

FEB 06

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternative hotels/vessels may be used • Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions • Transfers to/from the boat are by small zodiac boats. Landings are either "dry" or "wet" and you might have to wade ashore in shallow water • Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your four. Suggested guidelines are 12 USD per guest, per day • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

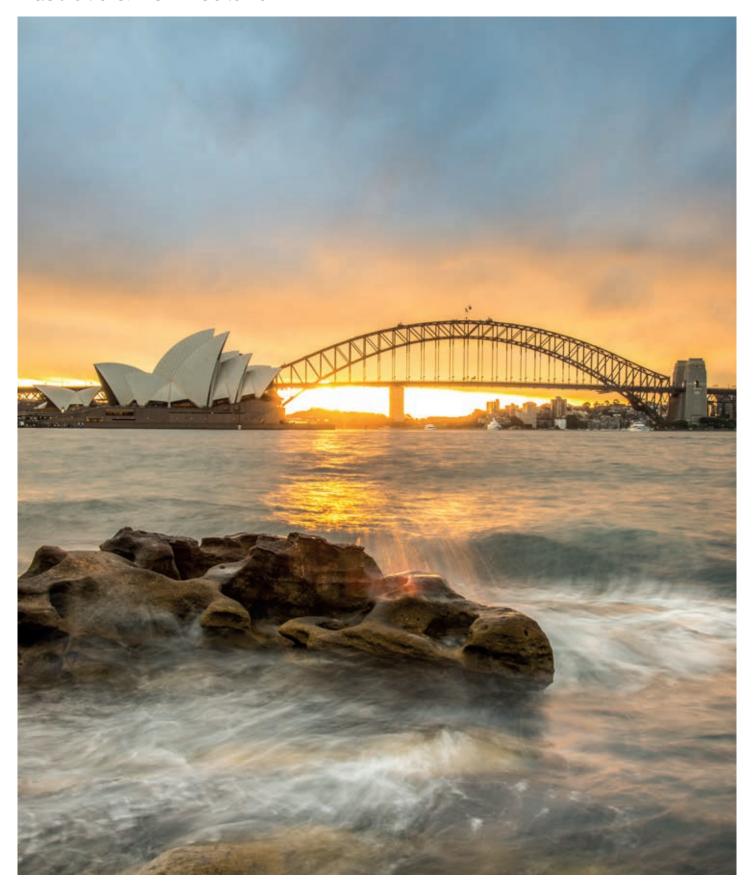
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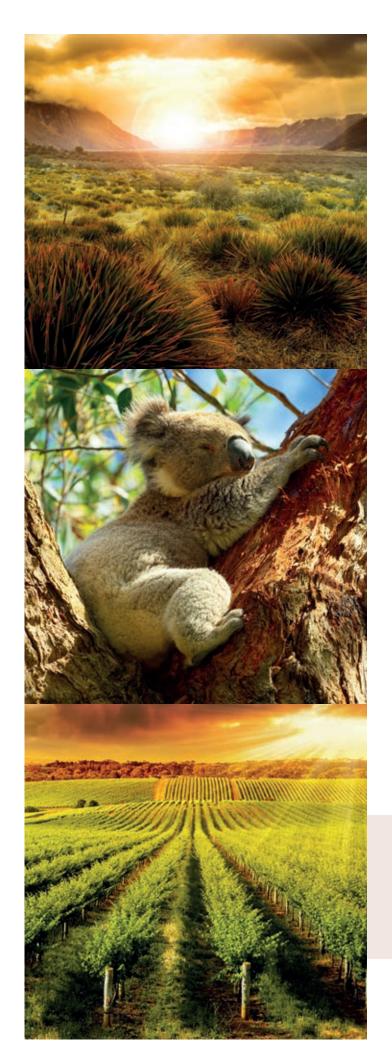
Competitively priced international flights

# **Australia & New Zealand**



#### Unique wildlife, dramatic landscapes and friendly cosmopolitan cities

Take your travels to the other side of the world to experience the allure of the South Pacific. Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef. Stand before Mt. Cook. Explore the colours of the Outback. Learn about the secrets of the Sydney Opera House. Come to know the locals when you stay with a New Zealand family in their home. You will discover the regions friendly people, adventurous spirit, inspiring landscapes, lively cities, and peaceful countryside.



#### FEATURING

# Australia New Zealand Fiji

#### Australia

Say G'day to Australia! Beaches to 'barbies' koalas to wallabies, Outback to ocean. Unique wildlife and dramatic landscapes come together with some of the world's most effervescent cities. Whatever you fancy, Australia welcomes you.

#### **New Zealand**

It's the rugged natural beauty that stands out: spectacular glaciers, picturesque fiords, endless coastlines, steamy geothermal activity and so much more. Its breath-taking landscapes combined with its unique Maori culture, friendly cosmopolitan cities and fabulous food and wine comprise the two remarkable islands the "Kiwis" lovingly call home.

#### Fiji

For hundreds of years Fiji has attracted dreamers, adventurers, outdoorsmen, romantics and anyone else looking for paradise. This archipelago is made up of some 330 islands, about a third of them inhabited. There are two main islands: Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. In 1643, Abel Tasman, a Dutch explorer, was the first European to catch a glimpse of the islands. The British colonized Fiji in 1874. Even before gaining independence in 1970, it became the ultimate holiday destination, due to its beautiful surroundings and warm year-round temperatures. Fiji travel may seem far away, but it's the perfect addition to your Australia and New Zealand adventure.

#### Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

- Milford Sound, New Zealand
- Sydney Opera House, Australia
- Ayres Rock, Australia
- The Great Barrier Reef, Australia
- Mt. Cook National Park, New Zealand

# **Exploring New Zealand**22 Day tour from **£3,379**<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 35 meals



# Unforgettable natural beauty

This fantastic tour encompasses the best of New Zealand and its spectacular landscape, from the steaming geothermal activity in Rotorua, to the awe-inspiring Franz Josef Glacier and the calmness of the Milford Sound to the intriguing Maori culture.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Fiji. Please call for details.



#### DAY 1 Auckland, New Zealand

Your tour starts in Auckland.

#### DAY 2 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Begin your day with a city tour of Auckland then travelling north to the Bay of Islands.

#### **DAY 3 Bay of Islands**

Take a cruise through the bay's famous Hole in the Rock and views of the Cape Brett Lighthouse before you explore Paihia independently.

#### DAY 4 Bay of Islands - Matakohe -Home Stay^

Visit Matakohe in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum to discover the story of the famous giant kauri tree. Later, make yourself right at home when a New Zealand family welcomes you for the night^!

#### **DAY 5 Rotorua**

Today, find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua and experience the Maori traditions. Enjoy the chance to see the famous Kiwi bird which is now on the endangered species list. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration.

#### DAY 6 Rotorua - Napier

Embark on a guided tour after arriving in the city of Napier. This afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 7 Napier - Wellington

Travel through the rolling countryside on your journey to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city.

#### **DAY 8 Wellington**

Take a walking tour of Wellington visiting the main sights and Te Papa Tongawera Museum. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

#### DAY 9 Wellington - Picton - Blenheim, Marlborough

Today you'll sail across Cook Strait and arrive in Picton on the South Island for lunch before travelling along the coast to the picturesque village of Havelock. Upon arrival in Blenheim, you'll visit a local winery for a tasting and dine at the cellar door bistro.

#### **DAY 10 Blenheim**

Enjoy the morning at leisure before visiting another family-owned winery in the Marlborough region for a tasting and tour.

#### DAY 11: Blenheim - Punakaiki

Today you'll travel through the heart of the South Island and further along the rugged coast to Punakaiki. Upon arrival at your hotel you will have free time to explore the area before dinner.

#### DAY 12 Punakaiki - Franz Josef Region

Continue your journey along the stunning coastline to the Franz Josef Region. Along the way, make a stop in Hokitiki to meet the skilled carvers who work with the West Coast pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade shop.

#### Tour pace (1) 2 (3) (4) (5)







#### DAY 13 Franz Josef - Queenstown

Before departing Franz Josef you may opt to see the glacier from a flightseeing tour. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown. Tonight board the cable car for a ride up to the Skyline restaurant where you will enjoy dinner and fantastic views of Queenstown. After dinner, choose to take a seat at a cultural show; enjoy star gazing with a naturalist; or, if you are feeling more adventurous, give the luge a try!

#### **DAY 14 Queenstown**

Set off for the beautiful 19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore before stopping at a local winery for a tasting of their award-winning wine and a fabulous lunch. Later, return to Queenstown for some free time.

#### **DAY 15 Queenstown**

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown.

#### DAY 16 Queenstown - Milford Sound -Te Anau

Today you'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the beautiful Milford Sound you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, enjoy an overnight stay on the southern shores of Lake Te Anau.

#### DAY 17 Te Anau - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, on the southeast coast of New Zealand. Visit the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these magnificent birds.

#### **DAY 18 Dunedin**

This morning you'll see Larnach Castle as well as Baldwin Street, the world's steepest public road. You may choose to embark on an optional trip on the spectacular Taieri Gorge Railway.

#### DAY 19 Dunedin - Mt. Cook Region

Journey through unspoiled wilderness and arrive at Mt. Cook National Park, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. You may choose to take a nature walk or enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour.

#### DAY 20 Mt. Cook - Christchurch

This morning, visit a working farm and see a sheep shearing demonstration. Get to know these New Zealand farmers over a home-cooked morning tea. Later, enjoy some free time to explore Christchurch on your own.

#### **DAY 21 Christchurch**

Embark on a short tour of Christchurch this morning before your free time. Tonight, visit the region's earliest home, Riccarton House, and enjoy a farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 22 Christchurch**

Your tour ends in Christchurch.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Cruise the beautiful Milford Sound and the Bay of Islands
- Overnight at spectacular Mt. Cook National Park
- Dine at Queenstown's Skyline restaurant
- · Enjoy wine tastings in the famous Marlborough wine region

#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 35 meals (21 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 12 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cable car, train and boat trips GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,359

ACCOMMODATION: Rydges, Auckland. Scenic Bay of Islands, Paihia. Home Stay or Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. Scenic Te Pania, Napier. Amora Hotel, Wellington. Scenic Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim. Punakaiki Resort, Punakaiki. Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Franz Josef. Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown. Distinction Hotel & Villas, Te Anau. Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin. The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook. Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch.

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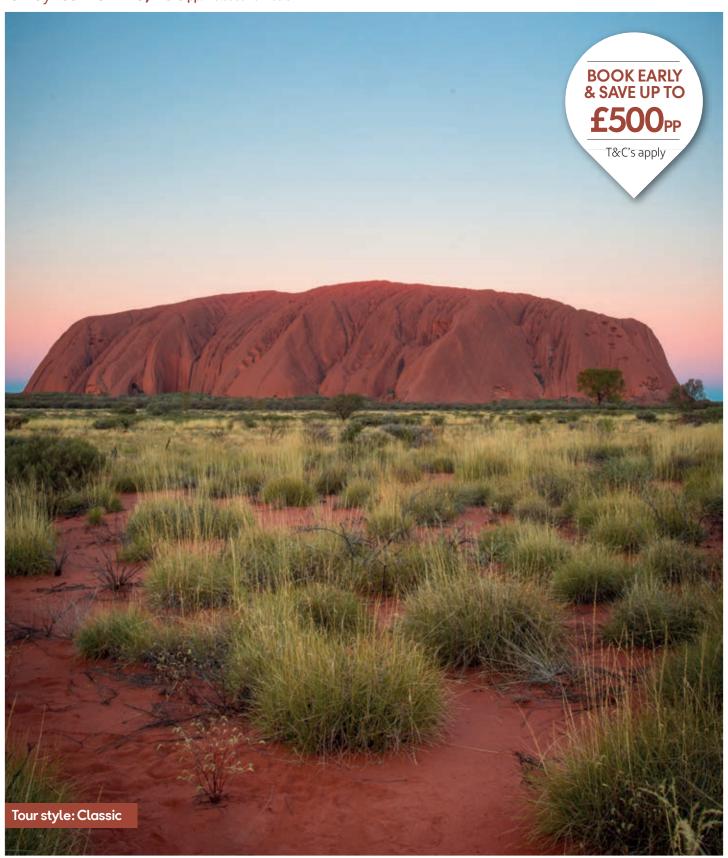
Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • ^Your home stay will take place in the region of Rotorua. Your host family will pick you up and return you in the morning, when you will be transferred to your hotel. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. If your preference is not made known, your stay will default to the home stay • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense • An ETA visa is required for entry into Australia which is provided by us free of charge. • From May 2018 this tour has 22 days, itineraries before May have 19 days.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

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  - Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Exploring Australia**16 Day tour from £3,499<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 23 meals



#### From the Outback to the vibrant cities

Explore the diverse wonders of the land "down under." The rugged Outback introduces you to the Aboriginal life and culture of Alice Springs and Ayers Rock. Meet Australia's famous wildlife up close and delve into the colourful world of the Great Barrier Reef.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Fiji. Please call for details.



#### DAY 1 Melbourne, Australia

Your tour starts in Melbourne.

#### DAY 2 Melbourne

Today's tour of Melbourne features Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance. Later you may participate in an optional tour that travels to Phillip Island, the home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins.

#### DAY 3 Melbourne - Adelaide - Barossa Valley

Fly to Adelaide and explore this lovely coastal city before proceeding to the Barossa Valley, Australia's most famous wine region. Tonight, enjoy the beauty of Barossa during a scenic dinner overlooking the vineyards.

#### **DAY 4 Barossa Valley**

Set out on a tour of the 19th-century Hutton Vale Farm, an 8th generation working farm and winery set on 2,000 acres of picturesque countryside. Next, travel to the Seppeltsfield winery for a private tour, followed by a tasting of their world-class wines. Quench your palate with varietals ranging from fruit-forward Chardonnays to earthy Pinot Noirs.

#### **DAY 5 Barossa Valley - Alice Springs**

Today take a tour of the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill, with its excellent views of Alice Springs. Gain insight into the educational system in the Outback with a visit to the School of the Air. Become locally invested as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme who are supported by the Collette Foundation. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment

#### **DAY 6 Alice Springs**

Come to know the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour," where your specialist guide shares stories of creation and everyday Aboriginal life. The remainder of your day

#### DAY 7 Alice Springs - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Traverse the "Red Centre" today as you drive to Uluru in the heart of the Australian Outback. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colours of Uluru while enjoying a champagne toast.

#### DAY 8 Uluru - Cairns

Take a tour to Kata Tjuta and the base of "The Rock," learning about their geology. Then you'll fly to Cairns - the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site – the Great Barrier Reef.





# Tour pace (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

**DAY 9 Cairns** This morning, board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable ride above the rainforest canopy. There are two stops where you may get off

the cableway and experience the forest floor from specially designed boardwalks. The afternoon is at leisure.

#### **DAY 10 Great Barrier Reef**

Today board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Then, the choice is yours. You can choose to relax and explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef or go snorkeling.

#### **DAY 11 Cairns**

This morning, explore the town at your own pace. Later, set out for Hartley's Croc Farm and get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat and you may meet some of the local koalas. Then, take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying an authentic Aussie barbecue

#### DAY 12 Cairns - Sydney

After a leisurely morning, fly to Sydney. This evening's dinner choice is yours as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour.

#### **DAY 13 Sydney**

Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Start with a driving tour of the landmarks before disembarking for a walking tour. Next, explore Sydney Opera House on a guided tour before learning first-hand about opals at the National Opal Collection. The remainder of your

#### **DAY 14 Choice of the Blue Mountains** or Sydney by Sea

The choice is yours today. You can choose to visit the stunning Blue Mountains of New South Wales (UNESCO) or further explore Sydney at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass.

#### **DAY 15 Sydney**

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps you will explore more of Sydney's fascinating attractions, do some shopping or find yourself relaxing at a local café. This evening, say farewell to Sydney and take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney

#### **DAY 16 Sydney**

Your tour ends in Sydney.



#### Tour highlights include

- · Experience a sunset champagne toast at Uluru
- · Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House
- · Explore the Great Barrier Reef on a high speed catamaran
- Enjoy a dinner cruise overlooking Sydney's iconic landmarks



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 23 meals (15 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, skyrail, catamaran and internal flights GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,429

**ACCOMMODATION:** The Swanston Hotel Grand Mercure, Melbourne. Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, Barossa Valley. Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs. Desert Gardens, Uluru. Pacific Hotel, Cairns. Hyatt Regency Darling Harbour, Sydney.

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From May 2018

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#### 2019 Departures

JAN 20, 27	MAR 03,10
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# The grand tour of Australia & New Zealand

Explore Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand on this all-encompassing tour of the South Pacific. Visit famous sights such as Ayers Rock, the Great Barrier Reef and Milford Sound. Witness spectacular scenery and encounter the indigenous wildlife up close.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Fiji. Please call for details.



#### DAY 1 Cairns, Australia

Your tour starts in Cairns.

#### **DAY 2 Great Barrier Reef**

Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef.

#### DAY 3 Cairns

This morning, ride the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable journey over the rainforest

#### DAY 4 Cairns - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Fly to Uluru and tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta then witness a stunning sunset over a glass of champagne as the Rock's hues change dramatically with the setting sun.

#### DAY 5 Uluru - Alice Springs

Fly to Alice Springs and take a sight seeing tour and visit the School of the Air to find out more about the educational system of the Outback. Then meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner.

#### DAY 6 Alice Springs - Darwin - Kakadu **National Park**

Take a history and culture tour to learn about the Aboriginal people. Later, board your flight to Darwin and drive into the heart of Kakadu National Park.

#### **DAY 7 Kakadu National Park**

Visit Kakadu National Park, home to wallaroos, wallabies, monitor lizards and crocodiles. During an afternoon cruise, be on the lookout for crocodiles as they bask in the sun.

#### DAY 8 Kakadu National Park - Darwin -Melbourne

Transfer to Darwin for your flight to Melbourne.

#### **DAY 9 Melbourne**

This morning take a city tour of Melbourne before seeing Koalas in their natural setting. Later, travel to Phillip Island to see the world's largest colony of Little Penguins.

#### DAY 10 Melbourne - Hobart

Fly to Hobart, Tasmania.

#### **DAY 11 Hobart**

This morning you'll visit the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Centre before a guided tour of the Port Arthur Historic Site. Witness the spectacular coastal rock formations known as Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blow Hole.

#### DAY 12 Hobart - Sydney

Return to mainland Australia today and arrive in Sydney. This evening it's Diner's Choice! Choose your prefect spot for dinner from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour.

#### **DAY 13 Sydney**

Join a local guide for a sightseeing tour of Sydney before touring the Sydney Opera House. This afternoon, choose to explore Sydney with a 24 hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass or visit the Sydney Tower Eye and Sea Life Sydney Aguarium.

#### Tour pace (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









**DAY 14 Sydney** Today is at leisure and this evening, say farewell to Australia with a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

#### DAY 15 Sydney - Queenstown, New Zealand

Fly to New Zealand's Queenstown and enjoy dinner at the famous Skyline Restaurant with breath-taking views. After dinner choose to take a seat at a cultural show and enjoy star gazing with a naturalist or, give the luge a try

#### DAY 16 Queenstown - Milford Sound

Travel to Milford Sound via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the spectacular Milford Sound, you'll see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island.

#### **DAY 17 Queenstown**

Explore Queenstown your way today. Perhaps on an optional jet boat ride on the Shotover River!

#### DAY 18 Queenstown - Arrowtown - Mt. Cook National Park

Begin your day visiting quaint Arrowtown. Next, follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. You may choose to take a nature walk or enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour.

#### DAY 19 Mt. Cook - Christchurch

This morning, travel to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see first-hand how the city known as the "Garden City" is recreating itself.

#### DAY 20 Christchurch - Picton - Wellington

Journey to Picton, where you will sail across the Cook Strait to Wellington and experience what has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world."

#### **DAY 21 Wellington**

During your sightseeing tour of Wellington, view the Beehive and New Zealand's Parliament. Following the tour, visit the National Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongawera.

#### DAY 22 Wellington - Rotorua

Travel to geothermal Rotorua with over one-third of its population boasting Maori roots, this city is known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. This evening experience a New Zealand family home stay

#### **DAY 23 Rotorua**

Take a visit to Te Puia and see how the Maori keep their culture alive. You'll get the chance to view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove this marvellous creature from the endangered species list.

#### DAY 24 Rotorua - Auckland

Travel through the majestic countryside of the North Island, arriving in Auckland, "The City of Sails" where you'll take a city tour.

#### **DAY 25 Auckland**

Your tour ends in Auckland.

# Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Explore the Great Barrier Reef by Catamaran
- · Walk amongst wallabies, kangaroos and dingoes at Koala Park
- · Take a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound
- · Explore Te Puia, a Maori cultural and an amazing geothermal experience

#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 38 meals (24 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 12 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cable car, boat trips, internal flights and catamaran

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £7,564

**ACCOMMODATION:** Pullman International, Cairns. Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock. Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs. Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Kakadu. The Swanston Grand Mercure, Melbourne. Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart. Hyatt Regency Darling Harbor, Sydney. Crowne Plaza, Queenstown. The Hermitage, Mount Cook. Novotel Hotel Cathedral Square, Christchurch. Amora Hotel, Wellington. Home Stay or Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. Rydges Hotel, Auckland.

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JUN 18, 25	DEC 11

#### 2019 Departures

JAN 14, 21, 28 MAR 04, 11, 18 FEB 04, 11, 18, 25 APR 08, 27, 29

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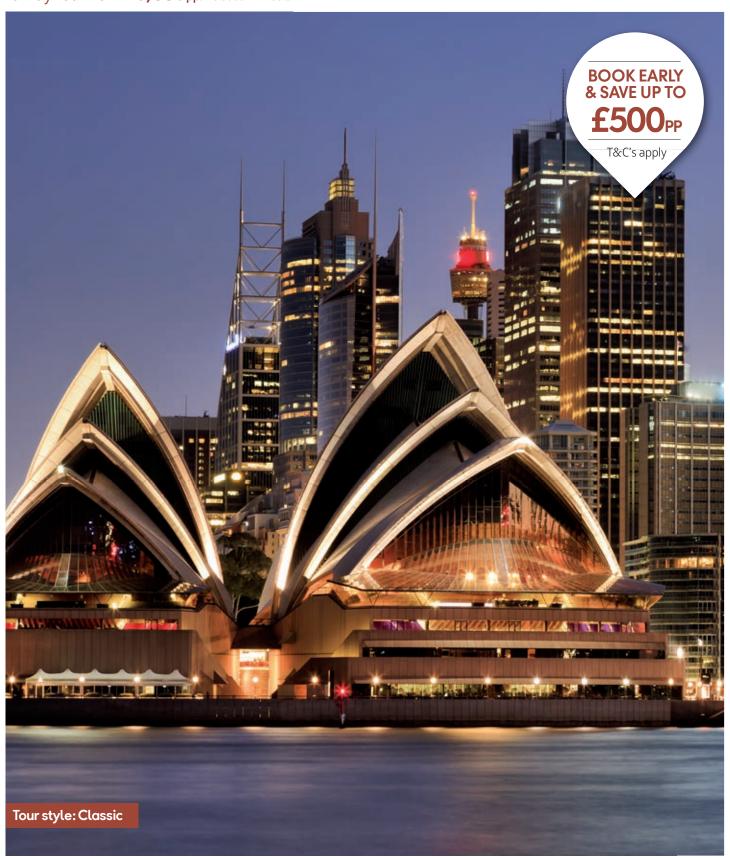
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# South Pacific Wonders including New Zealand's North Island

16 Day tour from £3,889<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 24 meals



#### The best of two amazing countries

Explore two great countries of the Southern Hemisphere. From the tropical splendour of the Great Barrier Reef on Australia's northeast coast, to the ethereal beauty of glacial fjords on New Zealand's South Island.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Fiji. Please call for details.



#### DAY 1 Cairns, Australia Your tour starts in Cairns.

#### **DAY 2 Great Barrier Reef**

Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride, stroll the island walking trails, relax on the beaches, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier.

Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Centre. At Hartley's Croc Farm, get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat! And you also have the chance to meet some of the local koalas. Take an exciting cruise on the lagoon before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue.

#### DAY 4 Cairns - Sydney

Your morning is at leisure. Later today, fly to the bustling city of Sydney.

#### **DAY 5 Sydney**

This morning, take a city tour of Sydney which includes the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, Paddington and the Sydney Opera House. The evening is free to explore Sydney at your leisure.

#### **DAY 6 Sydney**

Take hold of the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight enjoy a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

#### DAY 7 Sydney - Auckland, New Zealand

Today fly to Auckland, New Zealand. The evening is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city.

#### DAY 8 Auckland - Rotorua

Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration where you learn about the warm-hearted Maoris.

#### Tour pace (1) 2 (3) (4) (5)









#### **DAY 9 Rotorua**

This morning visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience and a landscape of erupting geysers and bubbling mud pools and see the famous Kiwi bird. Next, meet the skilled carvers who work with pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade factory. Then, visit the Agrodome where you will see a sheep shearing demonstration.

#### DAY 10 Rotorua - Christchurch

A short flight\* brings you to the historic city of Christchurch. Make yourself right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!

#### **DAY 11 Christchurch**

Enjoy some leisure time to explore Christchurch on

#### DAY 12 Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region - Queenstown

Today visit New Zealand's most famous national park, Mount Cook. En route to Queenstown visit a Canterbury farmyard to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates. This evening, enjoy the views during a gondola ride to dinner at the Skyline

#### DAY 13 Queenstown - Arrowtown

Today visit the beautiful Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown before stopping at a local winery for a tasting of the areas famous wines.

#### Day 14 Queenstown - Milford Sound

Today you'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel then take a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound. Following your cruise, you return to Queenstown.

#### **DAY 15 Queenstown**

Today shop or people-watch in the village; enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed.

#### **DAY 16 Oueenstown**

Your tour ends in Queenstown.



#### Tour highlights include

- · Cruise the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound
- Get up close and personal with cuddly koalas
- Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- · Visit Te Puia, the premier geothermal experience in Rotorua



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 24 meals (15 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, catamaran, boat ride, gondola and internal flights

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,759

**ACCOMMODATION:** Novotel Oasis Resort, Cairns. Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour, Sydney. Grand Millennium Hotel, Auckland. Millennium, Rotorua. Rydges Latimer, Christchurch. Millennium Hotel Queenstown, Queenstown.

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<b>APR</b> 18, 25

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • An ESTA visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense • An ETA visa is required for entry into Australia which is provided by us free of charge • An alternative itinerary, South Pacific Wonders, excluding the North Island is available. Please call for details.

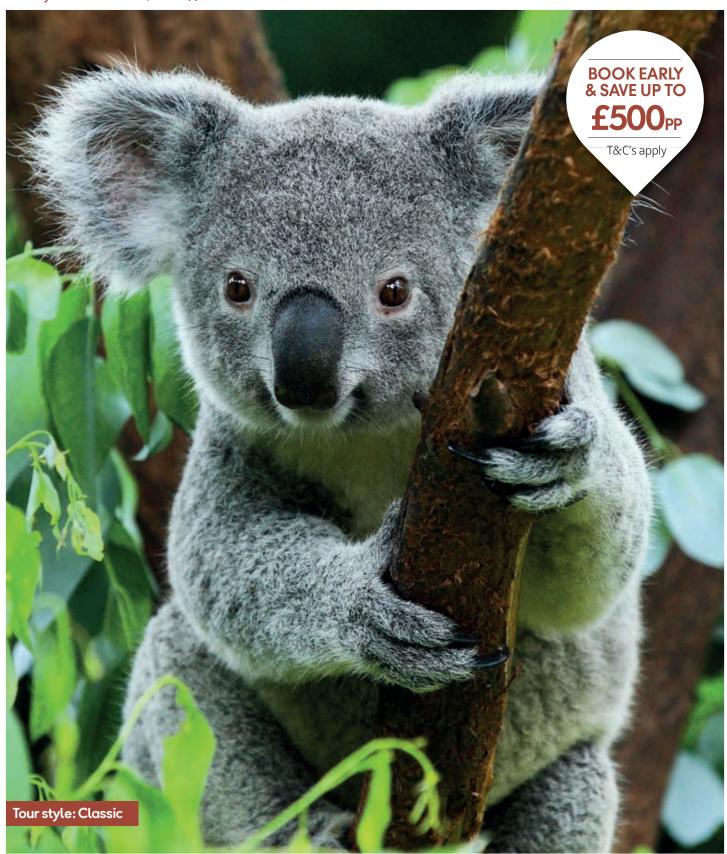
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# From the Outback to the Glaciers

19 Day tour from £4,059<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 29 meals



# Unique wildlife and dramatic landscapes

Explore the diverse wonders of the lands "Down Under." Meet Australia's famous wildlife up close and explore the snow-capped peaks, vistas, gorges and waterfalls of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

## **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Fiji. Please call for details.



#### DAY 1 Cairns, Australia

Your tour starts in Cairns

#### DAY 2 Great Barrier Reef

Today, board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef and choose how you want to spend your day in paradise.

#### DAY 3 Cairns

Enjoy the morning at leisure. This afternoon, visit Hartley's Croc Farm for a chance to get up-close with crocodiles in their natural habitat.

#### DAY 4 Cairns - Melbourne

Today fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River.

#### DAY 5 Melbourne

Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance, and the bustling "laneways" of Melbourne. Later, you may participate in an optional tour to Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins.

#### **DAY 6 Melbourne - Alice Springs**

Today you'll travel to the tranquil Outback. Your flight will take you to Alice Springs where you will meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner.

#### **DAY 7 Alice Springs**

Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour" with a local guide. This afternoon visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service and tour the Old Telegraph Station.

#### DAY 8 Alice Springs - Uluru

Traverse the "Red Centre" as you drive to Uluru in the heart of the Australian Outback. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colours of Uluru accompanied by a champagne toast.

#### DAY 9 Uluru - Sydney

Today you will fly to Sydney and enjoy dinner in the bustling Darling Harbour restaurant area.

#### **DAY 10 Sydney**

Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks before disembarking for a walking tour. Next, discover the Sydney Opera House on a guided tour before learning first-hand about opals at the National Opal Collection. This afternoon, you can choose to experience Sydney with a Sydney cruise pass or ascend the Sydney Tower Eye for incredible views and explore the renowned Sea Life Sydney Aguarium.









#### **DAY 11 Sydney**

Your day today is at leisure then tonight enjoy a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

#### DAY 12 Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

Fly to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see first-hand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself.

#### DAY 13 Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier

Take in the marvellous snow-capped peaks and beautiful river gorges during your travels across the Southern Alps. You may choose to take the TranzAlpine train (optional) for a truly inspiring train ride through this glorious scenery. You will end your day in the Franz Josef Glacier Region which offers a rare opportunity to experience a living glacial landscape in a temperate environment.

#### DAY 14 Franz Josef - Oueenstown

Watch amazing landscape unfolds on your way to Queenstown. Cross jade green glacial rivers, view thundering waterfalls and enjoy dramatic changes in scenery. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown. Tonight, ascend the mountainside on a cable car for dinner at the Skyline Restaurant. Enjoy sweeping views of the valley.

#### DAY 15 Queenstown - Milford Sound

During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound, you'll see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following the cruise, you return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

#### DAY 16 Queenstown

Today has been left free for your leisure. Shop in the charming village centre or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River.

#### DAY 17 Queenstown - Mt. Cook

Begin your day with a visit to the beautiful 19thcentury gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Next, enjoy a tasting and tour one of New Zealand's famous wineries. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in Mt. Cook national park.

#### DAY 18 Mt. Cook - Christchurch

As you return to Christchurch this morning, pay a visit to a working farm and get to know the New Zealand farmers over a morning tea. This evening, dine with a New Zealand family in their home.

#### **DAY 19 Christchurch**

Your tour ends in Christchurch



#### Tour highlights include

- · Witness the changing colours of Uluru at sunset
- Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Explore the spectacular Great Barrier Reef
- · Cruise the breathtaking Milford Sound



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 29 meals (18 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 9 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat ride and internal flights GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £5,359

**ACCOMMODATION:** Pullman International, Cairns. Melbourne area hotel. Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs. Desert Gardens, Uluru. The Tank Stream, Sydney. Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. Scenic Franz Josef Hotel, Franz Josef. Novotel Lakeside, Queenstown. The Hermitage, Mount Cook.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 10, 17, 24, 31	JUL 11, 25
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MAR 07, 14, 21, 28	SEP 05, 12, 26
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#### 2019 Departures

JAN 16, 23, 30	MAR 06, 13, 20, 27
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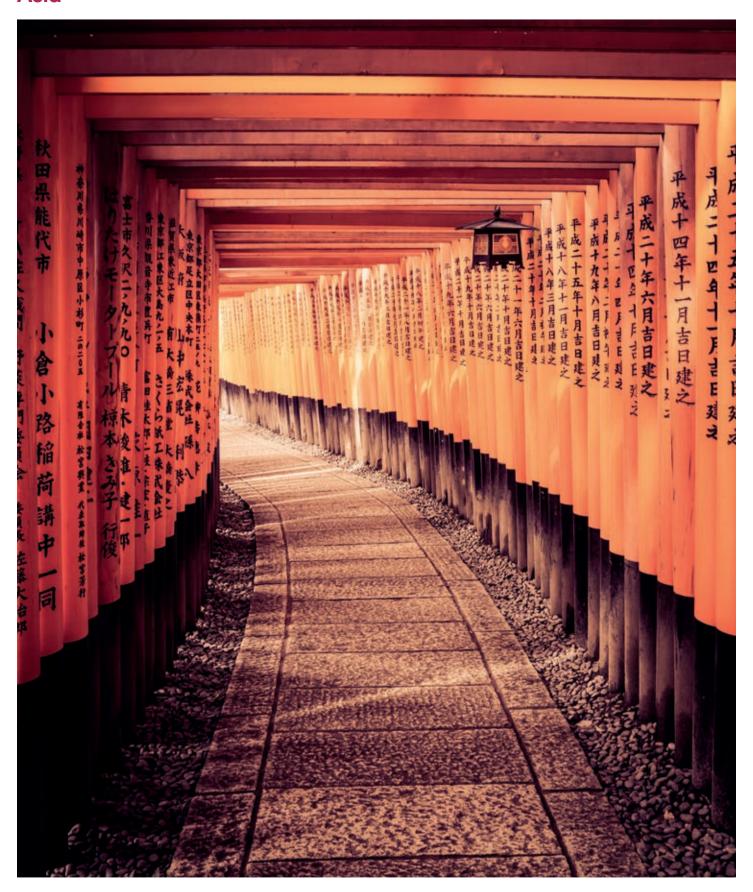
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# Asia



## Lands steeped in history and ancient tradition

Delve into the vibrant cultures, the dynamic blend of the ancient and the modern, and all the engaging mysteries of Asia. Thomas Cook Tours takes you on a journey to discover the iconic sites we all dream about. Walk through Angkor Wat, explore the Forbidden City and meet the locals – these experiences are just the beginning.







#### FEATURING

# China Vietnam Japan India Sri Lanka

#### China

Since the time of Marco Polo, the West has been fascinated with China. Join an exclusive list of cultural explorers as you travel to a nation where the ancient past lives side by side with a limitless future. From the legendary Great Wall and mysterious Forbidden City to the booming modern side of Beijing, China pulses with a timeless energy.

#### **Vietnam**

Take a journey of distinction to a land bursting with vibrant culture. From the bustling streets of Hanoi, the capital city, to the vast maze of rivers and swaps that make up the Mekong Delta, home to floating markets and pagodas. Vietnam is known for some of the best seafood in the world.

#### Japan

Japan is a land of intriguing contradictions. Japan is an archipelago made up of more than 6,800 islands with three quarters of the land being either forest or mountains, leaving little for residential, industrial, or farming areas. Yet it is densely populated for its size. Its leaders have ranged from the samurai to the shogun to the emperor. Its highest point – Mt. Fuji – is beautiful and sacred, as are its many temples and shrines. Its capital city – Tokyo – is a bustling metropolis containing anything one might desire, from food to entertainment to art and culture. Kyoto is filled with serene religious buildings and glorious gardens. A Japan trip awaits with open arms!

#### India

This rich land offers a diverse abundance of cultural, historical, spiritual and gastronomical wonders that will satisfy even the most experienced and discerning traveller. India is filled with many marvels that go beyond even the epic Taj Mahal.

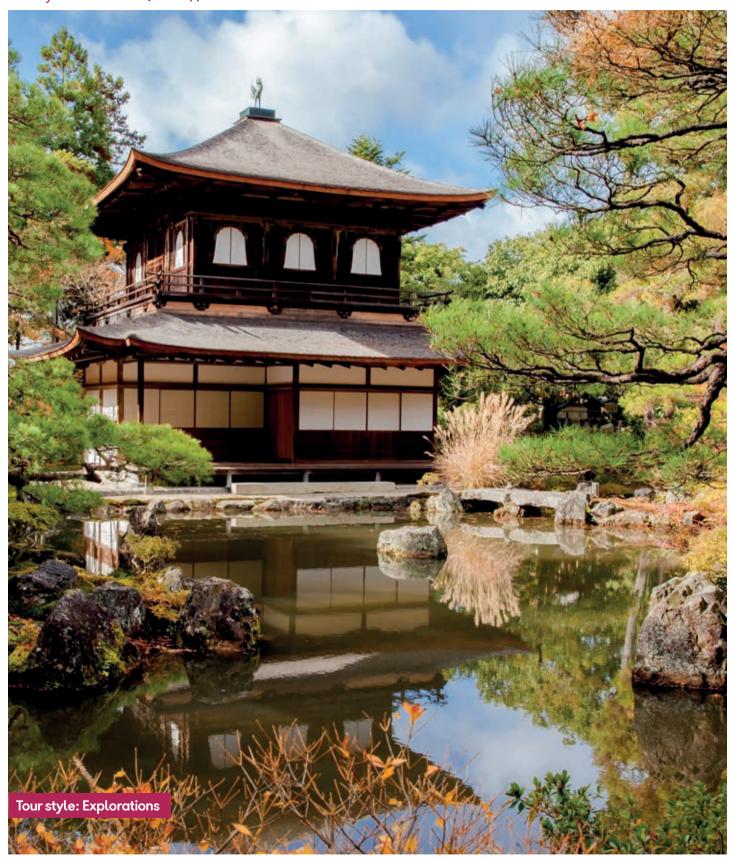
#### Sri Lanka

This small island, just South of India explores a variety of cultures, rugged land, rainforest and diverse wildlife. The famous ancient Buddhist ruins, palaces and temples make this island so unique. Experience a once in a lifetime encounter with Sri Lanka's elephants when we take you to an orphanage to see these incredible creatures up close.

#### Highlights of Asia

- The Great Wall of China, China
- The Taj Mahal, Agra, India
- The ancient ruins of Angkor Wat, Cambodia
- Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, Sri Lanka
- Mt Fuji, Japan

# Cultural Treasures of Japan 13 Day tour from £3,649<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 23 meals



#### **Awe-inspiring landscapes**

Experience the dynamic culture of Japan on this 13-day tour. From the thrill of bullet train and futuristic capital city of Tokyo, to historic Kyoto and spectacular Mt. Fuji, you will visit many time honoured landmarks for an unforgettable journey.

"Japanese culture is complex. That is one of the reasons I love going there. Remember etiquette is very important. When you meet someone bow politely."



#### DAY 1 Tokyo, Japan

Your tour starts in Tokyo with an included welcome

#### DAY 2 Tokyo

This morning immerse yourself in Japan's bustling capital during a sightseeing tour. Explore the famous Ginza district, Meiji Shrine, the Imperial Palace and traverse the world's busiest intersection, Shibuya Crossing. For a true taste of Japan, you will visit Tokyo's famous fish market for a sushi lunch before joining a family in their home to experience a tea ceremony. The rest of your day is at leisure.

#### **DAY 3 Tokyo**

Enjoy time at leisure this morning before visiting Tokyo's oldest geisha district, Asakusa. While you are there, see the famous Senso-ji and traditional Japanese architecture. Then, return to Tokyo by boat on a cruise down the Sumida River.

#### DAY 4 Tokyo - Hakone

Today you will travel to the famous lakeside resort of Hakone. Renowned for its hot springs and spas, this scenic town hugs the shores of Lake Ashi. With magnificent Mt. Fuji (UNESCO) rising in the distance, sit back, relax and soak up the incredible setting. Take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise featuring epic views of the mountain and stops at some of the lakeside towns. Tonight, gather for a leisurely walk to the charming town of Moto-Hakone.

#### DAY 5 Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama

Begin your day in the Kawaguchi's "Five Lakes" area. Climb aboard the Kachi Kachi Ropeway for a glorious panorama of Mt. Fuji and the surrounding lakes. Next, stop in Matsumoto for a traditional Japanese lunch. Then it's on to see Matsumoto Castle. Later, step back in time in Takayama, a rural, Edo period town nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to a family-owned sake brewery and sample some traditional rice wine. A special Hida beef dinner is on tonight's menu.

#### **DAY 6 Takayama**

Embrace the ancient culture of Takayama as you explore its historic district and open-air markets. Explore the winding streets lined with charming traditional inns and houses. Then, see how lacquerware is made before joining the local residents at a traditional noodle shop. Your afternoon is free to explore however you like, including joining your local guide at a nearby nature park.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







#### DAY 7 Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa

Cross the mountainous Shokawa Valley on your way to Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Uncover the unique charm of this village with thatch-roofed houses before continuing to the scenic town of Kanazawa. Explore at your leisure and then gather in town for dinner this evening.

#### **DAY 8 Kanazawa**

Explore Kanazawa by fram and make your way through the Omicho market, the Samurai district, Higashi tea district, and Kenroku-En (Garden of Six Qualities). Then it is time for your hands-on gold leaf class. Dive deep into this ancient craft as you create your own bento box to take home before another free afternoon.

#### DAY 9 Kanazawa - Thunderbird Express Train -**Kyoto**

After shopping for some Japanese treats, board an express train bound for Kyoto. This former imperial capital of Japan is now one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the nation. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a traditional yakitori restaurant.

#### **DAY 10 Kyoto**

Explore Nijo Castle (UNESCO), home of the first Shogun before attending a stencilling class at the Kodai Yuzen-en Gallery. Ascend the hillside to Kiyomizu temple and take in a wonderful view of the city. Then, travel to the Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Next, head to the Gion (Geisha) district. Along its narrow lanes you will find teahouses and women in traditional kimono.

#### DAY 11 Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima

Travel to Hiroshima aboard the Shinkansen bullet train. Reflect on the city's past as you visit the Peace Memorial Park, the Atomic Dome (UNESCO) and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. After lunch, take a short trip to Miyajima Island, "Shrine Island." See the iconic Torii Gate which appears to be floating on the water. As the day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by Shinkansen bullet train for a free evening.

#### **DAY 12 Kyoto**

Relax or set out to explore Kvoto on your own. Tonight. experience Japanese culture during a special farewell dinner that features a Geisha show.

#### **DAY 13 Kyoto**

Your tour ends in Kyoto.

# Sea of Japan

#### Tour highlights include

- Explore bustling Tokyo
- Travel to Hiroshima via bullet train
- · Relax in the Hakone hot springs
- Take in the breath-taking views of Mt. Fuji



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 23 meals (12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trips, cable car, tram, express train and bullet train

GROUP SIZE: Max 24 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,649

**ACCOMMODATION:** Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa, Tokyo. Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone. Hida Plaza Hotel, Takayama. Kanazawa area hotel, Kanazawa. Westin Miyako, Kyoto.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

2018 Departures

MAR 11, 18, 25

**APR** 15

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Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Flights arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka.

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NEW

tour

# **Wonders of China & the Yangtze River**

15 Day tour from **£2,559**\*pp. Includes 34 meals



Experience China's marvels, ancient and modern, rural and cosmopolitan, on this fantastic tour featuring a relaxing 4-night cruise of the Yangtze River. Cruise past the Three Gorges, visit the Terracotta Warriors and explore the booming city of Shanghai.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Shanghai, China

Your tour starts in Shanghai.

#### DAY 2 Shanghai

Take a sightseeing tour of Shanghai featuring the main sights before sampling xiao long bao soup dumplings for lunch. This evening, enjoy an acrobatics show after your welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 3 Shanghai**

Visit the Shanghai Museum this morning and your afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 4 Shanghai - Yichang - Board Cruise Ship

Visit a silk factory before boarding the Mag Lev train. Next, board your flight to Yichang where you'll embark your ship for a 4-night upstream Yangtze

#### DAY 5 Cruising - Three Gorges Dam -Xiling Gorge

Take a tai chi lesson on the sundeck as you sail into dramatic Xiling Gorge. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's welcome dinner and cabaret.

#### DAY 6 Cruising - Shennong Stream -Wu Gorge - Qutang Gorge

Explore the remote Shennong Stream in traditional pea boats. Then continue to sail through Wu Gorge, known for its 12 forest-covered peaks, and the **Qutang Gorge** 

#### DAY 7 Cruising - Shibaozhai

Arrive at Shibaozhai, where you can climb a 9 story red pagoda for magnificent views of the river and surrounding area.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









# DAY 8 Chongqing - Disembark Cruise Ship -

Enjoy your day at leisure in Chengdu and sample the local cuisine for dinner.

#### **DAY 9 Chengdu**

Visit the Panda Breeding Sanctuary this morning, home to the Giant Panda and the Red Panda. This afternoon, enjoy a visit to Du Fu Thatched Cottage.

#### DAY 10 Chengdu - Xian

This morning depart for the ancient city of Xian. This evening, enjoy a traditional Xian dumpling banquet.

Today, explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors. Lunch today is a Xian specialty – hand pulled noodles.

#### DAY 12 Xian - Beijing

Fly to Beijing and visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public spaces in the world. Next, discover the Forbidden City, an awe-inspiring 15th-century complex of palaces, courtyards and gardens

#### **DAY 13 The Great Wall**

Discover the Great Wall of China and visit a jade workshop before viewing the Olympic Park, the Water Cube and the famous Bird's Nest Stadium.

**DAY 14 Beijing**Today visit the Temple of Heaven before a rickshaw tour through the oldest part of Beijing. Next, learn about dumpling making, Chinese calligraphy and experience a traditional tea ceremony. This evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner featuring Peking duck.

#### DAY 15 Beijing

Your tour ends in Beijing.

#### Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Visit the Panda Breeding Sanctuary
- Explore the Great Wall of China
- All aboard the Mag Lev train in Shanghai
- · Discover the Terracotta Warriors



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 34 meals (14 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 9 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, river cruise, train, internal flights, pea boats and rickshaw

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,959

ACCOMMODATION: Shanghai Hua Ting Hotel and Towers, Shanghai. Victoria Cruises. Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel, Chengdu. Xian Grand New World, Xian. Grand Gongda Jianguo Hotel, Beijing.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- **MEALS INCLUDED**
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

#### 2018 Departures

**APR** 12 JUN 14 MAY 03, 17 **NOV** 01

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# **Taste of Vietnam**

14 Day tour from £1,879pp. Includes 27 meals



A true cultural adventure. Embark on a journey that reveals the intriguing culture of Vietnam, a stunning country with a long and rich history. A new colourful mosaic unfolds everyday as you make your way through this fascinating land.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Your tour starts in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### **DAY 2 Ho Chi Minh City**

This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner

#### DAY 3 Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta

Explore the bustling Mekong Delta on a cruise. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, visit the Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style.

#### DAY 4 Saigon - Hanoi

Today, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital.

#### **DAY 5 Hanoi**

This morning tour Hanoi visiting the main sights including Ba Dinh Square, Temple of Literature and One Pillar Pagoda. Enjoy lunch at a non-profit restaurant before setting out on a cycle tour through Hanoi's old quarter and end the day with a traditional water puppet performance.

#### DAY 6 Hanoi - Ky Son

Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village and choose to go on a stroll or bike ride through the village. Learn about the local cuisine during a cooking demonstration before lunch. Next, we head to Duong Lam village for a tour. This evening is at leisure in Hanoi.

#### DAY 7 Hanoi - Halong Bay

Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Enjoy a

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









lunchtime seafood feast aboard followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay

#### DAY 8 Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

Cruise through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue.

Travel to the shores of the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. Visit Thien Mu Pagoda, the mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc and the Imperial Citadel before arriving at the Dong Ba Market. Later, savour the local flavours during dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 10 Hue - Hoi An

On your way to Hoi An (UNESCO), travel along the breath-taking Hai Van Pass and stop to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 11 Hoi An

Try your hand at today's cooking class and lantern making before touring this well-preserved town. This afternoon, take a boat trip along the Thu Bon River and enjoy some leisure time to explore the old town.

#### DAY 12 Hoi An

Today you'll explore the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary (UNESCO) and Tra Que Herb Village. Sample some local delicacies and relax your feet in an herbal bath before returning to Hoi An.

#### DAY 13 Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and enjoy a farewell dinner tonight.

#### **DAY 14 Ho Chi Minh City**

Your tour ends in Ho Chi Minh City.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- A Vietnamese cuisine cooking class
- · Cruise along the famous Mekong Delta
- Relax your feet in an herbal bath at Tra Que Herb Village
- · Overnight on a luxury junk boat at Halong Bay



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 27 meals (13 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, junk boat, bicycle, internal flights and boat trips

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,549

**ACCOMMODATION:** New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City. Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi. Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay. Imperial Hotel, Hue. Almanity Hoi An Resort and Spa, Hoi An.

- FREE WIFI
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES
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- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 12, 19, 26	JUL 13
FEB 02, 09, 23	AUG 24
MAR 02, 16, 23	SEP 14, 28
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#### 2019 Departures

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JAN 11, 18, 25	MAR 01, 08
FEB 01	<b>APR</b> 05, 12, 19

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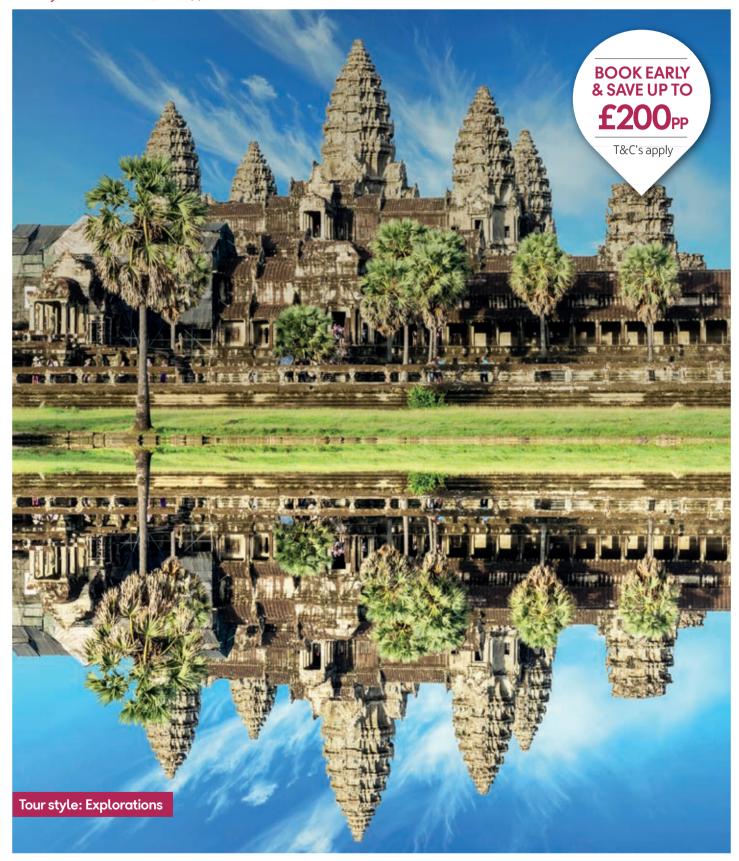
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# Three Kingdoms of Indochina 19 Day tour from £2,974<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 36 meals



#### Discover the diverse culture of Indochina

Delve into an ancient and mysterious world. Learn unique culinary secrets in the town of Hoi An. Cruise overnight aboard a luxury junk boat on Halong Bay and be inspired by the ancient ruins of Cambodia's Angkor Wat temple.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Hong Kong, Phú Quoc or Bangkok. Please call for details.



#### DAY 1 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Your tour starts in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 2 Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the city's colonial landmarks on a city tour. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner.

#### DAY 3 Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta

Today, explore the famous Mekong Delta, during a cruise along this bustling river. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine and later, visit Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style.

# **DAY 4 Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia** Fly to Siem Reap, your gateway to the wonders of Angkor.

#### DAY 5 Siem Reap

Explore the ancient ruins of Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building and the symbol of Cambodia. Remain until evening for an opportunity to see a spectacular sunset over the monuments.

#### **DAY 6 Siem Reap**

Set out to see three impressive Hindu temples: the towering 11th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva, Banteay Srei Temple, and the well-preserved Banteay Samre Temple. This afternoon, spend time at a local monastery and participate in a private blessing ceremony.

#### DAY 7 Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos

Your day begins at the JWOC Community Centre where you'll meet local school children. Then we fly to Luang Prabang, the capital of Laos.

#### **DAY 8 Luang Prabang**

Today visit two of the most remarkable temples, Wat Sen or "Temple of 100,000 Treasures," and Wat Visun, the city's oldest and most beautiful. Continue through the countryside to the stuning Kuang Si waterfalls then return to town and immerse yourself in the Street Night Market.

#### **DAY 9 Luang Prabang**

Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River and make stops at the Wat Xieng Thong temple and the small villages of Ban Xieng Maen and Ban Chan. The next stop is at Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddha's.

#### DAY 10 Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam

Wake before dawn and participate in the offering of alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks. Fly to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)

DAY 11 Hanoi
Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square. Take in the well preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, then enjoy lunch before setting out on a cyclo tour through Hanoi's old quarter and end the day with a traditional water puppet performance.

#### DAY 12 Hanoi - Ky Son

Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village and embark on either a stroll or bike ride through the village. Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. Next, head to Duong Lam village for a tour visiting the main sights.

#### DAY 13 Hanoi - Halong Bay

Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay.

#### DAY 14 Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

Enjoy cruising through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city.

#### DAY 15 Hue - Hoi An

Travel to the shores of the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. Visit Thien Mu Pagoda and the Imperial Citadel before continuing on to Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, via the breath-taking Hai Van Pass.

#### DAY 16 Hoi An

Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and try your hand at lantern making. Set out on a walking tour then later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River.

#### DAY 17 Hoi An

Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site situated in a remote jungle valley. Then it's off to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community where you can sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath before returning to Hoi An.

#### DAY 18 Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable trip while savouring your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 19 Ho Chi Minh City**

Your tour ends in Ho Chi Minh City.

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#### Tour highlights include

- Explore the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom
- Journey to the famous Pak Ou Caves
- A Vietnamese cuisine cooking class
- Overnight on a luxury junk boat at Halong Bay



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 36 meals (18 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners)
TRANSPORT: Coach, junk boat, cyclo, boat trips and internal flights

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,644

ACCOMMODATION: World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City. Angkor Century Hotel, Siem Reap. The Sanctuary Hotel, Luang Prabang. The Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi. Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay. Imperial Hotel, Hue. Almanity Hoi An Hotel, Hoi An.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 16, 23, 30 JUL 10
FEB 06, 13, 20, 27 AUG 07, 28
MAR 06, 20, 27 SEP 04, 11, 18, 25
APR 03, 17 OCT 02, 03
MAY 08, 15 NOV 13, 27
JUN 12

#### 2019 Departures

**APR** 09, 16

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • It is recommended that you bring an overnight bag (rather than your large luggage) on the overnight Halong Bay cruise. • Visa required.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour
 Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details
 \*Please go online for our latest pricing

# **Discovering Myanmar**

12 Day tour from £2,109pp. Includes 26 meals



Immerse yourself in the magic of Myanmar. This fascinating country is home to endless natural beauty and impressive architecture. Discover the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar and observe the leg-rowing fisherman.

## Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 Yangon, Myanmar

Your tour begins in Yangon.

#### DAY 2 Yangon

Take a tour of the city centre and the colonial district then set out on the Yangon Railway. Disembark at the Scott Market and explore.

This afternoon, visit Shwedagon Pagoda, the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar.

#### DAY 3 Yangon - Heho - Pindaya - Inle Lake

Today fly to Heho and then head to Pindaya Cave, home to more than 8,000 Buddha statues. Visit Shan paper production cottages before travelling to Nyaung Shwe.

#### DAY 4 Inle Lake

Board your private motorboat to head out on tranquil Inle Lake, where you can find people who propel their boats by "leg rowing." Pass villages built on stilts and inhabited by the local Intha people. Later, visit the famous Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda.

#### DAY 5 Inle Lake - Indein

Spend time at one of the lake's morning markets then continue by boat to the Indein Pagoda Complex. Then we take a short trek to Indein village to mingle with the Pa-O people.

#### DAY 6 Inle Lake - Mandalay - Pyin Oo Lwin

Fly to Mandalay and ascend to the former British hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin. Explore the peaceful National Kandawgyi Botanical Gardens and take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the park.

#### Tour pace









#### DAY 7 Pyin Oo Lwin - Gokhteik - Mandalay

Board a frain for a journey across the Gokhteik Viaduct. Travel over a 100-foot-deep gorge in the Shan mountains. Then, return to Mandalay and explore on your own. Later, visit Kuthodaw Pagoda and the Golden Palace Monastery.

#### DAY 8 Mandalay - Mingun - Sagaing - Amarapura

Board your boat and travel on the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River and arrive on the western bank to visit the unfinished Mingun Pagoda. Make a stop in the traditional village of Amarapura, a former capital of Myanmar, and watch the sunset atop Mandalay Hill when time permits.

#### DAY 9 Mandalay - Monywa - Pakokku - Bagan

This morning travel to Monywa where you will visit Thanbodday Pagoda complex then cross the Ayeyarwady River by boat on our way to Bagan.

#### DAY 10 Bagan

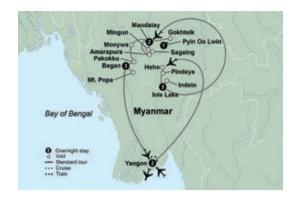
Gain insight into the city's rich history during a sightseeing tour featuring the colourful Nyaung Oo local market and stops at pagodas and temples along the way.

#### DAY 11 Bagan - Mount Popa

Today, drive through the plains to Mount Popa. Visit a local community to experience Myanmar village life. Next, visit Popa Mountain Park to see Myanmar's traditional medicine plant garden. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner.

#### DAY 12 Bagan - Yangon

Your tour ends in Yangon.



#### Tour highlights include

- Discover Pindaya Cave
- Travel aboard the Yangon Railway
- Explore tranguil Inle Lake by private motorboat
- Take a carriage ride through the National Kandawgyi Gardens



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 26 meals (11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners)
TRANSPORT: Coach, motor boat, train, carriage ride and internal flights

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,049

ACCOMMODATION: Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake, Yangon. Inle Resort, Inle Lake. Aureum Resort, Pyin Oo Lwin. Mandalay Hill Resort, Mandalay. Hotel at Tharabar Gate, Bagan.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- MEALS INCLUDED
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 12, 26 FEB 02, 16 MAR 09, 16, 30 APR 06, 13, 27

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Maximum elevation is 4,300 feet: • Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 5:30 p.m. • A single-entry Myanmar visa is required at your own expense and must be obtained prior to departure.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# **Mysteries of India**

14 Day tour from £2,179pp. Includes 26 meals



The Taj Mahal, temples and tigers - experience the spice of India on this 14-day tour. See the Taj Mahal bathed in the light of sunrise. Embark on an evening cruise across Lake Pichola and savour magnificent views of the Jag Mandir Palace.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 Delhi, India

Your tour starts in Delhi.

#### DAY 2 New Delhi

Take a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw and then tour New Delhi in contrast

#### DAY 3 Delhi - Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur, your gateway to Rajasthan. Settle into your hotel, a carefully restored palace perched on a hill and overlooking the lake.

Participate in a relaxing yoga class. Visit the exquisite City Palace and stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honour. This evening, cruise along Lake Pichola

#### DAY 5 Udaipur - Jaipur

This morning, drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. After lunch, check into your hotel and head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal.

Ascend by vintage jeep to the top of Amber Fort before visiting a local school. Enjoy a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. Tonight, sit down for a home-hosted dinner.

#### DAY 7 Jaipur - Ranthambore

Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger's efforts at a conservation in India. Embark on a game drive by canter (an open air vehicle) and watch for wildlife.

#### **DAY 8 Ranthambore**

Take an early morning game drive. Visit the Ranthambore School of Art which recruits students from neighbouring villages then dive

#### Tour pace (1)









into the local cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner.

#### DAY 9 Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra

An early morning train brings you to Bharatpur. Disembark and enjoy brunch before continuing your journey to Agra.

#### DAY 10 Agra

Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, witnessing the first rays of sun glistening on the white marble for a truly memorable moment. Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire.

#### DAY 11 Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho

Board your train for Jhansi and continue to Orchha for a relaxing lunch. Arrive in Khajuraho, your home for the evening

#### DAY 12 Khajuraho - Varanasi

Visit the Chandel Temple complex then fly to Varanasi. Tonight, visit the Ghats – the banks of the river – witnessing the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony

#### **DAY 13 Varanasi**

Cruise along the River Ganges past various Ghats. Take a city tour of Varanasi and continue to Sarnath where Siddarth Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

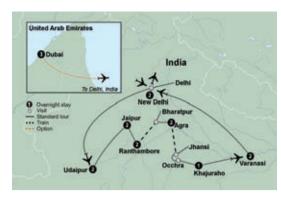
#### DAY 14 Varanasi - Delhi

Your tour ends in Delhi.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Dubai and or a 5 days (4 nights) extension to Nepal. Please call for details

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Experience game drives in Ranthambore National Park
- Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- · Cruise along Lake Pichola in the evening
- Travel to the top of Amber Fort on a vintage jeep



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 26 meals (13 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trips, trains, internal flights, vintage jeep, rickshaw, canter

GROUP SIZE: Max 24 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,749

ACCOMMODATION: Leela Ambience Convention Hotel Delhi, New Delhi. Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur. Hilton, Jaipur. Dev Vilas, Ranthambore. Jaypee Palace, Agra. Hotel Chandela, Khajuraho. Gateway Hotel Ganges, Varanasi.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 12, 26 **FEB** 16, 23 MAR 02.09 **APR** 20

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked to leave prior to 6:00 p.m. on the last day. • Visa required.

## Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing

# India's Treasures

9 Day tour from £1,179pp. Includes 17 meals



Explore India's Golden Triangle showcasing some of the most beautiful sites in the country during stays in Delhi, Jaipur and Agra. Come to know the people, and see one of the most impressive sites in the world - the Taj Mahal.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Delhi, India

Your tour starts in Delhi.

#### DAY 2 New Delhi

Immerse yourself in India's bustling capital during a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw, then lunch at a local restaurant before having some leisure time to explore independently. Sit down to dinner tonight at the home of a local family.

Following breakfast, visit Humayun's tomb, drive past the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's residence. Proceed to the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib. This huge complex features a devotion centre, a large pond for the holy dip, a missionary school, an art gallery, a charitable hospital and a free kitchen.

#### DAY 4 Delhi - Jaipur

Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. Later, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja. Then it's on to the City Palace, the residence of the Royal Family of Jaipur.

#### DAY 5 Jaipur

Board a vintage jeep and ascend to the top of the majestic Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and India's former seat of power. Visit a local school\* and tap into local customs during lunch when you learn about turban and sari tying. Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. This evening, take a step back in time as you dine at Sankotra Haveli.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







#### DAY 6 laipur

Travel to the quaint village of Samode, nestled among rugged hills that are dominated by its famous palace. Then, gather for lunch at Samode Bagh, a private garden retreat of the Royal family.

#### DAY 7 Jaipur - Agra

Continue your journey to Agra. Make a stop in Abhaneri village to visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world.

#### DAY 8 Agra

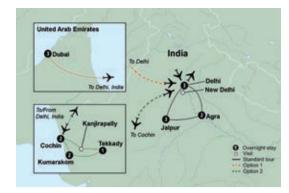
Experience one of the most impressive sights in the world – the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Then, after breakfast, discover Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site that dates back to the 11th century. Tonight, you'll have a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

#### DAY 9 Agra - Delhi

Your tour ends in Delhi.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Dubai and or a 7 days (6 nights) extension to South India. Please call for details.



#### Tour highlights include

- Witness the stunning Taj Mahal at sunrise
- · Discover the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib
- Visit the prefect symmetrical stepwell, Chand Baori
- · Explore the impressive Agra Fort



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 17 meals (8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, rickshaw and vintage jeep GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,839

ACCOMMODATION: Eros Hotel, Delhi. The Lalit, Jaipur. Courtyard Marriott, Agra.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 11, 18	SEP 27
FEB 15	<b>NOV</b> 08, 29
MAR 08, 29	DEC 06
APR 12	

#### 2019 Departures

JAN 17, 24	MAR 28
FEB 07, 21	APR 04, 25

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • \*Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visits due to school holidays or programming challenges • Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked to leave prior to 6:00pm on the last day

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# **Exploring Sri Lanka**

12 Day tour from £2,399<sub>pp</sub>. Includes 22 meals



Travel with us on this exciting tour to Sri Lanka. You'll spend time with orphaned elephants and discover the impressive Temple of the Tooth Relic. Immerse yourself in the culture past and present and surround yourself in lush landscapes and picturesque beaches.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Colombo, Sri Lanka

Your tour starts in the bustling capital city of Colombo.

#### DAY 2 Colombo

Today experience Colombo on a tour with a local guide. See the central business district called the Fort, the lively Petta Bazaar and the sprawling Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple.

#### DAY 3 Colombo - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - Sigiriya

Visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, which has been rescuing elephants since 1975. Continue to the lush forests of Sigiriya and find yourself surrounded by tranquillity at your luxury hotel.

#### DAY 4 Sigiriya - Rock Fortress - Minneriya **National Park**

This morning explore the ruins of Sigiriya. This afternoon, proceed to Minneriya National Park and witness herds of elephants bathing in their natural habitat.

#### DAY 5 Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Spice Market -Kandy

Travel to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa (UNESCO) and spend time discovering this former capital city of Sri Lanka. Then continue to the city of Matale and take a tour of the spice market to learn about the various spices used in Sri Lankan cooking. This evening, enjoy a cultural show with traditional Sri Lankan dancing

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 6 Kandy - Temple of the Tooth Relic -Mahaweli River Cruise

Explore Kandy, surrounded by the mountains of central Sri Lanka. Visit the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic. Next, take a walk through the Royal Botanical Gardens. This evening, delight in a sunset river cruise on the tranquil Mahaweli River.

#### DAY 7 Kandy - Nuwara Eliya

Travel along the scenic road that leads you to the town of Nuwara Eliya where you'll take a city tour.

#### DAY 8 Nuwara Eliya - Tea Estate

Today you'll visit the Pedro Tea Estate located in Kandapola. Join an expert for a guided tour of the estate and factory. The rest of your day

#### DAY 9 Nuwara Eliya - Bentota

Your journey today takes you to Bentota, a coastal paradise brimming with sunshine and beautiful beaches. Arrive early this afternoon and have the remainder of the day at leisure to relax.

#### DAY 10 Bentota - Galle

Spend the day discovering the city of Galle and explore Galle's Dutch Fort (UNESCO). Then embark on a guided tour of the island's prominent landmarks.

#### DAY 11 Bentota - Ambalangoda

Travel to Ambalangoda to learn about the art of Sri Lankan mask making and spend time at a local museum and workshop. Then, visit the Bandu Wijesooriya School of Dancing. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

#### DAY 12 Bentota - Colombo

Your tour ends in Colombo

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Visit the inspiring Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- Discover the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic
- · Take a sunset river cruise on the tranquil Mahaweli River
- Explore the wildlife sanctuary at Minneriya National Park



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 22 meals (11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 10 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and cruise GROUP SIZE: Max 24 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,609

ACCOMMODATION: Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo. Cinnamon Lodge Habarana, Sigiriya. Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy. Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya. Centara Ceysands Resort, Bentota.

- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- MEALS INCLUDED
- FREE WIFI

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 16, 30 MAR 06, 27 **FEB** 13 **APR** 10, 17

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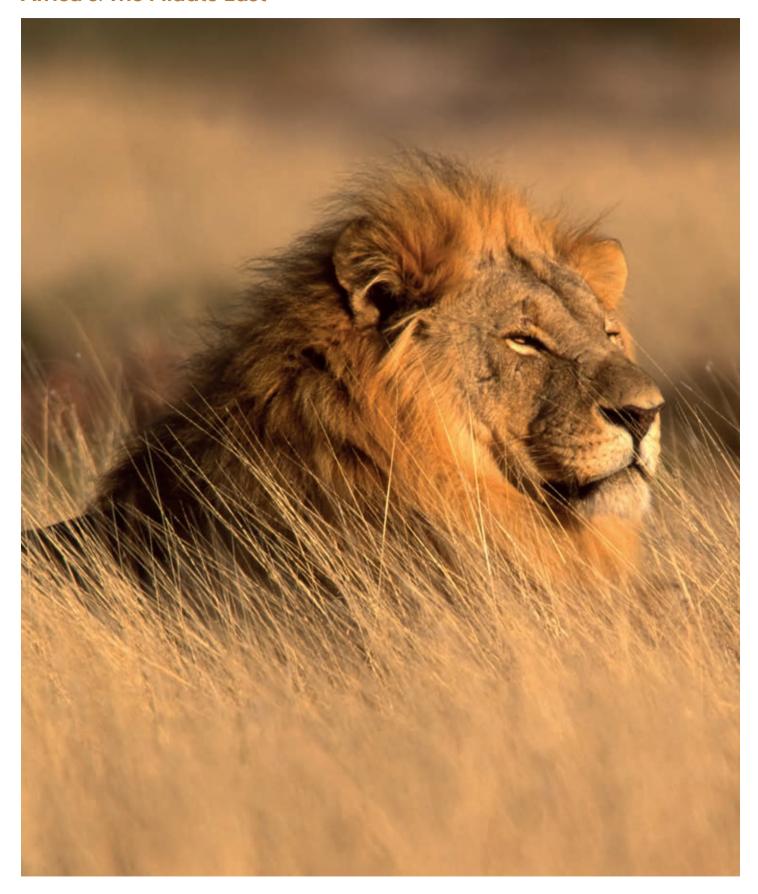
Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Extend your tour in Dubai, please call for details. • Visa required.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

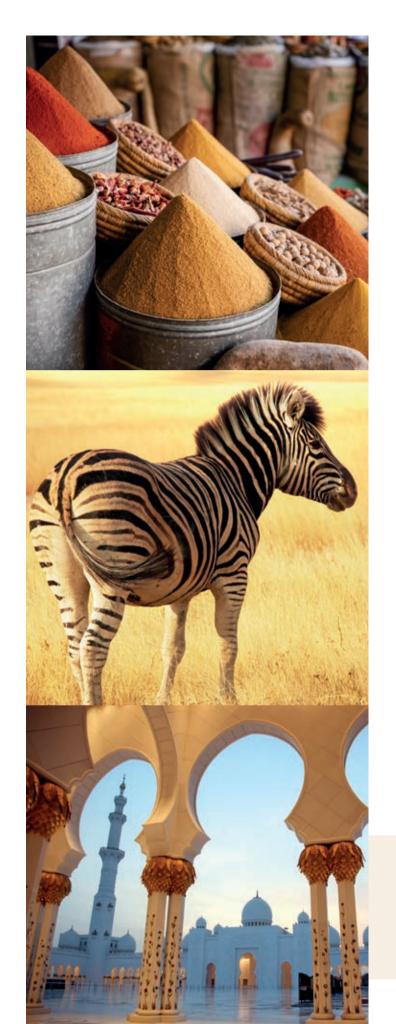
- Private return door to door airport transfers
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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing

# **Africa & The Middle East**



#### Wonders of the world, endless wildlife, and ancient cultures

Imagine looking out over the plains of Kenya while a lion roars in the distance or an elephant crosses the trail up ahead. Perhaps you'll find yourself atop Table Mountain in Cape Town looking down on the waters of the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean coming together. You may picture yourself on an inspiring journey to the Holy Land. A region with villages on the edge of great wilderness, cosmopolitan cities and sacred lands.



#### FEATURING

# Oman Israel Kenya South Africa Morocco

#### Oman

Set out for this exotic Arabian Peninsula. This fast growing country, features an array of classic experiences. From ancient capitals to the mesmerising Wadi Bani Khalid, the desert landscapes never fail to wow travellers.

#### Israel

Israel is a country of contrasts. It is famed for its Holy Land sacred sites, visited by millions from across all religions every year, taking in all the sights of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee. But few think about the countries natural beauty. The Dead Sea is simply stunning and relaxing in its rich salt waters invigorates the body and mind, surrounded with a backdrop of mountains.

#### Kenya

A land filled with natural wonders, from the breath-taking peaks of Mt. Kilimanjaro to the wildlife filled Masai Mara Game Reserve. Kenya is one of Africa's most distinct and stunning locations, visited by Sir David Attenborough who had a memorable encounter with a blind baby Rhino in his series 'Africa'. This wildlife haven showcases the spectacular 'Big 5' in their natural habitat. An experience you will never forget awaits you!

#### **South Africa**

South Africa is all about discovery, revitalising your spirit and reinventing your thinking. Luxurious resorts, moving township visits, open-air safari game drives and vibrant cities like Cape Town; few destinations can offer such a myriad of enriching experiences.

#### Morocco

Enchanting Morocco will dazzle you with its deep history, unique atmosphere and welcoming people. Come to know the vibrant culture and colourful backdrops that are distinctively Moroccan. From the edge of the Sahara Desert to the bustle of a local market, this is a land full of intrigue.

#### Highlights of Africa & The Middle East

- Holy City of Jerusalem, Israel
- Kruger National Park, South Africa
- Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya
- Sahara Desert, Morocco

# Dubai, Oman & Abu Dhabi

11 Day tour from £2,739pp. Includes 19 meals



From immeasurable opulence to ancient cultures, uncover the treasures of the fascinating countries of the United Arab Emirates and Oman. Venture to the breath-taking desert dunes of Wahiba Sand in Oman and set sail in a private family-owned luxury yacht in Dubai!

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Abu Dhabi, UAE

Your tour starts in Abu Dhabi.

#### DAY 2 Abu Dhabi

This morning, take a panoramic tour of the city stopping at the famous Emirates Palace and Corniche. Then visit the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque.

#### DAY 3 Abu Dhabi

Learn the importance of falcons to Arabian culture at the largest falcon hospital in the UAE. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure after your visit to Masdar City.

#### DAY 4 Abu Dhabi - Muscat, Oman

Fly to Oman and discover the port city of Muscat. Take a city tour of Old Muscat and the Corniche before arriving at Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar

#### DAY 5 Muscat - Wadi Bani Khalid - Wahiba Sands

Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for your journey to Wadi Bani Khalid. Pass through the striking Western Hajar Mountains and the breath-taking desert dunes of Wahiba Sand, home to a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe. Spend time at their camp and get to know their culture. Take a short camel ride before an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4, a favourite local activity.

#### DAY 6 Muscat - Nizwa - Jabrin

Travel to the city of Nizwa, Oman's old capital city. Explore the soug, famous for Bedouin silver and beautifully crafted clay items. Next, discover the late 17th-century Jabreen Castle.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 7 Muscat - Al Ain, UAE

Visit the Grand Mosque of Oman then drive through a date plantation on the way to Ain Thowarah, known for its hot springs.

#### DAY 8 Al Ain - Dubai

Get acquainted with Al Ain, "the garden city", this "oasis town" was the perfect stopover on the caravan trail between the UAE to the Sultanate of Oman. Continue on to Hili Gardens and the city's archaeological sites.

#### DAY 9 Dubai

The choice is yours today. Choose to sail on a dhow (traditional boat) along the Dubai Creek or travel to Dubai Marina by metro. This evening, enjoy a desert dinner with traditional Arabic cuisine and traditional dances.

#### DAY 10 Dubai

Begin your day with a visit to the Sheikh Mohammed Centre. Visit the Dubai Museum and textile market before taking a ride across the dazzling Dubai Creek in a private "abra" (traditional water taxi). Later this afternoon, enjoy magnificent views of the city from Burj Khalifa Observation Decks. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner with Dubai's well-known fountain show.

#### DAY 11 Dubai

Your tour ends in Dubai.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Jordan. Please call for details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Discover the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque
- Delight in an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4
- · Visit the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa
- Enjoy dinner with views of Dubai's famous fountain show



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 19 meals (10 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, water taxi, 4x4 vehicle, camel and internal flights

GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,639

ACCOMMODATION: Radisson Blu Yas Island, Abu Dhabi. Radisson Blu Hotel, Muscat. Hilton, Al Ain. Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel & Towers, Dubai.

Small

group

tour from May 2018

- MEALS INCLUDED
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

#### 2018 Departures

AN 11	OCT 25
EB 15	NOV 08
AAD 15	DEC 06

#### 2019 Departures

JAN 10, 24	MAR 07, 21
FEB 07, 21	APR 04, 19

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • When visiting religious sites and old sections of the cities, modest/ conservative/loose fitting clothing that fall below the knee for the ladies, and trousers for men are required. Headscarves for ladies are essential. • Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. • Visa required. • This tour is changing to a small group tour from May 2018.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

Private return door to door airport transfers

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Competitively priced international flights

# **Iconic Israel** (Formerly known as 'Israel: A journey to the holy land')

9 Day tour from £1,529pp. Includes 16 meals



Journey to Israel, discovering some of the most significant sites of the ancient world including Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea and the oldest city in the world, the ruins of Jericho and "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Tel Aviv, Israel

Your tour starts in Tel Aviv and includes a welcome dinner in the port city of Jaffa.

#### DAY 2 Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre - Tiberias

Travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the fascinating excavation site of Tel Megiddo. Then visit the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO).

#### DAY 3 Tiberias - Cana - Nazareth - Tabgha -Capernaum - Sea of Galilee

This morning, get to know some important biblical locations. Begin with a visit to Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine. Next, travel to Nazareth and visit the main sights before taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

#### DAY 4 Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea

Begin the day by stepping into Roman times with a visit to Beit Shean to see the well-preserved ancient theatre. Continue along the Jordan River Valley to Jericho. Visit Qumran before proceeding to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Then it's your choice! Choose to visit the AHAVA Visitors Centre and learn about the world-famous cosmetics company or take the opportunity to "float" in the Dead Sea.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 5 days (4 nights) extension to Jordan. Please call for details.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 5 Dead Sea - Masada - Bethlehem -**Jerusalem**

Today's route leads you to the former palatial fortress of Masada (UNESCO). Ascending the ancient walls of Masada by cable car, and visit Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue. A stop in the biblical city of Bethlehem, allows for a visit to the Church of the Nativity – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built.

#### **DAY 6 Jerusalem**

Drive to Mount of Olives to take in the view of the city of Jerusalem. Proceed to the Church of Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane Continue on to St. Peter in Galicantu and Mt. Zion where you will see the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Visit the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum to view the display of the Dead Sea Scrolls

#### DAY 7 Old City, Jerusalem

A magnificent tour of the Holy City of Jerusalem begins with a drive to the old walled city, you will visit the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock, the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne. Next, walk the path of the Stations of the Cross as you traverse the Via Dolorosa. In the afternoon, continue exploring the city independently.

#### **DAY 8 Jerusalem**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore this historic city.

#### **DAY 9 Jerusalem**

Your tour ends in Jerusalem.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Venture to the ancient capital of Caesarea
- See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee around 2,000 years ago
- Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car
- Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 16 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, cable car and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,039

ACCOMMODATION: Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv. Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias. Isrotel Ganim, Dead Sea. Dan Boutique, Jerusalem.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**
- MEALS INCLUDED

2018 Departures	
<b>FEB</b> 08, 15	JUN 07, 21
MAR 15	AUG 30
APR 12, 26	OCT 4, 18
MAY 10, 24	NOV 01

#### 2019 Departures

JAN 31	MAR 21, 28
FEB 21, 28	<b>APR</b> 04, 11

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Proper dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc. • Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 9).

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

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- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# The Plains of Africa

13 Day tour from £3,054pp. Includes 33 meals



Explore the scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife of Kenya. Discover the culture and natural wonders as well as safari game drives in search of the "Big Five". You'll also visit the Rothschild Giraffe Sanctuary and stay inside the beautiful Masai Mara game reserve.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Nairobi, Kenya

Your tour starts in Nairobi.

#### DAY 2 Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

Today you set off for the mountainous region of Aberdare National Park. Keep an eye out for the giraffes that welcome you to the lodge. The afternoon is at leisure

#### DAY 3 Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba National Reserve

Journey to Shaba National Reserve, home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife including the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra. After lunch, it's on to Buffalo Springs to take a game drive to begin your search for the "Big Five.

#### DAY 4 Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve

Today take a morning game drive through the rugged Samburu National Reserve and look out for African wildlife. After lunch at the lodge, continue on an afternoon game drive in Shaba.

#### DAY 5 Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park

Return to Aberdare for an unforgettable experience in a treetop lodge. Your lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of wildlife all night long.

#### DAY 6 Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru

This morning, drive past the mountains via the spectacular Nyahururu waterfalls, then make a photo stop at the Equator before arriving at Lake Nakuru.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 7 Lake Nakuru

After your morning game drive, savour a traditional breakfast in the bush. Your exciting afternoon game drive returns to the lodge before sunset.

#### DAY 8 Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

Travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve this morning and visit a Masai village prior to your game drive. This evening, experience a traditional bush dinner featuring a Masai dance performance and stay overnight in a luxury tent.

#### DAY 9 Masai Mara

Further enjoy the Masai Mara with both morning and afternoon game drives.

#### DAY 10 Masai Mara - Nairobi

After breakfast, travel to Karen and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of Out of Africa. This afternoon, visit the Giraffe Sanctuary and feed the endangered Rothschild giraffes.

#### DAY 11 Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

Today travel to Amboseli National Park for its open plains where lions and elephants roam and the breath-taking snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy an afternoon game

#### DAY 12 Amboseli

Explore Amboseli further with two game drives.

#### DAY 13 Nairobi

Your tour ends in Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Experience 11 included game drives in search of the "Big Five"
- · Learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu people
- · Feed Rothschild giraffes at a giraffe sanctuary
- View wildlife up-close from your treetop lodge, The Ark



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 33 meals (12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 10 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, game drive, and 4x4 vehicle GROUP SIZE: Max 24

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,394

ACCOMMODATION: Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi. Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri. Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve. The Ark Hotel, Nyeri. Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru. Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara. Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli.

- MEALS INCLUDED
- FREE WIFI
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 26	JUL 06, 13, 20
FEB 09, 23,	AUG 03,10, 17, 24, 31
MAR 09	SEP 07, 14, 21
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MAY 18, 25	NOV 02, 05, 16
JUN 01, 8, 11, 15, 22	DEC 17

#### 2019 Departures

JAN 18, 25	MAR 01, 08
<b>FEB</b> 08, 15	<b>APR</b> 12, 19

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Highest elevation is 7,800 feet. • Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 p.m. • Extend your tour in Nairobi or Tanzania, please

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**Exploring South Africa,** Victoria Falls & Botswana

13 Day tour from £3,764pp. Includes 23 meals



From cosmopolitan Cape Town to the power of Victoria Falls to the remote wilds of Botswana, this is the complete African travel experience. Gaze out from the top of Table Mountain and explore the tip of the continent at the Cape of Good Hope.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Cape Town, South Africa

Your tour starts in Cape Town.

#### DAY 2 Cape Town

Step aboard a cable car up to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet atop Table Mountain. Return to the city via Table Bay. Spend the remainder of your day at leisure. This evening, savour a true African dining experience with a traditional African handwashing ceremony.

#### **DAY 3 Cape Town**

Travel out to Cape Point, come to know the Cape of Good Hope and take a tram to the top of the mountain. Then on to Boulders Beach to see the penguins. This evening, experience a home-hosted

#### DAY 4 Cape Town - Stellenbosch

Visit the beautiful winelands of the Western Cape for a tasting before enjoying a farm lunch. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure.

#### **DAY 5 Stellenbosch - Hermanus**

Enjoy a leisurely drive over the Sir Lowry Pass to the quaint seaside village of Hermanus. A walking tour will acquaint you with the village.

#### DAY 6 Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Entabeni Conservancy

Fly to Johannesburg then head to the Entabeni Conservancy. Gather for an afternoon game drive before returning to the lodge for dinner under the star.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







#### DAY 7 Entabeni Conservancy

Rise before the sun and set out on a game drive. Later, learn to follow the clues left by wildlife during a track identification walk with a ranger. Late afternoon is the perfect time for another game drive.

#### DAY 8 Entabeni Conservancy - Johannesburg

Make your way to the vibrant city of Johannesburg today and enjoy some leisure time in Sandton this afternoon.

#### DAY 9 Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Depart Johannesburg for Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of stunning

#### **DAY 10 Victoria Falls**

This morning explore a local craft market. Later you'll meet African elephants and have the opportunity to interact with them before you enjoy some free time.

#### DAY 11 Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Watch for bushbuck (African antelope) during a nature walk with a local guide. Cross the border as you travel to Chobe, Botswana for an exciting safari cruise.

#### **DAY 12 Chobe**

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Chobe National Park. This evening's dinner by the river is hosted by a chef who will teach you the art of cooking a traditional Braai.

#### DAY 13 Chobe - Johannesburg

Fly to Johannesburg where your tour ends.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Experience 7 wildlife safaris in search of the "Big Five"
- Visit the spectacular Victoria Falls
- Meet and interact with African elephants
- Step aboard a cable car and be whisked atop Table Mountain



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 23 meals (12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, 4x4 vehicle, cable car, and internal flights

**GROUP SIZE: Max 20** 

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,604

ACCOMMODATION: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town. Oude Werf, Stellenbosch. Hanglip Mountain Lodge, Entabeni. Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton. Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls. Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane.

- MEALS INCLUDED
- FREE WIFI
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

#### 2018 Departures

IAN 11 MAR 08 **FEB** 25 **APR** 12

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Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Maximum elevation is approximately 7,800 ft. • Due to tour scheduling, return flights from Johannesburg should not be scheduled prior to 6:30 p.m. • If you are travelling with children under the age of 18, South Africa requires that those children must have documented consent from both parents when travelling into or out of the Republic. Please refer to www. home-affairs.gov.za for details of requirements. • Extend your tour in Dubai, please call for details. • Visa required.

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# Spectacular South Africa

13 Day tour from £1,794pp. Includes 22 meals



South Africa's cosmopolitan cities, luxurious resorts, expansive desert and fertile wine country combined with the culture, cuisine and magnificent wildlife make this a diverse and interesting place to explore.

#### Your itinerary

#### **DAY 1 Sandton, South Africa**

Your tour starts in Sandton.

#### **DAY 2 Sandton - Soweto**

Today visit the Apartheid Museum which commemorates the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa. Then take a guided tour of Soweto and experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen. This afternoon, have some time at Liliesleaf.

#### **DAY 3 Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park**

Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. This evening, enjoy a traditional BOMA dinner under the stars.

#### DAY 4 Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive

Enjoy a full-day open-air-vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in search of the "Big Five" - elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino

#### DAY 5 Kruger National Park - Johannesburg -Knvsna

Today you'll travel to the picturesque town of Knysna.

Begin your day with a lagoon cruise out to the famous Knysna Heads which marks the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely paced nature walk then this afternoon, visit Plettenberg Bay.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)







#### DAY 7 Knysna - Oudtshoorn

This morning's township tour will highlight the diversity of this community, followed by a touching experience as you visit a school. Travel to Oudtshoorn and enjoy a tour of one of the oldest working ostrich farms in the area.

#### DAY 8 Knysna - Stellenbosch

Enjoy a visit to the Aloe Ferox region where you will enjoy an aloe-tapping demonstration and a stroll in the indigenous gardens. Next, journey to the heart of the beautiful winelands region where this evening, enjoy a wine pairing dinner.

#### **DAY 9 Stellenbosch**

Set out on a walking tour of Stellenbosch with a local expert this morning and enjoy some leisure to explore this afternoon.

#### DAY 10 Stellenbosch - Cape Town

This morning, travel to Cape Town to enjoy a panoramic tour of this beautiful harbour side city. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car as it whisks atop Table Mountain. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets.

#### **DAY 11 Cape Town**

Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulders Beach. On your return, explore the fascinating and famous Kirstenbosch Botanical

#### DAY 12 Cape Town

The day is yours to explore Cape Town.

#### DAY 13 Cape Town

Your tour ends in Cape Town.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Visit one of the oldest working ostrich farms in Oudtshoorn
- Experience a thrilling cable car ride atop Table Mountain
- Experience an unforgettable African "BOMA" dinner
- Enjoy a full day open air safari game drive at Kruger National Park

#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 22 meals (12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, cable car, internal flights and 4x4 vehicle

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,514

**ACCOMMODATION:** Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton. Protea Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park. Log Inn, Knysna. Spier Hotel, Stellenbosch. The Commodore Hotel, Cape Town.

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- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 19	JUL 20
FEB 09, 16	AUG 17
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JUN 22	

#### 2019 Departures

<b>JAN</b> 11, 18	MAR 08, 15, 22
FEB 01, 08, 15, 22	<b>APR</b> 05, 26

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# **Highlights of Morocco**

10 Day tour from £1,569pp. Includes 18 meals



Get to know the vibrant culture and colourful backdrops that are distinctively Morocco. Dine at Rick's Café, the mythical saloon from the 1942 film "Casablanca." Spend time in the ancient imperial city of Meknes and explore Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Casablanca, Morocco

Your tour starts in Casablanca.

#### DAY 2 Casablanca - Meknes - Fes

Today's journey starts at the ancient imperial city of Meknes. After lunch, explore the port of Bab El Mansour and Bab El Khamis before continuing on to the ancient ruins of Volubilis. Tonight's dinner features traditional Moroccan delights, prepared and served by the family who owns the riad where you are staying.

#### **DAY 3 Fes**

Join a tour of Fes where you will learn of its historical importance. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace.

#### DAY 4 Fes - Midelt - Erfoud

Today you will learn about MonkeyWatch, a conservation programme dedicated to protecting the Barbary macaques that thrive in the forests of Ifrane National Park. Continue on towards Erfoud, making a stop in Midelt.

# DAY 5 Erfoud - Sahara Desert Expedition - Merzouga

Your day begins at Erfoud's fossil factory and museum. Then, travel to the Saharaoui town of Rissani and taste traditional stuffed bread with Moroccan spices. Then experience a journey in a 4x4 vehicle as you travel to various nomadic villages of the Sahara before arriving at the edge of the dunes for a camel ride to a nomad camp. This evening listen to Berber drum music followed by a Moroccan feast before you stay the night in a luxury tent.

#### Tour pace (1)









#### DAY 6 Merzouga - Todra Gorge -Boumaine du Dades

Return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, set out for Erissani to begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter then follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs."

#### DAY 7 Boumaine du Dades - High Atlas Mountains - Marrakech

Drive through the Valley of Roses, to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou. Continue along the High Atlas Mountains which brings you through lush oasis valleys to the city of Marrakech.

#### **DAY 8 Marrakech**

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace. Enter the royal Saadian Tombs, explore the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Tour the ancient city wall, passing by the Royal Palace and Marrakesh palm grove.

#### **DAY 9 Marrakech**

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.

This morning, select the ingredients for your culinary workshop that takes place on the rooftop of the charming Kasbah Omar. After lunch, experience another Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop before you head to the souk for last minute shopping.

#### DAY 10 Marrakech - Casablanca

Your tour ends in Casablanca.



#### Tour highlights include

- Stroll through the ancient market of Medina
- Learn about MonkeyWatch, dedicated to protecting the Barbary macaques
- Experience a Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop
- Visit Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou, an impressive feat of Moroccan architecture



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 18 meals (9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, 4x4 vehicle and camel GROUP SIZE: Max 24 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,079

ACCOMMODATION: Val D'Anfa Hotel, Casablanca.

Riad Yacout, Fes. Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud. Auberge du sud Hotel, Merzouga. Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades. Opera Plaza, Marrakech.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
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2018 Departures

FEB 09 MAR 16 APR 06

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# **Europe**



# A plethora of grand cities and historic wonders

Europe's cities are filled with energy and culture. The villages are friendly and relaxed. Every corner is steeped in history. With Thomas Cook Tours, a new experience will be waiting at every turn. See the art of Picasso up close. Taste the flavours of Southern France on an epicurean journey or learn about the art of the flamenco from a local expert in Seville.



FEATURING

# Spain Portugal Italy Croatia Central Europe Iceland

#### **Spain**

Family life, passion and sophistication describes the Spanish fabric of daily life in this diverse country, where music, fine wine and family dining take centre stage. The bustling city of Barcelona combined with its long sandy beach and stunning cathedral makes for a perfect location to explore. And with Madrid's historic centre and Valencia's lively port city there is plenty to occupy everyone.

#### **Portugal**

This island is one of beauty, with rich and lush landscapes and artfully designed botanical gardens make it a pleasure to stroll around. Its sea front location influences it's cuisine with salt Cod being a national dish. Portugal is home to the famous pilgrimage site at Fatima which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2017.

#### Italy

Italy is filled with spectacular scenery from the rolling hills of Tuscany to the architectural splendours such as the Vatican in Rome, and the sunken waterways of Venice. Steeped with historical brilliance and Renaissance treasures in Florence and the ruins of Pompeii beneath the mighty, Mount Vesuvius. Not to mention the fine wines and delicious cuisine that we all know and love.

#### Croatia

An Eastern European treasure with more than a thousand islands and rugged coastlines, terraced lakes and dense forests. Dubrovnik fronts the Adriatic Coast line known as the 'Peal of the Adriatic'. Its Old Town was built in the 16th Century and is an enchanting place to visit. Zagreb in contrast is the capital city but less visited by tourists and situated further inland with Gothic inspired buildings and fine restaurants, bars.

#### **Central Europe**

Featuring some of the world's hidden gems, this part of the continent provides a taste of how the world once was. Travel through grand cities, climb high into the the Alps, relax in a local restaurant or simply wonder the coastline for spectacular views.

#### **Iceland**

As "the land of fire and ice," Iceland offers visitors some of the most amazing and spectacular experiences to be found. Settled over a thousand years ago by the Vikings it has its culture deeply rooted in ancient heritage. You'll be sure to return home full of unforgettable memories and excitement to continue your adventure.

#### Highlights of Europe

- · Ancient ruins of Pompeii, Italy
- The Colosseum, Rome, Italy
- Alhambra Palace, Granada, Spain
- Neuschwanstein Castle, Bavaria, Germany
- Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany

# **Spain's Classics**10 Day tour from **£1,379**<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 14 meals



This tour takes you on an exciting journey around Spain's colourful pageant of art, history and culture throughout Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona, Granada, Cordoba and Toledo. Set against a backdrop of the sunny Mediterranean this destination is waiting to be explored.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 Madrid

Your tour starts in Madrid with an included welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2 Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. This afternoon travel to Toledo, the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Also stop in the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz.

#### DAY 3 Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Today you'll travel to the Moorish city of Cordoba and embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. You'll continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter before heading to Seville.

#### **DAY 4 Seville**

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza de España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers.

#### You might also like...

Our Spain's Classics & Portugal tour, please call or go online for details.

#### Tour pace (1)







#### DAY 5 Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra and also tour the Generalife, where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens.

#### DAY 6 Granada - Valencia

Today you'll travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves.

#### DAY 7 Valencia - Paella Experience

It's your choice today! You can take a walking tour of historic Valencia or, perhaps you would prefer to explore the impressive City of Arts & Science, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of Porcelain. After you'll have a "paella experience" featuring a boat ride; a paella-making demonstration followed by an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 8 Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards.

#### DAY 9 Barcelona

Enjoy a locally guided tour of this beautiful city before your farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain!

#### DAY 10 Barcelona

Your tour ends in Barcelona

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance
- Take a walking tour of historic Valencia
- Visit the exotic and expansive Alhambra palace
- Enjoy an authentic "paella experience"



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners)
TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip
GROUP SIZE: Approx 40
SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,899

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Melia Galgos, Madrid. Hotel Melia Sevilla, Seville. Hotel Melia Granada, Granada. Hotel Tryp Oceanic, Valencia. Hotel Colon. Barcelona.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
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- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

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2019 Departures

**FEB** 24

MAR 07, 10, 14, 24, 31

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

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# **Sunny Portugal** 9 Day tour from £1,029pp. Includes 14 meals



Explore sunny Portugal, with its miles of dramatic shoreline and legacy of global discovery. Discover Lisbon your way with a choice of included sightseeing and enjoy country life with an overnight stay in the heart of Alentejo's farms and vineyards.

#### Your itinerary

#### **DAY 1 Cascais, Portugal**

Your tour starts in Cascais with an included welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Lisbon**

This morning it's your choice! You may choose to join a panoramic Lisbon city tour or perhaps you will choose to take a walking tour\* of the historic Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter. Later, enjoy leisure time in Cascais. This evening, savour excellent Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado (UNESCO).

#### DAY 3 Cascais - Sintra - Obidos - Fatima

Begin your day exploring the picturesque town of Sintra (UNESCO), the favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Travel to Portugal's beautiful "Silver Coast," a spectacular region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and age-old castles. Later, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site.

#### DAY 4 Cascais - Evora - Monsaraz - Alentejo

Travel through beautiful Portuguese countryside and stop in historic Evora. Next, journey to the hilltop, walled village of Monsaraz, a "jewel in the crown" of the Alentejo. Then, indulge in a winery tour and a tasting of the full-bodied character of the region's wines. Enjoy your stay in the heart of Alentejo's countryside during an overnight at a country resort set among 3,000 acres of farm land, vineyards and cork trees.

#### Tour pace









#### DAY 5 Alentejo - Sagres - Lagos - Algarve

Travel to the famous Algarve and discover the secrets of the 16th-century fortress at Sagres, home of Prince Henry's School of Navigation and the "compass rose." Next, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, stroll through the fortress and historic buildings while taking in the surrounding ocean views during some leisure time.

#### **DAY 6 Algarve**

The entire day is yours to independently experience the beautiful Algarve.

#### DAY 7 Algarve - Faro - São Brás de Alportel

Journey to Faro, gateway to the Ria Formosa protected lagoon landscape. Explore the city's historic centre with 9th-century Roman walls, dramatic golden coastline, and its architectural gems. In historic São Brás de Alportel, a presentation by a local liqueur maker is followed by a tasting of some of the many varieties produced in the region. Your day comes to an end with dinner featuring local delicacies and wine.

#### DAY 8 Algarve - Azeitao - Lisbon

En route to Lisbon, make a stop in Azeitao, a charming agricultural village. Spend time at the centuries-old Jose Maria da Fonseca Winery. Embark on a tour followed by a tasting of local wines, including moscatel. Later enjoy a farewell dinner.

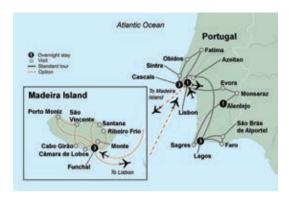
#### **DAY 9 Lisbon**

Your tour ends in Lisbon.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 5 days (4 nights) extension to Madeira Island. Please call for details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Overnight among vineyards and farmland in the heart of the Alentejo region
- Stop in historic Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal'
- Venture to Lagos, where Prince Henry the Navigator began his explorations
- Visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 14 meals (8 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,269

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Vila Gale, Cascais. Vila Gale Clube de Campo, Alentejo. Hotel Vila Gale Lagos, Algarve. Turim Marques Pombal Hotel, Lisbon.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

#### 2018 Departures

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More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • \*The Alfama District walking tour is mostly uphill. Participants need to be in good physical condition. • All transfers will depart from Lisbon airport for Cascais (approximately a 40 minute drive) • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

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# Portugal & its Islands

12 Day tour from £2,019pp. Includes 18 meals



This exciting tour of Portugal and its Islands enables you to really get under the skin of this stunning part of Europe. From charming coastal villages, exquisite scenery and fabulous cuisine and wines, this tour really does have it all.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Lisbon

Your tour starts in Lisbon with an included welcome

#### DAY 2 Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril

Today you'll take a tour of Lisbon before you head towards Sintra. You'll continue on to Cascais and Estoril, on the Portuguese Riviera, before dinner with Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado.

#### DAY 3 Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos

Today you'll visit Fatima, and discover the famous Basilica and Batalha Monastery before continuing to Nazare. Then it is on to Obidos, where white-washed houses are guarded by a hilltop castle and medieval city walls

#### DAY 4 Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada

After your flight to St. Michael, you'll have a walking tour of Ponta Delgada's before visiting the twin lakes of Sete Cidades

#### DAY 5 Ponta Delgada - Terra Nostra Botanical Park - Furnas Valley

It is your choice this morning! Choose to explore the Terra Nostra Botanical Park, or, visit the park's thermal water pool. For lunch you'll experience a "cozido das furnas" before exploring a tea

#### DAY 6 Ponta Delgada

This morning is at leisure to explore Ponta Delgada. Or take an optional tour to swim with dolphins or take a whale watching trip. In the afternoon, you'll have a cooking demonstration at one of the island's restaurants

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 7 Ponta Delgada - Lagoa do Fogo - Ribeira Grande - Nordeste

After a ceramic studio visit, you'll take in the vistas of Lagoa do Fogo, before heading to Ribeira Grande. En-route to Nordeste you'll have an opportunity to taste some of the natural local liqueurs, before a visit to a pineapple plantation!

#### DAY 8 Ponta Delgada -Funchal, Madeira - Monte

Today you'll fly to Madeira, where you'll spend time visiting the Botanical Garden and discover its history during a tour around Funchal.

#### DAY 9 Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - São Vicente - Porto Moniz

Your morning will start with a visit to Câmara de Lobos, before continuing to Cabo Girão, the world's second- highest cliff. Make a stop in São Vicente and in the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim in the natural volcanic pools.

#### DAY 10 Funchal - Ribeiro Frio -Santana

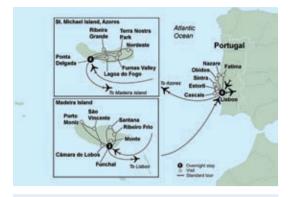
Today set out to Ribeiro Frio where you will choose to explore a trout farm or take a levada walk, before heading to Santana. Then, it's time to sample some Madeira wine and end your stay with a traditional dinner known as "espetada."

#### DAY 11 Funchal - Lisbon

After travelling back to Lisbon the rest of the day is at leisure before your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 12 Lisbon**

Your tour ends in Lisbon.



#### Tour highlights include

- Discover Portugal's Riviera with visits to Cascais and Estoril
- Explore the crops of the region at pineapple and tea plantations
- Visit the vast collection of exotic plants at the Botanical Garden of Madeira
- Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the pilgrimage sites at Fatima



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 18 meals (11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and internal flights GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,509

ACCOMMODATION: Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon. Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores. Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

MAR 10	AUG 11
APR 21, 28	<b>SEP</b> 15, 22
MAY 19	OCT 06, 13
JUN 16	NOV 03
JUL 07	

#### 2019 Departures

**APR** 27 MAR 23

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

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour





## **Italian Vistas**

12 Day tour from £2,109pp. Includes 17 meals



This tour has everything you've always wanted in a trip to Italy with multiplenight stays in Rome, Florence, Venice, the Sorrento Coast and Stresa. You'll discover classical Rome; take a boat to Capri; explore the Renaissance in Florence, and much, much more...

#### **Your itinerary**

#### **DAY 1 Rome**

Your tour starts in Rome with an included welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Rome**

Today you'll embark on a guided tour of Rome visiting the main sights including the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus and an in depth visit to the Colosseum.

#### **DAY 3 Rome**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures independently

#### DAY 4 Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast

Journey south towards the Bay of Naples where you'll discover the ruins of Pompeii with a local guide. You'll then continue to Sorrento and take some time to explore the city independently.

#### DAY 5 Sorrento Coast - Isle of Capri

A boat ride brings you to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Spend time in Capri town with its chic boutiques, lush vegetation and outdoor cafés.

#### **DAY 6 Sorrento Coast - Florence**

Tuscany unfolds today with its panorama of vineyards and olive groves. Florence, awaits and offers Italy's best art and architecture. Tonight, you'll enjoy Italian cuisine at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 7 Florence**

Today's guided tour of Florence highlights the Piazza del Duomo, with its Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery of St. John.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 8 Florence - Pisa - Venice

After breakfast you'll travel to Pisa and discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo and the Leaning Tower. You'll enjoy lunch at a Tuscan winery before heading across the Apennine Mountains en-route to Venice.

#### DAY 9 Venice - Murano Island

Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass making demonstration before you head back to St. Mark's Square. From here you can choose how you want to see Venice either with a local expert or on your own. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore.

#### DAY 10 Venice - Verona - Stresa

This morning you'll head for Verona, where you can stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. You'll end the day in the resort town of Stresa in the Italian Lake District, with beautiful views of Lago Maggiore.

#### DAY 11 Stresa - Locarno, Switzerland - Isola dei Pescatori, Italy

Today, you'll cross into Switzerland and the lakeside resort of Locarno for stunning views, excellent shopping and charming cafés. Tonight, we travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 12 Stresa**

Your tour ends today in Stresa.

#### Extend your tour

Extend your holiday with a 3 days (2 nights) extension to Milan. Please call for details

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Take an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum
- Discover the excavated ruins of Pompeii with a local expert
- Stoll the streets of Verona the backdrop for Romeo and Juliet
- Explore the popular and charming seaside resort town of Sorrento



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,569

ACCOMMODATION: Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome. Towers Hotel, Sorrento Coast, Sorrento. Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence. Hotel Bellini, Venice. Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**
- MEALS INCLUDED

2018 Departures

JAN 29

MAR 05, 12, 19, 26

APR 04, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • Return flights home should not be booked before 10:00 a.m. on the final day. • Extend your tour in Milan, please call for details.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details

# **Reflections of Italy**

9 Day tour from £1,479 pp. Includes 13 meals



This nine day tour of Italy explores the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena, Venice, Assisi, Perugia and Milan and takes you through the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside. You'll discover masterpieces in Florence and be spellbound in Venice.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Rome

Your tour starts in Rome with an included welcome dinner.

This morning you'll embark on a guided tour of Rome visiting the main sights. The rest of your day is free to explore at your leisure

#### DAY 3 Rome - Assisi - Perugia/Assisi

Today you'll travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, where you'll have a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you are off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria with one of the grandest squares in Italy – the Piazza IV Novembre.

#### DAY 4 Perugia/Assisi - Siena - Florence

A scenic journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills brings you to Siena. After a walking tour with a local expert, you'll have some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena, before heading to Florence and enjoy some free time before dinner.

This morning you'll visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible statue of David, and you'll also view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Church of Santa Croce. The afternoon has been left free for you to explore at your leisure.









#### DAY 6 Florence - Venice

Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region and enjoy a light lunch filled with local specialties. This afternoon, you'll journey through central Italy, to Venice with its 117 tiny islands, 150 canals and 400 bridges.

#### **DAY 7 Venice - Murano Island**

Today you'll board a boat bound for Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration before you head back to St. Mark's Square. From here you can choose how you want to see Venice either with a local expert or on your own.

#### DAY 8 Venice - Milan Malpensa

Today you'll travel to Milan and explore some of the city's amazing sights on a locally guided walking tour. In the afternoon you'll have an opportunity to indulge in some shopping at the "Quadrilatero della Moda," Milan's high-fashion district. In the evening you'll have a farewell dinner in Milan Malpensa celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip.

#### DAY 9 Milan Malpensa

Your tour ends in Milan Malpensa.



#### Tour highlights include

- Enjoy a scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills
- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David
- Visit a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region
- Explore the majestic and historical city of Venice



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach & boat trips GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,759

ACCOMMODATION: Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome. Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia. Albani Hotel, Florence. Carlton on the Grand Canal Hotel, Venice. Crowne Plaza Malpensa, Malpensa.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

**JAN** 25 MAR 08, 13, 15, 20, 22 **FEB** 27 APR 05, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20

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

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

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- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour





# **Rome & the Amalfi Coast**

9 Day tour from £1,619pp. Includes 13 meals



Join us on a journey through southern Italy and embrace its rich scenery, art, culture, food and wine. We'll explore classical Rome and discover the ruins of Pompeii before enjoying the breath-taking scenery of the Amalfi Coast.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### **DAY 1 Rome**

Your tour starts in Rome with an included welcome dinner.

After breakfast you'll have an opportunity to visit the Vatican museum and St. Peter's Basilica before embarking on a panoramic tour of Rome visiting the classical sights, featuring the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine and the Colosseum.

#### DAY 3 Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast

You'll leave Rome after breakfast and journey to the Amalfi Coast taking a break at the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino, perched on a mountaintop south of Rome. You'll discover its rich history while exploring the monastery's ornate chapel, peaceful courtyards, and fascinating

#### DAY 4 Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Amalfi - Minori

Begin your day exploring the popular and charming seaside resort town of Sorrento, before travelling to the town of Amalfi. Your next stop will be Minori where you'll visit a limoncello factory before enjoying some free time in the evening.

#### **DAY 5 Amalfi Coast - Paestum**

After breakfast, discover an Italian delicacy during a tour of a local buffalo milk mozzarella factory. Your day continues with a visit to Paestum where a local guide will escort you through some of the bestpreserved Greek temples outside of Greece. End your day with dinner at a popular local restaurant.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







#### **DAY 6 Amalfi Coast**

Today you can enjoy a day at leisure to take in the beautiful scenery of the Amalfi Coast. You may wish to sign up for an optional boat trip to the wonderful Mediterranean island of Capri, where a local guide will provide an interesting four of this paradisiacal

#### DAY 7 Amalfi Coast - Pompeii

Today, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. A local guide will provide an in-depth tour of this remarkable archaeological site. After which vou'll have an opportunity to stop at a local winery at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius to savour the famous Lacryma Christo wines and enjoy a typical Neapolitan lunch.

#### DAY 8 Amalfi Coast - Naples - Rome

After breakfast you'll say farewell to the Amalfi Coast and proceed to vibrant Naples. Enjoy a visit to the fascinating National Archaeological Museum, one of the finest in the world.

#### **DAY 9 Rome**

Your tour ends in Rome.



#### Tour highlights include

- Explore the fascinating National Archaeological Museum in Naples
- Discover the amazing mountaintop monastery of Montecassino
- · Savour the famous Lacryma Christo wines at a local winery
- Marvel at the spectacular Colosseum on an in-depth guided visit



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,039

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Paggaeria Medicea, Tuscany. Grande Albergo Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED

2018 Departures

**JAN** 26 MAR 09 **FEB** 25 APR 06, 13, 20, 27

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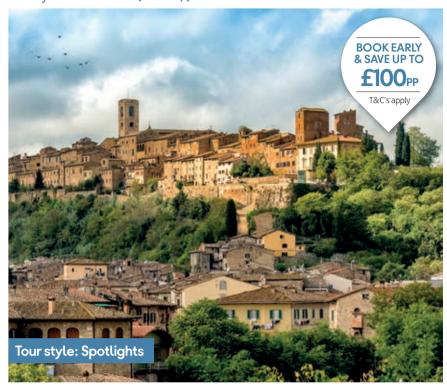
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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Spotlight on Tuscany**

8 Day tour from £1,059pp. Includes 10 meals



The rolling hills of Tuscany are home to sprawling vineyards, charming medieval hill towns and enchanting cities steeped in history, culture and legend. Discover them for yourself on this relaxing journey into the Italian countryside, Tuscany as you've always imaged it.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Montecatini Terme, Italy

Your tour starts in Montecantini Terme with an included welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Florence**

A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city's priceless treasures including a visit to the Academy Gallery\* – housing Michelangelo's monumental statue of David. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 3 Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano -**Gothic Line**

Today visit Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret with Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, medieval streets and delightful squares. Visit the medieval Basilica di San Frediano then set off for Borgo a Mozzano to see the remarkable Ponte del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge). Continue on to the Gothic Line. Built by the Germans, it was one of their last lines of defence during WWII.

#### DAY 4 Pisa

Explore the many historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy during our stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. This evening we travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class featuring local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









Join a local guide in Siena for a walking tour. Then, it's your choice! Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic Cathedral at your own pace or join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighbourhood). Next we make our way to a Tuscan winery and meet the people behind some of Chianti's finest wines.

#### DAY 6 Montecatini Terme

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavour. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards.

#### DAY 7 Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano

Begin the day with breath-taking views of the Tuscan hills as we make our way to a cheese farm. Learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Afterwards, travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, and explore this enchanting medieval town. Then this evening experience a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savoury wines.

#### **DAY 8 Montecatini Terme**

Your tour ends in Montecatini Terme.



#### Tour highlights include

- Visit the Academy Gallery and Michelangelo's famous statue of "David"
- · See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defence during WWII
- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting in the Chianti region
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 10 meals (7 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,159

ACCOMMODATION: Grand Hotel Tettuccio, Montecatini Terme.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**
- **MEALS INCLUDED**

#### 2018 Departures

JAN 26	JUL 06
FEB 23	AUG 31
MAR 09, 16, 23	SEP 14, 21, 28
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JUN 08	

#### 2019 Departures

JAN 18	MAR 08, 15
<b>FEB</b> 15	<b>APR</b> 05, 07, 24, 26

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. • Guests will arrive and depart from Florence or Pisa airports.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

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- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details





# **Tuscany & the Italian Riviera**

7 Day tour from £1,139<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 10 meals



Join us as we travel across the Italian countryside, over the rolling hills of Tuscany and to the enchanting Italian Riviera. Relax with a 3-night stay in a Tuscan estate and savour the sprawling vineyards and charming medieval hill towns of the region.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### **DAY 1 Italy - Tuscan Estate**

Your tour starts in Tuscany where you begin with an interactive pasta-making demonstration with the winery's on-site chef.

#### **DAY 2 Tuscan Estate - Florence**

Today in Florence, the choice is yours. Choose to join a local guide for a walking tour of this fascinating city and see Florence's Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore and the Palazzo Vecchio. Or see Florence's lesser-known treasures – the Piazza Santa Maria Novella and the bustling San Lorenzo Market. The remainder of your day will be free to relax or discover this thrilling city on your own

#### DAY 3 Tuscan Estate - Siena - Tuscan Winery

A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful lowlying hills brings you to the lovely medieval city of Siena. After a walking tour with a local expert, you'll have some free time to explore before moving onto one of the oldest wine estates in the Monteriggioni region. After sampling some of the local wines, you'll return to your countryside estate where you may take time to explore the Medici Villa on site.

#### DAY 4 Tuscan Estate - Lucca - Pisa -Italian Riviera

As you head towards Italy's picturesque Riviera, you'll make a stop in the medieval city of Lucca, before heading to the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, view the Duomo (Cathedral) and, of course, the famous Leaning Tower. Your day will end on the Italian Riviera, your home for the next three nights.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)









#### DAY 5 Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre

Today you'll spend the day exploring the Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards. Travel by rail through this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea.

#### DAY 6 Italian Riviera - Santa Margherita Ligure -Portofino

Travel to the seaside town of Santa Margherita Ligure for a boat ride to Portofino. You can take in the town's colourful harbour, dotted by fishing boats and yachts, set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. On your return to Santa Margherita Ligure you'll have some free time to peruse its charming streets and boutiques before your farewell dinner this evening.

#### **DAY 7 Italian Riviera**

Your tour ends on the Italian Rivera



#### Tour highlights include

- Spend 3 nights in a beautiful Tuscan Estate
- Marvel at the magnificent architecture of the Piazza Dei Miracoli
- Enjoy an authentic Tuscan dinner
- Partake in an interactive pasta-making demonstration



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 10 meals (6 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, rail and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,409

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Paggaeria Medicea, Tuscany. Grande Albergo Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**
- **MEALS INCLUDED**

#### 2018 Departures

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MAR 24	AUG 25
APR 14, 28	SEP 08, 15, 22, 29
MAY 05, 12	OCT 06
JUN 16, 30	NOV 03

#### 2019 Departures

MAR 23 APR 06, 13

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • Note that villas and country estates in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region and we use different properties on this programme.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# **Splendid Sicilia** 9 Day tour from £1,309pp. Includes 13 meals



Delve into the fascinating mosaic that is Sicily. Explore this beautiful Mediterranean island on this grand tour and discover the influences left by ancient Greeks and Romans, Arabs and Normans. From colourful markets with delicious street food to historic architecture, there is plenty to see and do in Sicily.

# **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Palermo, Italy

Your tour starts in Palermo with an included welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2 Palermo - Monreale

Set out on a comprehensive panoramic tour of Palermo. See the historic squares of Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini with their exotic blend of Moorish, Norman and Baroque styles. Then, it's off to the nearby town of Monreale. Its 12th-century cathedral dazzles from the moment you step inside. Return to Palermo for a stop at an open-air market to taste traditional Sicilian "street food." Later today you are invited to a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you on a tour of her family's home.

#### **DAY 3 Palermo - Corleone**

Today visit the village of Corleone, the namesake of the family from the movie The Godfather. Join a local resident who will guide you through the CIDMA (International Documentary Centre of the Mafia and the Anti-Mafia Movement).

#### DAY 4 Palermo - Cefalù - Sicilian Countryside

Stroll the medieval streets of Cefalù, a seaside town and home to one of Sicily's most magnificent cathedrals. Then we are off to experience a day on a family farm. Learn about the variety of products they create and observe how they make a Sicilian favourite - ricotta cheese! Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 5 Palermo - Agrigento - Taormina

Epic history and stunning scenery lie ahead in the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), a place filled with ancient Greek ruins. Join an expert for a guided tour as you explore this once prominent Greek colony and the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Then on to the coastal city of Taormina.

#### **DAY 6 Taormina**

Today explore Taormina, "the jewel of Sicily." A local guide leads you on a tour of this picturesque city. See the well-preserved Greek theatre, the Duomo and the public gardens. Spend the afternoon on your own getting to know this city perched high above the sea

#### **DAY 7 Taormina**

Today you can choose to visit the hilltop village of Savoca, one of the settings for the classic film The Godfather. Or, you may prefer visiting beautiful Castelmola

#### **DAY 8 Taormina - Siracusa**

Reflect on the grandeur of ancient Greece while uncovering its archaeological treasures in historic Siracusa. An expert shares stories of its creation while leading you through the Archaeological Park of Neapolis. This evening, toast to Sicilian culture during your farewell dinner while serenaded by music from local musicians

#### **DAY 9 Taormina**

Your tour ends in Taormina.

#### Hotel upgrade from £55pp

During your stay at the Hotel Villa Diodoro, you can choose to upgrade your room to a frontal sea view room. Call for more details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Explore Corleone to learn about its anti-Mafia movement.
- · Immerse yourself in ancient history with numerous visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Learn to make ricotta at a family farm in the countryside.
- Take part in an unforgettable homemade farmhouse lunch



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 13 meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,689

ACCOMMODATION: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, Palermo. Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

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JAN 21	JUN 17
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#### 2019 Departures

JAN 20	MAR 24, 31
FEB 17	<b>APR</b> 07

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- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details

\*Please go online for our latest pricing



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# **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Opatija

Your tour starts in Opatija with an included welcome

#### DAY 2 Opatija

Opatija, known as 'Croatia's Riviera' and was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Hapsburg Monarchs. Today you have an opportunity to explore the town at your leisure.

#### **DAY 3 Opatija - Plitvice Lakes**

After breakfast, you'll travel to Plitvice Lakes with inspiring scenery such as terraced lakes and dense forests. Complete the experience with a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder.

#### **DAY 4 Plitvice Lakes - Dubrovnik**

This morning, continue south through the heart of Croatia, towards the medieval city of Dubrovnik. Along the way, enjoy magnificent views of the sparkling blue waters of the Adriatic Sea.

#### **DAY 5 Dubrovnik**

Today you'll join an expert local guide on a tour of Old Dubrovnik. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies, and see Rector's Palace. This afternoon can either be spent at leisure or take an optional cruise to the Elaphiti

#### **DAY 6 Dubrovnik**

Today is at leisure, although there is the option to take a guided tour to Montenegro. This evening, you'll travel to the Konavle region to Cilipi for a family-style dinner in a local restaurant, where you'll learn about life in the Croatian heartland and sample regional wines.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### **DAY 7 Dubrovnik - Split**

Today you'll journey along the winding coastal road, hugging the Adriatic Sea on your way to Split. From here you'll set out on a walking tour featuring late-Roman historical monuments. You'll then head to your hotel for the evening.

#### DAY 8 Split - Ljubljana, Slovenia

Your adventure continues as you travel up the coast to Ljubljana. Upon arriving in Ljubljana, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to relax. This evening, soak up the views of the city on a funicular up to Ljubljana Castle and enjoy a dinner of local specialties.

#### DAY 9 Ljubljana - Lake Bled

This morning you will be met by a local expert who will introduce you to this lovely town. After lunch, you'll travel to Lake Bled and experience the oldworld charm that comes with taking a "pletna boat. You'll then have some free time to explore at your leisure.

#### DAY 10 Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

You'll travel today to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, and embark on a fascinating tour followed by free time in the afternoon. Your day will be rounded off with your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 11 Zagreb**

Your tour ends in Zagreb.



#### Tour highlights include

- Visit the Franciscan Monastery where Europe's oldest Pharmacy lies
- Stroll through Split to see the famous Diocletian's Palace
- Experience the wonder of 16 cascading lakes
- Enjoy a visit and dinner with a local family in Dubrovnik



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 16 meals (10 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, funicular and boat trips GROUP SIZE: Aprox 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,729

ACCOMMODATION: Bristol Hotel, Opatija. Jezero Hotel, Plitvice. Valamar Lacroma Resort, Dubrovnik. Hotel Atrium, Split. Hotel Lev, Ljubljana. Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

IAN 28 **MAR 11 FEB** 18 APR 08, 22

> More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to itinerary scheduling, arrival flights must arrive into Venice, Italy airport by 2:00 p.m. in order to transfer across the border to your overnight accommodations in Croatia • Based on return flight options, an early morning departure from the hotel may be required on the last day.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights

Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.

# Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria

9 Day tour from £1,489pp. Includes 12 meals



Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience the Alpine cultures of Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria. With countless places to visit, sights to see and local traditions to experience, this tour won't disappoint.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Bern, Switzerland

Your tour starts in Berne with an included welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2 Bern

Today you'll spend some time exploring Bern on a tour featuring the Bundeshaus, the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore at your own pace or perhaps brave Europe's steepest funicular ride up Gurten Mountain.

#### DAY 3 Château de Chillon - Montreux -Train Ride - Gstaad - Bern

Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad

#### DAY 4 Bern - Lucerne

This morning you'll take a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of the city. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower, watchtower and treasury. This evening's you'll dine in one of Bern's great restaurants

#### DAY 5 Bern - Innsbruck, Austria

En route to Innsbruck you will make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest German-speaking country in the world. Once in Innsbruck you can take a tour to discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions, or, you can take a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







#### **DAY 6 Innsbruck - Salzburg**

Today you'll travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg, where you'll take a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens and the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart). Your afternoon is free to explore at leisure, and your day will end with dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant.

#### DAY 7 Innsbruck

Today is at leisure to explore the intriguing town of Innsbruck. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a locally well-known musical family.

#### DAY 8 Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany -Oberammergau

Today fairy tales come to life with a picture stop at Bavaria's famous Neuschwanstein Castle, before heading to Oberammergau. During a brief tour you'll learn more about the Passion Play, performed every ten years to fulfil a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the ravages of bubonic plague in 1633. Tonight you'll be treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck's most famous traditional restaurants.

#### DAY 9 Innsbruck

Your tour ends in Innsbruck.

#### Oberammergau 2020

This tour is available with the Passion Play in 2020. Reserve your place today, see page 10 for more details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Travel to Bavaria and see the famous Neuschwanstein Castle
- Ride the GoldenPass panoramic train from Montreux to Gstaad
- Learn about the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau
- Explore Salzburg's historic past and charming old town



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 12 meals (8 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and train GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,689

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Bern, Bern. Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED
- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**

#### 2018 Departures

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MAR 16	AUG 03, 10, 17, 24
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MAY 04, 11,18, 25	OCT 05,12, 15, 19, 26
JUN 08, 15, 22, 29	NOV 02
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#### 2019 Departures

APR 05, 10, 24, 26 MAR 22

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. and return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. • Passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All transfe will depart from/return to these airports.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

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- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

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# **Exploring the Alpine Countries**

12 Day tour from £1,899pp. Includes 17 meals



Discover storybook castles and glittering palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas as you explore Austria, Germany and Switzerland. You'll visit Vienna, cruise on the Danube, visit Oberammergau and take a train ride on the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 Vienna, Austria

Your tour starts in Vienna with an included welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Vienna**

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour, which showcases its architectural marvels. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore Vienna at your leisure.

#### DAY 3 Vienna - Salzburg

After a short journey through the countryside, you'll cruise along the Danube. Later, you'll make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to Salzburg, where you'll dine at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant.

#### **DAY 4 Salzburg**

Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and the Mirabell

#### DAY 5 Salzburg - Munich, Germany -Oberammergau

Today you'll travel to Munich, where a tour will show you highlights including the Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later in the day, you'll travel to Oberammergau.

#### DAY 6 Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria

Enjoy the scenery of the Bavarian Alps en-route to Innsbruck, in Tyrolean Austria. As you wind through the narrow cobblestone lanes, it is easy to understand why this city was the centre of European culture and politics during the 14th century.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 7 Oberammergau - Black Forest

Today fairy tales become reality at a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the stunning Black Forest.

#### DAY 8 Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Your first stop today is at the Château de Chillon, located on Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps.

#### **DAY 9 Zermatt**

Today you'll have all of Zermatt at your fingertips as your time is your own to see and do as you please at

#### Day 10 Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne

Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass.

#### DAY 11 Lucerne

This morning, embark on a walking tour through Lucerne's romantic Old Town before you have the opportunity to explore at your own pace. You'll then have time to prepare for your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 12 Lucerne**

Your tour ends in Lucerne.

#### Oberammergau 2020

This tour is available with the Passion Play in 2020. Reserve your place today, see page 10 for more details

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Embark on a cruise along the Danube River
- Meet a Passion Play performer in Oberammergau
- Visit Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace
- · Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip and train GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,239

ACCOMMODATION: Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna. Castellani Parkhotel, Salzburg. Hotel Alte Post, Oberammergau Region. Maritim Hotel, Black Forest. Hotel Alex, Zermatt. Ameron Hotel Flora, Lucerne

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

2018 Departures

APR 13, 20, 27

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Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m. • Extend your tour in

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# **Imperial Cities**

10 Day tour from £1,239pp. Includes 14 meals



This 10 day tour of the imperial cities of Europe enables you to be enamoured by the splendour and romance of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. With a three night stay in each, you'll be able to get under the skin of each city's history, the local traditions and culture.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### **DAY 1 Prague, Czech Republic**

Your tour starts in Prague with an included welcome dinner

#### **DAY 2 Prague**

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour of the majestic Hradcany Castle, and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. In the afternoon you'll have some free time to explore at your leisure. This evening you can choose between a traditional Czech dinner experience or dinner in one of Europe's oldest breweries.

#### **DAY 3 Prague**

Today you are free to explore Prague at your leisure and you can do as little or as much as you please.

#### DAY 4 Prague - Cesky Krumlov -Vienna, Austria

En route to Vienna, you'll make a scenic stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov, where you'll have free time to explore. Tonight you'll have a traditional local dinner.

#### DAY 5 Vienna

This morning, you'll join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. This evening there is an optional dining experience followed by a classical music concert.

#### DAY 6 Vienna - Danube River - Melk

Today you'll travel along the banks of the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein where you'll embark on a cruise on the Danube River. Later, you'll visit the 11th-century Melk Abbey. A leisurely ride back to Vienna concludes this day and you have a free evening to enjoy the city.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 7 Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia -**Budapest**, Hungary

This morning you'll journey to Bratislava and you'll learn about the multi-layered history on a tour with a local expert, before heading to Budapest. Upon arrival, drive through this majestic capital while making your way to your hotel. Have time at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's dinner in the city.

#### **DAY 8 Budapest**

Join a local expert who'll bring the city to life. You'll discover Matthias Church, the Fisherman's Bastion, towers and arcades, the Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, you'll see the Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, and commemorates the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion.

#### DAY 9 Budapest - Visegrad

Your day will begin with a visit to a school in Budapest where you'll have a glimpse into daily life. In the afternoon, you'll venture to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for views of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Evening dinner will be Renaissance-style!

#### **DAY 10 Budapest**

Your tour ends in Budapest.

#### Oberammergau 2020

This tour is available with the Passion Play in 2020. Reserve your place today, see page 10 for more details

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Enjoy a visit to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov
- Explore Prague's majestic Hradcany Castle
- Visit the magnificent Shoenbrunn Palace in Vienna
- Discover Bratislava's history with a local expert



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,619

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Yasmin, Prague. Hotel Am Konzerthaus MGallery Collection, Vienna. NH Budapest, Budapest.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
  - INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- **MEALS INCLUDED**

#### 2018 Departures

**JAN** 23 **MAR** 13 **FEB** 20 APR 03, 10, 17, 24

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Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. • Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The minimum coverage of the insurance has to meet the Czech Republic standards for tourist travel. These standards can be found by contacting the Czech Republic Embassy in the UK.

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**Magnificent Cities** of Central & Eastern Europe

13 Day tour from £1,829pp. Includes 18 meals



This 13 day tour encompasses some of the most eclectic locations across Europe, showcasing some of the most historic, legendary and culturally rich cities across the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### **DAY 1 Berlin, Germany**

Your tour starts in Berlin.

#### **DAY 2 Berlin**

Today choose a city tour or join a Cold War-focused tour including a visit to Checkpoint Charlie, and see what remains of the Berlin Wall

#### DAY 3 Berlin - Dresden - Prague, **Czech Republic**

En-route to Prague, you'll visit Dresden, the capital of Saxony, with time to explore this lovely town. This evening you can choose where you'd like to dine; either with a folklore show or at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries.

#### **DAY 4 Prague**

Today visit the remarkable Hradcany Castle. Take a leisurely walking tour through the  $\operatorname{Old}\nolimits$  Town then this afternoon is leisure time

#### DAY 5 Prague - Vienna, Austria

Today head towards Vienna and take a short drive through the city then your afternoon is at leisure. Later in the evening, you can dine in one of Vienna's

#### **DAY 6 Vienna**

This morning learn more about this city on a tour showcasing some of its architectural marvels. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. Then see an optional Mozart concert followed by dinner in the city.

#### DAY 7 Vienna - Budapest, Hungary

Head out of Vienna, and enjoy the picturesque Hungarian countryside before taking a city tour of Budapest.









#### **DAY 8 Budapest**

Today you've plenty of time to discover this city divided by the Danube, with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank

#### DAY 9 Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, **Poland**

Travel to Poland and visit the hidden village of Donovaly, nestled in the Low Tatras mountain range of Slovakia. Your home for the next two nights is the lively city of Krakow.

#### **DAY 10 Krakow**

Today, you'll discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour. This afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 11 Krakow - Auschwitz - Warsaw

Today you'll embark on a poignant journey through history, as you travel to witness the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert will guide you through the former concentration camp. Afterwards, travel Warsaw, where you'll uncover the reconstructed and modern capital of this rejuvenated country.

#### **DAY 12 Warsaw**

Your final full day in Warsaw will enable you to embrace its moving history, as you embark on a locally guided tour of this capital city. This evening share the memories of your tour during your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 13 Warsaw**

Your tour ends in Warsaw.



#### Tour highlights include

- Discover Checkpoint Charlie
- Visit the fairy-tale Hradcany Castle in Prague
- Experience the cultures of Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Poland
- Take a poignant journey through history at the concentration camps of Auschwitz



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 18 meals (12 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,489

ACCOMMODATION: Intercontinental Hotel, Berlin; Yasmin Hotel, Prague. Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna. Art'Otel, Budapest. Holiday Inn City Centre, Krakow. Westin, Warsaw.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

2018 Departures

**APR** 09, 23

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# **Discovering Poland**

11 Day tour from £1,299pp. Includes 15 meals



Embark on an in-depth journey through Poland. Tour the thriving capital city of Warsaw, reborn after World War II and explore the ancient city squares and UNESCO World Heritage sites of Torun, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Gdansk, and Krakow.

## **Your itinerary**

#### **DAY 1 Warsaw**

Your tour starts in Warsaw.

#### Day 2 Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at what remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. The afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 3 Warsaw - Czestochowa - Krakow

Travel south to Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its well-preserved town centre. Stop in Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland, where each year over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects to the famous Black Madonna. This evening enjoy a folklore show and dinner.

This morning we explore the city on a tour with a local expert. The rest of your day is at leisure.

#### DAY 5 Krakow - Auschwitz - Wroclaw

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn first-hand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Tonight, join your travelling companions for some locally-brewed beer and a traditional "home-style" dinner at a local restaurant.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









A morning tour of Wroclaw brings you up close and personal to this large and ethnically diverse city. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 7 Wroclaw - Torun

Today you travel to the town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On arrival, walk past Copernicus's house (the famous astronomer) before baking and sampling your very own gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.

#### DAY 8 Torun - Gdansk

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of this unspoiled town. Next, travel to the port city of Gdansk

#### **DAY 9 Gdansk**

This morning, join a local expert for an introduction to this strategic and remarkable city. Next choose to join your tour manager on an excursion to the seaside resort town of Sopot. Or remain in Gdansk and join a local guide on an educational shopping excursion during which you'll learn about Polish amber.

#### DAY 10 Gdansk - Malbork Castle - Warsaw

Your journey through Poland comes full circle with your return to Warsaw. En route, stop in the town of Malbork, home to Malbork Castle, the largest castle in the world. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 11 Warsaw**

Your tour ends today in Warsaw.



#### Tour highlights include

- Visit the Jasna Gora monastery to witness the world- famous Black Madonna
- Explore the poignant history of Auschwitz
- Overnight in medieval Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Enjoy a traditional Polish Folklore show and dinner



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 15 meals (10 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,679

ACCOMMODATION: Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw. Holiday Inn Krakow City Centre Hotel, Krakow. Art Hotel, Wroclaw. Hotel Bulwar, Torun. Radisson Blu Hotel Old Town, Gdansk. Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

#### 2018 Departures

**MAR** 16

APR 13, 20

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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



For more information and to book, please visit: www.thomascooktours.com

# **Classic Christmas Markets**

8 Day tour from £1,239\*pp. Includes 11 meals



Experience the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, Austria and France. Sip mulled wine and collect unique handicrafts at some of the largest and most famous Christmas markets in Europe.

#### **Your itinerary**

**DAY 1 Black Forest, Germany** Your tour starts in the Black Forest, Germany.

#### Day 2 Black Forest - Strasbourg, France

Travel the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest on route to Strasbourg and enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of western architecture. Then explore the Christmas market!

#### **DAY 3 Black Forest - Würzburg**

Today travel to Würzburg and stroll through the streets with your expert local guide. You will have time to browse for local specialties in the lively Christmas market.

#### DAY 4 Würzburg - Nuremberg

Start your day with a city tour of historic Nuremberg. Learn about old town's 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city then visit the historic Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Germany dating back to 1628. Here you can spend time sipping Gluwhein and sampling roast sausages.

#### DAY 5 Würzburg - Rothenburg - Oberammergau

Begin your day with a stop in lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. After some free time to explore the town, continue on to Oberammergau, a perfect picture of a Bavarian Alpine village.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







# DAY 6 Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria

Traverse the Bavarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Today you have the choice of one of two leisurely walking fours: you may join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof; or, perhaps you would prefer to embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump.

#### DAY 7 Oberammergau - Munich

This morning, travel to Munich and be introduced to this exciting city with a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich's historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Oberammergau where you will have time to stroll about the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. This evening, enjoy a magical farewell dinner featuring a visit by local entertainers from this village, famous for its Passion Play

#### DAY 8 Oberammergau - Home

Your tour ends in Oberammergau.



#### Tour highlights include

- See historic sites such as the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops
- · View the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main
- Stroll the Nuremberg Christmas Market one of the oldest in Germany dating back to 1628
- Visit the unique village of Oberammergau, known for its Passion Play



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 11 meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,369

ACCOMMODATION: Maritim titisee, Black Forest. Maritim Hotels, Wurzburg. Alte Post Hotel, Oberammergau.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED
- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**

Christmas 2017 Departures

**NOV** 26

**DEC** 03, 10

2018 dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4p.m. • \*Lead price is for Christmas 2017 departures. 2018 prices coming soon.

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- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

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Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.

**Shades of Ireland** featuring Northern Ireland



From vibrant and history-filled Dublin, across rolling green hills to the dramatic coast and onward to Belfast, experience all of the charms of Ireland on this magical tour of the Emerald Isle.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Dublin, Ireland

Your tour starts in Dublin with dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Dublin**

Today set out with a local guide on a drive to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephan's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park. Or take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.

#### DAY 3 Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

Travel to Kilkenny to explore the medieval atmosphere of this city. Then, arrive in the historic city of Waterford and visit the House of Waterford Crystal. Complete your day with a leisurely paced walking tour of this unique city.

#### DAY 4 Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

Today, journey to historic Blarney Castle and embrace the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Then enjoy a time-honoured jaunting car ride to beautiful Muckross House or instead take a scenic jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park to Ross Castle; then, board a traditional boat and sail through the breathtaking lakes.

#### DAY 5 Killarney - Ring of Kerry

Travel along one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world, the Ring of Kerry. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted

#### **DAY 6 Killarney - Limerick - Ennis**

Today enjoy a leisurely morning in Killarney. Continue to Limerick where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 7 Ennis - Cliffs of Moher - Galway -Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

Journey to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher. Continue to Galway for a city tour. Your day ends at the Manor House Hotel.

#### DAY 8 Enniskillen - Donegal Town - Derry

Today you take in the rugged, natural beauty of County Donegal. Next, we travel to the city of Derry, famous for its turbulent political history. Tonight, choose your included dinner from a 'menu' of Derry's great restaurants.

#### **DAY 9 Derry**

Choose to journey to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head or join a local guide to meet local experts at some of the city's museums.

#### DAY 10 Derry - Giant's Causeway - Glens of Antrim - Belfast

See the most famous natural site in Northern Ireland as you visit the magnificent Giant's

#### DAY 11 Belfast - Kingscourt, Ireland

Take the "Titanic Experience" tour, then we are off to Kingscourt, crossing back into the Republic of Ireland. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle with a farewell

#### **DAY 12 Kingscourt**

Your tour ends in Kingscourt.

#### You might also like...

An alternative version of this tour is available with the option to exclude Northern Ireland. Please call or go online for details.

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads
- See Northern Ireland's famous phenomenon - the spectacular Giant's Causeway
- Enjoy an overnight stay on the grounds of an iconic castle
- Marvel at "Samson" and "Goliath," the cranes at the shipyard that built the Titanic



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 17 meals (11 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, jaunting car ride and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,139

ACCOMMODATION: Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin. Granville Hotel, Waterford. Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney. Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. Manor House Hotel, Enniskillen. City Hotel, Derry. Europa Hotel, Belfast. Cabra Castle, Kingscourt.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- ICONIC HOTELS
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES

#### 2018 Departures

MAR 02, 04, 06, 08, 09, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22

APR 03, 05, 06, 08, 10, 12, 17. 19. 22. 24. 27. 29

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

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

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- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details

# Irish Splendour

7 Day tour from £789<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 9 meals



Savour a true taste of "Irish Splendour" when you spend the night in a stately castle. Relax by a roaring peat fire. Stand in awe on the Cliffs of Moher. Tour rollicking Dublin and delight in some traditional Irish cuisine.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### **DAY 1 Dublin, Ireland**

Your tour starts in Dublin. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for traditional entertainment during a fun-

#### **DAY 2 Dublin**

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin and take in O'Connell Street, Grafton Street and the city's magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes. Tour Kilmainham Gaol, the historic prison and then enjoy some leisure time to explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin.

#### DAY 3 Dublin - Killarney

Depart Dublin for Ireland's breathtaking countryside. Visit the town of Cashel for views of the historic Rock of Cashel, the reputed location where St. Patrick preached and converted the King of Munster. Next, journey to historic Blarney Castle where you have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. End your day in charming Killarney. This evening, it's Diner's Choice. you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants.

#### **DAY 4 Killarney - Dingle Peninsula**

Set off this morning to follow what is perhaps Ireland's most majestic coastal route – the stunning Dingle Peninsula. Stop at the Gap of Dunloe where you can shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Travel to the town of Dingle and then drive the beautiful Slea Head road.

Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 5 Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm. Continue to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. End your day in the charming town of Ennis.

#### DAY 6 Ennis - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt

Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. The ancient towns of Tullamore and Kilbeggan have long been associated with the whiskey industry. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the to end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner.

#### **DAY 7 Kingscourt**

Your tour ends in Kingscourt.



#### Tour highlights include

- Travel the Dingle Peninsula coastal route
- Visit Rock of Cashel, where St. Patrick preached
- Kiss the fames Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle
- · Visit a traditional Irish farm for homemade scones and tea



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 9 meals (6 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,059

ACCOMMODATION: Ashling Hotel, Dublin. Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney. Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. Cabra Castle, Kingscourt.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- MEALS INCLUDED
- ICONIC HOTELS

2018 Departures

JAN 18, 21 **FEB** 18, 25 MAR 01, 04, 08, 11, 15, 22

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • On day 7, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 8:30 a.m. • Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# Spectacular Scandinavia

13 Day tour from £3,159<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 19 meals



Join us on an incredible journey to a land of unparalleled beauty. Explore Norway's breathtaking fjord region. Meander through the streets of Bergen, cruise through historic canals of Copenhagen and embrace the tranquility of the Swedish countryside.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### Day 1 Copenhagen, Denmark

Your tour starts in Copenhagen with an included welcome dinner.

#### Day 2 Copenhagen

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour visiting the main sights including the Little Mermaid Statue. This afternoon is at leisure.

#### Day 3 Copenhagen, Denmark - Vaxjo, Sweden

Cross the famous Oresund Bridge into Sweden. Stop at the Ikea museum en route to Vaxjo. Then, discover the genuine Swedish tradition of glassblowing at Sweden's oldest operating glassworks factory, established in 1742.

#### Day 4 Vaxjo - Stockholm

Explore the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum and learn about its shocking maiden voyage when it sank in one nautical mile. This afternoon, it's your choice! Choose to explore the narrow streets of Gamle Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour or explore the city by coach. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the old town at Fem Sma Hus.

#### Day 5 Stockholm

The day is yours to explore Stockholm at

# Day 6 Stockholm - High Speed Train - Oslo,

Sit back, relax and enjoy as you travel through Sweden's picturesque countryside aboard the innovative high-speed train. Cross the Norwegian border and arrive in Oslo.

#### Day 7 Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking ships. Later this afternoon, enjoy time to relax or explore independently

#### Tour pace (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)









#### Day 8 Oslo - Flam

Depart Norway's capital and travel north to the majestic fjord region. Arrive in the quaint village of Flam, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. Embark on one of the world's steepest frain rides, the renowned Flam Railway.

#### Day 9 Flam - Loen

This morning travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier. Ascend the glacier in a traditional "troll" car before arriving in stunning Loen for a relaxing stay in the heart of Norway's fjord region.

#### Day 10 Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Journey to Geiranger and embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, a UNESCO World Heritage

#### Day 11 Loen - Bergen

Take in Norway's most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen, known as the gateway to the fiords.

#### Day 12 Bergen

Take a guided walking tour of Bergen. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before your farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood.

#### Day 13 Bergen

Your tour ends in Bergen.

#### **Extend your tour**

Extend your holiday with a 4 days (3 nights) extension to Iceland. Please call for details

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Explore the Vasa Ship Museum to learn of its shocking maiden voyage
- · Witness the scenic wilderness along the Flam Railway
- Explore the Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking ships
- Embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 19 meals (12 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach, boat trip, troll car and train GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

ACCOMMODATION: Tivoli Hotel, Copenhagen. PM & Vänner Hotel, Vaxjo, Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Stockholm. Hotel Bristol, Oslo. Fretheim Hotel, Flam. Hotel Alexandra, Loen. First Hotel Marin, Bergen.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,199

MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

**MAY** 18 JUN 15, 22 JUL 13, 20 AUG 03, 17 SEP 07, 14, 28

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

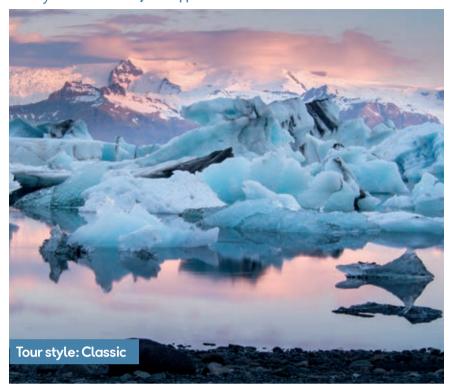
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# Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice

9 Day tour from £1,879 pp. Includes 14 meals



Travel the "Golden Circle" and view the many natural scenic wonders. Massive glaciers sculpt the mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. Discover the spectacular landscapes and proud people of this small island.

# **Your itinerary**

DAY 1 Reykjavik, Iceland Your tour starts today in Revkiavik.

#### DAY 2 Reykjavik

Begin in Iceland's capital city, Reykjavik, for a walking tour with a local expert. Tonight, experience a sumptuous Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant.

#### DAY 3 Reykjavik - Golden Circle

Travel the Golden Circle, a route encompassing many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders of waterfalls, glaciers, geysers, lava fields, and volcanos. Start at Thingvellir National Park where this UNESCO World Heritage site marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss waterfall. Your day concludes with a visit to Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation centre.

#### DAY 4 Snæfellsnes - Cave/Lava Field Tour -Breidafjördur Cruise - Stykkishólmur

Today visit the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Take in the dramatic landscapes of black and white sand beaches, stunning cliffs, mountains peaks, volcanic craters and its remarkable Snæfellsjökull glacier. This afternoon choose between a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour^ and see amazing rock pigments or, perhaps you'd prefer to walk the lava field. Your day concludes with a nature cruise in Breidafjördur Bay.

#### DAY 5 Stykkishólmur - Vík

Embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 6 Vík - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre - Skogar Museum

Drive along the scenic south shore to Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a family's struggle to adapt during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous volcano. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Then,

view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach.

#### DAY 7 Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon -Skaftafell

Take a boat ride among the huge icebergs in the picturesque scenery of Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Later, stop at Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe.

#### DAY 8 Vík - Blue Lagoon or Whale Watching -Reykjavik

Today you can choose to visit the famous Blue Lagoon; take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineralrich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Or maybe you'd prefer to further explore the wonders of Iceland's waters during an informative whale watching adventure in the bay of Faxaflói.

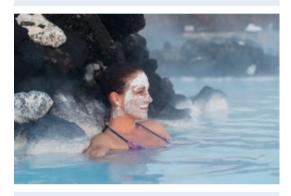
#### DAY 9 Reykjavik

Your tour ends in Reykjavik.



#### Tour highlights include

- Explore Skógar Folk Museum
- Cruise on the ice-strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon
- Journey to the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall
- Try an Icelandic delicacy cured "hákarl"



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 14 meals (8 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trips GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,289

ACCOMMODATION: Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik. Hotel Stykkishólmur, Stykkishólmur. Hotel Kátla Hofdabrekka, Vik.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

#### 2018 Departures

**APR** 01, 06, 15 MAY 06, 13, 20, 27 JUN 10, 17, 24

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2019 Departures

JUL 01, 08, 22, 29,

**APR** 12

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used • ^The Vatnshellir Cave tour is not recommended for guests who are claustrophobic or have back or knee problems

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# **Iceland's Magical Northern Lights**

7 Day tour from £1,339<sub>pp.</sub> Includes 11 meals



Iceland is a country of beautiful landscapes and this stunning tour encompasses many breath-taking experiences. From thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords to relaxing lagoons and the Aurora Borealis, this tour really does have it all.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Reykjavik, Iceland

Your tour starts in Reykjavik with an included welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 2 Revkiavik**

Your first full day in Iceland will be spent getting acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall and the harbour. In the evening you'll dine in a popular restaurant before taking an exhilarating northern lights cruise in search of the Aurora Borealis – or northern lights.

#### DAY 3 Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Vik

Today, you'll travel to the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur before visiting Gullfoss waterfall. You'll then continue southeast to Vik, where you'll be surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner, once again you'll set out in search for the Aurora Borealis.

#### DAY 4 Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre -Skogar Museum - Vik

This morning you'll drive to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre before visiting Skogar Folk Museum and the Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, you'll explore Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations and cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 5 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vik

After breakfast, you'll travel to the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, where you'll be able to explore this extraordinary landscape, before you head off to visit Skaftafell - the gateway to the largest national park in Europe. Here you'll find Iceland's highest mountains; and the Vatnajökull glacier. After dinner, you'll continue your search for the northern lights.

#### DAY 6 Vik - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

For your final day in Iceland, you'll travel to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Your final evening will be spent with a farewell dinner with your new found travelling friends.

#### DAY 7 Reykjavik

Your tour ends in Reykjavik.



#### Tour highlights include

- Search for the northern lights, an astronomical phenomena
- Experience the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur
- Discover Reynisfjara, a volcanic sand beach
- Explore Skogar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 11 meals (6 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners) TRANSPORT: Coach and boat trip GROUP SIZE: Approx 40 SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £1,579

ACCOMMODATION: Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik. Hotel Katla, Hofdabrekka, Vik.

- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANAGERS
- FREE WIFI
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

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2019 Departures

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Many dates sold out

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# **Icelandic Adventure**

10 Day tour from £3,284pp. Includes 14 meals



Set out to discover Iceland's adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage. From ethereal lava fields to powerful waterfalls and quaint coastal villages, this tour reveals the island's dramatic and vivide contrasts.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Reykjavík, Iceland

Your tour starts in Revkiavik.

#### DAY 2 Reykjavík

Take a guided walking tour through the old section of the city, see the towering Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour and Reykjavík's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design centre.

#### DAY 3 Reykjavík - Golden Circle

Begin today at Thingvellir National Park, where Icelanders established one of the world's first parliaments. Stand at the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and then, lose yourself in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall. Stop at the famous thermal area of Geysir and see the fountain geyser known as Strokkur

#### DAY 4 Reykjavík - Akureyri - Staðarbraut -Æðafossar - Húsavík

This morning fly to Akureyri. Upon arrival enjoy some leisure time to absorb the quaint culture of Iceland's second largest city. Later, settle into your farmhouse in the Icelandic countryside.

#### DAY 5 Húsavík

This morning venture into the town of Húsavík. Next you will board zodiacs to go out whale watching with the experts. The afternoon is at leisure

#### DAY 6 Húsavík - Lake Mývatn - Dettifoss -Asbvrgi Canvon

Spend today exploring the magnificent Diamond Circle. Stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss. Next, marvel at Lake Mývatn, the Blue Lagoon of the north before continuing on to the powerful Dettifoss waterfall.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







#### DAY 7 Húsavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula -Stykkishólmur

Take a scenic drive to Stykkishólmur, then this afternoon enjoy leisure time in the quaint fishing village

#### DAY 8 Stykkishólmur - Vatneshillir Cave or Lava Field Walk

Today we continue our journey through the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with black sand beaches, stunning cliffs, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, plunging waterfalls, rocky coastlines and tiny fishing villages. Board an Icelandic snow cat to ascend the captivating Snæfellsjökull glacier. Then choose to take a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour\* or explore a coastal lava field.

#### DAY 9 Stykkishólmur - Borgarnes -Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Today spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark. Then visit the Settlement Museum to dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage before driving to the Blue Lagoon with its mineral-rich waters. Spend the afternoon at leisure before coming together for an unforgettable farewell dinner.

#### DAY 10 Reykjavík

Your tour ends in Reykjavik.



#### Tour highlights include

- Spend time at the geothermal baths of Lake Mývatn
- Explore Snæfellsjökull glacier aboard an Icelandic snow cat
- Relax in the mineral rich waters of the Blue Lagoon
- Taste "hákarl," cured shark meat



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 14 meals (9 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners)

TRANSPORT: Coach, Snow cat, Zodiac boat and internal flight

**GROUP SIZE: Max 24** 

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,894

ACCOMMODATION: Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Reykjavík. Hotel & Guesthouse Raudaskrida, Husavik. Fosshotel Stykkishólmur, Stykkishólmur.

- INCLUDED GRATUITIES
- FREE WIFI
- MEALS INCLUDED
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

#### 2018 Departures

MAY 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

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Note: • On some dates alternate hotels may be used. •Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m. • Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities at an additional cost. Please enquire at time of reservation. \*The Vatnshellir Cave tour is not recommended for guests who are claustrophobic or have back or knee problems. Guests should be in good

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# **River Cruising**



# A relaxing way to discover Europe

With decades of experience, Thomas Cook Tours have combined the relaxation of a river cruise with the expertise of a tour manager to guide you through quaint villages and towns you will visit along the way. Embark on smaller vessels that provide a personal and intimate experience and travel along some of the most scenic waterways of Europe.



FEATURING

# Austria Germany The Netherlands

#### **Austria**

Known for its Imperial architecture and shaped by musical legends including Mozart and Beethoven, you will fall in love with the majestic palaces in Vienna and the romantic scenery as you cruise through the Wachau Valley.

#### Germany

Travel through fairy-tale landscapes dotted with stunning castles in a country that brings together distinct culture with diverse landscape. Listen for the music of great classical composers and try some of the local delicacies when you step off for a day of sightseeing.

#### The Netherlands

The Netherlands is home to some of the greatest artists of the world and plenty of museums highlight some of their best work. The likes of Van Gogh and Rembrandt were inspired by their surrounding countryside, whether it be the bustling cities such as Amsterdam, the blooming flower fields or towering windmills of Kinderdijk.

# Highlights of River Cruising

- The canals of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Reichsburg Castle, Cochem, Germany
- Strasbourg, France
- Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna, Austria
- Christmas Markets, in Germany and Austria

# Magical Rhine & Moselle

9 Day tour £2,209pp. Includes 22 meals



On this river cruise adventure, you'll set sail along the Rhine and Moselle rivers that will take you to the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. On dry land you'll be able to explore the highlights of Amsterdam, Rüdesheim, Koblenz and many more.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 Amsterdam, Netherlands

Your tour starts in Amsterdam where you will board your ship. Your ship offers unlimited wine with every dinner. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2 Amsterdam

Today, join a local expert for a city tour of Amsterdam including a cruise along the city's centuries-old canal system.

#### DAY 3 Cologne, Germany

As you glide down the river this morning, your journey brings you to Cologne where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Old Town. You'll visit Cologne Cathedral, as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and the Romanesque church of St. Martin.

#### DAY 4 Moselle River - Cochem

Today, you'll set sail on the Moselle River to Cochem where you will join a guided tour. You'll visit Reichsburg Castle set high above the town, and the tour will end with a visit to one of Cochem's wine

#### DAY 5 Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year old city on a walking tour. Your next stop is Rüdesheim where you will be treated to the music of barrel organs and medieval mechanical instruments.

Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 6 Mannheim - Speyer

The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, and step back in time on a walking tour. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner.

#### DAY 7 Strasbourg, France

Your journey takes you to Strasbourg, a provincial capital of France that blends centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences together. You will have free time to explore before returning to

#### DAY 8 Disembark Basel, Switzerland - Colmar, France - Black Forest, Germany - Zurich, **Switzerland**

Disembark your ship in Basel and travel to the Alsace wine region to spend time in beautiful Colmar with a local guide. Enjoy some free time to explore before we drive to Titisee. This evening, enjoy a dinner of many Black Forest specialties before arriving at your Zurich airport area hotel

#### **DAY 9 Zurich Airport Area**

Your tour ends in Zurich.



#### Tour highlights include

- Cruise the famous canals of Amsterdam
- Enjoy a Mosel wine tasting in Cochem
- Take in the sounds of barrel organs at Siegfried's Music Museum
- Set out on a tour of picturesque Rüdesheim



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 22 meals (8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

Tea and coffee are included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

TRANSPORT: River cruise ship and coach

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,179

ACCOMMODATION: MS Amadeus Silver III. Movenpick Hotel Zurich

- DRINKS INCLUDED
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANGERS
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

**SEP** 06, 12

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note:  $\bullet$  On some dates alternate hotels or vessels may be used.  $\bullet$  Flights will arrive into Amsterdam and depart from Zurich airport. • Embarkation on day 1 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 10:00 a.m. • Gratuities for cabin stewards, porters and waiters onboard the ship are not included. • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4 p.m.

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Terms & conditions may apply. See pages 113-115 for full details \*Please go online for our latest pricing

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



# Springtime Tulip River Cruise 8 Day tour from £1,959pp. Includes 20 meals



On this delightful river cruise, you'll experience the colour and glory of spring as you meander through Holland and Belgium. Float past windmills and blooming fields of flowers. Step back to medieval times in Bruges and sample artisanal cheese at a Dutch farm.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 Amsterdam, Netherlands

Your tour starts in Amsterdam where you will board your ship. Your ship offers regional wine with every dinner. This evening, meet in the Panorama Bar for a cocktail followed by a welcome dinner

#### DAY 2 Amsterdam - Volendam - Cruising

After breakfast, you'll take a city tour through Amsterdam and see the city from the water during a canal cruise. You'll also visit the little fishing town of Volendam and a local cheese farm before your ship resumes its cruise to the IIssel River.

Late this morning we arrive in Arnhem, location of the favourite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. This afternoon, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues.

#### **DAY 4 Middelburg**

Today your ship docks in Middelburg. This afternoon you may choose to take an optional excursion to the Deltaworks Project which details how the Dutch have tamed the environment in which they live.

#### DAY 5 Ghent, Belgium - Bruges

This morning you arrive in the Imperial city of Ghent. Lined with typical patrician houses in its city centre, Ghent conveys the splendour of by-gone days. This afternoon, allow yourself to be transported back to medieval times with a leisurely paced walking tour of Bruges

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)







#### DAY 6 Antwerp

Today the ship docks in Antwerp, best known for its diamonds and also as the home of prolific painter Peter Paul Rubens. Join a local expert exploring Antwerp's historical sites. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping and independent exploration. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner.

#### DAY 7 Kinderdijk - Utrecht - Amsterdam

A morning stop in Kinderdijk, allows you to experience Holland's largest concentration of windmills. After lunch, explore the Keukenhof Gardens with more than seven million tulips and other flowers to explore. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner and a typical Dutch folklore show celebrating the end of an unforgettable river cruise through Holland and Belgium.

#### **DAY 8 Amsterdam**

Your tour ends in Amsterdam.



#### Tour highlights include

- Experience Kinderdijk, home to Holland's largest concentration of windmills
- · Discover the expansive tulip fields of Keukenhof Gardens
- Explore Antwerp's historical sites with a local expert
- Cruise through the famous canals of Amsterdam



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 Dinners)

Tea and coffee are included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

TRANSPORT: River cruise Ship and coach

GROUP SIZE: Approx 40

SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £3,849

#### ACCOMMODATION: MS Amadeus Queen

- **DRINKS INCLUDED**
- AWARD WINNING TOUR MANGERS
- **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

APR 06,13, 20

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate vessels may be used. • Embarkation on day 1 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m.• Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and wait staff onboard the ship are not included. • Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00p.m.

#### Our tour prices exclude flights.

Book your flights with us and we'll include:

- Private return door to door airport transfers
- Competitively priced international flights
- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# Classic Danube 10 Day tour from £2,289pp. Includes 24 meals



This fascinating exploration of the Danube River takes in a multitude of experiences exploring the past and the present of this mesmerising river. You'll discover quaint villages, lively cities and experience the rivers charm and character.

# Your itinerary

#### **DAY 1 Budapest, Hungary**

Your tour starts in Budapest where you will board your ship. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline followed by a folklore show.

#### **DAY 2 Budanest**

Embark on a tour of Budapest featuring the historic Buda Castle area and enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing

#### DAY 3 Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

Today you'll tour Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle. The afternoon, sail towards Vienna.

#### **DAY 4 Vienna**

Today, you'll join a local expert to explore Vienna. This afternoon is at leisure or you can join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty.

#### DAY 5 Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley

View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns.

#### Tour pace (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)









#### DAY 6 Linz - Passau, Germany

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the charming riverside town of Linz. Then, continue on to Passau, 2,000-year old fairy-tale city, for another walking tour. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's

#### **DAY 7 Regensburg**

Take a guided walking tour of Regensburg, one of Germany's grand medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. This afternoon, you'll stroll through Old Town before enjoying a Bavarian evening onboard.

#### DAY 8 Passau - Disembark Ship - Munich - Ettal

This morning, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Explore this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz. After some free time, continue on to the quaint village of Ettal, known for its grand 14th-century Benedictine monastery

#### DAY 9 Ettal - Linderhof Palace - Oberammergau

Today you'll travel to nearby Linderhof Palace. Later, spend time exploring Oberammergau, renowned for wood carvings and the Passion Play which takes place every ten years.

#### **DAY 10 Ettal**

Your tour ends in Ettal.

#### Oberammergau 2020

This tour is available with the Passion Play in 2020. Reserve your place today, please see page 10 for more details

Please go online for our date specific full tour itinerary.



#### Tour highlights include

- Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000 -year-old fairytale city
- Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava
- Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline
- Explore Vienna's Imperial architecture



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 24 meals (9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 9 Dinners) Tea and coffee are included with all meals. Wine, been and soft drinks are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

TRANSPORT: River cruise ship and coach

**GROUP SIZE: Approx 40** SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £4,249

ACCOMMODATION: MS Amadeus Queen. Klosterhotel Ludwig der Bayer, Ettal.

- DRINKS INCLUDED
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- MEALS INCLUDED

#### 2018 Departures

SEP 14, 19, 28

More dates coming soon, go online for our latest dates and prices

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels or vessels may be used. • Gratuities for cabin stewards, porters and waiters onboard the ship are not included. • Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m into Frankfurt. Return flights from Budapest should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on your last day.

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- Overseas transfers to join and leave your tour

# Christmas on the Danube

8 Day tour from £1,339\*pp. Includes 19 meals



Begin your holiday season with a relaxing cruise along the Danube River, stopping at traditional Christmas markets in Germany and Austria. Float through the Wachau Valley dotted with castles and riverside towns and visit the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey.

#### Your itinerary

Day 1: Würzburg, Germany Your tour starts in Würzburg with an included welcome dinner.

#### Day 2: Würzburg - Rothenburg - Nuremberg -**Board Cruise Ship**

This morning, join a local guide on a walking tour of Würzburg, before proceeding to Rothenburg. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures and its charming Christmas market. Late afternoon, meet your cruise ship in Nuremberg and this evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard.

#### Day 3: Nuremberg

Explore historic Nuremberg with a local expert featuring Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour ends with a visit to Nuremberg's Christmas market, Germany's most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628. Later, your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg.

#### Day 4: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Late evening, your ship departs for Passau.

#### Tour pace $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \end{pmatrix}$







#### Day 5: Passau

Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city before some free time to explore the town on your own.

#### Day 6: Wachau Valley, Austria -

#### Emmersdorf - Durnstein - Vienna

View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery before visiting the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Before returning to the ship, enjoy a Glühwein Party. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. You'll arrive in Vienna in the early evening.

#### Day 7: Vienna

Start your day with a local expert to explore Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure or join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace. This evening, enjoy a Captain's Gala Dinner.

#### Day 8: Vienna

Your tour ends in Vienna.



#### Tour highlights include

- Explore the famous Christmas markets along the Danube
- Tour Regensburg, one of Germany's bestpreserved medieval cities
- Explore the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey
- Discover Vienna's historic sites



#### What's included in your tour

MEALS: 19 meals (7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

Tea and coffee are included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

TRANSPORT: River cruise ship and coach

**GROUP SIZE: Approx 40** SOLO TRAVELLERS: Fr. £2,109

ACCOMMODATION: Maritim Hotel, Würzburg. MS Amadeus Brilliant or Elegant.

- DRINKS INCLUDED
- FREE AUDIO GUIDES
- INCLUDED EXCURSIONS
- MEALS INCLUDED

Christmas 2017 Departures

**NOV** 27, 28

**DEC** 03, 04

#### Christmas 2018 Departures

**NOV** 27

DEC 03, 04

Note: • On some dates alternate hotels or vessels may be used. • Gratuities for cabin stewards, porters and waiters onboard the ship are not included. • Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m into Frankfurt. Return flights from Vienna should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on your last day. • Extend your tour in Prague, please call for details. \*Lead in price is for 2017 departures, 2018 prices coming soon.

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# Thomas Cook Tours gives you MORE in every way

With years of experience of listening to our customers, we know how important all the elements of your holiday are. This is why our inclusive tours offer you MORE for your money, and with a focus on service, we give you MORE of what makes travel special.

#### Useful Holiday Information

Please read carefully through the following information before booking your Thomas Cook Tours When you book, you will be asked if you have read and understood this section, as well as our Booking Conditions.

#### Fellow travellers

Your fellow travellers will come from a wide range of locations and backgrounds. However, because we only offer English-speaking trips, the majority will be from the USA, UK, Canada and Australia.

#### Group size

Our group size ranges from between 10 to 44 people, depending on your chosen style of tour. The approximate maximum number on each tour is detailed on each tour page, although we rarely have groups that are smaller than six or seven people.

#### Inclusive touring

Inclusive touring with Thomas Cook Tours means that we provide you with the peace of mind of knowing that all of the essential elements of your holiday are carefully looked after by us. We include the following with every escorted tour package booked with us, and the full details can be found on each page within the brochure and online.

- · Transportation via coach, mini bus
- Quality accommodation in carefully selected locations
- · Most meals as detailed
- · Included sightseeing as detailed
- · Admission charges as detailed
- Porterage as detailed

#### Your flights

When you have selected your chosen itinerary, we will find the best priced flight available to meet your holiday requirements. When you book your flight with us, you will receive a complimentary private door to door airport transfer, arrival and departure transfers within your chosen holiday destination and your holiday will be fully bonded through our ATOL bonding.

When purchasing flights from Thomas Cook Tours you must ensure that the name as submitted matches the name on your passport. Please notify Thomas Cook Tours, your travel agent or your group leader immediately in the event of any discrepancy.

#### Private UK airport transfers

Thomas Cook Tours includes a private airport transfer on all bookings when a flight is booked with us. The complimentary service is for distances of up to 150 miles from the point of collection to the departure airport. A supplement is payable for distances over 150 miles. Mileage is calculated using Google Maps. The service is offered per booking in the mainland UK and Northern Ireland only. Complimentary private airport transfers do not apply to tour only bookings or group bookings

#### Tour only

If you purchase a 'four only' holiday, please provide Thomas Cook Tours with your flight schedules for the entire tour 8 weeks prior to departure. Choosing to book a tour only with us excludes Thomas Cook Tours from any liability where your privately organised travel arrangements may result in inconvenient or difficult flight connection times/transfer times. We do not include transfers from the arrival and departure airport at the holiday destination or private UK airport transfers with tour only bookings.

#### Accommodation

We pride ourselves on the quality of accommodation available on each tour. We tend to use 4 star hotels on all of our tours. However, on certain tours we will put location as the key selection criteria. This is true in many of our tours where we stay within a national park, where the uniqueness of staying within the national park is a major highlight of the tour. We have listed the hotels where you will stay on each tour page, although on some dates alternative hotels may be used.

#### Solo Traveller

Our tour pricing is based on 2 sharing a twin / double room. If you are travelling on your own, we have pricing for solo travellers which takes into account having your own room throughout your tour. Please see the Solo Traveller pricing on each tour page. Places are limited so please book early.

#### Included meal

We include many meals on each tour, but not all. This allows you to choose on selected nights where you'd like to dine. Your tour manager can organise restaurants to suit your personal tastes giving you flexibility and choice on your tour to try the cuisine in local restaurants and also to choose where to eat and how much to spend. Please see individual tours for specific meal inclusions.

#### Transpor

On each tour we use a variety of different transport. We use everything from coaches, boats, river cruisers and trains to tuk tuk's and camels. On some tours smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

#### Tour managers

Our award-winning tour managers are carefully selected for their travel experience, people skills and their time working with you. Their main responsibility is to make sure that all members of the group are well looked after and return home having had a wonderful holiday with amazing memories. It is the tour manager's responsibility to ensure that the tour runs smoothly and that all the logistics are in place; also to oversee the health and safety aspects of your holiday. They are also on hand to provide advice and recommendations for any free time within your specific tour.

#### Guaranteed departures

We have been increasing the number of tours which we advertise with 'Guaranteed Departures'. You will find this information on the website where dates and prices are listed. For these tours, we guarantee that the advertised itinerary will not be cancelled unless we are forced to do so by 'Force Majeure'. There is no minimum group size for these departures.

#### High altitude

Several tours reach elevations of 8,200 feet or more. We allow time for acclimatisation and usually the body acclimatises well to spending extended periods of time above this altitude. It is difficult to predict who is at risk from altitude sickness but if you have a heart or respiratory problem we advise you not to risk extended travel at high altitudes and to check with your doctor.

#### Passports and visas

All vis a information provided in this brochure is for guidance. Where visas are required, you must check with the relevant embassy or consulate on how to apply. For tours where a visa is required for UK passport holders, we will advise you at the time of booking. Obtaining the proper proof of citizenship for entry to destination countries is your responsibility. A valid 10 year machine readable passport is required for all individuals travelling outside of the United Kingdom. Passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the return date from the destination. You must check with the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements.

#### Hotel and airport parking

Hotel and parking option includes one night's accommodation before the tour, and free parking for the duration of any tour. Additional parking due to private arrangements or tailor made extensions are payable at the reduced rate of £10 per day.

#### Hotel check in and out

Most hotels make rooms available for check in at approximately 3pm on the day of arrival. Thomas Cook Tours has taken your time of arrival into consideration when arranging flights to accompany our tours. On checking in, the hotel will ask each customer to register and may require an imprint of your credit card in order to cover personal items and incidentals. If you do not have a credit card for this purpose, a cash deposit may be requested. Check out of hotels is usually between 10am and midday on the day of departure. If you have a late evening flight, we will inform you of this and ask if you wish to make provision for your departure by booking a day room on your last day (time permitting).

#### Health and Safety

If you are taking prescription medication, please be sure to take an adequate supply for your tour and a few additional days in original prescription containers. Medication should be packed in your carry-on baggage (never in checked luggage). You may want to carry an extra prescription in case medication is lost. We operate a 'No Smoking' policy on all of our coaches. During the tour, your coach will make frequent stops for the convenience of all guests. The Foreign & Commonwealth office produces up-to-date travel information to help British travellers make informed decisions about travelling abroad. For further information please visit: www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo . Alternatively you can contact ABTA's Information Line on 0901 201 5050 (calls are charged at 50 pence per minute and is open Monday to Friday 9am - 5:30pm). We recommend viewing health advice from the Department of Health and discussing with your own GP any specific needs you may have whilst travelling. The Department of Health in formation for travel including advice on Deep Vein Thrombosis. Please visit their website at www.dh.gov.uk for further details.

#### Special Assistance

Thomas Cook Tours will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Persons requiring individual assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of, and totally responsible for, providing the necessary assistance. Neither Thomas Cook Tours personnel nor its suppliers may physically lift or assist clients onto transportation vehicles. Please ask your booking agent for a Special Needs form if applicable. This form must be filled out and submitted to us at least eight weeks prior to your departure date so that we can make appropriate arrangements and inform your tour Manager. Please Note: It is a condition of your contract with us that you inform us before the booking of any special needs or assistance that may be required from Thomas Cook Tours during your tour. You will be responsible for indemnifying us in relation to any costs we incur as a result of any failure on your part to do so. Facilities on tour to assist individuals with disabilities vary from country to country.

#### Lugagae Allowance

Due to limited vehicle capacity, one carry-on 36 inches/95 cms in length, height, and width; not to exceed 11 lbs/5 kg.) and one checked luggage (62 inches/160 cms in length, height and width; not to exceed 50 lbs/23 kgs) are allowed. Please note that these guidelines must be considered with the specific allowance permitted by the airline with whom you are booked to travel. If you exceed the limit of 2 bags, we cannot guarantee that your additional luggage will be able to fit in the vehicle. Storage or shipment of additional luggage will be at your expense. If we are able to accommodate your additional luggage, we will levy a £2.50 per hotel, per bag fee. Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or normal wear and tear that results from hotel, airline and group carrier handling. It is in your best interest to make certain you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. On safari tours, soft duffel bag luggage is required as storage space on safari vans is limited.

# **Booking Conditions**

These Booking Conditions, together with our privacy and data protection policy, and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Adventures Unlimited Inc. of Unit 6, Brook Business Centre, Cowley Mill Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 2FX, United Kingdom ('we' or 'us'). Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. All the holidays in this brochure/ website are operated by Adventures Unlimited Inc. trading as Thomas Cook Tours. References to 'you' and 'your' include the final named person on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is transferred.

By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

- a. He/she has read these Booking Conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
- b. He/she consents to our use of information in accordance with our Privacy & Data Protection Policy
- c. He/she is over 18 years of age and resident in the United Kingdom and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services;
- d. He/She accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking.

#### 1. MAKING A BOOKING AND PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

To secure a booking, we or our authorised travel agent must receive the applicable deposit per person (or full payment depending on when your date of departure is) in accordance with table 1 below at clause 2. If the arrangements you wish to book are available we will issue a Confirmation Invoice and send this to you or your travel agent. We reserve the right to return your deposit and decline to issue a confirmation at our absolute discretion. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with a Confirmation Invoice confirming the details of your booking. If your confirmed arrangements include a flight we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will also issue you with an ATOL Certificate. If you book online any acknowledgement of your booking request which we send to you is not a confirmation of your booking. Before your booking has been confirmed, in the unlikely event that an error has occurred we do reserve the right to make any changes or decline your booking at our discretion. We will communicate any changes to you and request your acceptance of these before issuing you with a Confirmation Invoice

Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on your Confirmation Invoice or ATOL Certificate (or any other document) are wrong you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets).

The balance of the cost of your arrangements is due in accordance with Table 1 in clause 2 below. If we do not receive all payments in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in Table 2a and 2b in clause 6 below will become payable.

For flight inclusive bookings covered by our ATOL, any money paid to an authorised agent of ours is held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times, but subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail

financially. If we do fail financially, any money held at that time by the agent or subsequently accepted from the consumer by the agent, is and continues to be held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us.

In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full GBP Sterling amount is received by us after all bank charges have been levied.

#### 2. DEPOSITS & BALANCES

Further to clause 1, the deposit payable and balance due date (including any surcharge where applicable) will vary depending on the holiday you book, as follows:

Holiday	Deposit Payable*	Balance due not less than
All holidays (excluding cruise holidays and Antarctica)	£200 Per Person	60 days before departure
Ocean and river cruise holidays	£200 Per person	120 days before departure
Holidays to Antarctica	£200 Per Person	180 days before departure

\*A higher deposit may be payable in certain circumstances, for example if any supplier(s) require additional payment at the time of booking / prior to the balance due date. On occasions, full payment for a service such as flights, permits or pre-purchased passes may also be required at the time of booking or prior to the balance due date. Please note that unlike many other operators, we do not charge any transaction fees if using a credit card.

#### 3. THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

You will be notified of the price of your holiday at the time of booking. However, we reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

Once we have issued you with a Confirmation Invoice and a contract exists between us, we guarantee that we will not pass on any unexpected fuel surcharges or currency exchange charges which may otherwise have affected the price of your booking. This means, no matter what happens to the price of fuel or with the exchange rates we use, the price of your confirmed holiday is protected at all times. The prices shown in our brochures and our website are based on our current charges and costs but they may go up and down; we reserve the right to alter the price of any of our holidays and will advise you of the correct price prior to booking. Please call us or visit our website for the most up-to-date prices. The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using the rate

#### of \$1.30 to £1 in relation to the following currencies: US\$ and £GBP. **4. CUTTING YOUR HOLIDAY SHORT**

If you are forced to return home early, we cannot refund the cost of any services you have not used. If you cut short your holiday and return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause for complaint about the standard of your holiday arrangements, we will not offer you any refund for that part of your holiday not completed, or be liable for any associated costs you may incur. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with them.

#### 5. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR BOOKING

If after your holiday has been confirmed you wish to alter your booking, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from the person who signed the booking form, or your travel agent, before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Changes and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee of £25 per change per person as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by us and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable.

Transfer of Booking: If you or 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.

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.

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If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing by us at our offices. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will have to pay the applicable cancellation charges to compensate for estimated losses and expenses. These are calculated from the date we receive your written notification of cancellation and will be payable up to the maximum shown in Tables 2a and 2b below.

The cancellation charges detailed below are calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling:

Table 2a: All holidays excluding ocean/river cruises and holidays to Antarctica

Period before departure notice of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation Charge
More than 60 days	Deposit only
60 - 29 days	50% of holiday cost
28 - 15 days	60% of holiday cost
14 - 8 days	75% of holiday cost
7 - 4 days	90% of holiday cost
Less than 3 days	100% of holiday cost

#### Table 2b: All ocean/river cruises and holidays to Antarctica

Period before departure notice of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation Charge
Before balance due date	Deposit only
Balance due date – 90 days	50% of holiday cost
89 - 45 days	60% of holiday cost
44 - 21 days	75% of holiday cost
20 - 8 days	80% of holiday cost
7 - 4 days	90% of holiday cost
Less than 3 days	100% of holiday cost

Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above.

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

#### 7. IF WE CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR BOOKING

As we plan your holiday arrangements many months in advance we may occasionally have to make changes or cancel your booking and we reserve the right to do so at any time.

Changes: If we make a minor change to your holiday, we will make reasonable efforts to inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure but we will have no liability to you. Examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers. Please note that carriers such as airlines used in the brochure may be subject to change.

- A change of accommodation area for the whole or a significant part of your time away;
   A change of accommodation to that of a lower standard or
- A change of accommodation to that of a lower standard or classification or the whole or a significant part of your time away;
- A change of outward departure time or overall length of your arrangements of twelve or more hours;
- A change of UK departure airport, as long as that change is not from one London airport to another London airport. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City;
- A significant change to your itinerary, missing out one or more destination entirely:
- the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period.

Cancellation: We will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 60 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. We may cancel your holiday before this date if, for example, the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached.

If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of:

- i (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements;
- ii having a refund of all monies paid; or
- iiii accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value).

You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

Insurance: If we cancel or make a major change and you accept a refund, we will provide a full refund of your travel insurance premiums if you paid them to us and can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy.

Compensation: If we cancel or make a major change less than 60 days before departure, we will pay compensation as detailed below. The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so

Period before departure a significant change or cancellation is notified to you (or your travel agent)	Compensation change or per person (excluding infants)
60 days or more	£0
59 - 45 days	£20
44 - 30 days	£30
Less than 30 days	£50

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We will not pay you compensation in the following circumstances:

- where we make a minor change;
- where we make a major change or cancel your arrangements more than 60 days before departure;
- where we have to cancel your arrangements as a result of your failure to make full payment on time;
- where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations to the confirmed booking requested by you;
- where we are forced to cancel or change your arrangements due to Force Majeure (see clause 12).

Please note: where accommodation with a higher price than the original accommodation is offered by us and accepted by you, the difference in price will be deducted from any compensation payable. In no case will we pay compensation if accommodation is offered by us and accepted by you with a higher price than that originally booked in the same location where no additional payment is made by you.

If we become unable to provide a significant proportion of the services that you have booked with us after you have departed, we will make alternative arrangements for you at no extra charge and, if appropriate in all the circumstances, will pay you reasonable compensation.

#### 8 PASSPORTS VISAS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

It is your responsibility to check and fulfil the passport, visa, health and immigration requirements applicable to your booking and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your entry into the country that you are visiting, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting. We can only provide general information about this. You must check requirements for your own specific circumstances with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates and your own doctor as applicable. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure.

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Passport Office on

0300 222 0000 or visit www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check uk.usembassy.gov

For European holidays you should obtain a completed and issued form EHIC prior to departure.

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice Non British passport holders, including other EU nationals, should obtain up to date advice on passport and visa requirements from the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of your destination or country(ies) through which you are travelling.

We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel, or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice. You agree to reimburse us in relation to any fines or other losses which we incur as a result of your failure to comply with any passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities.

#### 9. SINGLE TRAVELLER OCCUPANCY

Our holidays are advertised on a per person basis based on two persons sharing a room therefore the price when occupied by one person is higher than when two persons share the cost of the room. It is not our intention to penalise anyone who is under occupying the accommodation we provide and we certainly do not make additional or excessive profit from these sales: the price we charge merely reflects the real cost to us. If a hotel is able to offer accommodation designed for single occupancy only, we will normally charge a reduced supplement, considerably smaller than the one we apply when a single traveller occupies a double room. Allocation of rooms is at the discretion of each individual hotel and not something that we can influence.

#### 10. DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS

We will make every effort to make your holiday as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Most problems can be sorted out straight away if we know about them. If you have a complaint, you must advise our representatives straight away and the supplier of the service(s) in question. If you don't complain at the time this may affect your ability to claim compensation. You may also contact us directly using the emergency telephone number enclosed with your travel documents. That number will put you in touch with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you.

take all reasonable steps to help you. If the problem cannot be resolved and you wish to complain further, you must write to us within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Thomas Cook Tours, Unit 6, Cowley Mill Road, Brook Business Centre, Uxbridge, Middlesex, U88 2FX, quoting your booking reference number and all other relevant information. Please keep your letter concise and to the point. This will assist us to

quickly identify your concerns and speed up our response to you. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this clause may affect ours and the applicable supplier's ability to investigate your complaint, and will affect your rights under this contract.

Please note that we offer an Alternative Dispute Resolution service through our ABTA membership. Please see clause [23] for further details. You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/. This ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint with us; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

#### 11. BEHAVIOUR

All guests staying with us are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and acceptable manner and not to disrupt the enjoyment of other guests. If in our opinion or in the opinion of any hotel manager or any other person in authority, your behaviour or that of any member of your party is causing or is likely to cause distress, danger or annoyance to any of our other guests or any third party or damage to property, or to cause a delay or diversion to transportation, we reserve the right to terminate your booking arrangements with us immediately. In the event of such termination our liability to you and/or your party will cease and you and/ or your party will be required to leave your accommodation or other service immediately. We will have no further obligations to you and/or your party. No refunds for lost accommodation or any other service will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of termination. You and/or your party may also be required to pay for loss and/or damage caused by your 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.

#### 12. EVENTS BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by any event which we or the supplier(s) of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include, but are not limited to war, threat of war, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences or the threat of such activity, rich, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse weather, sea, ice and river conditions and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned's control. Advice from the Foreign Office to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. We will follow the advice given by the Foreign Office.

#### 13. OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

- (1) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 as set out below. Subject to these booking conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange the services which we are obliged to provide for you under our contract with you, as set out on your confirmation invoice, we will pay you reasonable compensation. The level of such compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.
- (2) We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, cost or other claim of any description if it results from:
- (a) the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- (b) the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforceseeable or unavoidable:
- (c) unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond ours or our supplier(s) control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or
- (d) an event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.
- (3) We limit the amount of compensation we may have to pay you if we are found liable under this clause as follows:
- (a) loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions and money: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are assumed to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind.
- (b) Claims not falling under (a) above and which don't involve injury, illness or death: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is twice the price paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you or your party has not received any benefit at all from your booking.
- (c) Claims in respect of international travel by air, sea and rail, or any stay in a hotel:
- The extent of our liability will in all cases be limited as if we were carriers under the appropriate Conventions, which include The Warsaw/Montreal Convention (international travel by air); The



Athens Convention (with respect to sea travel); The Berne/ COTIF Convention (with respect to rail travel) and The Paris Convention (with respect to hotel arrangements). You can ask for copies of these Conventions from our office. Please contact us. In addition, you agree that the operating carrier or transport company's own 'Conditions of Carriage' will apply to you on that journey. When arranging transportation for you, we rely on the terms and conditions contained within these international conventions and those 'Conditions of Carriage'. You acknowledge that all of the terms and conditions contained with us, as well as with the transport company and that those 'Conditions of Carriage' shall be deemed to be included by reference into this contract.

- ii) In any circumstances in which a carrier is liable to you by virtue of the Denied Boarding Regulation 2004, any liability we may have to you under our contract with you, arising out of the same facts, is limited to the remedies provided under the Regulation as if (for this purpose only) we were a carrier.
- iii) When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the transport provider or hotelier for the complaint or claim in question.
- (4) It is a condition of our acceptance of liability under this clause that you notify any claim to us and our supplier(s) strictly in accordance with the complaints procedure set out in these Booking Conditions.
- (5) Where any payment is made, the person(s) receiving it (and their parent or guardian if under 18 years) must also assign to ourselves or our insurers any rights they may have to pursue any third party and must provide ourselves and our insurers with all assistance we may reasonably require.
- (6) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss or expense or other sum(s) of any description which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you; or (b) any business losses.
- (7) We will not accept responsibility for services or facilities which do not form part of our agreement or where they are not advertised in our brochure. For example any excursion you book whilst away, or any service or facility which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you.

#### 14. CONDITIONS OF SUPPLIERS

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

#### 15. DELAYS AND OTHER TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you or any member of your party misses your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

The Package Travel Regulations 1992 provide that in the event that you experience difficulties on the occurrence of circumstances described in clauses 13 (3) (a) (b) (c) of these Booking Conditions, we will provide you with prompt assistance. Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, our employees or sub-contractors, this prompt assistance is likely to extend to providing help in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but not paying for them. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements.
Under EU Law, you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from the airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. If the airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority at www.caa.co.uk/passengers. Reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday price from us. If, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. A delay or cancellation to your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 12 of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been despatched we will contact you as soon as we can to

Please note the existence of a "Community list" (available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\_en.htm) detailing air carriers that are subject to an operating ban with the EU Community. This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein

or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel

Please note that in accordance with Air Navigation Orders in order to qualify for infant status, a child must be under 2 years of age on the date of its return flight.

#### 16 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. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part unless the request has been specifically confirmed in writing. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met.

#### 17. DISABILITIES AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS

We are not a specialist disabled holiday company, but we will do our utmost to cater for any special requirements you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your stay, please provide us with full details before we confirmed your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate in the tour. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

#### 18. CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays you book with us.

For holidays that include any flight, we provide this security by way of a bond held by the Civil Aviation Authority under ATOL number 4832. When you buy a flight-inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and/or other services that are financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. For further information, visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. The price of our flight inclusive arrangements includes the amount of £2.50 per person as part of the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. Not all holiday or travel services offered and sold by us will be protected by the ATOL Scheme. ATOL protection extends primarily to Customers who book and pay in the United Kingdom.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL Scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. We are also a member of ABTA (ABTA Number W050X). If your holiday does not include flights ABTA will financially protect your holiday in the

#### 19. ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft to the Authorities before the aircraft leaves the UK. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for your flight. Where we collect this data, we will treat it in accordance with our privacy policy.

#### 20. FOREIGN OFFICE ADVICE

You are responsible for making yourself aware of Foreign Office advice in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. Advice from the Foreign Office to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. (See clause 12).

#### 21. LAW AND JURISDICTION

These Booking Conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by English law. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with under the ABTA Arbitration Scheme or by the Courts of England and Wales only. You may however, choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland if you live in those places and if you wish to do so.

#### 22. ACCURACY OF PRICES AND INFORMATION

We endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices both on our website and in our brochures are accurate, however occasionally changes and errors occur and we reserve the right to correct prices and other details in such circumstances. You must check the current price and all other details relating to the arrangements that you wish to book before your booking is confirmed.

#### 23 ARTA

We are a Member of ABTA, membership number W050X. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you ABTA's scheme for the resolution of disputes which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. If we can't resolve your complaint, go to www.abta.com to use ABTA's simple procedure. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found on www.abta.com

#### 24. INSURANCE

It is a condition of your contract with us that you have adequate travel insurance in place. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including cancellation charges, pre-existing medical conditions, medical expenses, repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance in the event of accident or illness. The insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the holiday and at least an additional day. Details of a policy suitable to cover the arrangements you book are available by contacting us as detailed below If you choose to travel without adequate insurance cover, we will not be liable for any losses howsoever arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available. The insurance policy and the receipt of premiums paid there under should be provided to us prior to departure. If you join the holiday without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the holiday, with no right to refund. If circumstances give rise to a claim the client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies). We will also ask you for details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency

We act as an Introducer Appointed Representative for the purposes of your travel insurance, appointed by Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd who are authorized and regulated by the Financial Services Authority whose status can be checked on the FSA Register by visiting www.fsa. gov.uk/register or by contacting the FSA on 0845 606 1234. Contact Details: Address for correspondence: The Turret, 25 Farncombe Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 2AY, Tel: 01903 235 042, Email: info@ globaltravelinsurance.co.uk web: www. globaltravelinsurance.co.uk Beyond providing this information, we are not allowed to assist you in any way in the arrangement of your travel insurance or give any advice.

#### DATA PROTECTION & PRIVACY POLICY

In providing our service to you, we must collect personal information from you and make subsequent use of it as detailed below. We will only collect personal information from you by specifically asking for it when you make a booking with us over the telephone or via our internet booking facilities or when you write, fax, telephone or email us to make an enquiry. We may collect all or some of the following information relating to you or other members of your holiday party:

- names and contact details
- · credit/ debit card or other payment details
- special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect the chosen holiday arrangements
- dietary restrictions (which may disclose your religious beliefs)
- travel preferences

Some of the information we collect (such as about health or religion) may be considered "sensitive personal data" under the Data Protection Act 1998. We collect it to cater to your needs or act in your interest, and we are only prepared to accept sensitive personal data from you on the condition that we have your positive consent. We will seek this consent when necessary. For the purpose of providing you with our services, we may disclose the information to the providers of the services making up your holiday arrangements (who could be located outside the UK/ EEA). In order for you to travel overseas, it may be mandatory (as requested government authorities at the point(s) of departure and/or destination) to disclose your information for immigration, security and anti-terrorism purposes, or any other purposes which they determine appropriate. Even if not mandatory, we may exercise our discretion to assist where appropriate. We may need to disclose our customer list including any personal information relating to you to a third party who acquires or attempts to acquire all or substantially all of the asset/ stock in our company or our website. We may from time to time contact you with information about special offers, brochures, new products, forthcoming events or competitions. You will be given the opportunity on every communication we send you to indicate that you do not wish to receive our promotional material. We have taken all reasonable steps to have appropriate security measures in place to protect your information. Outside the European Economic Area, controls on data protection may not be as wide as the legal requirements in this country. If you do not agree to our use of the information as set out above, you should inform us as soon  $% \left\{ \left( 1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left( 1\right$ as possible by writing to us at: Marketing Department, Thomas Cook Tours, Unit 6 Brook Business Centre, Cowley Mill Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 2FX or e-mail us at marketing@thomascooktours.com. You may ask us in writing for a copy of the information we hold about you (for which we may charge a fee) and to correct any inaccuracies in your information. We aim to respond to you within 21 days from the date of request. As our privacy statement may change due to developments in the law we encourage you to re-read this from time to time so you are aware of any changes in how we gather and use your personal information. Any changes to this Policy will be either posted on our website, brochure and/or made available on request. Prices shown are correct at time of print & are subject to availability. Please note the terms and conditions in this brochure are correct at time of print. For our latest terms and conditions please visit our website at www





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#### No credit card charge

When you book your holiday with us, we won't charge you for paying for your holiday on your credit card, so you can choose how you prefer to pay with no hidden extras.

# What's new for 2018

We are delighted to feature some exciting new tours for 2018/19 with many more on their way. These tours add a new dynamic to our already unmissable collection of touring holidays. Take an epic adventure through Japan experiencing Japanese culture, both ancient and modern – and join a family in their home for a tea ceremony. Alternatively, explore on our Icelandic Adventure tour where you'll experience Iceland's stunning landscapes and cultural heritage as part of a small group adventure. With such inclusive tours coupled with our £99 per person low deposit offer - now really is the best time to book!



#### **Cultural Treasures of Japan**

Experience the dynamic culture of Japan on this 13-day tour. From the thrill of bullet train and futuristic capital city of Tokyo, to historic Kyoto and spectacular Mt. Fuji, you will visit many time honoured landmarks for an unforgettable journey.



#### **Icelandic Adventure**

Set out to discover Iceland's adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage. From ethereal lava fields to powerful waterfalls and quaint coastal villages, this tour reveals the island's dramatic contrasts.

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This new 6 nights tour will take you deep in the culture of two cities that possess traditions and an ambiance all their own.

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