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# EUROPE

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# STOP DREAMING & *start doing*



**Cover:** See the medieval wonder of **Lucerne, Switzerland** on the Switzerland: Hidden Trails and Majestic Peaks tour on page 138.



Step out into the ancient Colosseum in Rome. Stare over the vast, wild ocean from atop the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland. Europe is where ancient monuments stand in modern cities, where art from a thousand years ago hangs next to new works from rising artists, and where traditional cuisine is served beside the latest food fads. Travel across the continent and discover the duality of Europe.

**Whatever your reasons to travel, we can help you take the first steps toward your European sojourn, right now.**



Innsbruck, Austria



# *see what's* **INSIDE**

## **DEAR TRAVELER,**

**You hold in your hands Collette's 2018-2019 Europe brochure. Inside, you will find everything you need to start exploring new possibilities in this part of the world.**

While you look through these pages, picture yourself raising a glass in an Irish pub or savoring wine in Italy. Imagine taking in the rolling Irish countryside or drifting through the water on a gondola in Venice. These are the things that everyone dreams about and here you are, choosing your adventure.

As Collette celebrates our 100th year, we find ourselves reflecting on how very special our travelers are to us. We consider everyone who travels with us our personal guest. The members of our team that you'll meet along the way all share the same passion for travel and the belief in making every moment matter, because we know how much they matter to you. That's the kind of care you can expect from a company that's been creating extraordinary travel experiences for as long as we have.

Sincerely,



**Daniel J. Sullivan, Jr.**  
President and CEO





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## TRAVEL STYLES

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**Explorations** (purple itineraries) Travel with an average of 18 guests on these immersive small group tours.



**Spotlights** (orange itineraries) Enjoy the ease of unpacking once during a single-hotel stay in the world's most iconic cities.



**River Cruise** (blue itineraries) Drift along beautiful waterways in intimate vessels for a more relaxed touring experience.



**Faith** These reflective faith-based journeys bring you to the most holy destinations in the world.





## *always* included...

- A professionally planned itinerary
- 4-star accommodations
- The services of a professional tour manager
- Expert local guides with insider knowledge
- Attraction entrance fees with preferential access
- Unparalleled sightseeing
- Enriching cultural experiences
- Comfortable on-tour transportation
- Hotel-to-hotel baggage handling
- Plus, Wifi! Available on tour 📶

### **MORE PEACE OF MIND**

Every moment of your travel experience is important to us. Whether it's helping you select a destination, taking you to and from the airport, offering the security of our unrivaled Travel Protection plan or 24-7 support, we are there for you every step of the way.

### **MORE EXPERTISE**

Backed by nearly a century of experience, Collette (a family-owned and award-winning leader in travel) is proud to show you the world. Our passionate tour design team travels the globe, creating new experiences and staying ahead of the latest travel trends. Plus, with a professional Tour Manager at your service and local guides by your side you'll never miss a thing.





# COLLETTE GIVES YOU *more*

## **MORE FLEXIBILITY**

Every traveler is different. From pre and post nights in the world's greatest cities, to tour extensions to built-in free time in your destination, you can make every trip your own. With more customization choices, every moment feels like your own personal adventure.

## **MORE ON TOUR**

Our commitment to exceeding expectations begins with including more iconic must-sees and cultural inclusions that deliver a deeper experience. And that's just the beginning. We also include more meals in local restaurants and more menu choices. Add in carefully selected 4-star accommodations and the stage is set for a truly amazing journey.





# OUR 100 YEAR *Journey*

1918

## OUR STORY *begins*

Jack Collette establishes Collette and runs a 21-day trip to Florida for \$68.50

1930s

## NEW DESTINATIONS

NYC, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard join the travel roster.

1960s

## CHANGING THE STORY

Dan Sullivan, Sr. purchases Collette in 1962. The World's Fair in 1964 ushers in a new generation of travelers to Collette.





**As we celebrate 100 years in business,** we think back to that first jitney bus carrying New Englanders to Florida. For Jack Collette, it started with the idea to make travel more accessible. From 1918 to the present, Collette has set out to make travel a way of life. For over a century, we've led the way in helping travelers navigate all 7 continents in style.

Our promise to you is that we will keep doing what we do best – creating tours, travel styles and experiences tailor-made to the needs of our diverse travelers. Like Jack Collette, our experts are always looking ahead, carving out new paths.

## THANK YOU

Our 100-year travel journal could never be written without you, our travelers. Here's to many more years of new friendships, new discoveries, and making new memories together. Thank you for taking the journey with us. Now, let's look ahead to where we'll go next.

To learn more, go to [Collette100.com](http://Collette100.com)

1970s

### SECOND GENERATION

The second generation of Sullivans joins the company, and Collette begins offering travel to Canada. The Canadian Rockies becomes Collette's first tour with airfare instead of a local motorcoach departure.

1980s

### EXPANDING

Collette expands with new tours to Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China. The company opens its first global office in Canada. Soon after, tours to Switzerland, Italy, Ireland, the UK, France, Greece, Spain, Portugal and Scandinavia make Collette a leader in escorted tours worldwide.

1990s  
&  
2000s

### THIRD GENERATION

Collette becomes truly global after adding Antarctica to its tour offerings. Additional global offices open in England and Australia, and the third generation of Sullivans join the Collette workforce.





# *more* PEACE OF MIND

With you every step of the way

Of all the things Collette delivers, one of the most valuable is the knowledge that everything is taken care of. Wake each morning on tour with a new experience in front of you and do it all without having to worry about a thing.



# *relax,* we're on it...



## **TRAVEL PROTECTION**

### *Peace of Mind*

Our industry-leading, worry-free travel protection plan offers you a full refund unlike many plans that only offer a voucher. Cancel for any reason right up to the day prior to departure.

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## **PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE**

### *Included Personal Touches*

Open your tour the right way and leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy round trip home to airport sedan service. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey.

(See page 189)



## **GUARANTEED TO GO**

### *Book with Confidence*

Choose from thousands of guaranteed departure dates. Reserve with complete confidence as these select departures are guaranteed to operate.

**Enhanced!**



## ***The Collette Passport Club***

### *Recognizing our loyal guests*

Guests who travel with Collette are eligible to become members of Collette's new loyalty program, The Collette Passport Club (formerly Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC). Members earn a \$150 credit every time they travel along with various other benefits.

(See page 189 for more details.)







# *more* **EXPERTISE**

## Unmatched experience

Our team of experts has built relationships all over the world. It could be the time spent crafting the perfect local experience, the ability to include more in each itinerary, or simply knowing the destinations better than anyone else but those connections (and years of experience) allow us to pass the value on to you.





## Greg Hall

Tour Manager: 14 years of service

### Europe

Although I see the beauty, richness, and culture of each of the countries I've lead tours in, **Iceland is incredible!** Some of the friendliest people in the world live there, and they are surrounded by some of the most amazing scenery you can imagine. There isn't a single tour I've run in Iceland that hasn't included a "wow" moment.

***“Our tour manager made our tour. There was no concern as to how to get to the airports, check ins, room reservations etc. We would definitely do this again.”***

- Arthur M.



### TOUR DESIGN TEAM

It all starts with perfectly planned itineraries. Our tour design team travels the globe, seeking out new and authentic inclusions. Along the way they vet each element of their tours – from the accommodations to the menu choices – ensuring you have the best possible experience.



### TOUR MANAGERS

Collette's Tour Managers are the best trained and most respected in the world. Drawing on their own rich backgrounds and extensive training, they enhance each journey. Whether it's with a bit of historical information, suggesting a special local restaurant or sharing a laugh, these travel aficionados are at your service.



### LOCAL EXPERTS

Get a local's perspective! Having a local guide at your side enhances your experience. They know the ins and outs of the destination. These friendly faces love to share an insider's view of the places they call home.





# *more* FLEXIBILITY

## Personalize your adventure

Every traveler is different, so make your trip your own. With features such as pre and post nights stays, It's Your Choice, dine arounds and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure!





### PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE

As one of the Collette differences, our private sedan service is available when you reserve an air-inclusive tour. It's the perfect way to begin and end your adventure.

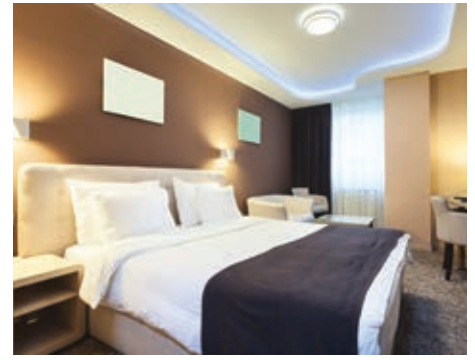
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### ELITE AIRFARE

Collette's Elite Airfare allows you to travel in ultimate comfort and convenience. Treat yourself to a wealth of amenities that come with a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket. Land rested, refreshed, and ready for the world's wonders.

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### PRE-NIGHTS

Collette can easily add a pre-night stay to your existing itinerary and with a single phone call we can reserve tickets to your host city's best attractions. Enjoy the benefits of an early arrival and a streamlined booking process. Spend more time in the city that starts your tour.



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is introducing It's Your Choice. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take.



### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Every tour offers a collection of optional excursions, carefully selected to offer you a different perspective on your destination. Enhance your experience and make the most of your time out in the world.



### DINING EXPERIENCES

On select tours and evenings, our Diner's Choice feature allows you to choose where to enjoy your included dinner. Find just the right spot from a list that includes the city's restaurants.



### POST-NIGHTS

Collette can also add a post-night stay to your existing itinerary along with tickets to your host city's best attractions. Stay a little bit longer and enjoy more of some of the world's best cities.



### TOUR EXTENSIONS

Our list of tour extensions reads like the logbook of a great adventure. These shorter excursions (which you can add before and after your tour) are the perfect way to add a few more memories.



### GO BACK-TO-BACK

Collette can help you combine two tours into one grand experience. Many of our dates line up perfectly to allow you to discover more of the world.

Call for details.





# *travel event* OF THE DECADE

## An Epic History

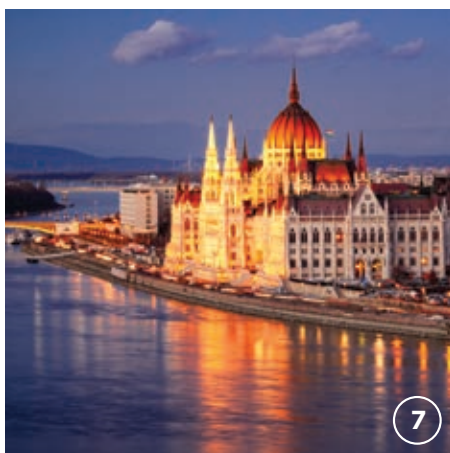
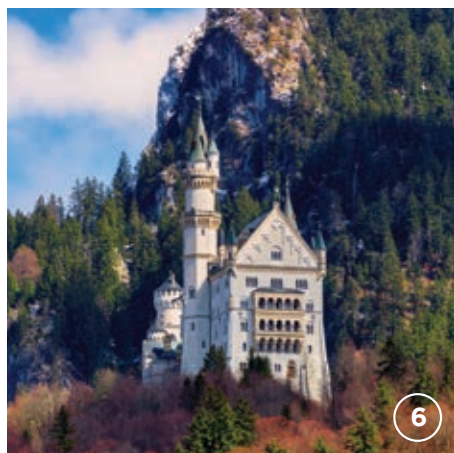
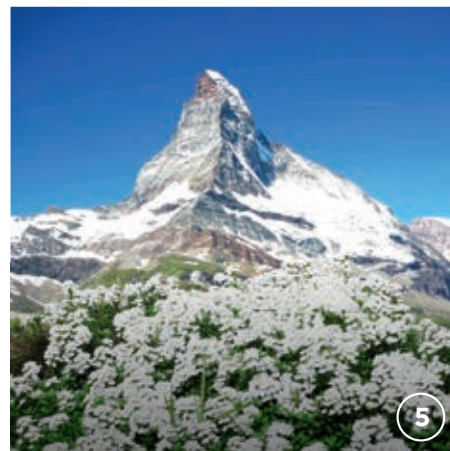
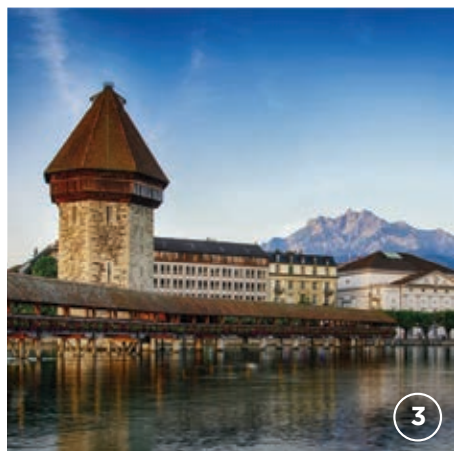
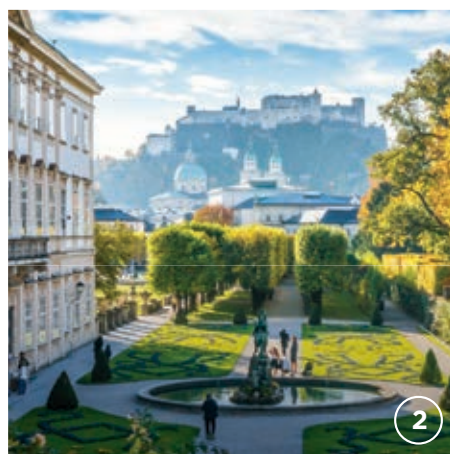
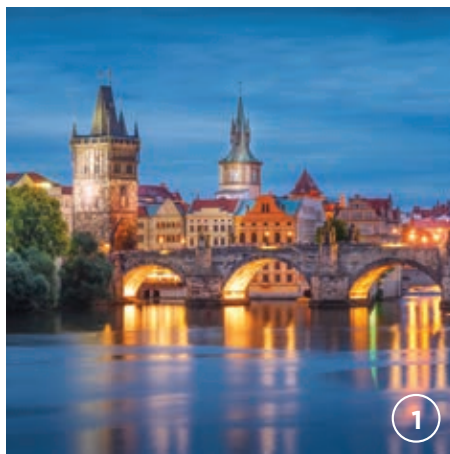
Back in 1633, Oberammergau was suffering from the Bubonic Plague. The villagers appealed for Divine intervention to save their families. They vowed that if God were to spare them, they would perform a **Passion Play every ten years**. They say not a single person fell victim to the Plague after that.

## Collette Has the Experience

**Collette brought over 10,000 guests to the Passion Play in 2010!** Building on years of experience, our team is hard at work developing new tours that showcase must-see European destinations as well as the epic **Passion Play** that depicts the life and death of Jesus Christ.



Turn to page 170 for full itinerary details on our **seven** european tours featuring the **2020 PASSION PLAY**



The following tours include Oberammergau and the Passion Play

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- ⑤ Exploring the Alpine Countries, pg. 176
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- ⑦ Classic Danube River Cruise, pg. 182



### An Amazing Opportunity

Preparations are already underway for the next Passion Play in the tiny Bavarian hamlet of Oberammergau, Germany. The shows in 2020 may seem distant but the excitement is already building for the next production. **Demand for tickets is sure to be high and space on tours will be limited!**

For more details visit:  
[collette.com/passionplay](http://collette.com/passionplay)





# *more* NEW TOURS

## Designing adventures

Year after year our tour designers dedicate themselves to bringing you the most exhilarating experiences in travel. Perhaps you're seeking an immersive cultural experience, or maybe you wish to go on a whirlwind adventure with all the iconic must-sees. Either way, there is something **new for you in 2018!**



# new *for* 2018



## **MADRID & BARCELONA**

*Fall in love with two of Spain's most adored cities.*

With three nights in each city, you'll live like a local. From the wonderful history and architecture, to the captivating culture and cuisine, Madrid & Barcelona will win a place in your heart.

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## **e THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND**

*Let your childhood wonder guide you on a winter odyssey.*

Hunt for the elusive and spectral Northern Lights on this exciting expedition where you can dash across a pristine winter landscape in a reindeer-pulled sleigh, walk through the famous home of Santa Claus, and spend the night in a glass igloo.

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## **e ICELANDIC ADVENTURE**

*Be mesmerized by the mighty natural wonders that wait around every turn.*

Venture across the otherworldly beauty of Iceland on an immersive tour that will take you trekking across rugged glaciers, searching for whales aboard a zodiac boat, and slipping into geothermal hot springs for a relaxing soak. The adventurous landscapes of Iceland are waiting.

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## **e ITALY'S BELLA VITA**

*Live the good life amongst the culture, cuisine, and charm of Italy.*

Explore a country filled with art, architecture, culinary experiences, and charm. Walk or ride a bike through the classical streets of Bologna, visit the Academy Museum in Florence to see Michelangelo's famous statue of *David*, and participate in an Italian cooking lesson. Bellissimo!

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## **e SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS**

*Explore this magnificent country by train, from the Alps to the Swiss Riviera.*

Breathtaking alpine views and charming historic villages abound on this Swiss journey, where you can walk the grounds and cellars of a 400-year-old vineyard, view the mighty peak of the Matterhorn, and sample the fares of legendary chocolatiers, all while traveling by train.

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# *more* ON TOUR

## It's Your Choice

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is expanding **It's Your Choice**. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take. On select days, choose the included experience that best suits your interests.



# *the freedom* to explore

With **It's Your Choice**, either activity is included, you simply choose one and personalize your **adventure!**

## VENETIAN STROLL

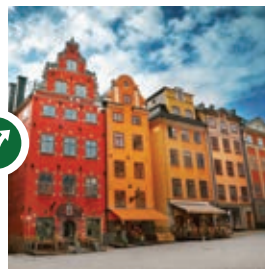
**See Venice your way.** You may choose a walking tour of the famous St. Mark's Square, including a visit to Doge's Palace, as well as a stop to see the legendary Bridge of Sighs **-OR-** you may want to step off the beaten path, seeing how the locals live, as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets of the Castello Sestiere district. Both walking tours are led by a local expert.



Canal Crossing



Iconic Treasures



Old Town Tour



## SEE STOCKHOLM YOUR WAY

While in Stockholm, **it's your choice!** Embark on a coach tour of the city's most admired and fascinating attractions; marvel at the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace, the Parliament, and step inside the Stockholm City Hall **-OR-** if you would rather, you can spend your time exploring the narrow streets of Gamla Stan, Stockholm's Old Town, with a local guide. Your walking tour includes a stop at a candy cane-making factory!



Gothic Quarter Walk



Local Exploration



## BEAUTIFUL BARCELONA

Get to know the historic Gothic Quarter of Barcelona during a guided walking tour of this well-preserved neighborhood, including a visit to the 14th-century basilica of Santa Maria del Mar **-OR-** live as the locals do as you explore La Boqueria, Barcelona's open-air market, followed by a trip down Las Ramblas Boulevard where you'll see several famous landmarks. Two excellent choices...**Which will you select?**



Look for the **It's Your Choice** icon!



## *more* on tour



Colosseum

## Must-sees

Every destination has its iconic locations that are simply a must for visitors. Collette's inclusive itineraries interweave what we call the "must-sees" with immersive experiences to create a richer portrait of the destination.





***“It was great*** to just sit back and relax while seeing the beauty of the country and to have confidence that wherever we were, we were in good hands. ***”***

- J.L. Welton, TN

## Cultural experiences

The cultural experiences you'll find as part of each itinerary are travel moments both large and small. These are the special inclusions (selected by our experts) that allow you to truly come to know a destination and, more importantly, the people who call that place home.



*more* on tour



Dromoland Castle, Ireland

Hotel Alex, Switzerland

## Accommodations

Whether it's the amenities, the history, the view or the location, your accommodations become highlights all their own. We carefully select each hotel to best fit into your inclusive itinerary.



## 4 star & above

Personally reviewed properties, strategically selected locations, properties that capture the destination.

Collette's culinary experiences cover an incredible breadth of this side of the world. Many culinary adventures await.



Paella Demonstration, Spain



Raito Hotel, Amalfi Coast, Italy



Greek Appetizers

“*It was an absolutely fabulous trip, from the beautiful hotel (in a perfect location) to the wonderful included sights and shows.*”

- Rhonda M.

## Culinary inclusions

Food is a wonderful way to experience new cultures. Our authentic culinary experiences take you into the destination, inspiring both your understanding and your taste buds.





# *more* TRAVEL STYLES

## Collette variety

No matter how you want to see the world, Collette can take you there. Whether you want to travel across an entire country, dive into a local culture, or come to know one of the world's great cities, Collette has the travel experience that's right for you.



# find your *travel style*



## CLASSIC

### *Collette's Flagship*

Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.



## EXPLORATIONS

### *Immersive Small Group Touring*

Smaller groups lead to bigger experiences. Explorations gives travelers access to the world in a new way, venturing off the beaten path for more adventure and immersive cultural connections. The small group size opens the door to magnificent sights, unique accommodations and exclusive culinary events. Your senses come alive as you capture the true essence of each destination.



## SPOTLIGHTS

### *Single-hotel Stays*

Unpack just once and explore the world's most iconic cities during Spotlights' single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Must-see cultural highlights are always included, plus there's plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.



## RIVER CRUISE

### *Exploring the Rivers of the World*

Collette's River Cruises are a slower, more intimate way to explore the world. These adventures, on small 4-star vessels, are an easy way to travel through the world's beautiful waterways. Plus, when you step off your ship with a Tour Manager by your side, you'll truly come to know the people and places along the river.



## FAITH

### *Spiritual Journeys*

Collette's collection of religious tours has been created with our faith-based travelers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, and these itineraries are designed utilizing more modest accommodations that capture the reflective surroundings in which they sit.



## IMPACT TRAVEL

### *Travel to Make A Difference*

Impact Travel allows you to combine your love of travel with your desire to make a difference. Go beyond simply seeing destination highlights and work alongside members of the local community to help bring about positive, sustainable change.



# SHADES OF IRELAND

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the grounds of a regal castle.
- Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- See sheepdogs in action when you visit a working farm.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Soak in the atmosphere of Ireland's vibrant capital city — Dublin.
- Stand in awe of the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher.
- Kiss the famed Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | See the highlights of Dublin via coach with a local guide **or** set out on a walking tour of the city's historic center.

**DAY 4** | Tour the famous Waterford Crystal factory **or** explore the Medieval Museum and enjoy a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- Taste the 'water of life' during an Irish whiskey tasting.
- Be treated to a farewell dinner at a castle!



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin  
**Day 4** Granville Hotel, Waterford  
**Days 5, 6** Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney  
Towers Hotel or Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney  
**Days 7, 8** Absolute Hotel, George Hotel  
or Savoy Hotel, Limerick  
**Day 9** Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

① ② ③ ④ ⑤



## from vibrant and history-filled Dublin, across rolling green hills

to the dramatic coast, experience all of Ireland's charm on this magical  
tour of the Emerald Isle.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Dublin:** Seize the chance to spend more time in this joyous city with a soul all its own. CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Anticipation mounts as you wind your way toward the Emerald Isle and its many wonders. Rich history, rolling hills and warm smiles lie ahead in Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick. With tomorrow comes quintessential Ireland.

### Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight you and your fellow travelers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

### Day 3: Dublin

Today, **it's your choice!** Will you ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park? **-OR-** will you choose a walking tour of the city's historic center, exploring O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and

the River Liffey? Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. (B)

### Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

Step back in time. Begin the day in the medieval splendor of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in ancient Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. **It's your choice!** Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries; **-OR-** visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

### Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. In Killarney's stunning national park, board a traditional boat and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. This evening it's Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)





Irish Countryside



Irish Farm



Cliffs of Moher

#### Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Take in the rugged coastline. Loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)

#### Day 7: Killarney - Adare - Limerick

Start your day with a traditional jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park. Travel to Adare, Ireland's prettiest village, for some time at leisure. Continue to Limerick where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty." (B)

#### Day 8: Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway - Limerick

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. Continue on to Galway where a brief tour showcases "The City of Tribes" before relaxing over dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Limerick - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt

You don't have to be a connoisseur to appreciate

the old-world heritage of Ireland's whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Tullamore and Kilbeggan in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your journey ends in Kingscourt. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

##### ADD A DAY

**Kingscourt:** Enjoy the royal treatment and stay another night in Cabra Castle. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### DATES & PRICES

##### February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)

	Double	Solo
February 28	\$1999	\$2399
March 1, 3, 5, 7, 8	\$1999	\$2399
★ March 10, 12	\$1999	\$2399
★ March 14	\$2049	\$2449
March 17, 19, 21	\$2049	\$2449
April 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11	\$2099	\$2499
April 12, 16, 18	\$2149	\$2549
April 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28	\$2199	\$2599

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

##### May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)

	Double	Solo
May 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 19, 23, 26, 30	\$2299	\$2799
June 2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 16	\$2299	\$2799
June 20, 23, 27, 30	\$2299	\$2799
July 2, 4, 7, 9, 18, 21, 25, 28, 30	\$2299	\$2799
August 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13	\$2299	\$2799

##### May 2018 - April 2019

	Double	Solo
August 18, 22, 25, 27	\$2299	\$2799
September 1, 3, 5, 8, 10	\$2299	\$2799
September 12, 13, 15	\$2299	\$2799
September 17, 19, 22, 24	\$2299	\$2799
September 26, 29	\$2299	\$2799
October 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13	\$2249	\$2749
October 15, 17, 20	\$2199	\$2699
October 24, 27, 29	\$2099	\$2549
November 3, 5, 7	\$1999	\$2399
March 2, 4	\$1999	\$2399
★ March 9, 11, 13, 16	\$2099	\$2549
March 18, 20	\$2099	\$2549
March 23, 25, 27, 30	\$2099	\$2549
April 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10	\$2149	\$2599
April 13, 17	\$2199	\$2699
April 22, 24, 25, 27, 29	\$2249	\$2749

##### Triple Room Reduction

(-) \$30  
Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.



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#### CELEBRATE TRADITION



##### St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate in Ireland and be a part of this national day of revelry.

**March 10, 12, 14, 2018 & March 9, 11, 13, 16 2019**



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# SHADES OF IRELAND

## FEATURING NORTHERN IRELAND

13 DAYS • 17 MEALS  
FROM \$2549



### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Marvel at the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- Explore Northern Ireland's historic cities of Derry and Belfast.

### MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Stand in awe of the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher.
- See Northern Ireland's famous phenomenon — the spectacular Giant's Causeway.



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | See the highlights of Dublin via coach with a local guide **or** set out on a walking tour of the city's historic center.

**DAY 4** | Tour the famous Waterford Crystal factory **or** explore the Medieval Museum and enjoy a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault.



### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- Be treated to a farewell dinner at a castle!



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge or Hampton Hotel, Dublin  
**Day 4** Granville Hotel or Tower Hotel, Waterford  
**Days 5, 6** Killarney Towers Hotel or Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney  
**Day 7** Old Ground Hotel, Ennis  
**Day 8** Manor House Country Hotel, Enniskillen  
**Days 9, 10** City Hotel, Derry  
**Day 11** Europa Hotel, Belfast  
**Day 12** Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## complete the story of Ireland as you set out to discover

the best of this captivating island and its people.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Dublin:** Seize the chance to spend more time in this joyous city with a soul all its own. **CALL FOR DETAILS**

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on an amazing Irish adventure that tells the complete story of the Emerald Isle.

#### Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight you and your fellow travelers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

#### Day 3: Dublin

Today, **it's your choice!** Will you ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park **-OR-** will you choose a walking tour of the city's historic center, exploring O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the River Liffey? Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. (B)

#### Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

Step back in time. Begin the day in the medieval splendor of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore.

Then, in ancient Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. **It's your choice!** Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries **-OR-** visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. In Killarney's stunning national park, board a traditional boat and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. This evening, enjoy dinner on the town. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Take in the rugged coastline. Loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. End your day with a traditional jaunting car ride through one of Ireland's best kept secrets - Killarney National Park. (B)

#### Day 7: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

Bid Killarney farewell as we travel across the lovely





Giant's Causeway



Belfast

Shannon River into County Clare. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Walk along the rambling edge, soaking up unparalleled views and snapping incredible photos. Complete your day at the historic Old Ground Hotel and experience the finest in Irish hospitality. (B)

#### Day 8: Ennis - Galway - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

Experience the daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable farm visit. Then, continue on to Galway, where a brief tour showcases "The City of Tribes." Your day ends at the Manor House Hotel, a stunning 19th-century estate located on a secluded lake in the westernmost reaches of Northern Ireland. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Enniskillen - Donegal Town - Derry

Today you take in the rugged, natural beauty of County Donegal. Stop in Donegal Town and stroll the town square, enjoying its quaint craft and woolen shops. Next, we travel to Derry, known for its turbulent political history. This afternoon, a local guide leads you on a walk through the old city, including the Craft Village, a charming 19th century Georgian square in the heart of the walled city. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice...you will choose your included dinner from a 'menu' of Derry's great restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Derry - Inishowen Peninsula - Derry

This morning, journey to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head. Take in breathtaking scenery as you explore Ireland's northernmost point. Return to Derry and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: Derry - Giant's Causeway - Glens of Antrim - Belfast

See the most famous natural site in Northern Ireland as you visit the magnificent Giant's Causeway. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles a cobble road leading into the sea. Then, lose yourself in the natural beauty of Northern Ireland as you explore the scenic back roads of the Glens of Antrim. (B)

#### Day 12: Belfast - Kingscourt, Ireland

Get ready for a guided tour of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. Hear of the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through the different neighborhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the cranes at the shipyard that built the Titanic, before touring the "Titanic Experience," Northern Ireland's most visited attraction. Next, 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 where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your tour ends in Kingscourt. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

March – April 2018	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
(different itinerary – see note)			August 6, 13, 20, 27	\$2849	\$3349
March 5, 19	\$2549	\$3049	September 3, 10, 17, 20, 24	\$2849	\$3349
★ March 12	\$2549	\$3049	October 1, 4, 8, 15	\$2749	\$3249
April 9, 16	\$2699	\$3199	October 22	\$2699	\$3199
April 23	\$2749	\$3249	November 5	\$2549	\$3049
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			★ March 11	\$2549	\$3049
May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo	March 18	\$2549	\$3049
(featured itinerary)			April 8, 15	\$2699	\$3199
May 2, 7, 14, 28	\$2849	\$3349	April 22, 29	\$2749	\$3249
June 4, 11, 18, 25	\$2849	\$3349	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30		
July 9, 16, 23	\$2849	\$3349	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

### ★ CELEBRATE TRADITION ★

#### St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate in Ireland and be a part of this national day of revelry.

**March 12, 2018  
& March 11, 2019**



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### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

Kingscourt: Enjoy the royal treatment and stay another night in Cabra Castle. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



# ELEGANT IRELAND

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS  
FROM \$2549



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take in a night of traditional song and dance.
- Enjoy an evening of storytelling and song at Castlemartyr Resort.
- Spend two nights at Dromoland Castle, one of Europe's most iconic hotels.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Jump into Ireland's vibrant capital city — Dublin.
- Kiss the famed Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle.
- Stand in awe of the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | Set out on a drive with a local guide to see Dublin's iconic sites **or** select a walking tour through its historic center.

**DAY 5** | Enjoy the amenities at Castlemartyr **or** visit the Old Midleton Distillery for a guided tour and tasting.

**DAY 6** | Traverse the most beautiful coastal routes in the world — the Ring of Kerry **or** enjoy a day relaxing at your five-star resort.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Feel like royalty when dining at Dromoland Castle.
- Watch a demonstration and then enjoy a taste of Irish coffee.
- Savor organic Irish ciders and apple syrups with a visit to a family-owned farm.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** InterContinental, Dublin  
**Day 4** Castlemartyr Resort, Cork  
**Days 5, 6** The Dunloe Hotel or The Europe Hotel, Killarney  
**Days 7, 8** Dromoland Castle, County Clare

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## discover Ireland's luxurious castles and country estates.

Enjoy all that Ireland offers and enjoy luxury along the way.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

Dublin: Relax and settle into the "fair city" before your tour begins.

CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Enter a refined and gentler age, where Ireland's history weaves its way through natural wonders and luxurious estates...and every step feels like a dream.

#### Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

There is no better place to begin your journey than Dublin, Ireland's dynamic capital city. Discover a city brimming with history and warmth. End your day at a rollicking "Irish Night" complete with traditional entertainment. (D)

#### Day 3: Dublin

**The choice is yours!** Will you set out with a local guide on a drive to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, and the historic Phoenix Park **-OR-** perhaps you will choose a walking tour of the city's historic center, exploring Grafton Street, St. Stephen's Green, the General Post Office, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows your tour is a free afternoon for discovering Dublin's charms on your own. (B)

#### Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Farm Visit - Castlemartyr

Leave Dublin behind for the medieval splendor of 12th-century Kilkenny. Enjoy time to peruse the city before visiting a family-run farm. Learn about the traditions of Irish farming and how organic practices are being used to produce award-winning ciders, spirits and syrups. Next, travel south for a relaxing stay at the Castlemartyr Resort, a grand manor house which once belonged to Sir Walter Raleigh. Cap off





Dromoland Castle



Cliffs of Moher



Castlemartyr

your evening enjoying Ireland's oldest form of entertainment, storytelling, and explore the legends that shape the country's unique culture. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Castlemartyr - Blarney - Killarney

Enjoy a leisurely morning to relax at your hotel. Then, **the choice is yours!** Visit the Old Middleton Distillery where a guided tour and tasting will showcase the extraordinary story of Jameson Irish Whiskey -**OR**- choose to stay behind to stroll Castlemartyr's 220 stunning acres and enjoy its amenities. Later we travel to historic Blarney Castle and embrace the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. Arrive in Killarney, your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Killarney

**The choice is yours!** Join a guide for an adventure on one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world - the Ring of Kerry; this world-famous trail is part of an unspoiled region that is home to the types of plunging cliffs and miles of brilliant greenery for which the Emerald Isle is known -**OR**- if you prefer, you may stay behind to enjoy a relaxing day at your five-star resort. (B)

#### Day 7: Killarney - Foynes - Cliffs of Moher - Dromoland Castle

Visit the Foynes Flying Boat Museum which recalls the history of aviation travel between North America and Europe. Foynes is also where Irish coffee was invented, so drink up! Then, journey to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. As you are whisked through gorgeous countryside, arrive at Ireland's iconic Dromoland Castle for a relaxing 2-night stay. (B)

#### Day 8: Dromoland Castle

Live the life of a royal as you enjoy an entire day at leisure at Dromoland Castle. Tonight, dine in the castle and toast the end of an unforgettable trip! (B, D)

#### Day 9: Dromoland Castle - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close in Shannon. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	Sept 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 22*	\$2199	\$2849	November 1	\$2549	\$3399
March 8	\$2549	\$3199	March 21, 28, 31	\$2649	\$3499
April 5, 26	\$2749	\$3499	April 11	\$2649	\$3499
			April 25	\$2999	\$4199
Itinerary featured is for September 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.					
Sept 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>		
September 13, 20	\$2999	\$4249	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
September 27	\$2849	\$3799	<b>*Value Season Departures:</b> These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
October 4	\$2849	\$3799			
October 25	\$2749	\$3699			

**This trip requires a passport.** Our air passengers will arrive into Dublin and depart from Shannon. All of our transfers will arrive into and depart from these airports. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



# IRISH SPLENDOR

8 DAYS • 9 MEALS  
FROM \$1499



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Travel the Dingle Peninsula, one of the world's most beautiful coastal routes.
- View the Rock of Cashel, the historic site where St. Patrick preached.
- Overnight on the grounds of a historic castle.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a sightseeing tour of lively Dublin, the "Fair City."
- Explore the charming town of Killarney.
- Kiss the famed Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a rousing night of traditional Irish entertainment accompanied by a hearty dinner.
- Explore Tullamore and enjoy a tasting of whiskey.
- Visit a traditional Irish farm to savor homemade scones and tea.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Ashling Hotel or Hampton Hotel, Dublin
- Days 4, 5** Killarney Avenue Hotel or Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney
- Day 6** Old Ground Hotel, Ennis
- Day 7** Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## savor a true taste of Ireland...

from the breathtaking sights of Kerry to the historic Rock of Cashel, experience the countryside and culture of Ireland.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Dublin:** Take more time to explore this historic and lively city on your own.  
CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Experience a true taste of "Irish Splendor" on a trip that combines fabulous accommodations, stunning scenery and sumptuous food. Join us and return to times gone by during your unforgettable tour of the amazing "Emerald Isle."

#### Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Open your tour in Dublin. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for traditional music, dance and fare during a fun-filled Irish evening. (D)

#### Day 3: Dublin

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the "Fair City." Take in O'Connell Street, Grafton Street and the city's magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes. Tour Christ Church Cathedral, one of Dublin's most historic buildings. Then, enjoy some leisure time to independently explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin. (B)

#### Day 4: 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. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Dingle Peninsula



Irish Pub ©Tourism Ireland



Cabra Castle

eloquence. End your day in charming Killarney. This evening, enjoy dinner at one of Killarney's best local restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Killarney - Dingle Peninsula - Killarney

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, where some of the country's most spectacular landscapes are found. (B)

#### Day 6: 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, plus savor homemade scones and tea. 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. Enjoy the ambience of your historic hotel, cozy up to its roaring peat fire and feel the warmth of Irish hospitality. (B)

#### Day 7: 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. Become engaged in the process of whiskey making and enjoy a tasting of the final product during a visit to one of these historic distilleries. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your tour ends in Kingscourt. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February – March 2018 (different itinerary – see note)	Double	Solo	Oct 2018 – March 2019	Double	Solo
February 17	\$1149	\$1399	October 31	\$1499	\$1799
February 28	\$1199	\$1499	November 6, 7, 13	\$1499	\$1799
March 3, 7	\$1299	\$1599	December 4	\$1499	\$1799
March 10	\$1449	\$1749	January 23	\$1499	\$1799
★ March 14	\$1599	\$1999	February 26	\$1549	\$1899
March 21	\$1449	\$1749	March 5, 6	\$1549	\$1899
Itinerary featured is for October 2018 – March 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			★ March 12	\$1799	\$2349
Oct 2018 – March 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	★ March 13	\$1549	\$1899
October 17	\$1649	\$1999	March 19, 20	\$1549	\$1899
October 23, 24, 30	\$1599	\$1949	March 26, 27	\$1599	\$1949

Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

### CELEBRATE TRADITION

#### St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate in Ireland and be a part of this national day of revelry.

March 14, 2018  
& March 12 & 13, 2019



### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

Kingscourt: Delight in an extra day to enjoy the grounds and amenities of your castle. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. All of our transfers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. On day 8, 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. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



# COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

10 DAYS • 12 MEALS  
FROM \$2649



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Overnight on the enchanting Aran Islands and jump head-first into Irish culture.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore the breathtaking and remote Aran Islands.
- Enjoy an after-hours private tour of Christ Church Cathedral.
- Embark on one of Ireland's most scenic drives: West Cork's Wild Atlantic Way.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | Drive with a local guide to visit the landmarks of Dublin **or** join a walking tour of the city's historic center.

**DAY 5** | Join a local expert on a tour of the historic Cobh port **or** spend a leisurely day in Kinsale.

**DAY 7** | Explore Killarney National Park, cruise through Killarney's lakes and walk the "Kerry Way" **or** traverse the world-famous Ring of Kerry.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor canapés and cocktails in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.
- Put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at a premier culinary institution in Dublin.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Hampton Hotel, Dublin
- Days 4, 5** Actons Hotel, Kinsale
- Days 6, 7** Plaza Hotel, Killarney
- Day 8** Tigh Ruairi, Inisheer, Aran Islands
- Day 9** Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## experience a seldom-explored side of Ireland

on this small group adventure that takes you  
from Dublin to the incredible Aran Islands.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Dublin:** The 'Fair City' is calling you. Come early and enjoy more of this lively capital. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

winding streets as you follow in the footsteps of Vikings. This evening we put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. (B, D)

### Day 4: Dublin - Irish National Stud - Midleton - Kinsale

Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of incredible natural beauty and home to some of the world's most magnificent horses and gardens. Next, head south to the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery's production. Continue on to the quaint coastal village of Kinsale and join a local expert on a walking tour. This evening, it's Diner's Choice in Ireland's gourmet capital! Choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Kinsale's great restaurants. (B, D)

### Day 5: Kinsale - Choice of Cobh or Relaxing in Kinsale

**It's your choice!** Visit the seaside town of Cobh, the last stop of the RMS Titanic. Follow a local expert on a tour of this historic port from which 2.5 million Irish people left their native land for new frontiers **-OR-** spend a leisurely day in Kinsale and enjoy its many galleries, shops and cafes. (B)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From the vaults of Christ Church Cathedral to the bewitching forests of Killarney National Park, we'll bring you back to your Irish roots (even if you don't have any).

### Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a private tour and welcome reception featuring canapés and cocktails in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral. Within the medieval walls of the city's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

### Day 3: Dublin - Choice on Tour

**Today it's your choice!** Set out on a drive with a local guide to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and see St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street and Phoenix Park **-OR-** join a walking tour of the city's historic center and meander its





Inisheer, Aran Islands



Cooking Class



Killarney National Park

**Day 6: Kinsale - Garnish Island - Killarney**  
Embark on the drive of a lifetime on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. You'll fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages found along this iconic coastal route. Board a ferry and sail to Garnish Island, a place that has to be seen to be believed. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbor of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to Killarney via the breathtaking Cahaba Pass. (B)

**Day 7: Killarney National Park or Ring of Kerry**   
Today is yours to explore one of Ireland's most remarkable regions – County Kerry. **It's your choice!** Join a local expert and explore the rugged mountains, lakes and lush forests of Killarney National Park; cruise through Killarney's lakes to Lord Brandon's Cottage, where a guided walk on the "Kerry Way" takes you through seldom explored and enchanting scenery **-OR-** travel on the world-famous Ring of Kerry, an unspoiled trail boasting stunning beaches, plunging cliffs and miles of brilliant greenery. (B)

**Day 8: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Aran Islands (Inisheer)**  
Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on a life-changing adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, the smallest of the three Aran Islands. Take in unrivalled views from the Wild Atlantic Way before sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Upon arriving in Inisheer's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through

the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Learn about the island's 250 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, settle in to your island abode for what is sure to be an unforgettable experience amid desolate yet magnificent beauty. (B, D)

**Day 9: Aran Islands (Inisheer) - Ennis**  
Enjoy a relaxed morning among Inisheer's ancient sites and picturesque stone walls as you soak up the island's timeless beauty. Dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and learn traditional methods and stitches used to make the famous Aran sweaters. Don't worry if you're not a knitter, you'll be a pro before you know it! Next, experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid's Cross. Throughout the country you will see these crosses, symbol of the patroness of Ireland, affixed in homes to ward off evil and danger. This evening, after ferrying back to the mainland, join your fellow travelers and toast the end of an incredible adventure! (B, D)

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

## DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March 18	\$2549	\$2949	July 15	\$2949	\$3399
April 8	\$2649	\$3049	August 19	\$2949	\$3399
April 22	\$2699	\$3099	September 2, 9, 23	\$2949	\$3399
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 7	\$2749	\$3149
			October 14	\$2649	\$3049
			April 7	\$2649	\$3049
			April 28	\$2749	\$3149
			Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50		
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		



## COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Countryside of the Emerald Isle and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:**  UK By Rail [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

**This trip requires a passport.** Our air passengers will arrive into Dublin airport and depart from Shannon airport. All of our transfers will arrive into and depart from these airports.

## STAY LONGER

**ADD  
A DAY**

**Ennis:** Experience more of the real Ireland in this charming town.

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# EXPLORING BRITAIN & IRELAND

15 DAYS • 20 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the magical scenery at the Ring of Kerry.
- Find inspiration in the Lake District's quintessential English villages.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Ponder ancient mysteries at Stonehenge.
- Overnight in the capital cities of London, Cardiff, Dublin and Edinburgh.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 6 |** In Waterford, tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory **or** enjoy an included walking tour of the city.

**DAY 12 |** Set out on a locally guided panoramic coach tour of Edinburgh **or** take an expert led walking tour of the city. Both include a visit to imposing Edinburgh Castle.

**DAY 14 |** In Stratford, tour the childhood home of Anne Hathaway (Shakespeare's wife) **or** enjoy a leisurely Avon River cruise.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner.
- Experience a traditional English carvery.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Radisson Blu Edwardian, Grafton  
**Day 4** Radisson Blu, Cardiff  
**Day 5** Tower Hotel, Waterford  
**Days 6, 7** The Dunloe Hotel or Scotts Hotel, Killarney  
**Days 8, 9** Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin  
**Day 10** Grosvenor Pulford Hotel, Cheshire or Ruthin Castle, North Wales  
**Days 11, 12** Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh  
**Day 13** Hotel 53, York  
**Day 14** Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## from the fashionable streets of London to the magical Blarney Stone

this grand journey takes you over rolling farmland and across the  
Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**London:** Open your journey with another spectacular night in this historic city.  
[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the true cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on a comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in the regal city of London. A capital of culture and commerce, the city blends traditional with modern. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a traditional English pub for dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: London

Discover the pageantry of London as we join a local guide for a city tour. See Big Ben, Westminster, Whitehall, Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this iconic city or perhaps partake in an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. (B)

#### Day 4: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff

Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that

dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

#### Day 5: Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Take in the beautiful countryside of Wales en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There we board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney

This morning, **it's your choice!** Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's center and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world **-OR-** enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later,





Stonehenge

travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's Diner's Choice... tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

This morning explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride. Then travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Pause for a moment at the Gap of Dunloe to browse for traditional Irish handcrafted goods. As we continue our journey, marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Later, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. (B)

#### Day 8: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Today we venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Tonight, give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. Top off the evening by making your very own Irish coffee! (B, D)

#### Day 9: Dublin

Discover Dublin's past and present on a locally guided tour highlighting the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park

and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later, experience for yourself the welcoming nature of the Irish as you set out to explore the "Fair City" on your own. (B)

#### Day 10: Dublin - Ferry Crossing - Wales - Cheshire

Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales. As you traverse northern Wales, pass Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwilllantysiliogogogoch, the town with the longest name in the world. Make a stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. Then, continue through the Welsh countryside and discover some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Britain. Tonight, experience dinner at a traditional English carvery. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Cheshire - Lake District - Gretna Green, Scotland - Edinburgh

Travel north into England's scenic Lake District. Here you'll feel the inspirational appeal of the region's quintessential English villages, Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. Crossing into Scotland, stop in the town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples eloped. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Edinburgh

Today **it's your choice!** Come to know this regal city during a locally guided panoramic city coach tour **-OR-** for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city independently. (B)

#### Day 13: Edinburgh - York, England

En route to England, visit Hadrian's Wall. Construction of this ancient structure began in A.D. 122 and since that time, it has served as the northern border of the Roman Empire. Continue to the historic city of York. Find yourself surrounded by the charms of history as you explore its quaint narrow streets. Walk on the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th-century Minster. (B)

#### Day 14: York - Stratford-upon-Avon

Journey to charming Stratford-upon-Avon. Step back in time as we visit William Shakespeare's birthplace. Afterward, **it's your choice!** Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife **-OR-** set out on a leisurely cruise along the Avon River. This evening we gather to say farewell to this captivating region over dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends

Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland. (B)



Irish Sheep

### DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March 16, 23*	\$3199	\$4049	September 14	\$3849	\$4649
April 6	\$3649	\$4499	September 21	\$3749	\$4499
April 13, 20, 22, 27	\$3749	\$4549	September 28	\$3649	\$4449
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 5	\$3649	\$4449
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	October 12, 19	\$3549	\$4299
May 4, 18	\$3749	\$4499	March 22*	\$2999	\$3699
June 1, 8, 15, 22	\$3799	\$4599	April 4, 5	\$3649	\$4449
July 6	\$3799	\$4599	April 12, 25, 26	\$3749	\$4499
★ July 27	\$3999	\$4799	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50</b>		
★ August 2, 3, 9, 10	\$3999	\$4799	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
August 24, 31	\$3899	\$4699	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
September 7, 13	\$3899	\$4699			



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### CELEBRATE TRADITION

#### Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from August 6-23, 2018 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 4.

**August 6-23, 2018**



This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from London airports. On day 15, all of our transfers will depart from Stratford-upon-Avon for London airports. Distance to London Heathrow Airport from Stratford-upon-Avon / Warwick is approximately two hours. On day 15, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m. Departures overnighting at Ruthin Castle will not feature the English carvery.



# BRITISH LANDSCAPES

10 DAYS • 12 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle.
- Discover the beauty of the picturesque Lake District.
- Overnight in a historic Welsh castle.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- See the quintessential sights of London with a local guide.
- Venture to mystical, ancient Stonehenge.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 6 |** In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic city coach tour **or** explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels; and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

**DAY 8 |** In Stratford-upon-Avon, tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage **or** enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a private dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home.
- Dine like a Londoner with dinner at an English pub.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Grange City Hotel, London  
**Day 4** Hotel 53, York  
**Days 5, 6** Apex Grassmarket Hotel  
or Apex City Hotel, Edinburgh  
**Day 7** Ruthin Castle, Ruthin  
**Days 8, 9** Mercure Shakespeare Hotel or The Stratford Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## tour the English countryside, surrounded by sleepy villages

and lakes set amidst mountains that have inspired centuries of literature,  
and cities thriving with British art and culture.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**London:** Embrace the endless diversity and history of this magical city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders.

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of England. This evening, join your fellow travelers for an ale and pie tasting at a traditional English pub. (D)

#### Day 3: London

This morning, see the quintessential sights of London with your local guide. View the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore this iconic city. (B)

#### Day 4: London - Train Journey - York

It's time to say farewell to London and travel to the

medieval city of York, stopping in the 800-year-old university town of Cambridge en route. Upon arrival in York your Tour Manager will give you a brief orientation tour. Or, choose to arrive in York earlier by taking an optional high speed rail journey; climb aboard at London King's Cross; sit back and relax as your travel 125mph through England's stunning countryside, arriving in York just over two hours later where a local expert will meet you at York Station for a walking tour of this remarkable city; see York's famous Minster and walk the labyrinth of quaint narrow streets that appears today almost as it did during the Middle Ages. Tonight, stay within the city's historic walls. (B)

#### Day 5: York - Borders Region, Scotland - Edinburgh

Enjoy a leisurely morning in York before traveling north through the rolling fields to bonnie ("lovely" in Scottish) Scotland. Stretching across the country you will find Hadrian's Wall which once marked the northern border of the Roman Empire. Stop to see this ancient fortification that was begun in A.D. 122 to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Next, drive through Scotland's Borders region before arriving in Edinburgh, the "Athens of the North." Discover Scotland's exciting capital city, one of Europe's most beautiful cities brimming with history and culture just waiting to be discovered. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Anne Hathaway's Cottage



London



Edinburgh



Stonehenge

#### Day 6: Edinburgh 🇬🇧

Today **it's your choice!** Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic city tour via coach **-OR-** for a different perspective, join a local expert to explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels; and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is free to independently explore the city. (B)

#### Day 7: Edinburgh - Lake District, England - Ruthin Castle, Wales

Our final stop in Scotland is at the border town of Gretna Green, where generations of runaway couples came to be married. Later, return to England and travel through the picturesque Lake District. In the heart of the Lake District, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. End your day with an overnight stay in beautiful Ruthin Castle, situated in the north of Wales. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Wales - Stratford-upon-Avon, England 🇬🇧

Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon, your home for the next two nights and birthplace of William Shakespeare, England's most famous playwright. Step back in time as we visit Shakespeare's birthplace. Then, **it's your choice!** Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife **-OR-** choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River. (B)

#### Day 9: Stratford - Stonehenge - Cotswolds - Stratford

Complete your visit to Britain with a trip to the mystical and fascinating Stonehenge before traveling through some of England's most beautiful countryside. Explore the picturesque villages of the Cotswolds region. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a private farewell dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home. As traditionally costumed actors perform some of the playwright's most renowned scenes, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends

Your journey through Britain ends today. (B)

**This trip requires a passport.** Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should depart after 11:30 a.m. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from London airports. On day 10, all of our transfers will depart from Stratford-upon-Avon for London airports.

#### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 22	\$2499	\$3149	September 1, 6, 8, 13, 15	\$2649	\$3249
March 8, 13, 15	\$2499	\$3149	September 20, 22	\$2649	\$3249
April 5, 7, 12, 14	\$2699	\$3399	September 27, 29	\$2449	\$3049
★ April 6, 11	\$2999	\$3799	October 4, 11, 20, 25	\$2399	\$2999
April 21, 26	\$2799	\$3599	November 1, 3*	\$2249	\$2799
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			March 14, 21*	\$2249	\$2799
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	April 4, 5, 6, 11	\$2399	\$2999
May 3	\$2399	\$2999	April 25, 26, 27	\$2499	\$3149
May 12, 17, 19, 24	\$2499	\$3149	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
June 7, 9, 14, 23	\$2549	\$3199	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
July 5, 14, 21, 26	\$2549	\$3199	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
★ August 2, 4, 9, 16, 18	\$2749	\$3349			



#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with British Landscapes and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:** ① Spain's Classics ② Sunny Portugal CALL FOR DETAILS

#### ★ CELEBRATE TRADITION ★

##### Highclere Castle Visit

Enter the world of Downton Abbey as you visit Highclere Castle, filming location of the show.

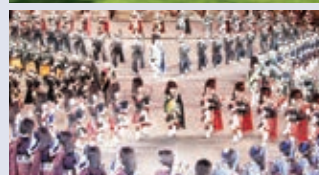
**April 6 & 11, 2018**

These departures include an additional night in London. Call for details

##### Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from August 6-23, 2018 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 6.

**August 6-23, 2018**





# ENGLAND'S TREASURES

12 DAYS • 16 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath.
- Journey by train from Cornwall to London's Paddington Station.
- Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- See the quintessential sights of London with a local guide.
- Explore the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas.
- Venture to mystical, ancient Stonehenge.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 4** | Visit Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth **or** soak up some poetic inspiration on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a private wine pairing dinner at a Cornish winery.
- Savor a traditional English roast at one of Kensington's most popular local restaurants.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Hotel Indigo, Liverpool  
**Days 3, 4** Low Wood Bay Hotel, Ambleside  
**Days 5 - 7** Apex City of Bath Hotel, Bath  
**Days 8, 9** The Cornwall Hotel, Spa & Estate, St. Austell  
**Day 10, 11** Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton Hotel, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Bath

## treasure the idyllic charms of England

on this journey through bustling cities and relaxing and beautiful countrysides.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Liverpool:** Take more time to explore more of this bustling maritime city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

"Come!—let me see thee sink into a dream." William Wordsworth wrote those words for his poem *Travelling* over 160 years ago. Yet they still capture the essence of the out-of-the-way places and the contemplative beauty of England. Join us as we take in Stonehenge, Liverpool and London. Along the way we'll stray from the well-traveled path with stays in Bath, Cornwall and Wordsworth's own Lake District.

### Day 2: Liverpool, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to Liverpool, home to four English lads who changed music forever. Today, this once rough and tumble city is known as much for its unrivaled love of football as it is for The Beatles. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner on the Albert Dock. (D)

### Day 3: Liverpool - Lake Windermere

This morning, we set out to explore Liverpool with a local guide. Along the way, learn about the rich heritage of this historic port. Later, spend time at the restored Albert Dock complex or perhaps visit The Beatles Story (the world's largest permanent exhibition devoted to the group), the Maritime Museum or the International Slavery Museum. Then, we travel to the scenic Lake District and settle into our hotel for two nights on the shores of Lake Windermere. (B, D)

### Day 4: Lake District **Y**

Discover a corner of the world that gave inspiration to famed writers such as William Wordsworth, Beatrix Potter and Sir Walter Scott. Set sail on Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. Take in the tranquil backdrop as we cruise into the charming village of Bowness for some leisure time. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Soak up the romance of the Lake District with a visit to Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth **-OR-** soak up some poetic inspiration on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along gorgeous lakeside trails. (B)



Day 5: Lake District - Worcester - Bath

Today we head south to England's rural heartland. Stop at Worcester Cathedral for a guided tour of this architectural marvel and final resting place of the legendary King John. Next, take a short drive to the ancient Roman town of Bath, your home for the next three nights. (B, D)

Day 6: Bath

England is blanketed with beautiful cities, but Bath may just be the jewel in the crown. Enjoy a leisurely morning before joining your local guide on a walking tour. Follow in the footsteps Jane Austen, Thomas Gainsborough and Charles Dickens as you take in beautiful Georgian façades, manicured parks, and the famous Royal Crescent, a dramatic row of 30 terraced houses. Next, visit the Roman Bath Museum to see these elaborate spas that have been prized since Roman times for their curative properties. The remainder of the day is yours to explore. (B)

Day 7: Bath - Stonehenge - Salisbury - Bath

Today we visit one of the world's most iconic sights. Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious rock formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived here and try to imagine their true purpose. Then it's off to the medieval market town of Salisbury. Enjoy free time to explore on your own before visiting the famous cathedral that towers above the city. Join a local guide who takes you on a tour through Britain's finest 13th century Gothic cathedral. (B)

Day 8: Bath - Glastonbury - Cornwall

Today, visit the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, once the richest monastic community in England and the reputed home of the legendary King Arthur. Then travel south to Cornwall, England's remote southwestern peninsula. Cornwall has always danced to its own tune. Passing through rugged moors and lush valleys, it becomes clear why this far-reaching corner of the earth has been a source of inspiration for so many. Stop at Lanhydrock. This picture-perfect country house perfectly pairs great wealth alongside the comfort and familiarity of a family home. The kitchens, nurseries and servants' quarters offer a thrilling glimpse into life 'below stairs', while the spacious dining room and bedrooms remain truly elegant. (B, D)

Day 9: Cornwall

Enjoy a leisurely morning before setting out for a day of discovery. See iconic St. Michael's Mount, a monastery turned castle that stands steadfast off the shores of Penzance in the mouth of Mount's Bay. Then, travel along Cornwall's stunning coastal road to Land's End, England's most westerly point. Visit the popular artist colony and resort town of St. Ives for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we visit a local winery for a farm-to-table dinner and wine pairing. (B, D)

Day 10: Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

All aboard! Bid a fond farewell to Cornwall and board your Great Western Railway car en route



to London's Paddington Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy the stunning English countryside. Your welcome to England's bustling capital begins with a local expert who will show you the quintessential sights, including Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. (B)

Day 11: London

Today is yours to explore London. Or, you may choose to join an optional excursion to Windsor Castle; originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is one of the oldest royal residences still in use today. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a traditional English roast at one of Kensington's favorite local restaurants and toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

Day 12: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through England comes to a close today. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

London: Stay longer and stroll more of London's bustling streets.  
CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March 17	\$2899	\$3599	July 11	\$3099	\$3899
April 14	\$2999	\$3699	August 8	\$3099	\$3899
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			September 12, 26	\$3099	\$3899
			October 3, 24	\$2999	\$3699
			March 20	\$2999	\$3699
			April 24	\$2999	\$3699
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>			Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50		
May 16			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
June 6, 20					

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COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with England's Treasures and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ❶ Shades of Ireland ❷ Discover Scotland

CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Manchester. All of our transfers will depart from Manchester to Liverpool.



# UK BY RAIL

10 DAYS • 12 MEALS  
FROM \$2599



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Castle Howard, one of England's most magnificent estates.
- Tour Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Take in breathtaking views while traveling along Britain's historic train routes.
- Join local experts for tours of London and Edinburgh.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 4** | Travel to St. Andrews to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the revered Old Course **or** enjoy the day in Edinburgh and tour "The Real Mary King's Close," one of Scotland's top attractions.

**DAY 9** | Tour Windsor Castle **or** visit Kensington Palace, home to British royalty for generations.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a fun-filled Scottish evening featuring traditional food and entertainment.
- Eat like a local during dinner at a traditional English pub.
- Experience the flavors of Yorkshire at a family-owned alehouse.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 4** Novotel Edinburgh Centre, Edinburgh  
**Days 5, 6** Hotel 53, York  
**Days 7 - 9** Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Edinburgh

# cross the countryside by train as you travel

from majestic Edinburgh to charming York and on to London.

## START EARLY

### ADD A DAY

**Edinburgh:** Open your tour with more time to explore Scotland's stately capital.  
[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

All aboard! Travel by train to three of Britain's most lively cities. Stunning landscapes will surround you as you are whisked through the peaceful countryside. Along the way, get to know the stirring history and captivating legends of this great land.

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

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers during a fun-filled Scottish evening and toast the start of an incredible journey. (D)

### Day 3: Edinburgh

Come to know this regal city on a locally guided tour that includes the Royal Mile, Old Town, Grassmarket, and the Scottish Parliament. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. This afternoon, enjoy free time to independently explore the

city - browse the shops, meet the friendly locals or relax at afternoon tea. (B)

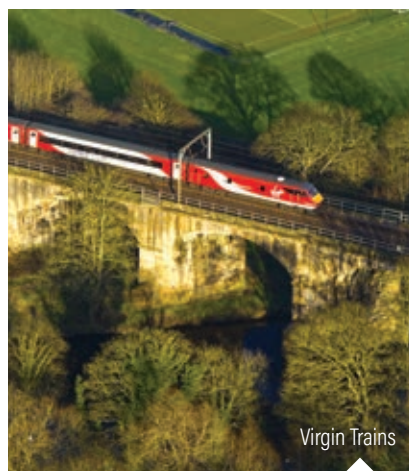
### Day 4: Edinburgh - St. Andrews or The Real Mary King's Close - Edinburgh

**The choice is yours!** Travel to St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf, to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the revered Old Course. Then, stop in the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry and tour a Scottish whisky distillery to sample Highland whisky - considered the world's finest **-OR-** spend your day in Edinburgh. Tour "The Real Mary King's Close," one of Scotland's top visitor attractions; buried deep beneath the Royal Mile, this 17th century labyrinth of hidden streets has been frozen in time for centuries. (B)

### Day 5: Edinburgh - York, England

Depart Edinburgh for a scenic train ride through the Scottish Borders. Soak up rolling hills, emerald forests, picturesque villages and sweeping coastlines as you make your way south to York, England's iconic medieval city. Join a local expert on a stroll through York's historic streets. Walk on the Shambles, a quaint, narrow street that appears today almost as it did in the Middle Ages. This evening, experience the flavors of Yorkshire at a family-owned alehouse. (B, D)





#### Day 6: York - Castle Howard - Helmsley - York

Venture to Yorkshire's breathtaking countryside and visit Castle Howard, a magnificent 18th-century estate set on more than 1,000 acres of land. Take time to explore the grand home at your own pace as guides bring stories of the past to life. Stroll through its stunning gardens, including a walled garden and woodland walks dotted with temples and follies. Continue to the quaint market town of Helmsley. Enjoy free time to peruse its local shops and famed teahouses before heading back to York for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### Day 7: York - London

Board your train. Then sit back and relax en route to England's sophisticated and bustling capital city of London. Be greeted by a local expert who leads you on a panoramic tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a traditional English pub. (B, D)

#### Day 8: London

Enjoy a full day to explore London on your own. Or, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion to Oxford and Blenheim Palace: tour the quaint city of Oxford and learn about its famous university; you'll even see the college

where *Harry Potter* was filmed! Then, continue on to Blenheim Palace, one of England's most magnificent homes where you will enjoy a private tour of this UNESCO World Heritage site and learn about one of its most famous residents – Sir Winston Churchill. (B)

#### Day 9: London - Windsor Castle or Kensington Palace - London

**The choice is yours!** Travel outside of the city to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today **-OR-** stay in town and visit Kensington Palace, home to British royalty for generations, and its spectacular gardens. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

#### Day 10: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through Britain comes to a close today. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March 17	\$2799	\$3399	July 7	\$2799	\$3349
April 14, 21	\$2899	\$3549	★ August 11, 18	\$3099	\$3749
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			September 1, 15	\$2799	\$3349
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	October 6, 13	\$2699	\$3249
May 12	\$2799	\$3349	March 23	\$2599	\$3099
June 16	\$2799	\$3349	April 6, 27	\$2699	\$3249
					<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50</b>
Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.					



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with UK by Rail and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tour:** ① Countryside of the Emerald Isle CALL FOR DETAILS

#### ★ CELEBRATE TRADITION ★

##### Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from August 3-25, 2018 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 4.

**August 3-25, 2018**

This trip requires a passport.

### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

London: As your adventure comes to a close, relax and see a little more of this fine city. CALL FOR DETAILS



# EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND

13 DAYS · 17 MEALS  
FROM \$2999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the ruins of historic Urquhart Castle on the banks of Loch Ness.
- Be transported to a bygone era during a traditional "night on the town" in 20th century Ulster.
- Embark on one of the world's most breathtaking rail journeys along the Causeway Coast.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Tour the "Fair City" of Dublin with a local guide.
- Embark on a cruise on beautiful Loch Ness.
- Set out on a walking tour of Derry featuring its medieval city walls.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic city coach tour that includes the Palace of Holyroodhouse **or** explore the city on foot and descend into the city's underground vaults.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Sample the "Water of Life" at a Scottish whisky distillery.
- Join in the fun during a night of traditional Irish food and entertainment.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** G & V Royal Mile Hotel, Edinburgh  
**Day 4** Kingsmills Hotel or Palace Hotel, Inverness  
**Day 5** Ballachulish Hotel or Isles of Glencoe Hotel, Ballachulish  
**Day 6** Jurys Inn, Glasgow  
**Days 7, 8** The Maldron City Center Hotel, Belfast  
**Days 9, 10** The Maldron Hotel, Derry or Roe Park Resort, Limavady  
**Days 11, 12** Barberstown Castle, Kildare

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## bask in the warm Celtic culture and majestic scenery

on a tour of Ireland and Scotland that combines the best of two remarkable lands.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Edinburgh:** Open your tour with more time to explore Scotland's stately capital.  
[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From rugged natural beauty to vibrant and historical cities, the diverse charms of Scotland and Ireland await.

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

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. Tonight, experience how traditional Scottish ingredients are getting a modern twist during a welcome dinner at one of the city's popular restaurants. (D)

### Day 3: Edinburgh

Today **it's your choice!** Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic tour; explore both Old Town and New Town before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in

Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots **-OR-** for a different perspective, join a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh's Old Town; meander the cobbled streets and narrow alleyways before descending into the city's underground vaults to uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. (B)

### Day 4: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Eastern Highlands

Travel to St. Andrews – the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf – to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Next, stop at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town. Discover its old-world appeal as you explore this popular resort town on your own. Enjoy a privately guided tour at one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries and taste for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. (B, D)

### Day 5: Eastern Highlands - Loch Ness - Ballachulish

This morning take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before disembarking at the base of famed Urquhart Castle. Explore the ruins of this historic stronghold where acts





Edinburgh

of chivalry and defiance exhibit more than 1,000 years of Scottish history. Continue south through Scotland's stunning Great Glen before arriving at your hotel on the banks of Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Ballachulish - Glasgow

Begin your day with a breathtaking drive in the heart of Scotland as you pass through Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Arrive in the Victorian metropolis of Glasgow, Scotland's largest city. Take in the sights with a local expert before enjoying an evening at leisure in this bustling city. (B)

#### Day 7: Glasgow - Ferry Crossing - Belfast, Northern Ireland

Travel along the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry. Cross the famed Irish Sea as we head for Northern Ireland's capital city of Belfast. Later you are invited to a traditional Irish céilí. This experience takes you back to the cobblestoned streets and Irish fare of turn of the century Ulster. Enjoy a hot toddy or a glass of Guinness as you lose yourself in the rousing music. Then it's time to dance! (B, D)

#### Day 8: Belfast

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Belfast, Northern Ireland's largest city. Learn about the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through its distinctive neighborhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the massive cranes of the Belfast shipyard. Complete today's tour with a visit to

the award-winning Titanic Experience museum. (B)

#### Day 9: Belfast - Glens of Antrim - Giant's Causeway - Derry

Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles an old cobbled road leading mystically into the sea. Then, embark on one of the world's most beautiful railway journeys along the Causeway Coast. Soak up the incredible scenery before arriving in the walled city of Derry. Set out on a walking tour featuring the medieval city walls, St. Augustine's Cathedral, and the Guildhall. This evening perhaps you will discover why Derry is one of Ireland's best-kept secrets during an optional evening of storytelling and traditional music at one of the city's best farm-to-table restaurants. (B)

#### Day 10: Derry - County Donegal - Glenveagh National Park - Derry

Today's journey showcases the rugged beauty of County Donegal. Visit spectacular Glenveagh National Park, a natural wonderland with 40,000 acres of mountains, lakes and woodland. Enjoy a guided visit to stately Glenveagh Castle, set amidst the colorful splendor of one of the finest gardens in Ireland. Tonight it's Diner's Choice...dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Derry's great restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Derry - Ulster American Folk Park - Barberstown Castle, Republic of Ireland

Travel to the Ulster American Folk Park where you will find collected buildings and artifacts from generations past. As you walk through the museum, learn how the Irish used to live and about the tragic and triumphant experiences that awaited them in America after emigration. Pass through the scenic countryside and cross into the Republic of Ireland. We end our day at Barberstown Castle, a regal 13th-century castle and country house hotel in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East. (B)

#### Day 12: Barberstown Castle - Dublin - Barberstown Castle

A locally guided tour of Dublin highlights the world-renowned St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and the city's magnificent rows of lovely Georgian town homes. Spend the rest of your day at leisure as you delve further into Dublin's cultural treasures. This evening, toast the end of an incredible adventure during a farewell dinner at your castle hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Barberstown Castle - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close. (B)



Urquhart Castle

#### DATES & PRICES

March – April 2018	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
<i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>			★ August 12, 19	\$3699	\$4349
March 4, 18	\$2999	\$3799	September 2, 9, 16, 23	\$3499	\$3999
April 8, 22	\$3149	\$3949	September 30	\$3299	\$3699
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 14	\$3299	\$3699
May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo	March 10	\$2999	\$3399
<i>(featured itinerary)</i>			April 7, 24	\$3249	\$3649
May 20, 27	\$3449	\$3949	April 28	\$3299	\$3699
June 10, 24	\$3499	\$3999	Triple Room Reduction		(-) \$50
July 8, 15	\$3499	\$3999	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

#### ★ CELEBRATE TRADITION ★

##### Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from August 6-23, 2018 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 4.

August 6-23, 2018



This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from Dublin airport. All of our transfers depart from the Kildare area for Dublin airport.

#### STAY LONGER

ADD  
A DAY

Barberstown Castle: Enjoy another royal night in the Irish countryside.

CALL FOR DETAILS



# DISCOVER SCOTLAND

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a working farm and meet a shepherd and his sheepdogs.
- Reflect at Culloden Battlefield, the site of the half-hour battle that changed history.
- Discover the remains of a Neolithic village at Skara Brae.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Experience the Orkney Islands during a full-day guided excursion.
- Visit magnificent Edinburgh Castle, a stone fortress perched high above the city.
- Explore the legendary Isle of Skye while soaking up the dramatic views.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 9** | In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic city tour that includes a visit to the Palace at Holyroodhouse **or** join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. Both choices feature a visit to Edinburgh Castle!



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn the art of producing Scotch whisky during a distillery tour and tasting.
- Enjoy an interactive cooking experience at one of Edinburgh's premier culinary institutions.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Day 2** Hilton or Doubletree by Hilton, Glasgow
- Days 3, 4** Ballachulish Hotel or Isles of Glencoe Hotel, Ballachulish
- Days 5, 6** Pentland Hotel, Station Hotel, Castletown Hotel, or St Clair Hotel, Thurso
- Day 7** Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey
- Days 8, 9** Radisson Blu, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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# learn to play the bagpipe, explore the historic Highlands

and tour stately castles...enjoy an inclusive Scottish experience.

## START EARLY

### ADD A DAY

**Glasgow:** Open your Scottish adventure with more time in this cultural hub.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities and stirring history.

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

Your tour opens in Glasgow, Scotland's Victorian capital city. Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it's your chance to give it a go! Then, join your fellow travelers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

### Day 3: Glasgow - Glencoe - Ballachulish

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Glasgow before visiting one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. Continue on to the Highlands, through the breathtaking scenery of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor,

before arriving at your hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

### Day 4: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish

Take a stunning drive along the "Road to the Isles" and over the Skye Bridge to the legendary Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle). Enjoy dramatic views of the Cuillin Hills. Then, visit Armadale Castle & Gardens and the Museum of the Isles to learn about island life and the history of Skye. Conclude your visit with views of the isle from yet another vantage point during a ferry crossing back to the mainland. Returning to Ballachulish, see Glenfinnan where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied the clansmen for battle during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. (B, D)

### Day 5: Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso

Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open — you never know when Nessie will appear! Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Your day concludes in Thurso. (B)





Scottish Highlands



Highland Cows



Edinburgh

#### Day 6: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso

A day of adventure awaits as you voyage by ferry to the Orkney Islands – once a Viking stronghold off the coast of Scotland. On the crossing you'll see abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this magical place that very few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae where you will discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Next, pass the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Visit the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Thurso - Eastern Highlands

Today you will visit Culloden Battlefield. On this spot in April 1746, a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. We also stop at the majestic Dunrobin Castle which dates back to the 1300s. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland's east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in the Eastern Highlands. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Eastern Highlands - Pitlochry - St. Andrews - Edinburgh

Begin your day with a visit to a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure before

traveling to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf. See the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

#### Day 9: Edinburgh

Today **it's your choice!** Perhaps you'll choose to get acquainted with this regal capital on a locally guided panoramic city tour; explore both the Old and New towns before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots **-OR-** for a different perspective, maybe you'd rather join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot; descend into the city's vast underground vaults and uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. Both choices include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions. With a "wee dram" in hand, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March 18*	\$1999	\$2349	September 23	\$2699	\$3199
April 8, 9, 15, 16	\$2399	\$2799	September 30	\$2499	\$2949
April 22	\$2499	\$2949	October 7	\$2499	\$2949
April 29	\$2599	\$3099	October 14, 21	\$2399	\$2799
			March 17*	\$1999	\$2349
			March 31	\$2399	\$2799
			April 1, 7, 8	\$2399	\$2799
			April 28, 29	\$2599	\$3099

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)

	Double	Solo
May 6, 13	\$2599	\$3099
June 3, 10, 17	\$2699	\$3199
July 8, 18	\$2799	\$3299
★ July 29	\$3099	\$3649
★ August 5, 6, 12, 13, 20	\$3099	\$3649
September 2, 9, 16, 17	\$2799	\$3299

#### Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30-\$50

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

\*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.

### ★ CELEBRATE TRADITION ★

#### Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from August 3-25, 2018 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.

**August 3-25, 2018**



This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Glasgow airport and depart from Edinburgh airport. All of our transfers will arrive into Glasgow airport and depart from Edinburgh airport. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.

### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

Edinburgh: Explore more of Scotland's stately capital.

CALL FOR DETAILS



# SPOTLIGHT ON LONDON

7 DAYS • 7 MEALS  
FROM \$1399



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore London's famous Underground, known to locals as 'the Tube.'
- Visit Blenheim Palace, one of England's most magnificent homes

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Take an eye-opening panoramic tour of London.
- Enjoy a privately-led walking tour in Oxford.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 4** | Join a locally guided tour of the Kensington and Knightsbridge neighborhoods **or** travel to Whitehall to see 10 Downing Street and visit the Churchill War Rooms.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Gather for a special dinner at a traditional English pub and enjoy an ale tasting.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight

**Days 2 - 6** Grange Fitzrovia Hotel, Grange Strathmore Hotel or Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## embrace the life of a Londoner as you explore

the city's iconic landmarks, out-of-the-way corners and  
even travel into the countryside.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

London: Reward yourself with another night in this cultural capital.

CALL FOR DETAILS

be a part of it all! This evening, experience a classic British pastime when you join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a traditional pub, complete with an ale tasting! (D)

### Day 3: London

Join a local expert on a panoramic city tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. End your city tour with a visit to Harrods, London's most iconic department store. This afternoon, perhaps you will join us on an optional tour to regal Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, the imposing castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries. (B)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

London calls. Experience the regal touches and daily charms of life in this grand city.

### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to London, a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own. Its bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theaters – and you'll





London Skyline



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Ale & Pie Tasting

#### Day 4: London 📍

Start your day like a true Londoner. Hop on the famous Underground, known to locals as 'the Tube'. Opened in 1863, this engineering marvel was the world's first metro system. Next, **it's your choice!** Perhaps you will join a local guide and explore the neighborhoods of Kensington and Knightsbridge, known for their iconic shops and famous residents, before a visit to Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana **-OR-** perhaps you would prefer to travel to Westminster station and snap a photo in front of Big Ben before heading north on Whitehall, known as the center of Her Majesty's Government. Catch a glimpse of 10 Downing Street before visiting the Churchill War Rooms. (B)

#### Day 5: London - Oxford - Blenheim Palace - London

Travel across England's beautiful countryside en route to the historic city of Oxford, one of the world's most famous university cities. Join a local expert on a privately-led walking tour that brings life to this quaint, yet privileged place.

Enjoy some free time to explore the city at leisure before setting out to visit Blenheim Palace, one of England's most magnificent homes, for a self-guided tour. Famous for being the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a glimpse into the life of English royalty. (B)

#### Day 6: London

It's your last day in London. Spend the day independently exploring more of London's treasures. Or perhaps you'll join an optional excursion featuring Bath (UNESCO), one of England's most beautiful cities. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner at a favorite London restaurant and toast the end of a wonderful getaway! (B, D)

#### Day 7: London - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 7*	\$1449	\$1999	August 23	\$1599	\$2199
March 7	\$1649	\$2249	September 6	\$1599	\$2199
April 4, 18	\$1849	\$2599	September 20	\$1599	\$2199
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 17	\$1499	\$1999
			March 30*	\$1399	\$1899
			April 4	\$1499	\$1999
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction (-)\$30		
May 3	\$1499	\$1999	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
★ May 17	\$1999	\$2799	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
June 7	\$1599	\$2199			
July 26	\$1599	\$2199			

#### ★ CELEBRATE TRADITION ★

##### Chelsea Flower Show

Experience members-only day at the famous Chelsea Flower Show with full access to this prestigious event.

May 17, 2018



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This trip requires a passport.



# CHRISTMAS IN LONDON

7 DAYS • 7 MEALS  
FROM \$1399



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit Harrods, London's most iconic department store, festively decorated for Christmas.
- Explore colorful Christmas markets in Oxford and London.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Experience an eye-opening panoramic tour of London.
- Enjoy a private tour of Blenheim Palace adorned for the season.
- See one of London's finest theater performances.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Feast upon a dinner inspired by the Christmas season.
- Gather for a special dinner at a traditional English pub and enjoy an ale tasting.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 6** Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt,  
or Grange Fitzrovia Hotel, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



SPOTLIGHTS  
SINGLE  
HOTEL  
STAY

## glittering lights, traditional decorations, shopping at Harrods...

this is the holiday you've always imagined.

### START EARLY

ADD  
A DAY

London: Give yourself the gift of another  
night in cheery London!

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

There's nothing like London during the holiday season.

### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to London at Christmastime, a metropolis filled with light, laughter and the excitement of the holiday season. Whether perusing the city's many Christmas markets for handmade gifts and colorful decorations, or basking in the scent of mulled wine and cinnamon, this will surely be a Christmas you'll never forget. This

evening, experience a favorite holiday pastime and join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a traditional pub. (D)

### Day 3: London

Join a local expert on a panoramic city tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. A Christmastime visit to London wouldn't be complete without a stop at Harrods, the city's most iconic department store. Find yourself exploring a wonderland of glorious holiday displays and its incredible food hall – a piece of gourmet heaven! This afternoon, perhaps you will join us on an optional excursion to celebrate the season at Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

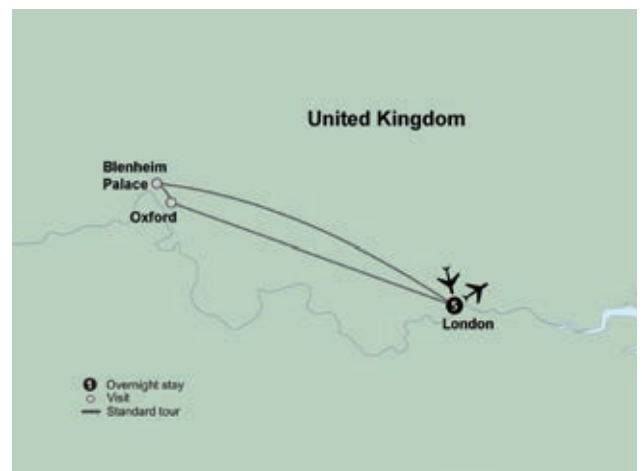
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London Market

Kings and Queens for nine centuries; make your way through the impressive State Apartments, adorned for the season with a stunning array of garlands, bedecked Christmas trees, and an array of festive decorations. (B)

#### Day 4: London

Enjoy a leisurely morning before setting off to explore London's charming Christmas markets. Peruse the sea of wooden chalets offering a plethora of unique handmade crafts, artisan goods and local treats. Continue on to Bond and Oxford streets, known worldwide for their elegant department stores, posh galleries and the season's stunning Christmas decorations. Admire the latest fashions before capping off your afternoon with one of London's finest theatre performances. (B)

#### Day 5: London - Oxford - Blenheim Palace - London

Travel across England's beautiful countryside en route to the historic city of Oxford, home to the prestigious University of Oxford. Join a local expert on a privately-led walking tour before

exploring the city's Christmas market. As you browse the stalls filled with handmade crafts, the sounds of Christmas carols and the smell of holiday treats fill the air and immerse you in holiday cheer. The festivities continue with a visit to Blenheim Palace, one of England's most magnificent homes, that shines even brighter at Christmas. The birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, this UNESCO World Heritage site will give you a glimpse into the life of English royalty. (B)

#### Day 6: London

It's your last day in London. Spend the day independently exploring more of London's treasures. Or perhaps join an optional excursion featuring Bath (UNESCO), one of England's most beautiful cities. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner inspired by the Christmas season and toast the end of a wonderful tour. (B, D)

#### Day 7: London - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant holiday memories. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

December 2018	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$30
December 2	\$1549	\$2149	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
December 12	\$1399	\$1899		

This trip requires a passport.



# LONDON & PARIS

8 DAYS • 9 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise along the Seine River against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline.
- Enjoy time at leisure to soak up the culture of both London and Paris.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Join a local expert on a London tour featuring Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Big Ben, and more.
- Cross the English Channel aboard the Eurostar Train.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | In London, explore the Churchill War Rooms **or** tour regal Westminster Abbey.

**DAY 6** | See the iconic sites of Paris during a panoramic drive with a stop at the Notre Dame Cathedral **or** set out to explore via the Metro.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor delicious cuisine and breathtaking views when dining at the Eiffel Tower.
- Dine with the locals at a traditional English pub.
- Immerse yourself in Parisian culture at dinner at Paris' oldest cabaret theatre.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight

**Days 2 - 4** Grange City Hotel, London

**Days 5 - 7** Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## experience two of the world's greatest cities

on a single adventure that brings together iconic landmarks  
with plenty of time for personal discovery.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**London:** Open your tour with a night to explore this incredible city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Take two! Experience two of the world's most captivating cities: London and Paris! To help you make the most of your getaway, you'll unpack just once in each city.

### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, the United Kingdom's cosmopolitan capital. This evening, experience a classic British tradition as you join your new mates for a special welcome dinner at a traditional pub, complete with an ale tasting. (D)

### Day 3: London

Join a local expert for a day in London. Begin with a panoramic tour highlighting the must-sees, including Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Kensington and Knightsbridge. Stop by Harrods, the jewel in the crown of London department stores — don't miss the world-famous food hall! This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Return to wartime Britain while exploring the Churchill War Rooms, the secret underground center of Britain's government during WWII **-OR-** tour Westminster Abbey, the coronation church of Britain's monarchs from William the Conqueror to Elizabeth II. (B)

### Day 4: London

After a hearty breakfast, enjoy a day to explore at your leisure. You may take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens





Eiffel Tower



Paris Cafe



London

for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. (B)

#### Day 5: London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Hop aboard the sleek, futuristic Eurostar High Speed Train to Paris. Arrive in the "City of Light," Paris. A sophisticated metropolis featuring style, culture and history, its bustling city streets are filled with colorful history, regal pageantry, beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theatres. Tonight, celebrate your arrival in Paris with a special dinner at the legendary Paradis Latin, the city's oldest cabaret theatre. Enjoy a sumptuous meal complete with wine, champagne and a delightful show. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Paris

**It's your choice!** Come to know the highlights of Paris by coach or by Metro! Set out on a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral -**OR-** for a truly Parisian experience, take in some of the most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you'll see the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome with a local guide. Write your own story during a free afternoon. You may choose an optional

guided tour at the famous Louvre; indulge in some of the world's best shopping on the Champs-Elysees; or simply do as the Parisians do and sit at a sidewalk café and watch the beauty that is Paris go by. (B)

#### Day 7: Paris

Give in to romance. Today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Louis XIV's magnificent Palace and Gardens of Versailles and relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments, including the Queen's bed chamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. Tonight, sample delicious French cuisine and witness breathtaking views during dinner at the Eiffel Tower. End the perfect day with a romantic Seine River cruise set against Paris' glittering skyline. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Paris - Tour Ends

You depart today, but London and Paris will remain in your heart forever. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 21*	\$2199	\$2849	September 5, 12, 19, 26	\$2649	\$3499
March 7	\$2599	\$3299	October 3, 10	\$2549	\$3299
March 14, 21	\$2699	\$3449	October 17	\$2449	\$3149
April 4, 11, 18, 25	\$2799	\$3649	November 7	\$2349	\$2949
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			March 13*	\$1999	\$2599
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	March 20, 27	\$2449	\$3149
May 2, 9	\$2449	\$3149	April 3, 10, 24	\$2549	\$3299
May 16, 23	\$2549	\$3299	<b>Triple Room Supplement (+) \$200</b>		
June 6, 13, 20, 27	\$2649	\$3499	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
July 4, 11, 18, 25	\$2349	\$2949	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
August 8, 15, 22	\$2349	\$2949			

This trip requires a passport. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.

### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

Paris: No one ever wants to leave Paris. Reward yourself with another night. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



# SPOTLIGHT ON PARIS

7 DAYS • 7 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the treasures of the Louvre Museum with an expert.
- Tour the spectacular Palace of Versailles and its gardens with a local guide.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Glide along and admire Paris' glittering skyline on a Seine River cruise.
- Enjoy a free day to explore the sights and sounds of the city.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**Day 3** | Set out on a locally guided coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral **or** travel by the iconic Metro. In both cases you'll see the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Elysees and more.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Dine on delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower.
- Savor dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris' oldest Brasseries.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 6** Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## revel in the allure of Paris on this tour

which includes its spectacular sights, history, architecture, art  
and, of course, fine food and wine.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

Paris : Start your love affair with the "City of Light" a little early.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Come to know captivating Paris' world-renowned art, food and fashion. Its rich history will astound you while its style dazzles.

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

Arrive in the "City of Light." Tonight, your adventure begins with breathtaking views of the city while you enjoy dinner featuring delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner, get a different perspective of the

city during a Seine River cruise. Admire Paris' glittering skyline as you glide along. (D)

### Day 3: Paris

**It's your choice!** Will you choose to take a panoramic locally guided coach tour of Paris that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral? **-OR-** for a truly local experience, will you join a local guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro? Either way you'll see such dramatic highlights of Paris as the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome. The afternoon is at leisure. You may choose an optional tour that takes you to the bohemian neighborhood of Montmartre; join a local guide on a walking tour and get to know the culture, food and history of this eclectic

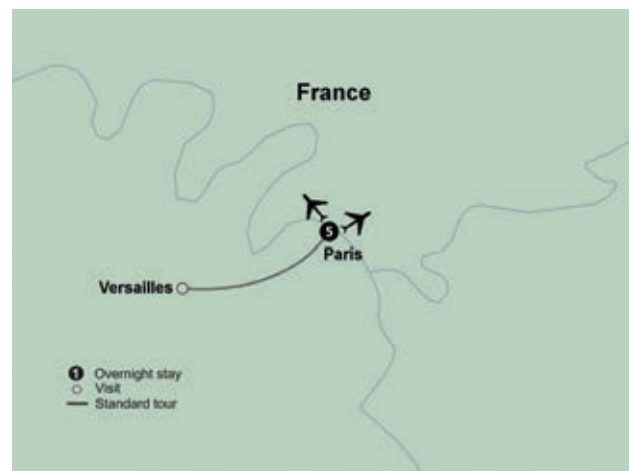




Eiffel Tower



Notre Dame



Versailles

neighborhood, and see its crown jewel – the iconic Sacré-Coeur Basilica. (B)

#### Day 4: Paris - Louvre Museum

Join a local expert exploring the priceless treasures of the world-famous Louvre Museum, with a collection of more than one million works of art. Originally a palace and now a landmark of Paris, the Louvre displays an array of works of art ranging from ancient times up to the mid-19th century. Behold some of the museum's most famous pieces by the some of the greatest artists the world has seen including Raphael, Botticelli and Titian, and see the renowned statue of *Venus de Milo* and Leonardo Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore Paris' many hidden treasures on your own. (B)

#### Day 5: Paris - Day at Leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax or explore. You may take an optional excursion to Champagne country which includes a visit to ancient Reims for a walking tour; then, stop in Epernay and visit a champagne cellar for a tour and tasting. (B)

#### Day 6: Paris - Versailles

Explore the history, architecture and gardens of

Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces and finest, most complete example of 17th-century architecture. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Discover its immeasurable opulence and see its treasures including the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens, some of the most famous in the world, which took over 40 years to complete. Tonight, celebrate the end of a fabulous trip with a sumptuous dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris' oldest brasseries. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Paris - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Head home with many wonderful memories of Paris. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

##### ADD A DAY

Paris : Continue your adventure with another glorious night in this remarkable city. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 (different itinerary – see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
February 20	\$1999	\$2799	August 7	\$2099	\$2799
March 6	\$1999	\$2799	September 4	\$2099	\$2799
March 20	\$2099	\$2799	September 18	\$2399	\$3399
April 10	\$2099	\$2799	October 9, 16	\$2299	\$3199
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			November 6	\$1999	\$2699
			February 19	\$1999	\$2699
			March 19	\$2099	\$2799
			April 9	\$2099	\$2799
May 2018 – April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction		N/A
May 1, 8, 22	\$2399	\$3399	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
June 26	\$2399	\$3399			
July 10	\$2099	\$2799			



#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Spotlight on Paris and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:** ① Spain's Classics ② Spotlight on Rome

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This trip requires a passport.



# FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE

13 DAYS • 17 MEALS  
FROM \$3249



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Seine as you drift past famous landmarks.
- Travel back in history when you stand before the impressive UNESCO Bayeux Tapestry.
- Tour the impressive Les Halles de Lyon market.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Avignon and step inside its 14th-century papal palace.
- Ponder history at the Memorial de Caen and the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | Come to know Paris your way - by coach **or** metro.

**DAY 6** | In Dinan, join a local guide for either a walking tour of the cobblestone streets **or** an exploration of the port and town center.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Dine at a local restaurant in Avignon, featuring a crème brulee demonstration.
- Delight in a tour and tasting at a local winery.
- Enjoy a delightful French dinner at one of Paris' brasseries.
- Enjoy traditional Lyonnaise cuisine at a local restaurant in Lyon.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Hyatt Regency Etoile, Paris
- Days 4, 5** Mercure Caen City Center-Port de Plaisance, Caen
- Days 6, 7** Hotel Oceania, Saint-Malo
- Days 8, 9** Fontevraud L'Hôtel, Fontevraud
- Day 10** Mercure Lyon Centre Saxe Lafayette, Lyon
- Days 11, 12** Mercure Pont d'Avignon, or Mercure Hotel Cite Des Papes, Avignon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Le Mont St. Michel

# bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance

of fascinating France on a tour that explores Paris, Provence and Normandy.

## START EARLY

### ADD A DAY

Paris: Treat yourself to another day to enjoy the romance of Paris. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on your journey through France. Bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

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

Your tour opens in beautiful Paris. Celebrate the beginning of a fabulous trip with a sunset river cruise past famous glittering landmarks along the River Seine, which divides the north from the south of Paris into what is known as the right bank and the left bank. Then we'll head to one of Paris' brasseries for a delightful French dinner. Enjoy sumptuous food and wine set amongst an Art Nouveau background reminiscent of the jazz and Hemingway-era of Paris. (D)

### Day 3: Paris

**It's your choice!** Take a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop for a short walking tour inside the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral **-OR-** for a truly local experience, join a guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you'll see the Arc

de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome. Write your own story during a free afternoon. Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre. (B)

### Day 4: Paris - Caen

Set off for the Normandy coast. During WWII, the largest invasion in history took place here. Visit the Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Later, see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built near Arromanche-les-Bains - where the allies resupplied their lines during the liberation of France - before making your way to the hotel. (B, D)

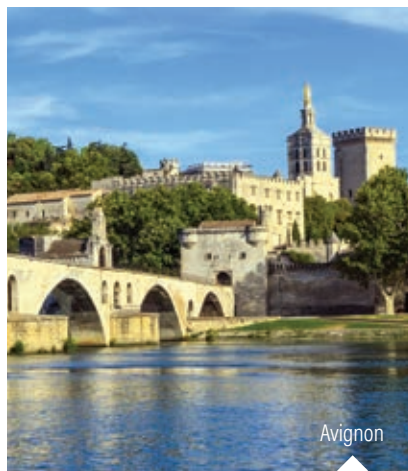
### Day 5: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen

This morning visit the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer and stop by the new interpretive center. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through the Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. Complete your afternoon with visits to other landing beaches, such as Utah and Juno. (B)



### Day 6: Caen - Bayeux - Dinan - Saint-Malo

Travel back in history when you stand before the impressive Bayeux Tapestry (UNESCO), a 230-foot embroidered cloth depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Next, journey to Dinan, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in France. Then, **it's your choice!** Join a local guide for a walking tour along cobbled streets and discover the city's fortified walls **-OR-** meet a local guide at the quaint port of Dinan, the entry point for resupplying the Duke of Dinan during the Hundred Years' War, and walk up the famous Rue de Jerzuel hill to the town center. Either way, you'll fall in love with the streets lined with half-timbered houses and the ramparts that overlook this picture-perfect port village. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Here you'll be immersed in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town where you'll enjoy a wonderfully prepared local dinner. (B, D)



Avignon



Seine River Cruise

once an important area for silk production. Today it is known for its world-renowned cuisine. This evening experience this cuisine firsthand when you dine at a bouchon, a local restaurant that serves traditional Lyonnaise fare. (B, D)

### Day 11: Lyon - Avignon

Visit the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvier with its amazing views of the city. Tour the historic Vieux Lyon, or Old Quarter, with a local expert. Continue to Les Halles de Lyon - Paul Bocuse market, named after the famous chef. Marvel at its culinary delights as you enjoy free time to explore before continuing to Provence and the city of Avignon. (B)

### Day 12: Avignon

This morning come to know the walled city of Avignon during a walking tour led by a local resident. Learn about the historical period when the Papacy moved here in 1309. Then, explore some of the 25 rooms of the 14th-century papal palace, Palais des Papes, the world's largest Gothic palace. Your evening is capped off with dinner at a local restaurant, complete with a cocktail reception and crème brûlée demonstration. (B, D)

### Day 13: Avignon - Tour Ends

Set out for home with many magnificent memories. (B)

### Day 7: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo

Travel to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Le Mont St. Michel, the "Wonder of the West." Resting on the border between Normandy and Brittany, this world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old city before exploring one of the most beautiful abbeys in France, dating back to the 11th century. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy time to relax or explore independently. (B)

### Day 8: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Fontevraud

Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site brimming with châteaux and parks, once the setting for the French court. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon, set on the banks of the Vienne River. Visit the renowned Royal Fortress of Chinon where Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. This afternoon, check into your hotel within the magnificently renovated abbey of Fontevraud. Delve into the history of this site which was home to one of the largest orders in Europe during medieval times and serves as the final resting place of King Richard the Lionheart. Tonight's dinner is set amongst flying buttresses, chiseled arches and ancient stone. (B, D)

### Day 9: Fontevraud - Amboise - Fontevraud

Embark on a tour of the spectacular Château de Chenonceau. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, it is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque center of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture. Tour Château du Clos Luce - where Leonardo da Vinci spent his last three years - which showcases a display of his early inventions. Next, visit a local winery to discover some of Europe's best Cabernet Franc and Chenin Blanc wines. (B)

### Day 10: Fontevraud - Lyon

Travel the French countryside to the gastronomical capital of France, Lyon (UNESCO). The city was



Pointe du Hoc

### DATES & PRICES

**March - April 2018**  
(different itinerary - see note)  
March 15\*  
March 29\*  
April 12, 19, 26

**Double**  
\$2749  
\$2999  
\$3349

**Solo**  
\$3549  
\$3899  
\$4349

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

**May 2018 - April 2019**  
(featured itinerary)  
May 10  
June 14  
August 16

**Double**  
\$3499  
\$3499  
\$3399

**Solo**  
\$4549  
\$4549  
\$4399

**May 2018 - April 2019**  
September 13, 20  
October 18  
March 21  
April 4, 6  
April 25, 27

**Double**  
\$3499  
\$3399  
\$3249  
\$3399  
\$3499

**Solo**  
\$4549  
\$4399  
\$4199  
\$4399  
\$4549

**Triple Room Reduction** N/A  
Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

**\*Value Season Departures:** These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with France Magnifique and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tour:** ① Reflections of Italy CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from Marseilles airport. All of our departure transfers will depart from Avignon to Marseilles airport.

### ALSO AVAILABLE



### France Magnifique featuring the French Riviera

Enjoy the Mediterranean sunshine with 2 nights in Nice, the playground of the rich and famous.

**May 2018 - March 2019**  
May 24  
July 19  
September 6  
October 4  
March 28

**Double**  
\$3949  
\$3949  
\$3949  
\$3799  
\$3699

**Solo**  
\$5249  
\$5249  
\$5249  
\$5049  
\$4799



# FRENCH IMPRESSIONS

11 DAYS · 14 MEALS  
FROM \$2899



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Whisk through the French countryside aboard the high-speed TGV Train.
- Tour the atelier (workshop) of the famous painter, Paul Cézanne.
- Stroll through the bustling morning market in the city square of Saint-Rémy.
- Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Embark on a walking tour of the historic walled city of Avignon.
- Come to know the history of the Cannes Film Festival as a local expert guides you along the red carpet.
- Tour the glamorous Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and the lush gardens that surround it.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | Take a panoramic coach tour featuring the breathtaking architecture of Paris **or** enter the world of Impressionism with a visit to the Musée d'Orsay.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor French cuisine and enjoy spectacular views while dining at the Eiffel Tower.
- An expert guide leads a wine and olive oil tasting in Aix-en-Provence.
- Partake in a cooking demonstration of fine French cuisine at a local restaurant.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 4** Le Meridien Etoile, Paris  
**Days 5 - 7** Grand Hotel Roi Rene,  
Aix-en-Provence  
**Days 8 - 10** Hotel Splendid Nice, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Paris Skyline

# from bustling Paris to charming Provence and the French Riviera,

enjoy a fun-filled adventure that explores French culture, cuisine and music.

## START EARLY

### ADD A DAY

**Paris:** Take more time exploring the world's most romantic city

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Journey through the best of France as you explore lively Paris, romantic Provence and delightful Nice.

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

Your tour opens in Paris, the "City of Light." Tonight, sample delicious French cuisine and witness breathtaking views during dinner at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner, get a different perspective of the city during a Seine River cruise. As you glide along, admire Paris' glittering skyline. (D)

### Day 3: Paris 🇫🇷

Come to know Paris your way. **It's your choice!**

Take a splendid panoramic coach tour featuring the breathtaking architecture of the Arc de Triumph, Place de la Concord, Place Vendome, the Champs-Elysees and the Notre Dame Cathedral **-OR-** enter the world of

Impressionism with a visit to the Musée d'Orsay with its magnificent French Impressionist art collection. Live out your own Parisian adventure during a free afternoon. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the world-renowned Louvre, home to the iconic *Mona Lisa*. This evening, an optional dinner and show at Paris' oldest cabaret, the Paradis Latin, is offered. (B)

### Day 4: Paris - Versailles - Giverny - Paris

Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces and finest, most complete example of 17th century architecture. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Discover its immeasurable opulence and see its treasures including the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens, some of the most famous in the world, which took over 40 years to complete. This afternoon Claude Monet's famous painting "Waterlilies" comes to life with a visit to the artist's lovely home and enchanting gardens in the village of Giverny. The remainder of the evening is

at leisure for you to explore Paris' many hidden treasures on your own. (B)

#### Day 5: Paris - TGV Train - Avignon - Aix-en-Provence

Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train and "fly" through the French countryside on your way to Provence. Arrive in Avignon for a tour of this historic walled city. Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," acted as a center of European religion for 70 years when the Popes moved there in 1309. A visit to the Palace of the Popes brings this history to life. Continue to Aix-en-Provence, a lovely town once frequented by Hemingway. This evening, enjoy fine French dining at your hotel's elegant restaurant. (B, D)



Monaco



#### Day 6: Aix-en-Provence

This morning a local expert takes you on a tour of Aix-en-Provence. This charming city is full of lively streets, squares and fountains. Walk in the steps of Cézanne when you visit his atelier (workshop) and enter the artist's most private space. Continue to Mont Sainte-Victoire and see the natural surroundings which are portrayed in the painter's works. Explore the 18th century jewel of Aix-en-Provence with a visit to the Hôtel de Caumont Art Center. Delve into the intimate atmosphere of a private mansion as you view its works of art and exhibits. The evening is yours to continue to discover the city's many secrets. (B)



Aix-en-Provence

#### Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Saint-Rémy - Luberon - Aix-en-Provence

Depart for Saint-Rémy where you will enjoy a visit to the bustling market in the city square – a Provençal tradition! On your way visit the Musée du Calisson, a confectionery factory where you will discover the unique taste of a calisson. This delicacy—a mix of almonds, candied melon, orange blossom fragrance and marzipan—is a local specialty. Visit the picturesque region of Luberon, known for its hill-top villages and beautiful lavender fields. Visit the Lavender Museum and learn about this precious plant, its unique distillation process and its uses throughout history. You are in for a treat this evening when you stop at a local vineyard and tour their wine cellar and olive oil mill. Complete your day with a cooking demonstration and a sumptuous Provençal meal paired with local wines. (B, D)

gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. Complete your trip to Monaco with a visit to the fascinating Oceanographic Museum. (B)

#### Day 10: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice

This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colorful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Continue to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and visit the luxurious Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Explore the lush gardens with magnificent views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with lunch served in the charming tea room. The remainder of your day is free to discover Nice's Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Partake in world-class shopping, sample the many French delicacies, or simply relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a quaint restaurant. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Nice - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today, leaving you with wonderful memories. (B)

#### Day 8: Aix-en-Provence - Cannes - Nice

Journey to Cannes to rub shoulders with Europe's elite. A local expert joins you on a walking tour of Cannes where you will learn about the fascinating history of the city and the nearby Lérins Islands. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the famous red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. Then it's off to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. (B)

#### Day 9: Nice - Eze - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

Explore the charming hillside village of Eze. Learn the secrets of perfume making, from extraction to distillation, while visiting a famous parfumerie. Your journey then takes you to witness the splendor of Monaco, the dazzling

#### DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March 15	\$3149	\$4249	July 19	\$3599	\$4799
April 5	\$3199	\$4299	August 2	\$3599	\$4799
April 19	\$3299	\$3299	September 13, 20	\$3699	\$4899
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			March 21	\$2899	\$3549
			April 4	\$3299	\$4099
			April 25	\$3599	\$4799
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50		
May 3	\$3599	\$4799	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
June 14	\$3699	\$4899			



#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with French Impressions and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ❶ British Landscapes ❷ Spain's Classics ❸ Italy's Treasures [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

This trip requires a passport.

#### STAY LONGER

##### ADD A DAY

Nice: Enjoy the chance to spend another day exploring the French Riviera. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



# JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS  
FROM \$3999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See the Medoc wine region as you travel along the "Route des Châteaux," the stunning Castle Road.
- A tuk-tuk vehicle brings you around the charming medieval village of Saint Émilion.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Visit La Cité du Vin wine museum, sometimes referred to as the "Guggenheim of Wine."
- Stay two nights on the grounds of a beautiful château in the Dordogne Valley, right in the heart of wine country.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 5** Explore the Dordogne Valley by bicycle, on a tour that gives you an up close and personal view of the countryside, **or** relax while enjoying the chateau's luxurious spa.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Sample a wide array of wines from Bordeaux, Saint Émilion, Medoc and Dordogne Valley.
- Learn how fine foods pair with even finer wines during a delectable multi-course dinner.
- Savor fresh and local farm-to-table tastings across the southern French countryside.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel de Bordeaux, Bordeaux  
**Days 4, 5** Château des Vigiers, Dordogne Valley, Monestier  
**Day 6** Hotel de La Cite, Carcassonne  
**Days 7 - 9** Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## châteaux and charming medieval villages, alluring wines and active experiences,

this is your gateway to Southern France's personality.  
Let the region charm you one sip and stroll at a time.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

*Allons-y!* You're on your way to Bordeaux and the Dordogne Valley, two of the world's most renowned wine regions, before it's on to chromatic Provence.

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

Welcome to Bordeaux, a region known as much for its vibrancy and dynamism as its world-renowned wine. A local restaurant famous for its *sélection de vins* and locally-sourced meat invites you for a gastronomic adventure expertly pairing locally sourced foods and wine to mark the beginning of your journey through the south of France. (D)

### Day 3: Bordeaux - Medoc - Bordeaux

This morning, explore Bordeaux through a local's perspective during a guided city tour. Embark on an interactive journey through a world of wine and culture at La Cité du Vin. Referred to as the "Guggenheim of wine," this sensory adventure takes you on a fascinating discovery of wine culture and history, ending with a glass of wine while overlooking a 360-degree view of Bordeaux. Next, travel the stunning "Route des Châteaux," viewing the historic wine estates of the

Medoc region. Complete your journey today with a walk through a winery to absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, smell the grapes and taste locally grown wine. Enjoy the evening at leisure to take in the sights and sounds of Bordeaux. (B)

### Day 4: Bordeaux - Saint Émilion - Monestier (Dordogne Valley)

A tuk-tuk vehicle brings you around the charming medieval village of Saint Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Bordeaux's largest winemaking areas. After getting acquainted with the city, enjoy time to explore this perfectly compact French village. Then it's on to the Château Des Vigiers, known as "Petit Versailles," your home for the next two evenings. Tonight, enjoy a fine dining experience in this 16th-century estate. (B, D)

### Day 5: Dordogne Valley

Venture to the countryside for a charming local market experience. Stop in Eymet, one of Southern France's iconic "bastides" (fortified towns) before visiting the Chateau Monbazillac – a wine cooperative best known for its dessert wine and a symbol of the Bergerac region since the end of the 16th century. This afternoon, **it's**





Carcassonne



Medoc Wine Region



Truffle Hunting



## YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

### Complete your trip with 2 nights in Nice

Relax along the French Riviera and experience the thrill of Monaco. SEE PAGE 186 FOR DETAILS



**your choice** how you would like to explore the Dordogne Valley. Pedal the narrow streets on a bicycle tour for an up close and personal view of the valley **-OR-** relax while enjoying the spa your château has to offer. (B)

#### Day 6: Dordogne Valley - Carcassonne

Bid adieu to the Dordogne Valley as you make your way to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and virtual storybook that comes to life, replete with drawbridges, towers and cobbled streets. This afternoon step back centuries to medieval times when you explore this breathtaking city independently. (B)

#### Day 7: Carcassonne - Pont du Gard - Avignon - Saint Rémy

Journey this morning from Carcassonne to Provence. En route, marvel at the Saint-Benezet Bridge and the Pont du Gard, the greatest surviving stretch of aqueduct to have remained since Roman times. In the incredible village of Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," you'll gain an inside look at all this village has to offer during a walking tour with your local expert guide. End with a visit to the dramatic Palace of the Popes, a center of European religion since the Popes moved there in 1309. This evening, sip on locally crafted cocktails followed by dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Saint Rémy

A visit to Gordes yields a sojourn to France's

famed lavender fields and museum, where you'll learn the origin of this beautiful and fragrant flower. An unforgettable epicurean adventure commences with a truffle hunt led by a local chef and trained truffle dogs. Après hunt, savor the unique experience of farm tastings throughout the countryside among landscapes said to have inspired Van Gogh, Picasso, Renoir, and other master artists. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Saint Rémy - Les Baux-de-Provence - Saint Rémy

Navigate the winding medieval streets in the hilltop town of Les Baux-de-Provence where you have time to explore. Experience one of the world's most impressive and beautiful multimedia presentations, the Carrières de Lumières, set in the ancient quarries of the Alpilles Mountains. With cavernous sound and a spectacle of light complemented by fortress views on the Alpilles mountain range, you'll notice immediately why this is one of the most acclaimed attractions in the region. Later, take time to relax or explore the charming village of Saint Rémy. Tonight's farewell dinner leaves you to compare notes and experiences with your fellow travelers as you prepare to bid au revoir to the magic of Southern France. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Saint-Rémy - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

## DATES & PRICES

### April 2018

(different itinerary - see note)

April 14, 21

Double Solo

\$4799 \$5899

Itinerary featured is for September 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### Sept. 2018 - April 2019

(featured itinerary)

September 10, 17, 24

October 8, 15

April 8, 29

Double Solo

\$3999 \$5299

\$3999 \$5149

\$3999 \$5049

Triple Room Reduction

N/A

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport. Entrance is included to spa only on Day 5; additional spa treatments will be at your expense. Our air guests will depart from Marseilles airport. All of our departure transfers will depart from your hotel in Saint-Rémy to Marseilles airport.



# SPAIN'S CLASSICS

11 DAYS · 14 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Cordoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spain.
- Explore Madrid's Royal Palace, the official residence of the royal family.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 8** | Set out on a walking tour of historic Valencia **or** explore the Lladro City of Porcelain and the City of Arts and Sciences.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** H10 Puerta de Alcalá, Madrid  
**Day 4, 5** Melia Sevilla, or Melia Lebreros, Seville  
**Day 6** Hotel Carmen, Granada  
**Days 7, 8** SH Valencia Palace Hotel, Valencia  
**Days 9, 10** Hotel Colon or Crowne Plaza Fira Center or Evenia Rosselló Hotel, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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# immerse yourself in the colorful pageant of art, history and culture

that is Spain, all set against a backdrop that spans sunny Mediterranean shores and grand mountain ranges.

## START EARLY

### ADD A DAY

**Madrid:** Enjoy more time to stroll along the city's grand boulevards.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to a colorful cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain.

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

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Tonight, enjoy a local welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo - Madrid

During a privately guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armory and the impressive courtyard. This afternoon we travel to Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the

13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. You'll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, *The Burial of Count Orgaz*. (B)

### Day 4: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital!" (B, D)

### Day 5: 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, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B)



Seville



Flamenco



Mezquita

#### Day 6: Seville - Granada

Travel to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, an immense hilltop palace (UNESCO). Also tour the Generalife, meaning "garden of the architect," where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Granada - Valencia

Today you 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. (B)

#### Day 8: Valencia - Paella Experience - Valencia

**It's your choice!** Take a walking tour of historic Valencia to see the ornate 14th-century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th-century Quart Tower; then arrive at the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals before concluding your tour at the impressive 13th-century Gothic cathedral. Or, explore the impressive facades of the City of Arts & Sciences, an ultramodern, multi-faceted educational institution, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of Porcelain to learn about the history and creative process of the world-famous, handmade Lladro figurines. Later, gather together and travel to the fishing village where paella

cuisine originated. A "paella experience" features a boat ride on the lagoon surrounding rice field plantations; a visit to a traditional fisherman's home known as a "barraca"; a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 9: 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 including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colorful performers and flower stalls. (B)

#### Day 10: Barcelona

Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your locally guided tour showcases the Columbus Monument and the Parc de Montjuic, plus Antoni Gaudí's UNESCO sites including La Sagrada Família, Batlló House, Casa Milà building and a visit to Parc Guell. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain! (B, D)

#### Day 11: Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

##### ADD A DAY

**Barcelona:** This lively city beckons you to explore more of its sights and sounds. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 24*	\$1999	\$2599	October 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27	\$2699	\$3299
March 10	\$2349	\$2899	November 1, 3	\$2549	\$3099
March 17	\$2449	\$2999	November 8	\$2699	\$3299
April 7, 14, 19, 26	\$2649	\$3249	February 23*	\$1999	\$2399
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May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	March 23, 30	\$2549	\$3099
May 5	\$2549	\$3099	April 2, 4, 6, 25, 27	\$2699	\$3299
May 12, 19, 26	\$2649	\$3249	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
June 9, 16, 23	\$2649	\$3249	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
July 7, 14	\$2499	\$3049	<b>*Value Season Departures:</b> These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
August 4	\$2499	\$3049			
September 6, 13, 15, 20, 27	\$2699	\$3299			



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**Suggested Tours:** ① Reflections of Italy ② Shrines of Italy ③ Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

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# SPAIN'S CLASSICS & PORTUGAL

14 DAYS • 19 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the medieval walled town of Obidos, along Portugal's Silver Coast.
- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Cordoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- View three UNESCO World Heritage sites while exploring Portugal's capital and coast.
- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spain.
- Explore Madrid's Royal Palace, the official residence of the royal family.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**Day 11** | Set out on a walking tour of historic Valencia **or** explore the Lladro City of Porcelain and the City of Arts and Sciences.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Dine on traditional Portuguese cuisine and enjoy Fado music.
- Savor a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 4** Altis Grand Hotel or Turim Avenida Liberdade Hotel, Lisbon  
**Day 5, 6** Courtyard Marriott Princessa, Madrid  
**Day 7, 8** Melia Sevilla or Melia Lebreros, Seville  
**Day 9** Hotel Carmen, Granada  
**Days 10, 11** AC Valencia Hotel or SH Valencia Palace Hotel, Valencia  
**Days 12, 13** Crowne Plaza Fira Center, Barcelona

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## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## this complete Iberian adventure takes you across

two culturally rich countries, each with priceless treasures for you to uncover.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Lisbon:** Come early to discover more of a city known for its great explorers.  
CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to a colorful cultural adventure featuring the best of Portugal and Spain.

### Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Welcome to Portugal, where quaint farming villages and cork & olive tree plantations dot the landscape. Enjoy Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, begin your journey with a local welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Lisbon

A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Tonight, enjoy a dinner complete with local cuisine, wines and Fado music (UNESCO). (B, D)

### Day 4: Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos - Lisbon

Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. View the Batalha Monastery (UNESCO), an example of Manueline architecture; then travel to the quaint seaside town of Nazare and the charming medieval walled town of Obidos. (B)

### Day 5: Lisbon - Madrid, Spain

Depart Lisbon and cross the border into Spain. Enjoy your day viewing the countryside of Portugal and Spain before arriving into the capital city of Spain - Madrid. (B, D)

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Barcelona

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Madrid

#### Day 12: Valencia - Barcelona

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#### Day 13: Barcelona

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#### Day 14: Barcelona - Tour Ends

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### DATES & PRICES

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February 7		\$2649	\$3499	July 11		\$2999	\$3799
March 7, 14		\$3099	\$4149	August 8		\$3099	\$3949
April 11, 18, 25		\$3199	\$4199	September 5, 7, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28		\$3249	\$4199
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				October 3, 10, 12, 17, 24		\$3249	\$4199
<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b> <i>(featured itinerary)</i>		Double	Solo	November 7		\$3099	\$3949
May 9		\$2999	\$3799	March 6, 13		\$3099	\$3949
May 16, 23		\$3099	\$3949	April 1, 3, 5		\$3249	\$4199
June 6, 13		\$3099	\$3949	<b>Triple Room Reduction    (-) \$50</b>			
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#### ADD A DAY

**Barcelona:** Treat yourself to another night to enjoy more of this dynamic city. CALL FOR DETAILS



# MADRID & BARCELONA

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy three night stays in captivating Madrid and culturally rich Barcelona.
- Travel to Toledo, the former capital of medieval Spain and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Journey on the thrilling AVE high-speed train.
- Get acquainted with lively Barcelona on a locally guided tour.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | Join a local expert on a panoramic tour of Madrid's architectural treasures followed by a visit to the Prado Museum **or** take a walking tour featuring sites of the Hapsburg era.

**DAY 6** | Take one of two locally guided walking tours of Barcelona. Visit the basilica of Santa Maria del Mar followed by a tour of the Gothic Quarter **or** stroll through the city's oldest open-air market and along Las Ramblas Boulevard before visiting Antoni Gaudí's Güell Palace.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy regional wines and local cuisine with every included dinner!
- Visit La Boqueria Market and explore the regional taste of Catalunya.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 4** NH Collection Abascal, Madrid  
**Days 5 - 7** H10 Casanova, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## NEW TOUR



it's the perfect pairing of  
history, culture, and architecture.

Embark on an in-depth adventure as you experience life  
in these two wondrous cities.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

Madrid: Come early and enjoy more of  
this city's elegant beauty. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Delve into two of the grandest cities in Spain. You will have plenty of time to explore, get to know their charms and savor the atmosphere of each of these magnificent cities.

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

Welcome to Madrid! Spain's dynamic capital possesses a modern infrastructure which has preserved the look and feel of many of its historic neighborhoods. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Choice of Prado Museum or Hapsburg Madrid Walking Tour

**It's your choice!** Join a local expert who introduces you

to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour before exploring the priceless masterpieces of Madrid's Prado Museum, home to the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya **-OR-** take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era; discover the Puerta Del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the famous Andalusian tavern "La Torre del Oro;" Mercado San Miguel, the last remaining market constructed in forged iron; Arco de los Cuchilleros (the Arch of the Knifemakers); and Plaza de la Villa with its historic Baroque and Mudéjar-style buildings. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 4: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

Today we visit Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive walking tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. We'll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, *The Burial of Count Orgaz*. Enjoy free time in the old town before



Cibeles Fountain



Las Ramblas



La Boqueria



Plaza Mayor



La Sagrada Família

returning to Madrid for some time at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a locally-inspired dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Madrid - AVE High Speed Train - Barcelona

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque landscapes of Leon, Castilla and Catalunya as you travel via high-speed train to Spain's modern city of culture and architecture, Barcelona. Get acquainted with one of the liveliest cities in all of Europe on a locally guided tour. Discover Parc Güell, one of the most impressive public parks in the world and one of Antoni Gaudí's masterpieces, where he let loose his imagination with amazing buildings, sculptures and tile work. Next, explore the most popular monument in Spain, Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Família, still under construction after more than 100 years. Later, see the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and several UNESCO World Heritage sites linked to Gaudí including the unconventional Casa Mila building and Batllo House. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Barcelona

**It's your choice!** Take one of two locally guided walking tours. You may choose to begin by visiting the 14th-century basilica of Santa Maria

del Mar, created in pure Catalan Gothic style, followed by a leisurely paced walking tour of Barcelona's historic Gothic Quarter, a beautifully preserved neighborhood with medieval squares set inside a labyrinth of streets leading to the 13th-century La Seu Cathedral **-OR-** meet the locals while exploring La Boqueria, Barcelona's largest and oldest open-air market, portions of which date back to the Middle Ages; then head to Las Ramblas Boulevard, the most famous pedestrian street in Barcelona; discover famous landmarks such as Gran Teatre del Liceu, Plaza Real, Palau de la Virreina, before visiting one of Antoni Gaudí's architectural treasures – Güell Palace. Enjoy some free time this afternoon or take an optional excursion to Montserrat, a spectacular mountaintop monastery. (B)

#### Day 7: Barcelona

Enjoy a day at leisure to create your own adventure in this fascinating city. You may choose an optional excursion to Figueres and the famed Dalí Theatre-Museum for insight into the surrealist world of Salvador Dalí. This evening, toast the end of a memorable trip while enjoying the flavors of regional cuisine. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
May 17	\$2349	\$2849	March 28	\$2299	\$2699
June 14	\$2349	\$2849	April 11	\$2349	\$2849
July 5	\$2249	\$2749	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
August 2	\$2249	\$2749	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
September 13, 20, 27	\$2349	\$2849			
October 4, 18	\$2349	\$2849			
November 1	\$2249	\$2749			
December 6	\$1999	\$2499			

This trip requires a passport.



# SPAIN'S COSTA DEL SOL & THE PORTUGUESE RIVIERA

13 DAYS • 17 MEALS  
FROM \$2799



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra.
- Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.
- See how azulejos (Portuguese tiles) are created at a local workshop.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Journey on the thrilling AVE high-speed train.
- Enjoy a day at leisure in the picturesque Costa del Sol.
- Visit Portugal's Mafra Palace and Monastery.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | Delve into Madrid's artistic side during a panoramic coach tour that highlights the city's architectural treasures and visit the Prado Museum **or** take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era.

**DAY 10** | Join a panoramic Lisbon coach tour featuring its most iconic sites **or** take a walking tour of the Alfama District.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines at a centuries-old winemaker.
- Savor regional wines with every included dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** NH Collection Abascal Hotel, Madrid  
**Days 4 - 6** Parador Málaga Golf, Málaga  
**Days 7, 8** Melia Sevilla or Melia Lebreros, Seville  
**Days 9 - 12** Vila Gale Cascais Hotel, Cascais

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## set out on an Iberian adventure that takes you

from timeless cities to warm Mediterranean shores.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Madrid:** Give yourself more time to explore Spain's art museum capital.  
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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic capital city. Tonight, enjoy a charming welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

### Day 3: Madrid

Today, **it's your choice!** Join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour; then, explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum which boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya **-OR-** take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era: discover the Puerta Del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the famous Andalusian Tavern "La Torre del Oro;" the Mercado San Miguel, the last remaining market constructed in forged iron; Arco de los Cuchilleros (the Arch of the Knifemakers); and Plaza de la Villa with its historic Baroque and Mudéjar-style buildings. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 4: Madrid - High-Speed Train - Cordoba - Costa del Sol

Sit back and enjoy stunning landscapes as you travel via high-speed train to the Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark

on a walking tour of the Mezquita (UNESCO World Heritage site). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Stroll through the streets of the historic Jewish Quarter. Continue on to Spain's Costa del Sol and enjoy a 3-night stay by the sea at Parador Málaga Golf. (B, D)

### Day 5: Costa del Sol

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax and experience your hotel's direct beach access or 18-hole golf course. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you plan your day. (B, D)

### Day 6: Costa del Sol - Granada - Costa del Sol

Take a day trip to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Travel past rolling hills dotted with olive groves, capturing the country's classic beauty. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, a hilltop palace and UNESCO site. Tour the Generalife, "Garden of the Architect," and behold the waterfalls, courtyards and secret gardens on its grounds. (B)

### Day 7: Costa del Sol - Ronda - Seville

Head to Ronda, one of the loveliest and most historic towns in Andalucía. Join a local expert exploring Ronda's old town full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its wonderful panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and mountains. Then, continue to Spain's "cultural capital" - Seville. (B, D)





Málaga, Costa del Sol



Cascais



Ericeira



Belem Tower

#### Day 8: Seville

In Seville, see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and Giralda Bell Tower. Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings and winding streets. Continue to Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park – one of the loveliest parks in all of Europe. (B)

#### Day 9: Seville - Azeitao, Portugal - Cascais

Depart Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Azeitao – an agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and country estates. Explore the tradition of azulejos (Portuguese tiles), and see how they are created at a local workshop. Enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines when we visit a centuries-old winemaker. Later, arrive in Cascais, the famous and picturesque coastal resort on the Portuguese Riviera. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais

**It's your choice!** Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour – via coach – featuring Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), Belem Tower (UNESCO), and the Monument to the Discoveries, capped off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches -OR- select a walking tour of the Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter; step back in time as you explore this residential neighborhood which is considered a village within a city. Stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets, tiny squares, past beautiful churches and whitewashed houses with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with

pots of flowers. Then, climb the hill to explore the castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. Your afternoon is at leisure in Cascais to relax on the beach, walk the promenade, or sit in an outdoor café. (B)

#### Day 11: Cascais - Ericeira - Sintra - Cascais

Visit the impressive Mafra Palace and Monastery, one of Portugal's largest Baroque buildings. A guided tour takes you through the domed basilica, the royal apartments decorated in 18th-century furniture and paintings, and the magnificent Baroque library, one of the finest in Europe. Enjoy some free time to explore the fishing village of Ericeira, perched on cliffs overlooking the Atlantic. Continue on to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favorite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Here, peruse specialty shops filled with Portuguese handicrafts. (B)

#### Day 12: Cascais - Obidos - Nazare - Fatima - Cascais

Travel Portugal's Silver Coast, a region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and centuries-old castles. Stop in charming Obidos, protected by medieval city walls. Continue to Nazare, a coastal fishing village. Then, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Cascais - Tour Ends (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 22*	\$2499	\$2999	October 4, 18	\$2999	\$3549
March 1, 8	\$2799	\$3349	October 25	\$2899	\$3349
April 12, 19, 26	\$2999	\$3649	November 1	\$2849	\$3399
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			February 21	\$2799	\$3299
<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b> <i>(featured itinerary)</i>			February 28	\$2849	\$3399
			March 14	\$2849	\$3399
			April 4, 25	\$2999	\$3549
			<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50</b>		
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
			*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		



#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Spain's Costa del Sol & the Portuguese Riviera and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ① Reflections of Italy ② Shades of Ireland ③ Colors of Morocco CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from Lisbon, Portugal airport. All of our transfers will depart from Cascais to Lisbon airport (approximately a 40 minute drive). If Alhambra Palace is unavailable, a similar top attraction will be added.



# THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

11 DAYS • 13 MEALS  
FROM \$3549



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Immerse yourself in Pamplona's unique bullfighting culture during a conversation with a local expert.
- Visit one of Madrid's bustling marketplaces to seek out Spanish treasures and shop like the locals do.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- In Barcelona, experience the Sagrada Familia Church and towers where you'll enjoy panoramic views of the city.
- Visit the Cathedral of Burgos, which represents the pinnacle of Spain's religious architecture.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- DAY 5** | Join a guided tour of San Sebastian and ride a funicular to the apex of Monte Igeldo **or** take a walking tour along the rural beauty of the Camino de Costa.
- DAY 7** | In Santander, explore via your own paddleboard or kayak **or** take the day to explore the beauty independently.
- DAY 10** | Walk Madrid's centuries-old city center and learn about the Habsburg dynasty **or** take a sightseeing tour that visits the Prado Museum.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Explore the secrets of Catalan cuisine during an interactive culinary workshop.
- Sample traditional pintos during a local dining experience in San Sebastián.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Avenida Palace Hotel, Barcelona
- Day 4** Hotel Maisonnave, Pamplona
- Day 5, 6** Barcelo Costa Vasca Hotel, San Sebastián
- Days 7, 8** NH Collection Palacio de Burgos, Burgos
- Days 9, 10** Hotel NH Madrid Nacional, Madrid

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## NEW TOUR



## EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL WITH NO MORE  
THAN 24 GUESTS

## uncover all the unique wonders of Northern Spain.

From medieval cities to modern Madrid, art and architecture to active exploration, you'll find yourself enchanted by Spain's allure.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Barcelona:** Enjoy the magic of the Catalan capital before your tour starts. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're headed to Barcelona where you'll begin your journey through Northern Spain on an unforgettable Spanish holiday.

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

Welcome to Barcelona, a major global city that abounds with culture, architectural gems, and a world-class culinary scene. A welcome reception at one of the port of Barcelona's historic buildings invites you to sip locally-crafted cocktails amidst views of one of the Mediterranean's liveliest ports.

#### Day 3: Barcelona

Visit the famous La Sagrada Família Church and towers and explore the basilica where you can enjoy panoramic views of the city from 213 feet up. Next, embark on a guided tour of the city and experience sights including the Columbus Monument, the Parc de Montjuïc, and

the exteriors of two of Gaudí's classic constructions, the Casa Mila and the Batlló House. This afternoon you may decide to join an optional expedition to Montserrat for a guided tour of the monastery; or, stay behind to independently see more of the city. Tonight, venture to the city's gourmet quarter where the best Catalan cuisine is right at your fingertips during a culinary workshop with locally-acclaimed chefs! (B, D)

#### Day 4: Barcelona - Pamplona

This morning, voyage to the Basque region and Pamplona, famous for the running of the bulls. Be part of a private conversation with a local expert regarding the sport's long tradition and historical ties to Pamplona, and get inside information about the colorful San Fermin festival. The evening is yours to relax or explore the city's lively neighborhoods full of culinary delights. (B)

#### Day 5: Pamplona - San Sebastián

From Pamplona it's on to charming San Sebastián. **It's your choice** how you spend your day here! Join a locally guided tour of the old town and board a funicular to the apex of Monte Igeldo for breathtaking views of La Concha Bay **-OR-** take a walking tour along the farms, vineyards, and villages of the Coastal Camino; mingle



with locals as you return to San Sebastián by local train. Afterward, dine on pinxtos, traditional Basque tapas, in one of San Sebastián's local restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 6: San Sebastián

This morning, explore San Sebastián at your leisure. You may choose to join an optional tour to Bilbao where you can stroll the quirky riverfront landscapes along the Costa Verde and visit the Guggenheim Museum. (B)

#### Day 7: San Sebastián - Santander - Burgos

Today **it's your choice** how you spend your day in the port city of Santander. See the coast on your own paddleboard or kayak **-OR-** take the day to explore Santander independently, perhaps strolling the gardens of the Palacio de la Magdalena or exploring the historic district of El Sardinero. Later, we gather and continue on to historic Burgos. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Burgos

A walking tour of medieval Burgos reveals rich religious architecture and glimmering streetscapes. Visit Burgos Cathedral, the UNESCO-protected relic of Spain's religious architecture. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 9: Burgos - Salamanca - Madrid

Depart Burgos for Salamanca, perched on the tiered hills of the Tormes River. Choose a walking tour or bicycle tour through the city,



and discover the Baroque architecture of the UNESCO-designated Old City and uncover the two cathedrals of Salamanca. Next it's on to Madrid, the Spanish capital and the epicenter of art, culture and politics, as well as home to the Spanish Monarchs. Seek out the treasures of the city and shop as a Spaniard would during a visit to one of Madrid's bustling marketplaces. (B)

#### Day 10: Madrid

**It's your choice** how you spend your last day in Madrid. Unearth Madrid's centuries-old city center and learn about the Habsburg dynasty's reign over Spain during a walking tour of the old town **-OR-** take a panoramic sightseeing tour ending with a visit to the Prado Museum, Spain's national art museum. This afternoon, perhaps you'll join an optional walking tour of the city of Segovia and the storybook castle, the Alcázar of Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This evening, savor Spain's cuisine one last time over a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers to commemorate a Spanish adventure you'll never forget. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Madrid - Tour Ends

Your adventure ends today. (B)



### DATES & PRICES

Sept. 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
September 13, 27	\$3749	\$4549	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
October 11, 25	\$3749	\$4549		
November 1, 8	\$3549	\$4299		
March 28	\$3649	\$4449		
April 4, 25	\$3749	\$4549		

This trip requires a passport.

### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

**Madrid:** Experience more of Madrid, the Spanish epicenter of art and culture. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



# SUNNY PORTUGAL

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS  
FROM \$1499



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight among vineyards and farmland in the heart of the Alentejo region.
- Explore historic Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."
- Venture to Lagos, where Prince Henry the Navigator began his explorations.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Spend three nights on the sunny coast of the Algarve.
- Stay for three nights on the Portuguese Riviera.
- Tour Lisbon, Portugal's capital that overlooks the Tagus River.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 2** | Join a panoramic Lisbon coach tour featuring it's most iconic sites **or** take a walking tour of the Alfama District.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Experience local cuisine and wine while immersed in the moving sounds of Fado music.
- Indulge in a winery tour and a tasting of the Alentejo region's wines.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 4** Hotel Vila Gale, Cascais or Hotel Vila Gale, Estoril  
**Day 5** Vila Gale Clube de Campo, Alentejo  
**Days 6 - 8** Hotel Vila Gale Lagos, Algarve  
**Day 9** Turim Marques Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## travel Portugal's dramatic shoreline,

meandering cobblestone streets, oceanfront promenades, and quaint bays.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Portugal is waiting to be explored. Discover ancient castles, Roman ruins, groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and kind, gentle people.

### Day 2: Cascais or Estoril, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in a scenic coastal resort on the "Portuguese Riviera," your home for three nights. The mansions scattered about Cascais and Monte Estoril hint at its history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Choice of Lisbon Panoramic City Tour or Alfama District Walking Tour

This morning **it's your choice!** Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour by coach featuring Jeronimo's Monastery (a UNESCO World Heritage site), Belem Tower (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and completed with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches **-OR-** take a walking tour of the historic Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter: step back in time as you explore this residential neighborhood which is considered a village within a city; stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets and small squares; pass by beautiful churches and colorful houses with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers; then, climb

the hill to explore the St. Jorge castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. Later, enjoy leisure time in the Portuguese Riviera. Stroll narrow cobblestone streets, sit in a seaside café, walk wide oceanside promenades or shop for ceramics, lace, filigree, hand woven works and tapestries. This evening, savor excellent Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado Music (UNESCO). (B, D)

### Day 4: Cascais or Estoril - Sintra - Obidos - Fatima - Cascais or Estoril

Begin your day exploring the picturesque town of Sintra (UNESCO), the favorite 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. Proceed to picture-perfect Obidos where white washed houses are held snug by medieval city walls. Later, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. (B)

### Day 5: Cascais or Estoril - Evora - Monsaraz - Alentejo

Travel through beautiful Portuguese countryside and stop in historic Evora (UNESCO), known as the "Museum City of Portugal." Inside this medieval walled city lies a 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana. Next, journey to the hilltop, walled village of Monsaraz, a "jewel in the crown" of the Alentejo. This small medieval town has carefully preserved its original charm. From the 13th-century





Algarve



Cascais



Alfama, Lisbon



**YOU HAVE COME SO FAR**

**Complete your trip with 4 nights on Madeira Island.** Experience the "pearl of the Atlantic." This popular resort destination is known for its food, historical treasures and, of course, its wine.

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castle you'll enjoy amazing panoramic views of the countryside. 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. (B, D)

#### Day 6: 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." You will also garner magnificent views of beautiful Cape of St. Vincent where 200-foot cliffs plunge into the Atlantic at the most southwesterly point of Europe. Next, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences abound. Here, the famous voyager, Prince Henry the Navigator, began his explorations and from the harbor, Vasco da Gama sailed in 1499 on his epic voyage of discovery. Stroll through the fortress and historic buildings while taking in the surrounding ocean views during some leisure time. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Algarve

The entire day is yours to independently experience the beautiful Algarve. Geraniums, camellias and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange and almond trees while brightly colored fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the

Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract vacationers from all over the world. (B)

#### Day 8: Algarve - Faro - São Brás de Alportel - Algarve

Journey to Faro, gateway to the Ria Formosa protected lagoon landscape. Explore the city's historic center with 9th-century Roman walls, dramatic golden coastline, and its archaeological and 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. Portugal is the world's number one producer of cork. Visit a local cork factory to learn about its importance to the local economy and its many uses. Complete your day with dinner featuring local delicacies and wine. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Algarve - Azeitao - Lisbon

En route to Lisbon, make a stop in Azeitao, a charming agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and beautiful country estates. Spend time at the centuries-old Jose Maria da Fonseca Winery. Embark on a tour followed by a tasting of local wines, including moscatel. Next, meet local artisans at a family-run workshop that demonstrates how azulejos, the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, are made. Later, bid adeus to Portugal during a dinner celebrating the end of a wonderful tour. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 16*	\$1499	\$1799	October 2, 5, 9, 12, 19	\$1949	\$2249
February 23	\$1749	\$2049	October 30	\$1899	\$2199
March 2, 9, 13, 16	\$1799	\$2099	November 2, 6, 9	\$1799	\$2099
April 6, 13, 17, 27	\$1899	\$2199	November 30*	\$1499	\$1799
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			January 25*	\$1499	\$1799
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	February 15*	\$1499	\$1799
May 15, 18, 22	\$1899	\$2199	February 22	\$1799	\$2099
May 25	\$1999	\$2349	March 1, 8, 15, 22	\$1799	\$2099
June 8	\$2099	\$2499	April 5, 9, 23, 26	\$1949	\$2249
September 14, 21	\$2199	\$2699	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
September 25	\$2099	\$2499	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
September 28	\$1999	\$2349	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Sunny Portugal and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tour:** 1 Spain's Classics CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Lisbon, Portugal airport. All of our transfers will depart from Lisbon airport for Cascais (approximately a 40 minute drive).



# PORTUGAL & ITS ISLANDS

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the beauty of Portugal's riviera with visits to Cascais and Estoril.
- Gaze upon the pristine twin lakes of Sete Cidades.
- Discover the bountiful crops of the region at pineapple and tea plantations.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Tour Lisbon and discover its treasures including the impressive Tower of Belem.
- Explore the island of Madeira, known as the "Pearl of the Atlantic."
- Discover stunning St. Michael, the largest of the Azorean islands.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- DAY 5** | Take a leisurely hike at Sete Cidades **or** explore its interpretation center and town's center.
- DAY 6** | Stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park **or** relax in the park's thermal pool.
- DAY 11** | Explore a trout farm **or** take a levada walk and follow the paths along the irrigation channels that flow through the mountains.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Experience a truly unique "cozido das furnas" lunch in Furnas Valley.
- Learn the secrets of Azorean cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration.
- Celebrate your Madeiran adventure with entertainment and a traditional dinner known as an "espetada."



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2 - 4** Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon
- Days 5 - 8** Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores
- Days 9 - 11** Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island
- Day 12** Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Sete Cidades

## from Lisbon to the remote island of São Miguel in the Azores

to Madeira, known as the "pearl of the Atlantic,"  
discover another side of Portugal.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel through some of Portugal's most beautiful regions. Experience Lisbon, the Azorean island of St. Michael, and the island of Madeira.

### Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Lisbon where Old World traditions still thrive. Experience medieval towns, coastal villages, Portuguese cuisine, regional wines and folkloric entertainment. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril - Lisbon

Set out on a tour of Lisbon featuring the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Later, explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Continue to the coastal resorts of Cascais and Estoril on the Portuguese Riviera. This evening, savor Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado. (B, D)

### Day 4: Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos - Lisbon

Travel to the "Silver Coast," a region of sleepy villages, vineyards and age-old castles. We visit three distinct villages, each with its own cultural character. Begin in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. Discover the beauty of the famous Basilica. Later, see the magnificent Batalha Monastery (UNESCO). Continue to Nazare, a seaside community named for a small wooden statue of the Virgin Mary that arrived here in the 4th century. Then it is on to picture-perfect Obidos, where white-washed houses are guarded by a hilltop castle. (B)

### Day 5: Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada

To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the nine volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago. A brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada's town center highlights the Portas da Cidade (The City Gates), Saint Christ's Church, St. Sebastian Church, and the seashore promenade. Later, gaze at the twin lakes of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities). Composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater, it is the island's most popular national park. From the edge of the crater, one lake





Madeira Natural Pools

appears blue (reflecting the sky) and the other looks green (reflecting the ground). This afternoon **it's your choice!** You may choose to take a leisurely hike inside the crater of Sete Cidades and admire the pristine Bay of Silence **-OR-** perhaps you would prefer to explore the interpretation center of Sete Cidades followed by free time in the town's center. Our day concludes with a magnificent view of the coastal village of Mosteiros. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Ponta Delgada - Terra Nostra Botanical Park - Furnas Valley

**Today it's your choice!** You may take a stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park, home to the world's largest collection of camellias **-OR-** you can choose to rest and relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool. In Furnas Valley, experience a *cozido das furnas* lunch in which meat and vegetables are stewed in the heat of the volcanic earth. Afterward, explore Caldeiras das Furnas, the town's famous hot springs area. The day comes to a close at a tea plantation where you will learn about timeless methods of production. (B, L)

#### Day 7: Ponta Delgada - Optional Tours - Cooking Demonstration

The morning is yours to explore Ponta Delgada or perhaps take an optional tour...maybe you will choose to swim with dolphins, take a whale watching boat trip, or kayak at Sete Cidades. Later, discover the secrets of Azorean cuisine during an interactive cooking demonstration at one of the island's most popular restaurants. Your evening finishes with a sumptuous dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Ponta Delgada - Lagoa do Fogo - Ribeira Grande - Nordeste

Delve into the art of hand-painted ceramics during a studio visit. Next, take in the beautiful vistas of the mystical Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake). Journey to Ribeira Grande, known for its historic 16th- and 17th-century buildings. See City Hall, Church of Our Lady, and the eight-arch bridge, a symbol of the town. Then, visit a family-owned liqueur shop to taste some of the all-natural local liqueurs. Continue to Nordeste, the highest part of the island. Here, explore the natural beauty and famous waterfalls of Ribeira dos Caldeiros. We make our final stop of the day at a pineapple plantation where an expert leads you through the farm's greenhouses. (B)

#### Day 9: Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira - Monte

Fly to Madeira. The "Pearl of the Atlantic" boasts

a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking scenic Funchal. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Discover Madeira's history during a panoramic tour of Funchal's plazas, Colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and the local market. (B)

#### Day 10: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - São Vicente - Porto Moniz

We begin our day with a visit to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with a picture-perfect bay. Continue along mountain roads, passing banana plantations and vineyards en route to Cabo Girão, the world's second-highest cliff. Stop in São Vicente, a charming agricultural town and home to dramatic views of the coast. In the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools. (B)

#### Day 11: Funchal - Ribeiro Frio - Santana

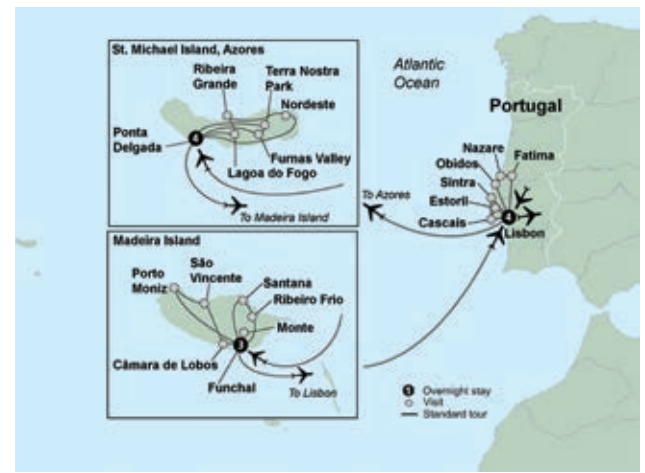
Set out on a winding trip through the mountains to Pico do Arieiro, the island's third-highest point. Then, **it's your choice!** At Ribeiro Frio (Cold River), explore the natural beauty of a trout farm **-OR-** you may join an exhilarating levada walk and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains. Next we continue to Santana, a village of small triangular homes thatched with straw. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop and meet local artisans who offer a first-hand look at their delicate craft. Then, it's time to sample some world-famous Madeira wine. Celebrate with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a local dish of beef marinated in herbs and cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the energetic city of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid "adeus" to Portugal during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Lisbon - Tour Ends

(B)



Levada Walk

#### DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March 9	\$2399	\$3049	August 10	\$2599	\$3349
★ April 13, 20, 27	\$2499	\$3249	September 14, 21	\$2599	\$3349
			October 5, 12	\$2499	\$3249
			November 2	\$1999	\$2599
			March 22	\$1999	\$2599
			★ April 26	\$2499	\$3249

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo
May 18	\$2399	\$3049
June 15	\$2499	\$3249
July 6	\$2599	\$3349

**Triple Room Reduction** (-) \$30  
Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

#### ★ CELEBRATE TRADITION ★

##### Madeira Flower Festival

The island is in full bloom. While in Funchal, take in the lively music, beautiful floral designs, sumptuous food and more

**April 13, 20, 27, 2018  
& April 26, 2019**



This trip requires a passport. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal air, can be purchased through us.

#### STAY LONGER

##### ADD A DAY

Lisbon: Unwind after your tour with more time in the city of explorers.

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# PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES WITH BARCELONA

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Worship in the most revered basilicas of Fatima and Lourdes.
- Spend time at the magnificent Cathedral of Burgos.
- Visit the Shrine of the Most Holy Miracle in Santarem.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Visit Gaudi's masterpiece "La Sagrada Familia" and celebrate mass.
- Travel back in time as you visit the amazing medieval city of Carcassonne.
- View the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Gather for a memorable farewell dinner in Barcelona.
- Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Hotel de Fatima, Fatima
- Days 4, 5** Hotel Almirante Bonifaz, Burgos
- Days 6, 7** Hotel Alba or Hotel Beau Site, Lourdes
- Days 8, 9** Evenia Rossello Hotel, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## the wonderful cultures and beauty of Portugal, Spain and France

come alive as you explore and find inspiration in their most revered sites.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel overnight to Portugal, one of Europe's most hospitable countries. Here you can enjoy a superb climate, historic sites and beautiful scenery.

### Day 2: Fatima, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Fatima, Portugal's world-famous pilgrimage site. (D)

### Day 3: Fatima - Aljustrel - Santarem - Fatima

You may celebrate Mass before traveling to the original town of Fatima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptized. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. In Santarem, visit the Shrine of the Most Holy Miracle. At the Church of St. Stephen, see the relic of the miraculous Host, considered among the most important Eucharistic miracles. Later, return to Fatima to enjoy free time for personal worship and to explore the basilica and its grounds. (B, D)

### Day 4: Fatima - Burgos, Spain

Attend a morning mass before travelling east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim's Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into the sky. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

### Day 5: Burgos

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos' beautiful medieval town center. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos, a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the starry dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12th-century Monastery of Santa Maria Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)



Shrine of Fatima



La Sagrada Familia



Lourdes Grotto of Massabielle

#### Day 6: Burgos - Lourdes, France

Today you travel northeast through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, a total of 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1858. This little market town has been a world-renowned pilgrimage site ever since. Tonight you may wish to partake in a candlelight procession. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Lourdes

After morning mass, enjoy a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette: the "Boly Mill" (site of the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the "Cachot," and the parish church housing the baptismal font of St. Bernadette. Later, at leisure, explore the town's rich historical and natural heritage and be immersed in the atmosphere that reigned during the apparitions and the spirit of brotherhood that is still present today. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Lourdes - Carcassonne - Barcelona, Spain

Celebrate mass before your journey through southern France's Pyrenees to historic Carcassonne. You will feel as though you have gone back in time as you independently explore this well-preserved medieval city. Later, cross back into Spain and travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most fascinating cities. (B)

#### Day 9: Barcelona

Celebrate mass at La Sagrada Familia (crypt), followed by a visit to the elaborate, expansive basilica. Once completed, Gaudi's masterpiece will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. Later, get to know more of the city's treasures including views of Antonio Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic. The afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration or an optional excursion to the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat, village of Montserrat. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a dinner celebrating the end of a memorable tour. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home eager to share vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 25	\$1649	\$2049	September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$2049	\$2449
March 4, 12, 18	\$1749	\$2149	October 7, 14, 21, 28	\$2049	\$2449
April 8, 15, 22, 29	\$1849	\$2249	November 4	\$1849	\$2149
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			March 3	\$1949	\$2349
			March 10, 17	\$1849	\$2149
			March 31	\$1949	\$2349
			April 7, 28	\$1949	\$2349
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30		
May 6, 13	\$2049	\$2449	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
June 10	\$2049	\$2449			



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** ① Shrines of Italy CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Lisbon, Portugal airport. All of our transfers will depart from Lisbon airport for Fatima. Travel time from Lisbon to Fatima is approximately 90 minutes. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 2:00 p.m.

### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stroll the cobbled alleyways and ancient market of the Medina in Fes.
- Experience a Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Fes, one of the holiest Muslim cities in the world.
- Board a camel to your desert camp and overnight in the Sahara Desert.
- Jump into a 4x4 and make your way to a nomadic village.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 10** | Choose to visit the gardens of Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, **or** tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn how madfouna (stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices) is made.
- Experience Moroccan hospitality during lunch with a local family.
- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local riad.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Kenzi Basma Hotel, Casablanca  
**Days 3, 4** Riad Yacout, Fes  
**Day 5** Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud  
**Day 6** Auberge du Sud Hotel, Merzouga  
**Day 7** Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades  
**Days 8 - 10** Opera Plaza, Marrakech

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

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Sahara Desert

## take in the vibrant surroundings and dazzle your senses

as you are immersed in the unique atmosphere that is Morocco.

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#### ADD A DAY

**Casablanca:** Begin your adventure with more time in this cultural mecca.

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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on a captivating Moroccan adventure featuring centuries-old customs and colorful culture.

### Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Casablanca. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to a welcome dinner at Rick's Café, the mythical saloon from the film *Casablanca*. (D)

### Day 3: Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fes

This morning, tour the impressive Hassan II Mosque, a stunning, high-tech, architectural masterpiece. Then we are off to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, to

visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and explore the Oudaya Kasbah. Continue to the imperial city of Meknes (UNESCO). Lush rolling hills studded with ancient olive groves await you in this cultural city where you will see Bab El Mansour and Bab El Khamis. Arrive in Fes in time for dinner prepared by local women, known as "dadas." Taste traditional Moroccan delights passed down from generation to generation. (B, D)

### Day 4: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour, including the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace. Set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to one of the world's oldest universities. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market you'll see donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries, a

honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colors. (B)

### Day 5: Fes - Ifrane - Erfoud

Continue towards Erfoud. Along the way we pause in Ifrane for excellent views of the Middle Atlas Mountains and the surrounding villages. Overnight in a kasbah. (B, D)

### Day 6: Erfoud - Rissani - Sahara Desert Expedition - Merzouga

Your day begins at Erfoud's fossil factory and museum where they turn fossil rocks into decorative items. Next, travel to the Saharaoui town of Rissani. Enjoy a true taste of the region as you learn how *madfouna* (homemade stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices) is made. Jump into a 4x4 vehicle and stop in one of the nomadic villages of the Sahara before arriving at the edge of the dunes. Board your camel for a ride to a desert camp. Cross the stunning fine sands of Merzouga while the red sun slips toward the horizon. As night falls, listen to intoxicating Berber drums during the traditional pouring of mint tea followed by a delightful Moroccan feast. Sleep in a fully equipped Berber-style tent and experience an unrivaled sense of tranquility in the serene desert. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades

Enjoy amazing views of the sunrise as you return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter where you may sample some local favorites at a bakery. Arrive in vibrant Boumalne du Dades. Along its river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes light up in the desert sun. (B, D)

### Day 8: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs." These fortress-like structures rise up like turreted sandcastles along the ancient trading route. Drive through the Valley of Roses, stopping en route at a local cooperative. Then, it's on to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou, an impressive feat of Moroccan architecture. Continue along the High Atlas Mountains following the Tizi n' Tichka Pass. This scenic route brings you through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains and several Berber villages before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech. (B)

### Day 9: Marrakech

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where today you'll find a sentry of nesting storks standing guard. 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. Savor lunch and tea in the home of a local family and get a true taste of Moroccan hospitality. Then, enter the 9th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to



Hassan II Mosque



Fez Market

mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. This evening enjoy time on your own to explore the city. Or, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion and dinner at Jemaa el Fna, Marrakech's main square. (B, L)

### Day 10: Marrakech

This morning, select the ingredients for your culinary workshop that takes place at a local riad, a traditional Moroccan house. After lunch, experience another local custom at a henna workshop. Then **it's your choice!** Visit Jardin Majorelle, one of the most beautiful gardens in Morocco; enjoy a tour of the gardens and the Berber Museum **-OR-** tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for an unforgettable farewell dinner in a palace. (B, L, D)

### Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends

A morning transfer brings you back to Casablanca to connect to your flight home. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 <small>(different itinerary - see note)</small>	Double	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019 <small>(featured itinerary)</small>	Double	Solo
February 8	\$2449	\$3149	November 7	\$2749	\$3449
March 15	\$2449	\$3149	December 5	\$2749	\$3449
April 5	\$2449	\$3149	January 9	\$2749	\$3449
<small>Itinerary featured is for October 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>			February 6, 13	\$2749	\$3449
			March 6, 27	\$2749	\$3449
			April 3, 24	\$2749	\$3449
			<b>Triple Room Reduction</b> (-) N/A		
			<small>Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.</small>		
October 2018 - April 2019 <small>(featured itinerary)</small>	Double	Solo			
October 3, 17, 24, 31	\$2749	\$3449			



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**Suggested Tour:** ① Spain's Costa del Sol & the Portuguese Riviera

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### STAY LONGER

**ADD  
A DAY**

**Casablanca:** Explore more of this Moroccan port city.

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum.
- Relax on a scenic boat ride to the Isle of Capri.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Set out on a locally guided tour of Florence, "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Visit the Academy Museum in Florence to see Michelangelo's famous statue of *David*.
- Stroll the streets of Verona – the backdrop for *Romeo and Juliet*.
- Enjoy the magic of the Italian lakes in the captivating resort of Stresa.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 10** | Set out on an expert-led walking tour of Venice's highlights or go 'off the beaten path' and experience the charming Castello Sestiere district.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 4** Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome  
**Days 5, 6** Towers Hotel, Sorrento Coast or Michelangelo Hotel, Sorrento  
**Days 7, 8** Grand Hotel Baglioni or Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence  
**Days 9, 10** Hotel Bellini, Venice  
**Days 11, 12** Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

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## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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in a trip to Italy. Delve deeper into its history and culture as you visit some of the world's most beautiful locales.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Rome:** The 'Eternal City' is calling your name. Answer it a day early.

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treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

### Day 5: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast

Journey south toward the brilliant Bay of Naples where charming villages are built into hillsides above a sparkling blue sea. Soak in 2,000 years of history during your discovery of the excavated ruins of Pompeii. A local guide provides an in-depth view of this remarkably preserved archaeological site. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento and take some time to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous local Sorrento craft. End your day on the breathtaking Sorrento Coast. (B)

### Day 6: Sorrento Coast - Isle of Capri - Sorrento Coast

A scenic boat ride brings you to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Upon arrival, take a panoramic ride to the island's highest town, Anacapri. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation and outdoor cafés before returning to the Sorrento Coast. (B, D)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Ciao, Italy!

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

Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. (D)

### Day 3: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour

A locally guided tour of Classical Rome features such sights as the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs, burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. (B)

### Day 4: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural





Rome



Isle of Capri



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### Day 7: Sorrento Coast - Florence

Tuscany unfolds with its panorama of vineyards and olive groves. Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance," awaits and offers Italy's best art and architecture. Visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of *David*. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 8: Florence

A locally guided tour 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. You also view the magnificent Piazza della Signoria with its imposing Palazzo Vecchio. (B)

### Day 9: Florence - Pisa - Venice

Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo (Cathedral), and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialties. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

### Day 10: Venice - Murano Island - Venice

Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square where **it's your choice!**

Join a local expert who will take you on a walking tour of this famous square to view the Basilica and visit the impressive Doge's Palace along with the legendary Bridge of Sighs **-OR-** step off the beaten path and explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 11: Venice - Verona - Stresa

Depart Venice for Verona to stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore. (B, D)

### Day 12: Stresa - Locarno, Switzerland - Isola dei Pescatori, Italy - Stresa

Today, cross into Switzerland and the picturesque lakeside resort of Locarno for magnificent views, excellent shopping and charming cafés. Tonight, we travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner while surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

### Day 13: Stresa - Tour Ends

Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (B)

## DATES & PRICES

### February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)

	Double	Solo
February 25*	\$2999	\$3699
March 4, 11, 18	\$3399	\$4199
March 25	\$3599	\$4499
April 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22	\$3699	\$4599
April 24	\$3799	\$4699

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)

	Double	Solo
May 6, 13	\$3899	\$4799
May 15, 20, 27	\$3999	\$4899
June 3, 10, 24	\$3999	\$4899
July 1, 8, 15, 22	\$3599	\$4499
August 7, 14	\$3599	\$4499
September 2, 4, 9, 11, 16	\$3999	\$4899
September 18, 23, 25	\$3999	\$4899
October 2, 7	\$3999	\$4899
October 14	\$3899	\$4799

### May 2018 - April 2019

	Double	Solo
October 16, 21	\$3699	\$4599
October 23	\$3599	\$4499
November 4, 6	\$3499	\$4299
November 25*	\$2999	\$3699
December 2*	\$2899	\$3549
January 22*	\$2899	\$3549
February 24*	\$2999	\$3699
March 10, 12, 17	\$3399	\$4199
March 26	\$3599	\$4499
March 31	\$3699	\$4599
April 2, 7	\$3699	\$4599
April 23	\$3849	\$4749

### Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

**\*Value Season Departures:** These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.



## COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Italian Vistas and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:** ❶ Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road  
❷ Greece and Its Islands ❸ France Magnifique ❹ Spectacular Scandinavia

CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from Milan airport. All of our return transfers will depart from Stresa for Milan airport.



# REFLECTIONS OF ITALY

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of *David*.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Behold medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria.
- Enjoy a scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills.
- Set out on a locally guided panoramic tour of Rome.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 8** | In Venice, Explore St. Mark's Square and visit the Doge's Palace along with the Bridge of Sighs **or** step off the beaten path and stroll through the Castello Sestiere district.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines.
- Visit a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome  
**Day 4** Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia  
**Days 5, 6** Hotel Albani, Florence or Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence  
**Days 7, 8** Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal or Hotel Bellini, Venice  
**Day 9** Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa, Malpensa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## revel in the magic of Italy on this tour

that explores the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena,  
Venice, Assisi, Perugia and Milan.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Rome:** Give yourself the gift of time to explore this magical place.

CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

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

Your tour begins in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

#### Day 3: Rome

This morning you'll come to know the history and traditions of Rome while on a locally guided panoramic tour featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine, the famous Piazza Navona, and a visit to the Colosseum. The remainder of

the day is at leisure. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

#### Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia/Assisi

Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Behold one of the grandest squares in Italy – the Piazza IV Novembre – and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. (B)

#### Day 5: Perugia/Assisi - Siena - Florence

A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills brings you to the mystical city of Siena. Delight in its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena. You are sure to find many surprises among its



Venice



Basilica of St. Francis



Colosseum

shops and outdoor cafés. Arrive in Florence and enjoy some free time before gathering for dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Florence

In Florence – the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance” – visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo’s incredible statue of *David*. During your cultural tour of Florence you’ll also view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Church of Santa Croce. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. (B)

#### Day 7: Florence - Venice

Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of its 12th-century castle, learn about the winery’s famed Tuscan wines and enjoy a light lunch filled with local specialties. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the wooded Apennine Mountains toward the Valley of the Po. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Venice - Murano Island - Venice

See Venice from the water as we board a boat bound for Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration. Discover the secrets of this ancient art and marvel at the intricate

designs of each one-of-a-kind piece. Then you travel to St. Mark’s where **it’s your choice!** Join a local expert on a walking tour of this famous square to view the stunning Basilica and visit the impressive Doge’s Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs **-OR-** go off the beaten path to explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; get to know authentic Venice and see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. (B)

#### Day 9: Venice - Milan Malpensa

Today you travel to Milan. Take in some of the city’s amazing sights on a locally guided walking tour: view the Opera House La Scala and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, and visit the Duomo – this magnificent Gothic cathedral is the third largest church in Europe. Later, perhaps you will indulge in some shopping at the “Quadrilatero della Moda,” Milan’s high-fashion district. Continue to Milan Malpensa for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close in Milan Malpensa this morning. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 (different itinerary – see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
February 26	\$2149	\$2549	October 10, 15, 22, 23	\$2899	\$3399
March 5, 7, 12, 14	\$2499	\$2949	October 24	\$2749	\$3199
March 19, 21	\$2599	\$3049	November 6, 8	\$2549	\$2999
April 4	\$2699	\$3249	November 28*	\$1999	\$2399
April 9, 11, 16, 19	\$2799	\$3349	December 2*	\$1999	\$2399
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			January 24*	\$1999	\$2399
May 2018 – April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	February 14	\$2149	\$2499
May 2	\$2799	\$3349	March 4, 7, 11, 13	\$2499	\$2949
May 7, 9, 14, 16, 23	\$2999	\$3599	March 18, 20, 27	\$2599	\$3099
June 6, 13, 20, 27	\$2999	\$3599	April 3, 8, 10	\$2699	\$3199
July 4, 18, 25	\$2799	\$3349	April 24	\$2799	\$3349
August 2, 8	\$2799	\$3349			
September 3, 5, 12, 17, 19, 26	\$2999	\$3599			
October 3, 8	\$2999	\$3599			

Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30 - \$50

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

\*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you’ll enjoy smaller crowds. It’s a wonderful time to travel.



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Reflections of Italy and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:** ① France Magnifique ② Discover Switzerland  
③ Exploring the Alpine Countries ④ Shades of Ireland CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport.



# ROME & THE AMALFI COAST

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the amazing mountaintop monastery of Montecassino.
- Tour a buffalo milk mozzarella factory.
- Visit the fascinating National Archaeological Museum in Naples.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Take a panoramic tour of Classical Rome featuring an in-depth guided visit of the spectacular Colosseum.
- Visit the seaside resort town of Sorrento.
- Discover the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.
- Travel by boat to the spectacular island of Capri where a local guide shows you the sights.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- In Minori, sample some of the local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory.
- Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Hotel Imperial, Rome
- Day 4-8** Hotel Raito, Vietri-sul Mare, or Hotel Graal, Amalfi Coast  
**ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE**  
During your stay at the Raito Hotel, Amalfi Coast, you may choose to enjoy a sea view by upgrading your accommodations to a Superior room. *Call for details.*
- Day 9** A.Roma Lifestyle Hotel or The Duke Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Amalfi Coast

## bask in the striking landscapes

as you journey from Rome to Southern Italy's breathtaking Amalfi Coast.  
Delight in the unique regional art, culture, food and wine.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

Rome: Open your tour with more time in the "Eternal City." CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Journey through southern Italy and experience its rich scenery, art, culture, food and wine.

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

Your tour opens in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local delicacies and wines. (D)

#### Day 3: Rome

This morning you may join an optional tour to the magnificent treasures of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. Later we set out on a panoramic tour of

Classical Rome featuring the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine, followed by an in-depth guided visit of the spectacular Colosseum. Then, contemporary Rome is highlighted through the legendary Piazza Navona. (B)

#### Day 4: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast

Journey to the Amalfi Coast. En route, make a stop at the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino which is perched on a mountaintop south of Rome. Discover its rich history while exploring the monastery's ornate chapel, peaceful courtyards and fascinating museum. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Amalfi - Minori - Amalfi Coast

Begin your day exploring the popular and charming seaside resort town of Sorrento. This afternoon, travel to the delightful town of Amalfi where you have time to explore. Next, continue to Minori where you will have





the opportunity to sample some of the local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory. Savor a traditional Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop. Your evening is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 6: Amalfi Coast - Paestum - Amalfi Coast

After breakfast, discover one of Italy's most surprising products during a tour of a local buffalo milk mozzarella factory. Your day continues with a visit to Paestum where a local guide will escort you through some of the best-preserved Greek temples outside of Greece. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Amalfi Coast - Capri - Amalfi Coast

Explore a Mediterranean paradise on the sparkling Bay of Naples when you embark from the port of Salerno and cruise to the wonderful Isle of Capri. Sail past hill towns along the Amalfi Coast, passing colorful homes, lush gardens and architectural marvels. On Capri, enjoy a locally guided tour via minibus and spend time admiring the town of Anacapri where you witness grand views of the island and the Bay of Naples. After free time to experience the

charming island independently, ride the funicular back toward the Marina Grande to board your boat for the return trip. (B)

#### Day 8: Amalfi Coast - Pompeii - Winery - Amalfi Coast

Today, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Soak in the history of the preserved original buildings of a typical Roman town 2,000 years ago. A local guide will provide an in-depth tour of this remarkable archaeological site. Stop at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius to savor the famous Lacryma Christo wines and enjoy a typical Neapolitan lunch. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Amalfi Coast - Naples - Rome

Bid farewell to the Amalfi Coast and proceed to colorful and vibrant Naples. Enjoy a visit to the fascinating National Archaeological Museum, one of the finest in the world. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the completion of a marvelous visit to Italy. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Rome - Tour Ends

Your trip comes to a close, leaving you with a lifetime of memories. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

#### February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)

	Double	Solo
February 24*	\$2249	\$2849
March 8, 15	\$2649	\$3249
April 5	\$2849	\$3449
April 12, 19, 26	\$2899	\$3499

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)

	Double	Solo
May 3, 10, 12, 17, 24	\$2999	\$3799
June 7, 14	\$2999	\$3799
July 12, 26	\$2999	\$3799
August 23	\$2999	\$3799
September 6, 13, 15, 20	\$3099	\$3899
September 22, 27	\$3099	\$3899
October 4, 11, 18	\$2999	\$3799

#### May 2018 - April 2019

	Double	Solo
October 20, 25	\$2899	\$3649
November 8	\$2799	\$3299
December 6	\$2499	\$2999
January 24*	\$1999	\$2199
February 21*	\$1999	\$2199
March 14, 21	\$2799	\$3299
April 4, 7	\$2949	\$3749
April 25, 27	\$2999	\$3799

#### Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

\*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.

This trip requires a passport. During your stay on the Amalfi Coast standard room accommodations at the Raito Hotel are limited and available on a first come, first served basis for departures utilizing that hotel. Upgrades to superior rooms with partial sea view are available at an additional cost. For departures utilizing the Graal Hotel, please note that while this hotel offers amazing coastal views, your daily driving times will increase by approximately 45 - 60 minutes each way.



# TUSCANY & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS  
FROM \$1899



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the cliff-side villages of the Cinque Terre with a local guide.
- Experience a guided tour including a visit to the beautiful Cathedral of San Martino.
- Marvel at the magnificent architecture of the Piazza Dei Miracoli.
- Spend 3 nights in a beautiful Tuscan estate.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Journey to Florence for a tour of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- Explore the medieval city of Siena.
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | Join a Florentine guide and choose between seeing the city's iconic sites **or** Florence's lesser-known treasures.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy an authentic Tuscan dinner expertly paired with locally produced wines.
- Partake in an interactive pasta-making demonstration.
- Savor regional wines with every included dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 4** Hotel Paggeria Medicea, Tuscany  
**Days 5 - 7** Grande Albergo Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## experience two of Italy's great regions

on a single journey that takes you from a Tuscan estate to the cliffs of Cinque Terre.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Experience the romance of travel among the rolling hills of Tuscany and along the colorful coast of the Italian Riviera.

### Day 2: Tuscany, Italy - Tuscan Estate - Tour Begins

Welcome to Tuscany. Settle in for a relaxing 3-night stay at a traditional Tuscan estate. Your journey begins with an interactive pasta-making demonstration with the winery's on-site chef. Then take your seat for an authentic Tuscan dinner expertly paired with their wines. (D)

### Day 3: Tuscan Estate - Florence - Tuscan Estate

How will you experience the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance?" **The choice is yours!** Perhaps you'll join a local Florentine guide to see the city's iconic sites: view the remarkable Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive gilded bronze doors of the

Baptistry dedicated to St. John, the Piazza della Signoria and Piazza Santa Croce **-OR-** you may join your local guide and see Florence's lesser-known treasures - the Piazza Santa Maria Novella, the bustling San Lorenzo Market, and visit the Orsanmichele Church; see San Lorenzo Church and admire historic Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence. Later, delight in leisure time to relax or discover this dynamic city on your own. (B)

### Day 4: Tuscan Estate - Siena - Tuscan Winery - Tuscan Estate

A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills brings you to the lovely medieval city of Siena. Delight in its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena with its small specialty shops and outdoor cafés. Then it's on to





Cinque Terre



Lucca

one of the oldest wine estates in the Siena region. Sit down with a family member to hear about their wine and taste their creations along with other local products. Return to your countryside estate. Perhaps you'll explore its Medici Villa. Tonight, a local musician will serenade you at dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Tuscan Estate - Lucca - Pisa - Italian Riviera

As you head towards Italy's picturesque Riviera, make a stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Join a local guide for a tour showcasing the Cathedral of San Martino and the Piazza Napoleone. Next, spend time in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa. Discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, view the Duomo (Cathedral) and, of course, stand before its famous Leaning Tower. Continue on to the spectacular Italian Riviera and check in for your 3-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Italian Riviera

Spend the day exploring the colorful cliff-side villages of the Cinque Terre with a local guide. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with

terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. You'll make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

#### Day 7: Italian Riviera - Santa Margherita Ligure - Portofino - Italian Riviera

Travel to the seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. Board a boat to glamorous Portofino. Soak in the view of the town's colorful harbor, dotted by fishing boats and yachts, set against a backdrop of pastel-colored buildings. Return to Santa Margherita Ligure for free time to peruse its charming streets and boutiques. Tonight, cap off an unforgettable journey at a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Italian Riviera - Tour Ends

Today your journey comes to a close. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
(different itinerary - see note)			August 24	\$2199	\$2499
March 23	\$1899	\$2149	September 7, 14, 21	\$2199	\$2499
April 13, 27	\$1999	\$2249	September 28	\$1999	\$2249
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 5	\$1999	\$2249
			November 2	\$1899	\$2149
			March 22	\$1899	\$2149
			April 5, 12	\$2099	\$2299
May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$30	
(featured itinerary)					
May 4, 11	\$2149	\$2449			
June 15	\$2149	\$2449			
June 29	\$2199	\$2499			
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Tuscany & the Italian Riviera and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ① Rome & the Amalfi Coast

CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Travelers who purchase our air will arrive into and depart from Florence or Pisa airport. All arrival transfers will depart from the Pisa or Florence airport to the Tuscan villa. All of our transfers will depart from the Italian Riviera to the Florence or Pisa airport.



# VENICE, FLORENCE & ROME

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS  
FROM \$1649



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Academy Gallery to view Michelangelo's extraordinary *David*.
- Join a local expert and explore the rich history of Rome's Colosseum.
- Take in a glass-blowing demonstration on Venice's Murano Island.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Come to know Venice, one of Italy's most unique cities, with a local expert.
- Embark on a walking tour featuring Florence's artistic and architectural gems.
- Join a local guide on your panoramic tour featuring Rome's treasures.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and more during a Bologna food walking tour.
- Dine in true Italian-style with wine at every included dinner!



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Hotel Sant'Elena, Ca' dei Conti Hotel, B4 Bellini Venezia or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice
- Days 4, 5** B4 Astoria Firenze, Florence
- Days 6, 7** Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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from romantic Venice to artful  
Florence and historic Rome,

discover why these cities are Italy's most popular destinations.

### START EARLY

**ADD  
A DAY**

**Venice:** Take more time in the enchanting city of Venice.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure, featuring the magic of Venice, Florence and Rome. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country.

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

Welcome to Venice, often called *La Serenissima* (the most serene) of cities. This evening, meet your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Venice

Explore enchanting Venice with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Your Venetian journey opens on Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square, the city's lively hub. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour through the area highlighting St. Mark's Basilica and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore the hidden spots of this charming city; perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride. The locals say the best way to get to know Venice is to 'get lost' here. (B)

### Day 4: Venice - Bologna - Florence

Travel the beautiful Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions to Bologna, Italy's foodie capital. Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour highlighting the culinary



side of this historic city. Explore one of Bologna's oldest food markets and check out traditional food shops. Discover Bologna's culture, architecture and history as you enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and more. Then sit down for lunch at one of Bologna's traditional restaurants. Later we continue to Florence – the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance." (B, L)

#### Day 5: Florence

Meet a local expert for an introduction to this city that is a work of art all its own. On a walking tour your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. You also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. Later, discover the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of *David*. The remainder of the day is yours to continue exploring Florence's cultural riches. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Florence - Rome

Today we journey to Rome. This afternoon, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome features

such sights as the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs, burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. (B)

#### Day 7: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure to bask in Rome's cultural treasures independently. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure at your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
February 24*	\$1649	\$1949	October 7, 14	\$2599	\$3499
March 3, 17	\$2099	\$2499	November 4	\$2199	\$2849
April 14	\$2349	\$2949	December 2*	\$1649	\$1999
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			February 24*	\$1749	\$2249
			March 17	\$2049	\$2549
			March 31	\$2399	\$2999
			April 7	\$2399	\$2999
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction		(-) \$30
May 6, 20	\$2599	\$3499	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
June 17	\$2599	\$3499			
July 8, 15	\$2299	\$2949			
August 5	\$2299	\$2949			
September 16, 23	\$2599	\$3499			
*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.					

This trip requires a passport.

### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

Rome: Stay an extra night and explore more of the "Eternal City."  
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# SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

12 DAYS • 16 MEALS  
FROM \$2399



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Be amazed by the Greek Theatre in Taormina.
- Tour a vineyard and sample its wine.
- Travel to "Sassi di Matera," an ancient town known for its cave dwellings.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Venture to the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.
- Experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.
- Marvel at the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 6** | Visit Catania's cathedral and a local market with a guide **or** explore the Museo dello Sbarco (Allied Landing Museum).



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a delicious regional dinner in a winery's agriturismo restaurant.
- Sample some local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory.
- Wine is included with every meal.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

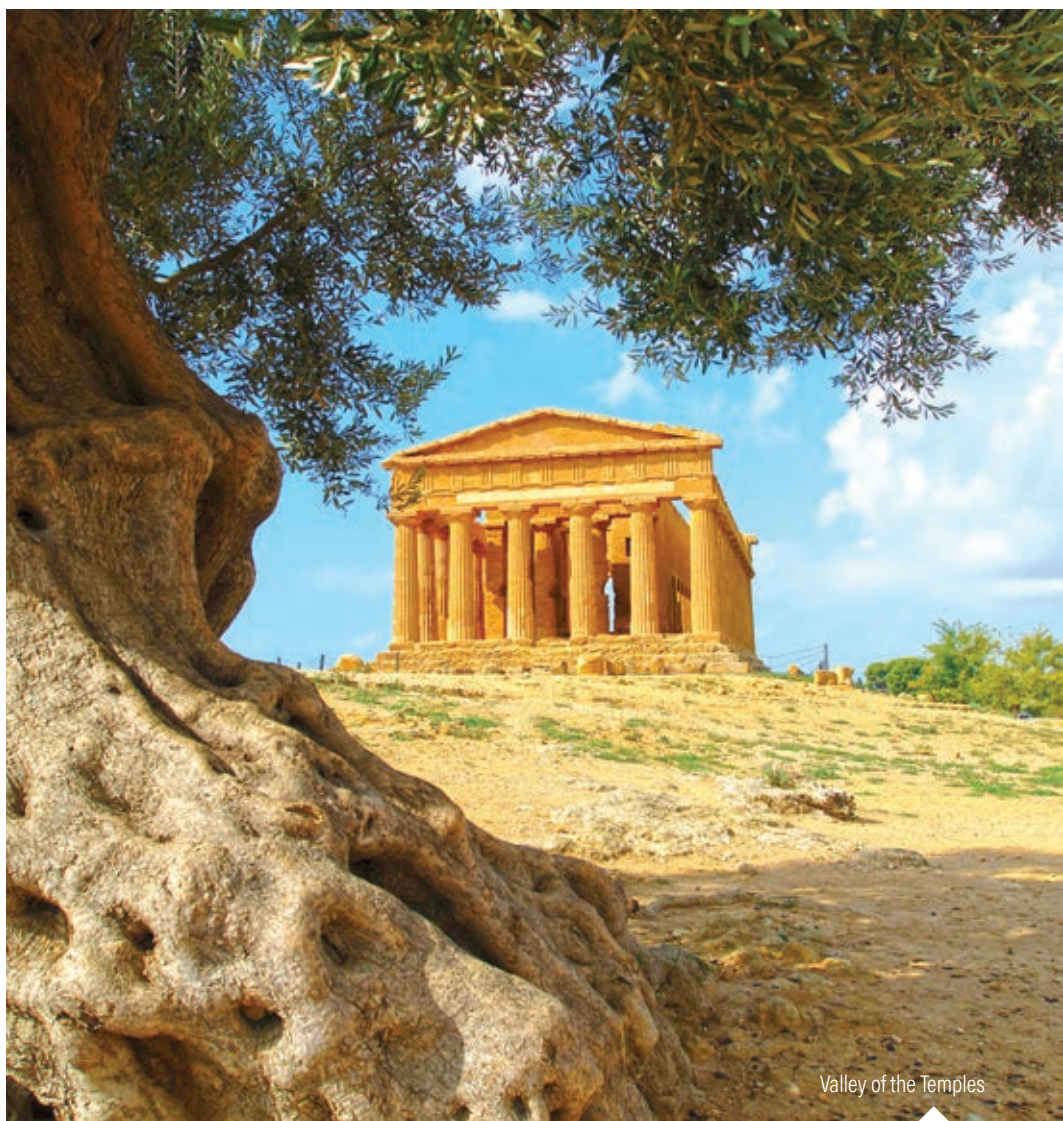
**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Hotel Federico II Central Palace, Palermo  
**Days 4 - 6** Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos  
**Days 7, 8** Hilton Garden Inn, Matera  
**Days 9, 10** Towers Hotel Stabiae or Michelangelo Hotel, Sorrento  
**Day 11** A. Rome Lifestyle Hotel or Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Valley of the Temples

## travel amid the ancient cultures and vibrant landscapes

found only in these distinctive regions of southern Italy.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Palermo:** Take some time to bask in the food, wine and art of this charming city.  
CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Explore the hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily. You'll find breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and wonderful cuisine.

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

Your tour opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

#### Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

Come to know Palermo on a tour featuring its lovely

squares - Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini. Along the way, discover an exotic mix of Moorish, Norman and Spanish Baroque styles. View the Palace of the Normans, La Martorana church, and the cathedral which houses the Imperial Crown of Constance of Aragon. In the nearby town of Monreale, visit the 12th-century cathedral with its dazzling interior of multicolored marbles, paintings, mosaics and cloisters. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or peruse the city's museums and shops. (B)

#### Day 4: Palermo - Agrigento - Giardini Naxos

Travel over the countryside's rolling hills and past peaceful farmland toward the town of Agrigento. Stop to explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. Here you get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Continue on to Giardini





Matera

Naxos, the "garden of Sicily," for your 3-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

Set off for beautiful Taormina, known for its charming atmosphere, historic monuments and flowering gardens. Join a local guide for a tour of the city. You will see Corso Umberto and the bountiful public gardens, and marvel at its well-preserved Greek Theatre. Enjoy some free time to independently explore this delightful town. (B)

#### Day 6: Giardini Naxos - Catania - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos

Journey to vibrant Catania where **the choice is yours!** Join a local guide to visit the cathedral and view other iconic sights of this historic Baroque city (UNESCO); then witness the daily spectacle of bartering for fresh fish and produce at the local market **-OR-** explore the Museo dello Sbarco (Allied Landing Museum); this moving museum is dedicated to the Allied troops who landed on the southern coast in 1943. Later, gather together to discover the impressive Mt. Etna Volcano National Park with a local expert and take in the spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. Return to Giardini Naxos for the evening. (B)

#### Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Venture to Messina for a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni on Italy's mainland. Pass through the beautiful and unspoiled region of Calabria and into the Basilicata region. Make a stop along the way at one of the area's local wineries. Join an expert on a walk through the cellars and vineyards before sampling their wines at a tasting. Linger over dinner featuring regional cuisine in the winery's own "agriturismo" restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Matera - Alberobello - Matera

Explore the "Sassi di Matera," an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history of the site and reasons why it has recently caught the eye of many film producers. Continue to a local shop for a chance to sample some regional produce. Enjoy free time in Matera to browse the boutiques or taste

the local cuisine before heading to the mystical town of Alberobello. Marvel at some of its most unusually built homes (UNESCO)—known as *trulli*—with distinct cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Matera - Salerno - Sorrento Peninsula

Travel towards Campania and the Bay of Naples, one of the most breathtaking areas of Italy. Make a stop in Salerno to explore the historic city center at leisure. Take a moment to gaze at its impressive cathedral, considered to be the most beautiful medieval church in Italy. Arrive at the Sorrento Peninsula in the late afternoon. Sit back and take in the views of this magical place. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive - Amalfi - Minori - Sorrento Peninsula

Savor time this morning in the lovely seaside resort town of Sorrento. Then, begin your adventure traversing the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. Make a stop in the charming town of Amalfi where you will have time to explore. Then it's off to Minori. Take this opportunity to sample regional specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory. Later, sit down for a traditional Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop. Your evening is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: Sorrento Peninsula - Pompeii - Rome

Drive along the Bay of Naples to the excavated ruins of Pompeii, nestled at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. A local guide will provide an in-depth view of this remarkable archaeological site. You will be immersed in history as you explore the preserved buildings of this 2000-year-old Roman town. Later, travel to Rome and celebrate the end of your journey with a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



Taormina

### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 22*	\$2149	\$2549	October 16, 23	\$2749	\$3249
March 8, 15	\$2499	\$2899	November 5, 6	\$2649	\$3099
April 5, 9, 12	\$2649	\$3049	December 4*	\$2399	\$2799
April 19, 26	\$2699	\$3099	January 22*	\$2399	\$2799
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			February 19*	\$2449	\$2849
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	March 5, 12	\$2549	\$2999
May 8, 15, 22	\$2749	\$3249	March 19, 26	\$2599	\$3049
June 12	\$2749	\$3249	April 1, 2	\$2699	\$3199
July 10	\$2749	\$3249	April 23	\$2749	\$3249
August 7	\$2849	\$3349	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
August 28	\$2799	\$3299	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
September 4, 10, 11, 18, 24, 25	\$2799	\$3299	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
October 2, 9	\$2799	\$3299			



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Southern Italy & Sicily and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ① Discover Croatia ② Spain's Classics

CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport.

### STAY LONGER

**ADD  
A DAY**

Rome: The "Eternal City" is calling to you. Take a day to explore its historic treasures. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



# SPLENDID SICILIA

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Corleone to learn about its anti-Mafia movement.
- Visit a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you.
- Explore the Archaeological Park of Neapolis with an expert guide.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Journey to the beautiful seaside town of Cefalù.
- Set out on a comprehensive panoramic tour of Palermo
- See the well-preserved Greek theatre in Taormina, "the jewel of Sicily."



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 8** | Visit the hilltop village of Savoca or travel to Castelmola, a town with unparalleled views.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn to make ricotta at a family farm in the countryside.
- Take part in an unforgettable homemade farmhouse lunch.
- Sample 'street food' at a local market in Palermo.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 5** Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, Palermo  
**Days 6 - 9** Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina

### ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Upgrade your standard room to an incredible sea view room. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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# relax and come to know the beauty of Sicily

as you spend four nights in both Palermo and Taormina.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to Sicily. Experience the sights, sounds and charms of this sparkling Mediterranean island.

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

Welcome to Palermo (UNESCO) — Sicily's vibrant and welcoming capital. Bursting with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces, its history is waiting to be discovered. This evening, come to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

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. After being introduced to the Palace of the Normans and La Martorana Church, explore the cathedral that houses the Imperial Crown of Constance of Aragon. 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 and joins you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres in one of the palace's chambers. (B)

### Day 4: Palermo - Corleone - Palermo

Head to the heart of Sicily. Find a warm welcome in the village of Corleone, the namesake of the family from the movie *The Godfather*. For decades the villagers have struggled with the connection to the Mafia and are fighting back. Join a local resident who will guide you through the CIDMA (International Documentary Center of the Mafia and the Anti-Mafia Movement). Hear tales of the Mafia's brutal past, the plight of the Sicilian people and the struggle to eradicate the Mafia. Make your way back to Palermo for the evening. (B, D)

### Day 5: Palermo - Cefalù - Sicilian Countryside - Palermo

Journey into the 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





Taormina



Passengers in Sicily



Palermo

day on a family farm. Learn about the variety of products they create and observe how they make a Sicilian favorite – ricotta cheese! Watch a chef prepare other local specialties before sitting down for a hearty lunch featuring family recipes made from their products. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 6: 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. Your journey continues past the Erei Mountains to Sicily's stunning Ionian Coast. The coastal city of Taormina is your home for the next four nights. (B, D)

#### Day 7: 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. Dine at a sidewalk café, shop in the town's boutiques, or you may choose to partake in an optional excursion that gets up-close to majestic Mount Etna. (B)

#### Day 8: Taormina

**The choice is yours!** You may choose to visit the hilltop village of Savoca, one of the settings for the classic film *The Godfather*. This settlement (founded in 1134) remains remarkably well preserved; follow its quaint alleyways to the historic Bar Vitelli and the Chiesa di Santa Lucia, a 14th-century church; film buffs are sure to recognize these two landmarks.

**-OR-** you may prefer visiting beautiful Castelmola.

Resting on a mountaintop above the community of Taormina, this quaint village offers unparalleled views of Mount Etna, Taormina, the Bay of Giardini Naxos, and the Strait of Messina. (B)

#### Day 9: Taormina - Siracusa - Taormina

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 which features an impressive collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. This evening, toast to Sicilian culture during your farewell dinner while serenaded by music from local musicians. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Taormina - Tour Ends

Your journey through Sicily comes to a close as you return home with many cherished memories. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 24*	\$1899	\$2299	November 3	\$2299	\$2649
March 10	\$2249	\$2649	December 1*	\$1999	\$2349
April 7	\$2299	\$2749	January 19*	\$1999	\$2349
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			February 16*	\$1999	\$2349
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	March 23, 30	\$2299	\$2649
May 12, 19	\$2549	\$2949	April 6	\$2349	\$2699
June 16	\$2549	\$2949	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
September 8, 15, 22	\$2649	\$3049	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
October 6, 13	\$2649	\$3049	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Splendid Sicilia and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:** ❶ Rome & Amalfi Coast ❷ Italian Vistas

CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Air passengers will depart from Catania airport. All of our return transfers will depart from Taormina to Catania airport.



# ITALY'S BELLA VITA

9 DAYS • 11 MEALS  
FROM \$3599



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Journey through the olive groves and vineyards of the Chianti Rufina region.
- Take a private guided tour of Castello di Tabiano, a medieval castle in the hills of the Parma region.
- Relax as you cruise Lake Como during a boat tour that shows you the villas and vistas of this famous region.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Visit the Academy Museum in Florence, home to Michelangelo's famous Statue of *David*.
- See Bellagio, a beautiful city set on Lake Como, known as the "Pearl of the Lake."



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 4 |** Walk the historic medieval streets of Bologna on a guided tour **or** pedal around town on a bicycle tour.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn how to craft the delicious and famous Italian cocktail, the Spritz.
- Taste true Italian cuisine during a home-hosted cooking lesson and dinner in historic Bologna.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Hotel Pierre, Florence
- Days 4, 5** I Portici Hotel, Bologna
- Day 6** Antico Borgo di Tabiano Castello, Parma Region
- Days 7, 8** Hilton Lake Como, Como

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## NEW TOUR



### EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL WITH NO MORE  
THAN 19 GUESTS

## We invite you to live the good life

amongst the culture, cuisine, and charms that can only be found in Italy

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Florence:** See the city that birthed the Renaissance before your tour starts.

CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Ciao, Italy!

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

*Benvenuti a Firenze!* You arrive in Florence – "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance," home of the Medici, Gucci and il Duomo. *Mangiare* and mingle at one of the city's best local restaurants this evening and settle in for a true Italian experience – the *aperitivo* – when you learn to craft one of Italy's most famous cocktails, the *Spritz*. (D)

#### Day 3: Florence

The streets and *piazze* of Florence await you. A walking tour through Florentine history showcases four pillars of life in this city: art, architecture, food and fashion. Then it's off to the Chianti Rufina region and the stunning Castello di Trebbio, a countryside retreat once owned

by the wealthy Pazzi family. Feeling adventurous? Join your local expert on a Vespa tour\* through Tuscany's olive groves and vineyards. Or, stay back and explore the castle's family-run vineyard on foot. A trip to one of Italy's best wine regions wouldn't be complete without a tasting, so against a pastel sunset, enjoy a tasting of the very best Italy's wine region has to offer. (B)

#### Day 4: Florence - Bologna

This morning, join your fellow travelers for a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia (Gallery of the Academy). An expertly-guided journey through the museum's halls reveals perhaps the greatest collection of Renaissance art on Earth, not to mention Michelangelo's marble masterpiece, the *David*. Afterward, depart Florence on a train to Bologna, capital of the Emilia-Romagna Region. Upon arrival, **it's your choice!** Whether you decide to join an expert-guided walk of this medieval city **-OR-** pedal the city streets on a bicycle tour, you will be immersed in the narrow lanes and winding alleys of this iconic market town. This evening, relax in the homey surroundings of a private apartment in Bologna's historic center during a home-hosted cooking lesson. Learn the



Florence



Lake Como

secrets of making three traditional pasta recipes and enjoy the fruits of your labor over dinner, replete with locally-selected wines and the requisite espresso with dessert. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Bologna

The entire day is at your leisure to explore the region's thriving capital city, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. Defined by its past but very much alive in the present, Bologna is an eclectic cultural city waiting to be explored. (B)

#### Day 6: Bologna - Parma Region

Bid *arrivederci* to Bologna and head north to Parma. Stop to experience the workings of a local cheese shop and sample the Parmigiano-Reggiano this region is famous for. Venture to the Castello di Tabiano, a medieval castle rising over rugged hills. Take time to explore the grounds on your own before embarking on a private tour. An expert guide leads you on an intimate sojourn through the castle's elaborate stuccos, frescos, private rooms and grand reception. Gain insight to the castle's rich history, including the role it played as one of the feudal period's most vital defensive monuments. Overnight on the grounds of the castle this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Parma Region - Lake Como - Bellagio - Lake Como

After a leisurely morning, depart for Lake Como, the world-famous resort area that's charmed visitors for over a hundred years with its legendary villas, monuments and Alpine vistas. At the lake, depart for an afternoon cruise to Bellagio, affectionately known as the "Pearl of the Lake." Learn the city's rich history during an orientation tour; then spend time independently exploring the cobbled streets, Romanesque churches, and traditional Italian trattoria. Enjoy the evening at leisure as you take in the picturesque shoreline guarded by the towering drama of the Rhaetian Alps. (B)

#### Day 8: Lake Como

Relax amongst the natural beauty of Lake Como. For early risers, catch a sunrise funicular ride and watch the lake wake up. You may wish to join your guide to explore Como's lakeside trails and frescoed hamlets on foot or remain at the hotel to enjoy the amenities. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers over a farewell dinner to say *Addio Italia!* (B, D)

#### Day 9: Lake Como - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

Sept. - November 2018	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
September 1, 8, 15	\$3999	\$4899	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
October 13, 20	\$3999	\$4899		
November 3	\$3599	\$4299		

**This trip requires a passport.** \*Upon arrival for the start of the Vespa tour, guests will go through an orientation. If guests are not comfortable driving themselves or if the vendor determines a guest should not be driving, you will be paired up with a driver. While there is no definitive weight limit, guests must be reasonably mobile, fit and prepared for an adventure. Our air passengers will depart from Milan airport. All return transfers will depart from Lake Como for Milan airport. Due to tour scheduling flights must arrive prior to 3pm.



# TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

11 DAYS · 16 MEALS  
FROM \$2749



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a guided walking tour of Spoleto.
- Marvel at the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta.
- Behold the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, a 13th-century aqueduct.
- Take the road less traveled visiting small villages in Italy's countryside.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Venture to the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto.
- Journey to Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- Explore historic Siena to see the piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 9** | Explore the 14th century Tower del Mangia at your own pace **or** join a local guide to explore a local neighborhood.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Participate in a cooking class in a 16th-century Umbrian farmhouse.
- Experience a home-cooked meal at one of Umbria's country homes.
- Taste Umbria's most prized wine.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Hotel Kolbe, Rome  
**Days 3 - 6** Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, Umbria or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria  
**Days 7 - 10** UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL WITH NO MORE  
THAN 24 GUESTS

Tuscan Winery

## see another side of Italy on a cultural journey

filled with local charms, regional delicacies and delicious wine.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Rome:** When in Rome... come early and enjoy more of what the "Eternal City" offers. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Follow the less-traveled roads of Umbria and Tuscany. Along the way experience charming towns, regional delicacies and renowned Italian wines.

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

Welcome to Rome - Italy's dynamic capital city. Say hello to your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Rome - Orvieto - Umbria

Travel to the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto. A local expert

leads you on a walking tour amid the town's treasures, including a visit to its prominent Gothic cathedral, home to a Signorelli fresco. Explore the many sides of Orvieto on your own. Perhaps pause for a leisurely lunch, sip on some white wine and become a part of the local scene. This is just the beginning. You'll spend the next four nights immersed in country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Umbria - Spoleto - Cooking Class - Umbria

Set off for a guided walking tour of historic Spoleto. See medieval palaces, the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta, and the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, an aqueduct dating back to the 13th century. Enjoy free time to peruse the town's shops and cafés. Next, visit a country restaurant housed in a 16th-century farmhouse. This is the Italy few get to experience. Take a stroll through their herb garden (weather permitting) and see how they make their own cheese. Afterwards, join the chef for a hands-on Umbrian



Florence

cooking lesson. Indulge in an early dinner in the countryside before turning in for the evening. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Umbria - Assisi - Home-Hosted Lunch - Umbria

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide. Come to know its history as you stroll the medieval streets, pausing along the way to see its famed Basilica of St. Francis. Next, you are in for a treat when an Umbrian family welcomes you to their country home as they prepare you a delicious home-cooked meal. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

#### Day 6: Umbria - Montefalco - Winery - Bevagna - Olive Oil Farm - Umbria

Head to the "Balcony of Umbria." The charming medieval town of Montefalco received this moniker because of its unobstructed views of the Umbrian countryside. Step back in time as you explore independently. Then, it's on to a local winery to sample some of this region's most prized wine, Sagrantino. Next, savor a lunch of authentic Umbrian dishes. Continue to Bevagna where we meet a local expert for a walking tour featuring Roman and medieval archaeological and architectural marvels. Cap off your day by learning about another locally made product - olive oil - at a family-run 'frantoio' (olive-presser). (B, L)

#### Day 7: Umbria - Winery - Tuscany

It's on to Tuscany! You'll fall in love with the picturesque Renaissance landscape of hills and villages as you make your way through the Val d'Orcia region. Of course you'll make a stop at a local winery to see the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. The winery's chef creates an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced on-site. Later, make yourself at home in your restored Tuscan palazzo. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany

Today it's Florence, "Cradle of the Italian

Renaissance." Join a local guide for a walking tour of the city's iconic sights. Return to another age as you view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, located in the religious center of the Piazza del Duomo and the Palazzo Vecchio. Catch a glimpse into the creative side of Florence when you meet a local artisan in his workshop to see how and where he refines his craft. Take some time to browse the shops and explore Florence on your own. (B)

#### Day 9: Tuscany - Siena - Monteriggioni - Tuscany

Travel to the city of Siena. During your locally guided walking tour, visit the historic piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race. Then, **the choice is yours!** Explore the 14th-century Torre (Tower) del Mangia, the 3rd tallest tower in Italy at your own pace - **OR** - join your guide to get to know local life in a Contrada (neighborhood). Each of these small, close-knit communities is unique and has traditions all their own. Then it's off to the walled town of Monteriggioni. Stroll its quaint streets, seemingly frozen in time. Take an afternoon break and try some local snacks before heading back to your quiet Tuscan retreat. (B)

#### Day 10: Tuscany - Volterra - San Gimignano - Tuscany

Roll along the country roads to Volterra, a former Etruscan city perched high above the countryside. Spend time at the Guarnacci Museum, one of the oldest public museums in Europe, founded in 1761. Then it's on to an alabaster carving demonstration at a local workshop. Later, travel to San Gimignano, known as the "City of Beautiful Towers." Look up to see the town's fourteen medieval towers that date back to the 13th century. Enjoy a stroll along Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Cisterna. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. Partake in an interactive and fun presentation on wine by the restaurant's sommelier. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Tuscany - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close in Montaiione. (B)



Cooking Class

### DATES & PRICES

March – April 2018	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
(different itinerary – see note)			July 14	\$3099	\$3499
March 17	\$2999	\$3399	August 18	\$3099	\$3499
April 14, 21	\$3149	\$3549	September 1, 8, 15, 22	\$3099	\$3499
April 28	\$3199	\$3599	October 6, 13	\$3099	\$3499
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 20	\$2999	\$3399
			November 3	\$2749	\$3049
			March 9, 16, 23, 30	\$2849	\$3249
			April 6, 9, 23	\$2999	\$3399
May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50	
(featured itinerary)					
May 5, 19	\$2999	\$3399	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
May 26	\$3099	\$3499			
June 16	\$3099	\$3499			



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Rome airport and depart from Florence or Pisa airport. All of our departure transfers will depart from Tuscany region to either Florence or Pisa airport.



# ITALY'S TREASURES

12 DAYS • 17 MEALS  
FROM \$2999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Discover the colorful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Experience medieval life at the Palazzo Davanzati.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Spend two wonderful nights in romantic Venice.
- Get to know Florence with a tour of the city's treasures.
- Discover the beautiful Tuscan countryside.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 6** | Discover the city of Lucca on foot **or** by bicycle. Visit the Cathedral of San Martino, the Piazza Napoleone and the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Travel by boat to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori.
- Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by an expert chef.
- Attend a cocktail party in Stresa, and sample some local products.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Regina Palace Hotel or Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees, Stresa  
**Days 4, 5** Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Hotel Vis à Vis or Grande Albergo, Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera  
**Days 6 - 9** Villa Lecchi, Tuscany  
**Days 10, 11** Hotel Ca' dei Conti or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## the romance of Italy comes to life on this culinary and cultural adventure

that will take you from medieval masterpieces to lively markets.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Stresa:** Enjoy more time on the shores of beautiful Lake Maggiore.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on your overnight flight to Italy!

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

Begin in Stresa, on the shore of Lago Maggiore. Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party, tasting some local specialties. A boat transports you to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands. (D)

### Day 3: Stresa

Today, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains where you'll stop at a local farm to sample their artisanally produced cheeses paired with the region's delicious wines. The remainder of your day in Stresa is at leisure. Perhaps you will investigate the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets and lakeside promenades; or, relax on an optional cruise on this scenic lake and take in the breathtaking surroundings. (B)

### Day 4: Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera

Depart the Italian Lakes region for Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast. Stop at Lake Orta and take a boat to Isola di San Giulio. Walk the grounds of this charming island with its working convent. Experience the outdoor cafés and shops of this lakeside resort. Continue on to the Italian Riviera. (B, D)

### Day 5: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre

Spend your day discovering the colorful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel by rail through the medieval villages of the Cinque Terre, perched on the edge of the sea. Traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards, arriving at this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages tucked between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Feel like you have stepped back in time. Spend an afternoon independently exploring this magical place. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you plan your adventure. (B)

### Day 6: Italian Riviera - Lucca - Tuscan Villa

Drive to the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Then, **it's your choice!** You decide how you want to discover Lucca: on foot **-OR-** by bicycle. Either way, you'll visit the Cathedral of San



Tuscan Countryside



Cinque Terre



Lake Orta

Martino, the Piazza Napoleone and the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. Then, set off to get a taste of the region by sampling some seasonal, local delicacies at specialty food shops. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa and begin a relaxing 4-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Florence

Get to know Florence with a walking tour of the city's treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, and the Piazza della Signoria. Visit the Museo della Casa Fiorentina Antica, housed in the 14th-century Palazzo Davanzati. Explore independently before returning to your villa. (B)

#### Day 8: Siena

Travel to Siena for an expert-led walking tour. Visit the town's dramatic cathedral, a stunning example of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. Stroll through narrow medieval streets as you experience life in this historic cultural center. Return to your villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Tuscan Countryside

Visit a winery in the heart of Tuscany that showcases the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by the winery's own chef. Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch expertly paired with wines produced on-site.

Return to the villa for some leisure time. At dinner, continue your sampling of Tuscan cuisine in one of Tuscany's traditional restaurants. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

Depart for Venice. En route, stop in Bologna where you take a guided walking tour of the center, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. Here you'll sample local delicacies at specialty food shops. Later, arrive in romantic Venice for your 2-night stay. (B)

#### Day 11: Venice

Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration. Return to St. Mark's Square for a locally guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, and a visit to the Doge's Palace. Tonight, partake in a celebratory farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Venice - Tour Ends

Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

#### March - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)

March 10, 17  
April 2, 7  
April 14, 21

Double Solo

\$3749 \$4449  
\$3899 \$4649  
\$3999 \$4699

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#### May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)

May 5, 12, 19  
June 2, 9, 16, 23  
July 14, 28  
August 4, 20, 25  
September 1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15  
September 17, 22, 24, 29

Double Solo

\$3999 \$4849  
\$3999 \$4849  
\$3999 \$4849  
\$4249 \$5049  
\$4249 \$5049

#### May 2018 - April 2019

October 6, 13, 20  
October 27  
November 3  
December 3\*  
February 9\*  
March 9, 16  
April 1, 4, 22, 27

Double Solo

\$3999 \$4749  
\$3849 \$4249  
\$3699 \$4199  
\$2999 \$3399  
\$2999 \$3399  
\$3649 \$4149  
\$3999 \$4749

#### Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50

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\*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Italy's Treasures and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:** ① Rome & the Amalfi Coast ② French Impressions

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### STAY LONGER

ADD  
A DAY

Venice: Complete your tour with another enchanting night in this one-of-a-kind city. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

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# SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY

9 DAYS • 10 MEALS  
FROM \$1349



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Academy Gallery and Michelangelo's famous statue of "David."
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defense during WWII.
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Stay in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme for seven nights!
- Journey to Florence for a tour of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.
- See the Ponte del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge) in Borgo a Mozzano.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 6** | Explore Siena's Gothic Cathedral at your own pace **or** join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighborhood).



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting in the Chianti region.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavorful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.
- Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 – 8** Grand Hotel Tettuccio,  
Montecatini Terme

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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# Let Tuscany become a part of your life.

Relax as you enjoy its sprawling vineyards, charming  
medieval hill towns and enchanting cities.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food and stunning architecture...this can only be Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns.

### Day 2: Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

### Day 3: 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*. At the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the

Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your day to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. (B)

### Day 4: Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line

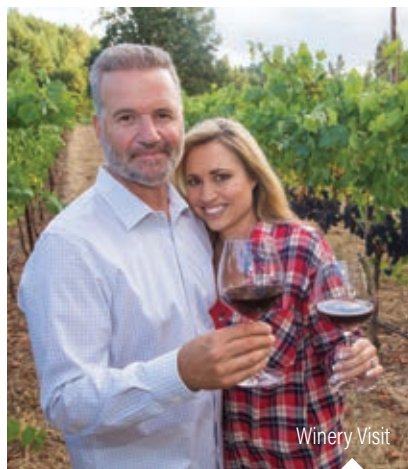
Set out on a guided visit to Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, medieval streets flanked by towers, and delightful squares are just some of Lucca's charms. Visit the medieval Basilica di San Frediano. Its otherwise simple façade is adorned with a colorful 13th-century mosaic. Enjoy some time to explore at your own pace. Next, 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 defense during WWII. You will visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers. (B)

### Day 5: 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



Tuscan Countryside



Winery Visit



Florence

during your stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. You probably won't be able to resist taking a picture that makes it appear as if you are holding this iconic structure up. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in all of Italy. This impressive building of Romanesque and Gothic architecture is known for its perfect acoustics. This evening we travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class featuring a bounty of local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Then sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labor during dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Siena 🍷

Welcome to Siena. Discover this charming town with a local guide. Embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets. Take in stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo along the way. 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 (neighborhood). Next we make our way to a Tuscan winery and meet the people behind some of Chianti's finest wines. Learn from experts as you savor a selection of the local varieties. You'll also learn about the art of winemaking and the process of making olive oil. (B)

#### Day 7: Montecatini Terme

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavor. 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. Explore its string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

#### Day 8: Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano

Begin the day with breathtaking 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, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking the vineyards of Tuscany. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savory wines in the magical Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 22*	\$1399	\$1599	October 25	\$1749	\$1999
March 8, 15, 20, 22	\$1599	\$1799	November 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 29	\$1599	\$1799
April 5, 12, 17, 19, 26	\$1649	\$1849	January 17*	\$1349	\$1349
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.					
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	February 14*	\$1349	\$1349
May 3, 10, 17	\$1799	\$2049	February 28	\$1599	\$1799
June 7, 14	\$1799	\$2049	March 7, 14, 21	\$1599	\$1799
July 5	\$1699	\$1949	April 4, 6, 11, 23, 25, 27	\$1699	\$1949
August 30	\$1699	\$1949	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>		<b>(-) \$30</b>
September 6, 13, 20, 27	\$1799	\$2049	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
October 4, 11, 18	\$1799	\$2049	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		



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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from Florence or Pisa airports.



# SPOTLIGHT ON ROME

7 DAYS • 8 MEALS  
FROM \$1299



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a guided visit to the Vatican Museums.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Browse the medieval open-air Campo dei Fiori Market.
- Step into the past as you visit the Roman Colosseum.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | You may choose to discover the beauty of Rome's mosaics with a local guide **or** join a local expert for a walking tour of the city.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chef-led cooking class.
- Enjoy a special farewell dinner with music from local musicians.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 6** Hotel Dei Borgia, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



SPOTLIGHTS  
SINGLE  
HOTEL  
STAY

## fall in love with Rome on a journey

that takes you through the deep and fascinating  
history of this city and its people.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on your adventure through the art, history and culture of Rome, "The Eternal City,"

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

Your tour opens in Rome. You will be captivated by its old-world charm blending with its lively cosmopolitan energy. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

### Day 3: Rome

Today **the choice is yours!** Discover the beauty of the sophisticated ancient art of mosaics with a local guide

who leads you to some of Rome's churches that are bursting with mosaic masterpieces; gaze at the amazing works of art in the Basilica di San Clemente, Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore and Basilica di Santa Prassede **-OR-** join a local expert for a walking tour of the city that culminates at the famous Fontana di Trevi - legend holds that if you toss a coin in the fountain, you'll be certain to return to Rome. The remainder of the day is yours to uncover more of the city's treasures on your own. (B)

### Day 4: Rome

Today you'll explore Rome's culinary treasures. First, set off on a walking tour through the "Eternal City" to the

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Colosseum



Roman Mosaics



Cooking Class

famed Campo dei Fiori Market. Shop side-by-side with the locals as you browse this medieval open-air market. Next, you're off to discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chef-led cooking class. Learn how to prepare three types of pasta! Next, sit back and savor regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Rome

This morning you'll come to know the history and traditions of ancient Rome. Imagine the energy of 80,000 spectators cheering during your visit to the Colosseum, once home to gladiatorial combat and wild animal fights dating back to the first century A.D. This afternoon, continue exploring Rome's artistic treasures during a guided visit to the Vatican Museums. You will be in awe of the opulence at the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

#### Day 6: Rome

Your day is at leisure to relax, shop or explore the city your way. Perhaps you'll visit one of Rome's many remarkable museums including the Capitoline Museum or the Borghese Gallery. Or, you may decide to explore the Capuchin Crypt beneath the church of Santa Maria della Concezione, containing the skeletons of approximately 4,000 friars. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a special farewell dinner where you'll be serenaded with music from local musicians. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
February 13*	\$1299	\$1599	October 4	\$1999	\$2699
March 6, 13	\$1649	\$2149	November 8	\$1799	\$2349
April 10, 17	\$1849	\$2449	December 6*	\$1299	\$1599
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.					
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	January 17*	\$1299	\$1599
May 17	\$1999	\$2699	February 14*	\$1299	\$1599
June 21	\$1999	\$2699	March 28	\$1699	\$2099
July 5	\$1799	\$2349	April 11	\$1899	\$2499
August 2	\$1699	\$2099	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>		<b>(-) \$30</b>
September 13	\$1999	\$2699	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

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This trip requires a passport.



# SHRINES OF ITALY

11 DAYS · 15 MEALS  
FROM \$1749



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend time at the renowned Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict.
- In Pompeii, visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary.
- Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi.
- See the Gargano Peninsula and explore the Grotto of St. Michael.
- Celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City.
- Stroll through the catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead.
- Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Day 2** Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome
- Days 3, 4** Grand Hotel Dei Congressi Assisi, Assisi
- Days 5, 6** Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo
- Day 7** Hotel Scapolatiello, Cava de Tirreni or Holiday Inn Salerno, Cava de Tirreni
- Days 8 - 10** Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## FAITH SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

## rejoice in an inspirational journey

that brings you through the history of the church, pausing along the way  
at some of the most important sites to Catholicism.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

Rome: Spend more time in the home of  
the Catholic Church. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

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

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

### Day 3: Rome - Assisi

Travel north to Assisi and begin your tour at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause to reflect at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Later, have time at the Church of St. Clare, who founded the Order of Poor Clares and followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild his church. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi highlighting the huge 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St.

Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (B, D)

### Day 4: Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion

Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full day optional excursion to Florence, the "Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore – one of the largest in the Christian world, and the Baptistery doors. You also view the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy several hours at leisure in Florence before returning to Assisi. (B)

### Day 5: Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo

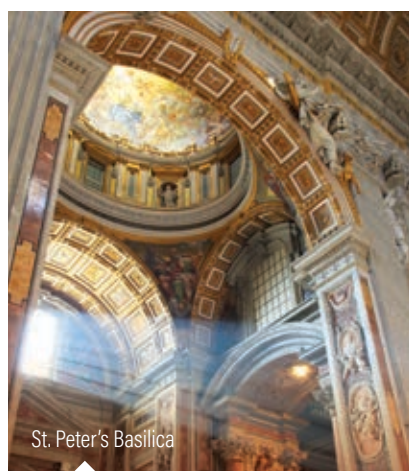
Travel across the Apennine Mountains toward the Adriatic Coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. You will celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. (B, D)

### Day 6: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo

Begin your day with a special visit to Monte Sant' Angelo. Take in the breathtaking views of the Gargano Peninsula



Basilica of St. Francis



St. Peter's Basilica



Holy House of Nazareth

and explore one of the most celebrated shrines of early Christianity – the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Many popes and saints have knelt and prayed at this grotto, seeking the protection of Saint Michael. Later, return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. This is followed by a tour of the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918, as well as Padre Pio's tomb. Then, visit the new church dedicated in 2004 to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey toward God. (B, D)

#### Day 7: San Giovanni Rotondo - Abbey of Santissima Trinita - Campania

Journey through the picturesque landscape of the regions of Apulia and Campania to Cava del Tirreni. Be introduced to the Benedictine Abbey of Santissima Trinita, founded in the 11th century by a local saint. After a guided visit to the abbey you will have the option of celebrating Mass. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Campania- Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary- Abbey of Montecassino- Rome

Continue your travels to the town of Pompeii where you will visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, one of the most famous shrines of Christianity. Later, travel to Montecassino to discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D. This sacred place houses the relics of St. Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became

famous during the battles that took place here during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. End your day in Rome. (B)

#### Day 9: Rome - Papal Audience - Vatican Museum

This morning, attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Later, visit the Vatican Museum where you will view such historical treasures as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. Then it's on to the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Known as the grandest of the world's churches, St. Peter's is unsurpassed in beauty. (B)

#### Day 10: Rome - Christian Rome City Tour

Begin your day at the Basilica St. Paul Outside the Walls; the remains of St. Paul are located under its main altar. You'll celebrate Mass before making your way to the catacombs where early Christians fearing persecution hid and buried their dead. Continue on to visit the other major Roman basilicas, St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran, the former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

#### February – April 2018 (different itinerary – see note)

February 20  
March 6, 13, 20  
March 27  
April 3, 10, 17, 24

Double \$1999  
Solo \$2349  
\$2149  
\$2549  
\$2199  
\$2649  
\$2249  
\$2749

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2018 – April 2019 (featured itinerary)

May 15  
June 12  
July 10  
September 4, 11, 18, 25  
October 2, 9, 16

Double \$2249  
Solo \$2749  
\$2249  
\$2749  
\$2249  
\$2749  
\$2349  
\$2849

#### May 2018 – April 2019

October 23, 30  
November 6, 13, 20, 27  
December 4\*  
February 19\*  
March 12  
March 19  
April 2, 23

Double \$2249  
Solo \$2749  
\$2149  
\$2549  
\$1749  
\$2049  
\$1749  
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\$1999  
\$2399  
\$2149  
\$2549  
\$2349  
\$2849

#### Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

\*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Shrines of Italy and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:** ① Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona

② Pilgrimage to Poland CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport.



# ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS  
FROM \$2999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn about the 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Gain a local's perspective of Reykjavik on a walking tour.
- Explore Skógar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Cruise on the ice-strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, gliding past icebergs.
- Travel to the Golden Circle, one of many of Iceland's natural wonders.
- Journey to the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall.



## CHOICE ON TOUR

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 4** | Set out on a lava cave adventure **or** explorative lava field walk.

**DAY 8** | Embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula and take a dip in the Blue Lagoon **or** enjoy a whale watching adventure.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Try an Icelandic delicacy — cured “hákarl.”
- Savor Icelandic cuisine at a popular restaurant.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik  
**Day 4** FossHotell, Stykkishólmur  
**Days 5 – 7** Hotel Katla Höfðabrekka, Vik  
**Day 8** Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Kirkjufell Mountain

## marvel at Iceland's spectacular scenery

and engaging culture during a fascinating journey.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Reykjavik:** Take more time to explore this small but culturally rich city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland, a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

### Day 2: Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins

Begin in the capital city of Reykjavik. Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbor and Reykjavik's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers during a sumptuous Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

### Day 3: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik

Travel the stunning Golden Circle, a route encompassing many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders:

waterfalls, glaciers, geysers, lava fields and volcanoes. Begin at Thingvellir National Park where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley. This UNESCO site marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Next, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Stop at the famous thermal area of Geysir to admire the hot spring Strokkur's explosive vertical spout that reaches a height of up to 90 feet. Your day concludes with a visit to Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation center to learn how the locals grow delicious, pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of Iceland's geothermal energy; also learn about their family tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses. (B)

### Day 4: Snæfellsnes-Cave/Lava Field Tour-Breiðafjörður Cruise-Stykkishólmur

Experience the otherworldliness of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Take in the dramatic landscapes of black and white sand beaches, magnificent cliffs, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, soaring waterfalls, rocky coastlines,



Eyjafjallajökull Volcano



intimate fishing villages, and its remarkable Snæfellsjökull glacier. This afternoon **it's your choice!** Select a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour and descend 100 feet below ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube where you'll experience total darkness and see amazing rock pigments, lava formations, stalagmites and stalactites **-OR-** you may choose to walk the lava field and put your camera to work snapping photos of nature's artwork of varying textures, colors and arrangements of this dramatic landscape. Next, continue on and pause at Kirkjufell, acclaimed to be the most photographed mountain in Iceland. Your day concludes with a nature cruise in Breiðafjörður Bay. Experience countless birds like puffins, cormorants, kittiwakes and the majestic white tailed eagle soaring amongst basalt rock columns. While cruising, try delicious fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. Seafood simply doesn't come fresher than this! (B, D)

**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. See the fishing boat that their grandfather used; the tiny farmer's church; and explore the museum to learn more about Iceland's historic relationship with this trade. Before leaving, taste "hákarl," cured shark meat. Continue the adventure traveling Iceland's south coast. Learn about geothermal renewable energy with a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Make a picture stop at Waterfall Seljalandsfoss, one of few waterfalls providing you with a walkway for views from the inside out. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's most southerly village and one of the most visited spots in Iceland. (B, D)

**Day 6: Vík - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Center - Skógar Museum - Vík**

Drive along the scenic south shore to Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Center. Learn about a family's struggle to adapt during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull Volcano that brought European flights to a halt. Visit Skógar Museum

which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built houses. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Next, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, gannet and various types of seagulls. Later, see the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. (B, D)

**Day 7: Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell - Vík**

Set sail among the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Get to taste the 1,000-year-old ice and possibly see some seals. Later, stop at Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe. Marvel at the Alpine environment of Iceland's highest mountains and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest glacier. (B, D)

**Day 8: Vík - Blue Lagoon or Whale Watching - Reykjavík**

**It's your choice!** Choose how to enjoy your last day in Iceland! Perhaps you'll embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home to the Blue Lagoon; take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field **-OR-** maybe you'd prefer to further explore the wonders of Iceland's waters during an informative whale watching adventure in the bay of Faxaflói; have your camera ready for minke and humpback whale sightings, along with white-beaked dolphins and harbor porpoises in their natural habitat. Later, gather with your fellow travelers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

**Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends**

Depart for home with many incredible Icelandic memories. (B)



Blue Lagoon

DATES & PRICES					
<b>April 2018</b> <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Solo</b>	<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Solo</b>
April 1, 6, 21	\$3049	\$3799	August 5, 12, 19, 26	\$3549	\$4449
April 8, 15, 22	\$2749	\$3249	August 31	\$3849	\$4649
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			September 2	\$3449	\$4249
			September 9	\$3349	\$4149
			September 16	\$3099	\$3699
			September 19	\$3549	\$4449
<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b> <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Solo</b>	September 20	\$3649	\$4449
			September 23	\$3099	\$3699
May 1	\$3449	\$4249	September 27	\$3449	\$4249
May 6, 13	\$3249	\$3949	September 30	\$2999	\$3549
May 11, 15, 18	\$3849	\$4649	October 7	\$2999	\$3549
May 20	\$3249	\$3949	April 12, 15, 21, 24	\$3099	\$3699
May 27	\$3449	\$4249			
June 3, 10, 17, 24	\$3549	\$4449	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$50</b>	
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	\$3549	\$4449	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

This trip requires a passport. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The Vatnshellir Cave Choice on Tour is not recommended for guests who are claustrophobic or have back or knee problems. Guests should be in good physical condition. Outdoor activities are weather dependent.

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Reykjavik: Keep your Icelandic adventure going with another night in this vibrant capital. CALL FOR DETAILS



# ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

7 DAYS • 10 MEALS  
FROM \$2499



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Skogar Folk Museum and come to understand Icelandic life.
- Stop at Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach with basalt formations.
- Embark on a search for the northern lights, a dazzling astronomical display.
- Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Search for nature's dazzling display on a northern lights cruise.
- Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur.
- See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs.
- Travel the famous Golden Circle and take in Iceland's natural beauty.
- See the beautiful Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous waterfalls.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular restaurant.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik  
**Days 3 - 5** Hotel Katla, Hofdabrekka, Vik  
**Day 6** Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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spend your days surrounded by  
waterfalls, icebergs, and volcanic beaches

and your nights in search of the spectacular northern lights.

### START EARLY

ADD  
A DAY

**Reykjavik:** It's your move. Get ready for your tour with a night in Iceland's capital.  
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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis — one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.

### Day 2: Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Reykjavik. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrímskirkja Church, city hall, the harbor and Reykjavik's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern

lights cruise (weather dependent). Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis — or northern lights — one of nature's wonders. When revealed you will be dazzled by the flickering display of light bursting with color that unfolds before your eyes. (D)

### Day 3: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Vik

Travel 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. Icelanders gathered here in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes — Thingvellir's rugged rift valley — a UNESCO World Heritage site marking the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Next, see the beautiful



Vik Skyline with Northern Lights

Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Continue southeast to Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis – the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre - Skogar Museum - Vik

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a family's struggle to live during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano that brought European flights to a halt. Visit Skogar Folk Museum which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built homes. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights, a truly spectacular sight. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vik

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see some seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park. The largest national park in Europe, Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains; an Alpine environment; and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky (dependent upon visibility ratings). (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vik - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

Drive 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 pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Reykjavik - Tour Ends

Depart for home with incredible memories. (B)

### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

**Reykjavik:** Relax after your tour in this small capital that's packed with big experiences. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



Blue Lagoon

### DATES & PRICES

February - March 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	Oct 2018 - March 2019	Double	Solo
February 1	\$2199	\$2699	November 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 17	\$2499	\$2999
February 3, 4	\$1999	\$2299	November 21	\$2549	\$3049
February 6, 9, 12, 15, 20	\$2199	\$2699	November 24, 26, 28, 29, 30	\$2499	\$2999
February 10, 17, 18, 24	\$1999	\$2299	December 2, 5, 8, 10, 15	\$2499	\$2999
March 1, 2, 3	\$1999	\$2299	January 3, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15	\$2499	\$2999
March 7, 14	\$2199	\$2699	January 20, 25, 26, 30, 31	\$2499	\$2999
March 10, 11, 17, 20, 21	\$1999	\$2299	February 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10	\$2499	\$2999
March 24, 27	\$2199	\$2599	February 12	\$2799	\$3399
Itinerary featured is for October 2018 - March 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			February 14, 15, 17, 19, 21	\$2499	\$2999
			February 22, 24, 27	\$2499	\$2999
			March 1, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16	\$2499	\$2999
			March 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30	\$2499	\$2999
			Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30		
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Iceland's Magical Northern Lights and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** 1 The Northern Lights of Finland [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

**This trip requires a passport.** The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.



# ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS  
FROM \$3999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Spend time at the geothermal baths of Lake Mývatn.
- Tour the old section of Reykjavík on foot.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Snæfellsjökull glacier aboard an Icelandic snow cat.
- Relax in the mineral rich waters of the Blue Lagoon.
- Travel the beautiful Golden Circle route and explore Thingvellir National Park.
- Go whale watching in Skálafandi Bay with specialized zodiac boats.



## CHOICE ON TOUR

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 8** | Take a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour or explore a coastal lava field featuring a myriad of natural textures and colors.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Taste "hákarl," cured shark meat.
- Enjoy dinner at a restaurant featuring farm-to-table experiences during your 3-night farmhouse stay.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Reykjavík  
**Days 4 - 6** Raudaskrida Hotel & Guesthouse, Húsavík  
**Days 7, 8** Fosshotel Stykkishólmur, Stykkishólmur  
**Day 9** Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## NEW TOUR



## EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL WITH NO MORE  
THAN 24 GUESTS

Goðafoss Waterfall

## set out to discover Iceland's

adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Reykjavik:** Reward yourself with an early arrival in Iceland's colorful cultural hub.

CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to Iceland. From ethereal lava fields to thundering waterfalls to coastal villages, this tour reveals the island's dramatic contrasts.

#### Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in Reykjavík. Step into Icelandic culture and explore the historic side of this capital city during a guided walking tour. As we make our way through the old section of the city, see the towering Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbor and Reykjavík's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design center. Marvel at Reykjavík's modern architecture, especially the Harpa concert hall and its famous glass façade. Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers during a delectable Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle. This spectacular route takes you to many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Begin at Thingvellir National Park, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Here, at Thingvellir's rift valley, stand at the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (UNESCO), the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Next, lose yourself in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Stop at the famous thermal area of Geysir and see the fountain geyser known as Strokkur. Watch for its explosive vertical spout which can reach 90 feet. Then, visit the Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation center. Learn how the Icelanders grow delicious pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of the island's geothermal energy. Witness the Icelandic farm-to-table culinary culture. We have more in store as you discover the special breed of Icelandic horse during a brief show and stable visit on a family-run farm. (B)

#### Day 4: Reykjavík - Akureyri - Staðarbraut - Æðafossar - Húsavík

Experience the true beauty of the way up north. This morning



Snæfellsjökull glacier



we fly to Akureyri. Upon arrival enjoy some leisure time to absorb the quaint culture of Iceland's second largest city. En route to Húsavík, we'll make a stop at Staðarbraut to see its fascinating collection of turf settlement homes. Continue to the Knútsstaðaborg Hollow; a rocky outcrop that Icelandic sheep can often be found upon. We will pause at Eider falls on the Laxá River, which claims the largest brown trout population on the island. Later, settle into your farmhouse in the Icelandic countryside. This family-owned property holds Iceland's first environmental gold certification. Savor the reflective stillness of its dreamlike surroundings during a 3-night stay. This evening, enjoy the true essence of farm-to-table as locally sourced ingredients are incorporated in your dining experience. (B, D)

**Day 5: Húsavík**

Take to the sea! This morning we venture into the town of Húsavík. Ancient tales say this was the first place in Iceland settled by the Norse. Your adventure starts with a visit to the town's whaling museum. Next, gear up in thermal wear because you'll be joining expert whale watchers on Skálafandi Bay. Aboard specialized zodiacs, get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see the humpback, minke, orca, fin or even the giant blue whales that frequent these waters. This afternoon enjoy some leisure time and meet the people who call this town home. (B)

**Day 6: Húsavík - Lake Mývatn - Dettifoss - Asbyrgi Canyon - Húsavík**

Spend today exploring the magnificent Diamond Circle – the Golden Circle of the North – a scenic circuit that covers over 160 miles. Begin with a stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where Iceland was converted to Christianity in A.D. 1000. Next, marvel at Lake Mývatn, the Blue Lagoon of the north. Enjoy time exploring the warm, mineral-rich geothermal waters of this man-made lagoon. Continue on to the powerful Dettifoss waterfall, known to be one of the strongest waterfalls in all of Europe due to its volume. End the day at the horseshoe shaped Ásbyrgi Canyon. Hear the legend behind the canyon as you take in the view of this massive formation. This evening continue to experience the gifts of your surroundings during another farm-to-table inspired dinner. (B, D)

**Day 7: Húsavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Stykkishólmur**

Are you ready for a place unlike any other?

Today you experience the otherworldliness of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula during a scenic drive to Stykkishólmur. This afternoon enjoy leisure time in the quaint fishing village to explore the picturesque scenery and charming shops and museums. (B).

**Day 8: Stykkishólmur - Vatneshillir Cave or Lava Field Walk**

Today we continue our journey through the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Have your camera ready to capture the landscapes of 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, said to be one of the world's seven great energy centers. Climb to over 4,800 feet and enjoy breathtaking views as you explore the glacier on foot. Then, **it's your choice!** Take a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour and head 100 feet below ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube where you'll experience total darkness and see amazing rock pigments, lava formations, stalagmites, stalactites and more **-OR-** perhaps you will choose a guided coastal lava field tour featuring a myriad of natural textures and colors. Later, we gather for a stop in the quaint fishing town of Grundarfjörður for a glimpse of coastal living. (B, D)

**Day 9: Stykkishólmur - Borgarnes - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík**

Our voyage continues as we head south on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. 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. See the fishing boat that was used by their grandfather; the tiny farmer's church; and explore the museum to learn more about Iceland's deep relationship with this trade. Before leaving, test your culinary courage and try hákarl (cured shark meat), a local specialty. Visit the Settlement Museum to dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage including the works of the famous Viking - and poet - Egill Skallagrímsson. Embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, best known as the home of the Blue Lagoon. You can't leave Iceland without taking a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of this geothermal wonder, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Spend the afternoon at leisure before coming together for an unforgettable farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring Icelandic-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

**Day 10: Reykjavík - Tour Ends**  
(B)



DATES & PRICES					
May - September 2018	Double	Solo	May - September 2018	Double	Solo
May 1	\$3999	\$4699	September 18	\$4149	\$4849
May 8	\$4149	\$4849	September 25	\$3999	\$4699
May 15, 22	\$4249	\$4949	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$100		
May 29	\$4549	\$5649	Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
June 5, 12, 19, 26	\$4549	\$5649			
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	\$4549	\$5649			
August 7, 14, 21, 28	\$4549	\$5649			
September 4, 11	\$4249	\$4949			

**This trip requires a passport.** Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m. The internal flight is not included in the land price of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.



# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS  
FROM \$3999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Lead your own dog sled team.
- Overnight in a glass igloo amid the Lappish wilderness.
- Meet Santa Claus himself and the Lappish reindeer.
- Stay for two nights in a Finnish log cabin.
- Mush your way to breakfast in a Finnish sleigh.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Experience Lapland during a 3-night stay in the north of Finland.
- Tour Helsinki with a local expert.
- Set out on nightly northern lights searches in Lapland.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor Finnish cuisine in Helsinki's local restaurants.
- Enjoy warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki
- Days 4 - 6** Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort-West Village, Kakslauttanen
- ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE**  
Upgrade your stay to a Kelo glass igloo for all 3 nights. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)
- Day 7** Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## NEW TOUR

### EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL WITH NO MORE  
THAN 24 GUESTS

## come to know Finnish culture in bustling Helsinki

and the quiet beauty of the remote Lapland.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Helsinki:** Take another night before your tour begins to enjoy this vibrant capital.

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

#### Day 2: Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins

Your adventure begins in Helsinki, a city with a vibrant architectural style that blends classicism and functionalism. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the city center. (D)

#### Day 3: Helsinki

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. Visit Senate Square, the heart of Helsinki. Designed by famous architect Carl Ludvig Engel, it is home to the city's most iconic building, the Helsinki Cathedral. Continue your exploration on foot as you make your way through the historic streets of Tori Quarters, where the old city meets

the new. Enjoy some free time in Market Square and discover the local flavors. Next, see Kaivopuisto Park, an ornate neighborhood overlooking the sea that is home to beautiful embassies and villas. This afternoon, explore Helsinki on your own. Or, choose an optional excursion to Porvoo and catch a glimpse of 19th-century daily life in this charming town. A scenic drive along the Porvoo River brings you to the town's iconic red painted storage houses traditionally used to store delicacies from foreign lands. (B)

#### Day 4: Helsinki - Ivalo - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search

Board your flight to Lapland, Finland's rugged northern region. Known for its unique culture, this mythical land offers up views of the northern lights, reindeer encounters, and Arctic treasures. This afternoon, explore the splendor of the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, where you will enjoy a 3-night stay. Enjoy the glass and snow igloos, an ice chapel, Finnish sauna and intricate native artwork. Spend the next two evenings in your personal





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Husky Dog Sled



Reindeer sleigh ride \* Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort/Valtteri Hirvonen

Finnish log cabin equipped with a private fireplace and sauna. Join your fellow travelers on a northern lights trek as you travel north towards Inari, making stops along the way for the best views of the northern lights. Stop to gaze at the sky above and be amazed at the dancing colors in the sky. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus' Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights

Awake amidst the dramatic scenery. Experience the nature around you as you mush your way to breakfast in a Finnish sleigh. Learn the origins of Santa Claus during a meet and greet at his home (seasonal). The Christmas cheer is an undeniable component of the Lappish culture. This evening, prepare for an Arctic adventure exploring the remote areas of Kakslauttanen on a reindeer safari. A reindeer farmer introduces you to your companions, the Finnish reindeer! Sip a traditional Lappish drink of warm berry juice as you sleigh through the unspoiled wilderness. Cozy under the blankets, continue your search for the northern lights. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search

Begin an exquisite day in the Arctic as commander of your own dog sled team!

Cute, fast and born to lead, these huskies will show you the way through the snowcapped scenery. Become acquainted with the dogs, the commands and the equipment before embarking on your adventure. Enjoy your last night in Kakslauttanen in the heart of Lappish wilderness. If you choose to upgrade your accommodations, you may find the northern lights dancing over your private glass igloo. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Kakslauttanen - Helsinki

This morning say farewell to Lapland as you board your flight back to Helsinki. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore the city's central squares, charming shops, and the latest Finnish trends. Finally, celebrate your journey during a farewell dinner in downtown Helsinki. Share your memories, photos and unforgettable Lappish experiences. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Helsinki - Tour Ends

Set out for home with many incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

October 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
October 25	\$3999	\$4899	March 21	\$3999	\$4899
November 1, 8, 30	\$3999	\$4899	April 4, 11	\$3999	\$4899
December 6	\$3999	\$4899			
January 10, 12, 24, 31	\$3999	\$4899			
February 14, 28	\$3999	\$4899			

Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50

Rates are land only, per person and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call for additional dates.



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with The Northern Lights of Finland and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** ❶ Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

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This trip requires a passport. Interflights are not included in the land price of your tour and must be purchased through us. The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Outdoor activities and structures are weather dependent and may be unavailable or rescheduled. Outdoor activities in months of October, early November or April may vary depending on snowfall. Finnish log cabins (small cabins) are equipped with 1 double bed, 1 bunk bed, a dining space, two bathrooms (inclusive of sink, toilet and shower), private sauna and private fireplace. Glass igloos are equipped with only a private sink and toilet. A privacy curtain lines the base of the bedroom inside the igloo. Guests will have access to a public sauna house to use the shower on their last morning.

### STAY LONGER

ADD  
A DAY

Helsinki: Relax and soak in the culture of this quirky seaside city.  
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# NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE & SCANDINAVIAN CAPITALS

15 DAYS • 27 MEALS  
FROM \$4749



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Make a stop at the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum.
- Travel the breathtaking Bergen Railway through fjords and mountains.
- Journey the Flam Railway, named one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Cruise the stunning Nærøfjord, the narrowest fjord in Europe.
- Explore Bryggen, Bergen's old Hanseatic wharf, and a UNESCO site.
- Unpack once for a truly unforgettable 6-night Norwegian cruise.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | In Stockholm, embark on a tour showcasing the city's greatest sites **or** explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor Swedish cuisine at the 17th-century Fem Sma Hus.
- Enjoy the freshest culinary products on board the ship with most ingredients locally sourced.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Stockholm  
**Days 4, 5** Copenhagen Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen  
**Day 6** Hotel Bristol, Oslo  
**Day 7** Scandic Neptun, Bergen  
**Days 8 - 13** Hurtigruten Cruise  
**Day 14** Hotel Bristol, Oslo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Fjord Cruise ©Hurtigruten Cruise Line

## explore Scandinavia's fascinating capital cities

of Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo and sail past majestic mountains,  
breathtaking fjords and charming fishing villages.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Stockholm:** Spend more time in this city of art galleries, museums and fantastic restaurants. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out for Scandinavia, one of the world's most incredible regions. Explore the fascinating capital cities of Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo. See majestic mountains, fjords, fishing villages, historic towns, and experience a true milestone as your ship sails across the Arctic Circle to the very top of Europe.

### Day 2: Stockholm, Sweden - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in captivating Stockholm, a perfect blend of old and new. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the old town at Fem Sma Hus. This stunning restaurant is comprised of five connected timber-framed houses from the 17th century and captures the flavor of a bygone era. (D)

### Day 3: Stockholm

This morning **it's your choice!** Embark on a tour of Stockholm's city sights, showcasing the city's greatest vistas and fascinating attractions including the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament, concluding with a visit to Stockholm's City Hall **-OR-** you may prefer to explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour with a stop at one of Sweden's sweetest traditions, a candy cane-making factory, for a demonstration. Later, we make a stop at the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum to learn about its shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in one nautical mile. This ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbor. Perfectly preserved, it offers a rare glimpse into the amazing craftsmanship of the 17th century. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore Stockholm independently. (B)

### Day 4: Stockholm - Copenhagen, Denmark

Take a morning flight to delightful Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Later, join a local expert on an engaging city tour. View Denmark's center of Parliament,

known as Christianborg; Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family; and the Royal Theater. See the Little Mermaid Statue, a 1913 sculpture honoring Hans Christian Andersen's famous fictional character. (B)

### Day 5: Copenhagen

Today you may choose to spend your day at leisure in Copenhagen or perhaps join an optional excursion to Frederiksborg Castle, formerly the residence of the Danish royal family. (B)

### Day 6: Copenhagen - Oslo, Norway

Fly to Norway, a land of intense natural beauty and famous for its deep fjords, steep mountain roads, Viking legends, and well-preserved historical sites. Upon arrival, your guided tour of regal Oslo features a visit to the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, and views of Karl Johan Street, the Royal Palace, City Hall and the new Opera building. Then it's on to Vigeland Park where you will find the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. (B)

### Day 7: Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm Railway - Gudvangen - Voss - Bergen

Today you embark on the legendary "Norway in a Nutshell" tour! All aboard the Bergen Railway to experience Europe's most scenic rail journey. Have your camera ready as this legendary tour takes you through Norway's most breathtaking fjord and mountainous terrain on its way to Bergen. Switch trains in Myrdal and travel 12 miles on the famous Flåm Railway, a masterpiece of engineering, taking you 2,800 breathtaking feet in 55 minutes to the village of Flåm on Sognefjord, Norway's longest (120 miles) and deepest (more than a mile). Next, cruise Nærøfjord (UNESCO), the narrowest fjord in Europe with stunning views of waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. In Gudvangen, your journey continues by bus with the breathtaking Stalheimskleiven hairpin road (available May through September only), a thrilling ride around 13 hairpin bends. In Voss, board the train for Bergen, one of Norway's oldest and most iconic cities. (B, D)

### Day 8: Bergen - Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Board Ship

Join your fellow travelers on a leisurely paced walking tour of Bergen. Explore the picturesque, old Bryggen Wharf (UNESCO) with its tiny wooden houses and narrow streets. Mingle with the locals at the fish market located in the "heart" of the city. Then prepare for your memorable 6-night cruise – the "World's Most Beautiful Voyage" – sailing along the stunning Norwegian coastline. This evening, board your Hurtigruten ship. Sit back and take in the treasure trove of landscapes, scenery, sights and sounds that surround you. (B, D)

### Day 9: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

This morning's view from the ship will be of either the tranquil Stadthavet Sea or the majestic

Geirangerfjord as we make our way to the charming village of Alesund. Take a stroll through the fairy-tale streets of Alesund, a vibrant town known for its colorful art nouveau architecture and its stunning setting at the entrance of the Geirangerfjord. Then it's on to Molde for a brief stop at this trading and cultural hub dating back to medieval times. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

Today, enjoy some time in the historic city of Trondheim. Founded by Viking King Olav in A.D. 997, it was the location of the first capital of Norway and is still the city where new kings receive their ceremonial blessings. Later, continue toward the Land of the Midnight Sun, passing rugged coastlines en route to Rovik which sits among 6,000 islands. (B, L, D)

### Day 11: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

Today you become one of a select few as our cruise ship crosses the Arctic Circle on our way to Bodo. Gaze at the distant rugged peaks and to the infinite sky...keep an eye out for white-tailed sea eagles found in this region. Continue sailing, crossing the stunning Vestfjord and past the breathtaking Lofoten Islands before pausing briefly at the villages of Stamsund and Svolvaer. Later, sail on past the majestic Trollfjord. (B, L, D)

### Day 12: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

Take in the serenity as we sail past a chain of islands on our way to the small town of Harstad. Stop here for a moment before continuing on to Tromso, capital of the Arctic. Find yourself immersed in beautiful fjords and mountains. Located 220 miles north of the Arctic Circle, Tromso is home to the world's northernmost university, botanical garden and cathedral. (B, L, D)

### Day 13: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound

Your voyage continues along Norway's northernmost region, pausing briefly along the way at sleepy villages and busy ports surrounded by breathtaking panoramas. Have some time in the peaceful town of Honningsvåg, the capital of North Cape, situated closer to the North Pole than it is to Oslo. (B, L, D)

### Day 14: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Kirkenes - Disembark Ship - Oslo

Early this morning we arrive in Kirkenes, home to the Sami people who have herded reindeer for centuries. Disembark your ship and fly back to Oslo. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip filled with the breathtaking scenery and cultural treasures of Scandinavia. (B, D)

### Day 15: Oslo - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

## STAY LONGER

### ADD A DAY

Oslo: Enjoy another exciting night in Norway's thriving capital.

CALL FOR DETAILS



## DATES & PRICES

March 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - March 2019	Double	Solo
Inside Cabin			Inside Cabin		
March 8	\$4749	\$6149	October 18	\$4999	\$6699
Outside Cabin			March 14	\$4749	\$6099
March 8	\$5049	\$6649	Outside Cabin		
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.					
May 2018 - March 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	May 17	\$7099	\$10549
Inside Cabin			June 22	\$7399	\$10849
May 17	\$6399	\$9299	July 12, 18	\$7199	\$10599
June 22	\$6699	\$9599	August 9, 16	\$6599	\$9299
July 12, 18	\$6499	\$9349	September 20	\$6149	\$8349
August 9, 16	\$6099	\$8199	October 18	\$5349	\$7199
September 20	\$5749	\$7749	March 14	\$5049	\$6449
			Triple Room Reduction		N/A
			Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		



## COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Norwegian Coastal Voyage and Scandinavian Capitals and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ❶ Shades of Ireland ❷ Imperial Cities ❸ Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains ❹ Exploring the Alpine Countries CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. The internal flights are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased from us. Cabins are assigned by Hurtigruten; stateroom numbers will be supplied upon arrival at the ship in Bergen, Norway. Call for rates for Superior Outside cabins.



# SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join a local expert for an engaging city tour of Copenhagen.
- Stop at the Vasa Ship Museum to learn of its shocking maiden voyage.
- Visit Borgund Stave Church, an intricate structure built in 1180.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise.
- Witness the scenic wilderness along the Flam Railway.
- Enjoy a remarkable guided walk along Bergen's harborfront.
- Explore the Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking ships.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 5** | In Stockholm, take a walking tour of Gamla Stan (Old Town) **or** see the city on a panoramic coach tour.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor Swedish cuisine in Stockholm's old town.
- Sample New Nordic Cuisine in Copenhagen.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Copenhagen Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen  
**Day 4** PM & Vänner Hotel, Vaxjo  
**Days 5, 6** Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Stockholm  
**Days 7, 8** Hotel Bristol, Oslo  
**Day 9** Fretheim Hotel, Flam  
**Days 10, 11** Alexandra Hotel or Hotel Loenfjord, Loen  
**Days 12, 13** Scandic Neptun, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Copenhagen

# travel throughout the thrilling landscapes of Scandinavia

and connect with the cultural capitals of Northern Europe.

## START EARLY

### ADD A DAY

**Copenhagen:** Reward yourself with a night to explore Denmark's intriguing capital. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore Scandinavia by land as you experience one of the world's most incredible regions.

### Day 2: Copenhagen, Denmark - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. Take some time to venture out on your own and come to know this cosmopolitan capital, dubbed the "gastro capital of Scandinavia." Tonight, meet your fellow travelers during a local dining experience highlighting the New Nordic Cuisine movement of Copenhagen. (D)

### Day 3: Copenhagen

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. View Denmark's center of Parliament, known as Christianborg; Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family; and the Royal Theater. You'll also see the Little

Mermaid Statue, a 1913 sculpture honoring Hans Christian Andersen's famous fictional character. This afternoon, enjoy some free time. Perhaps you'll join us for an optional excursion to Frederiksborg Castle (formerly the residence of the Danish royal family) that begins with lunch at a local restaurant featuring seasonally inspired cuisine. (B)

### Day 4: Copenhagen - Vaxjo, Sweden

Cross the famous Oresund Bridge into Sweden. Stop at the Ikea Museum to be immersed in the history of this signature furniture brand. Later, travel to Vaxjo - gateway to Sweden's famous "glass kingdom," home to the well-known brand Kosta Boda. Discover the genuine Swedish tradition of glassblowing at Sweden's oldest operating glassworks factory, established in 1742. (B)

### Day 5: Vaxjo - Stockholm

Continue north to Sweden's capital city of Stockholm. Once in Stockholm, **it's your choice!** Explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour with a stop at one of Sweden's sweetest traditions, a candy cane making factory, for a demonstration **-OR-** see the city on a panoramic coach tour that highlights the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament, as well as a



Geirangerfjord

visit inside Stockholm's beautiful city hall. Tonight, enjoy Swedish cuisine in the old town at Fem Sma Hus. This stunning restaurant, comprised of five connected timber-framed houses from the 17th century, captures the flavor of a bygone era. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Stockholm

Begin the day by exploring the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum and learn about its shocking maiden voyage when it sank in one nautical mile. This ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbor. Perfectly preserved, it offers a rare glimpse into the amazing craftsmanship of the 17th century. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Stockholm independently. Discover its strikingly colorful architecture and sample its innovative cuisine. Perhaps you will choose to join an optional excursion that offers a privately guided tour of Stockholm's spectacular archipelago. (B)

#### Day 7: Stockholm - High Speed Train - Oslo, Norway

All aboard! 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, one of Europe's fastest-growing cities, nestled between the Oslofjord and forested hills. Norway's capital since 1814, Oslo is the center of Norwegian government and home to the royal family. You'll find a vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with an abundance of world-class museums, restaurants and art. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking ships. Continue along Karl Johan Street and view the Royal Palace and city hall in quaint downtown Oslo. Next, visit Vigeland Park, home to the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. Later this afternoon, enjoy some free time to relax or explore independently. (B)

#### Day 9: Oslo - Flam

Depart Norway's capital and travel north to the majestic fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church. This intricate structure, built in 1180, is dedicated to the Apostle Andrew. Arrive in the quaint village of Flam, nestled at the entrance to

the stunning Aurlandsfjord. Embark on one of the world's steepest train rides, the renowned Flam Railway. Ascend to 3,000 feet, passing mighty waterfalls, towering mountains and amazing valleys. Journey to the mountain plateau of Myrdal and cascade down to the fjord of Flam offering breathtaking views each way. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Flam - Loen

Travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier, considered to be one of the most beautiful glaciers in Norway. Climb the glacier in a traditional "troll" car before arriving in stunning Loen for a relaxing stay in the heart of Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Spend the day enchanted by the inspiring landscape of the fjord region of Norway. Journey to Geiranger, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, taking in some of the most beautiful scenery in Norway along the way. Known as one of the most famous fjords in the world, Geirangerfjord is where you find Norway's mighty waterfalls: the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil and the Sutor. Homesteads are a continued presence on the steep sides of the mountains, where farms have been kept for centuries. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Loen - Bergen

Take in Norway's most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen, known as the gateway to the fjords. Bergen was founded with Viking roots and today is known for its old-world charm and scenic landscape. (B)

#### Day 13: Bergen

Join your fellow travelers on a guided walking tour of Bergen. Stroll along the historic and iconic harborfront, known as the Bryggen (UNESCO). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure and reunite with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighborhood. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Bergen - Tour Ends

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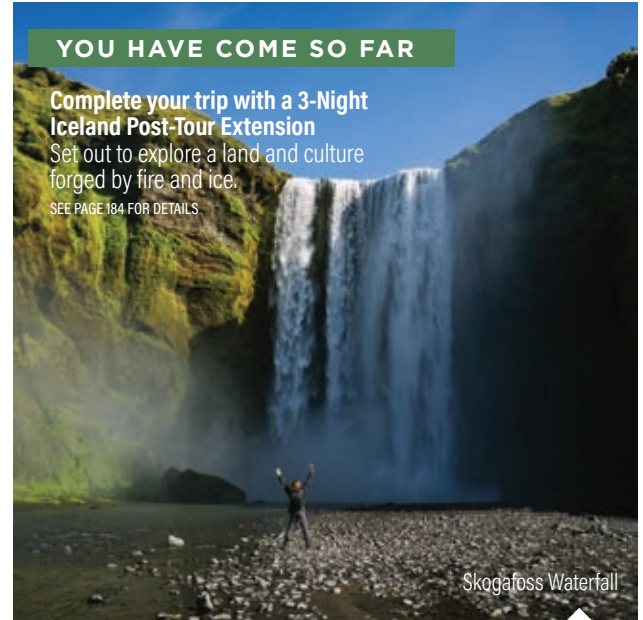


### YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

#### Complete your trip with a 3-Night Iceland Post-Tour Extension

Set out to explore a land and culture forged by fire and ice.

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Skogafoss Waterfall

### DATES & PRICES

May - October 2018	Double	Solo	May - October 2018	Double	Solo
May 17, 24	\$3999	\$5349	September 27	\$3999	\$5349
June 14	\$4249	\$5599	October 4	\$3949	\$5199
June 21	\$4349	\$5649			
July 12, 19	\$4349	\$5649			
August 2, 9, 16	\$4349	\$5649			
September 6, 13, 20	\$4349	\$5649			

**Triple Room Reduction** N/A  
Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.



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This trip requires a passport.



# EXPLORING GREECE & ITS ISLANDS

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- Explore the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Join a local expert to explore Athens and its famed sites.
- Explore the grandeur of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3 |** In Athens join a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis **or** embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including the Temple of Hephaestus.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Feast on local food and wine at a traditional "taverna."
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Crowne Plaza City Center, Athens
- Day 4** Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka
- Day 5** Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova
- Days 6, 7** Europa Hotel, Olympia
- Day 8** King Minos Hotel or Apollon Hotel, Tolo
- Days 9, 10** San Marco Hotel, Mykonos
- Days 11-13** El Greco Resort, Aegean Plaza Hotel, or Santorini Palace Hotel, Santorini
- Days 14** Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece.

This well-paced journey balances expeditions to Greece's most important Classical age with ample time to explore on your own.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Athens:** Start your exploration with an extra night in Greece's ancient capital.

CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

#### Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district. In a traditional taverna, feast on local cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek entertainment. (D)

#### Day 3: Athens 🗣️

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, **it's your choice!** Choose a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including Pnyx – where democracy was formed in Greece – and the Temple of Hephaestus. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

#### Day 4: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work



Santorini, Greece

creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek

lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Olympia - Mycenae - Tolo

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Tolo. (B)

#### Day 9: Tolo - Athens - Mykonos

This morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you sail across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B)

#### Day 11: Mykonos - Santorini

Sail to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Santorini - Oia - Santorini

Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

#### Day 13: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town center, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. (B)

#### Day 14: Santorini - Athens

Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)



Acropolis

#### DATES & PRICES

April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
April 9, 17, 20, 23	\$2999	\$3849	July 5, 8	\$3549	\$4749
April 26	\$3199	\$4199	September 6, 9, 13, 16	\$3349	\$4349
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 4, 7, 11	\$2999	\$3849
			March 28	\$2999	\$3849
			April 4, 11, 17, 25	\$2999	\$3849
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30 - \$50		
May 3, 6, 17, 20	\$3099	\$4049	Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
May 31	\$3349	\$4349			
June 3	\$3349	\$4349			

**This trip requires a passport.** Due to the ferry schedule on day 9 of some departures, you may be required to depart the hotel in Tolo as early as 4:00 a.m. Should this be the case, a boxed breakfast will be provided in place of the regular hotel breakfast. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from Athens. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

#### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

**Athens:** Spend more time uncovering the cultural treasures of this epic city.

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# GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

11 DAYS • 20 MEALS  
FROM \$2637



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stop at two monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks.
- See Mars Hill where Paul delivered his "Men of Athens" speech.
- Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums of Byzantine art.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora.
- Join a local expert exploring the monuments of ancient Athens.
- See the Bema where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in Acts.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens  
**Days 3 - 5** *Olympia*, Celestyal Cruises  
**Days 6 - 7** Capsis Hotel, Thessaloniki  
**Day 8** Hotel Famissi, Kalambaka  
**Day 9** Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova  
**Day 10** Holiday Inn Attica, Athens
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Meteora

## retrace the missionary journey of the Apostle Paul

prolific writer of the New Testament letters, as you enjoy a cruise of the Greek Islands of Mykonos, Patmos and Santorini.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Athens:** Begin early and take more time in the historical capital of Europe.

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countryside of Greece and Turkey.

#### Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's lively capital. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic district - the Plaka - a lively historic neighborhood nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Feast on local cuisine and enjoy fine wine in a traditional taverna while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (D)

#### Day 3: Athens - Piraeus (Embarkation) - Mykonos

Embark on a wonderful 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are

served daily while on board. Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands, is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece

Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry and where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. Visit the House of Mary, where she is said to have spent her last days. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races took place and gladiatorial combats were held. It is said that Paul himself fought here against wild beasts. Continue your cruise to Patmos, the "Jerusalem of the Aegean." Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where

John the Evangelist, inspired by God, wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini

Arrive early this morning in Heraklion, Crete. Time is allowed for an optional excursion to Knossos, one of the most extraordinary archaeological sites in the western world and the center of the 4000 B.C. Minoan civilization. Explore the site and visit the world-famous Knossos Archaeological Museum. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Visit the breathtaking Oia Village, perched on the caldera rim. Then, enjoy free time to visit the cliff-top village of Fira for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas. (B, L, D)



Ephesus



#### Day 6: Piraeus - Disembark Cruise Ship - Thessaloniki

After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Make a picture stop at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas and his courageous Spartans against the Persian army. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 567 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity; it is where Paul visited and preached during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums in the world devoted to Byzantine art and civilization with an impressive collection of many Byzantine and early Christian frescoes, icons and artifacts. (B, D)



Thessaloniki

#### Day 7: Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki

Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient, Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

#### Day 8: Thessaloniki - Meteora - Kalambaka

Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley – the breadbasket of Greece – to spectacular Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with six historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Kalambaka - Delphi

Travel through scenic mountain terrain to Delphi, one of the most moving sites of the ancient world. Once considered the "navel of the world," Delphi is nestled on the slopes of

Mount Parnassus in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty. Pilgrims once came from all over the ancient world to consult its mysterious oracle. A guided tour takes you along the Sacred Way to see the Doric Temple and the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasuries, and the intriguing Archaeological Museum with its staggering collection of ancient artifacts including the 5th-century bronzed Charioteer. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Delphi - Corinth - Athens

Travel to Corinth where Paul wrote two epistles, lived and preached for two years. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. In Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a marvelous trip. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Athens - Tour Ends

You've explored the ancient land where Paul the Apostle made missionary journeys. You've seen the places to which he sent his famous epistles – Thessalonians, Philippians and Corinthians – and seen many of the places described in the Acts of the Apostles. Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

March – April 2018	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
<i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>			July 18	\$2737	\$3237
March 7, 14	\$2558	\$3058	September 12, 19, 26	\$2837	\$3337
April 4, 11, 18, 25	\$2608	\$3108	October 10, 17, 24	\$2737	\$3237
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			March 20, 27	\$2637	\$3137
			April 3, 17, 24	\$2737	\$3237
May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$30	
<i>(featured itinerary)</i>			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
May 9	\$2737	\$3237			
June 20	\$2737	\$3237			

This trip requires a passport. Port taxes and fees of \$109/\$138 USD (subject to change), per person are included in the land only tour cost. Single cabins, if confirmed, are higher. Gratuities for the cruise portion are not included in the land only price. At the time of booking, \$30 USD per guest will be collected to cover service charges (gratuities). Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Pricing is based on inside cabin (category 1B); call for rates for upgrade to outside cabin (category XB). Prior to full payment, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required at an additional cost to you. Your cruise ship provides a "blanket visa" when visiting Ephesus, Turkey. There is no need to buy a Turkish visa as long as you travel with the group to/from Ephesus.



# ICONIC ISRAEL

10 DAYS • 16 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Venture to the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C.
- See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago.
- Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- Explore the oldest city on earth – the ancient ruins of Jericho.
- Enjoy the wonder of the Dead Sea.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 5** | Choose to explore the AHAVA Visitors Center to learn about the Dead Sea cosmetics or "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv  
**Days 3, 4** Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias  
**Day 5** Isrotel Ganim, Dead Sea  
**Days 6 - 9** Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## discover the legendary stories

of mankind's collective history in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth  
and the ruins of Jericho

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

Tel Aviv: Begin your exploration with more time on Israel's Mediterranean coast. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us as we explore Israel, an ancient land rich in tradition and home to some of the world's most important historic treasures.

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins - Jaffa - Tel Aviv

Welcome to Tel Aviv, a bustling city on the Mediterranean coast. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the ancient port city of Jaffa. (D)

#### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre - Tiberias

Today we follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Marvel at its Roman theater, aqueduct and fortress. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation site of Tel Megiddo, which dates back to the Bronze Age. Next, take in the breathtaking panorama

of Haifa and the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO World Heritage site). Step back in time in the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO). Your day comes to a close in Tiberias. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Tiberias - Cana - Nazareth - Tabgha - Capernaum - Sea of Galilee

Set off for Cana, considered to be the site of the First Miracle – where Jesus turned water into wine. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue to Mt. of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount; and Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Make a stop at the ancient fishing village of Capernaum before exploring the Galilee Boat Museum. See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago before boarding a boat for your ride on the Sea of Galilee. Get a taste of the local flavor during lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea

Peek into Roman times at Beit Shean's well-preserved ancient theater. Continue along the Jordan River Valley





Jerusalem

## YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

**Complete your trip with 4 nights in Jordan.** Explore more of this ancient land – from the stone city of Petra to the sands of Wadi Rum.

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Masada

to Jericho, considered to be the oldest city on earth. Journey to Qumran, the location of one of the most important archaeological finds of all time – the discovery of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Proceed to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Then **it's your choice!** Stop in the AHAVA Visitors Center and learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea **-OR-** take the opportunity to “float” in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea... experience the natural buoyancy due to its high salt concentration and the benefits of its minerals to beauty and health. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, D)

### Day 6: Dead Sea - Masada - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to the former palatial fortress of Masada (UNESCO). Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car to Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue. A stop in the city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills, brings you to the Church of the Nativity – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. Tonight you arrive in one of the most captivating cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

### Day 7: Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives to take in the panoramic view of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. See the Church of Ascension and the Garden of

Gethsemane. Discover the Kidron Valley and the tombs of Mary, Absalom, Zachariah and James. Continue to St. Peter in Gallicantu and Mt. Zion to discover the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Marvel at the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, home to a selection of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Conclude your day at the Garden Tomb. (B)

### Day 8: Old City, Jerusalem

Come to know the Holy City of Jerusalem on a walking tour of the old walled city (UNESCO). See the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock (outside view only), 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, beginning at Pilate's Judgment Hall and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Later, continue exploring the city independently or peruse the sights and sounds of the world-renowned Mahane Yehuda Market, known as the shuk (open-air market). (B, D)

### Day 9: Jerusalem

Your day is at leisure to explore independently or simply relax. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants. (B, D)

### Day 10: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

## DATES & PRICES

### February - April 2018

(different itinerary – see note)

February 7, 14\*

March 7, 14

April 11, 18, 25

Double

Solo

\$2349 \$3099

\$2699 \$3599

\$2749 \$3699

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2018 - April 2019

(featured itinerary)

May 9, 23

June 6, 20

August 29

October 3, 17, 31

Double

Solo

\$2849 \$3799

\$2849 \$3799

\$2799 \$3749

\$2849 \$3799

### May 2018 - April 2019

January 30\*

February 20\*

February 27

March 20, 27

April 3, 10

Double

Solo

\$2499 \$3249

\$2499 \$3249

\$2849 \$3799

\$2849 \$3799

\$2899 \$3899

### Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30-\$50

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

\*Value Season Departures: These select dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.



## COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

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**Suggested Tours:** ① Treasures of Egypt CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 10). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. It is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion airport approximately 3 hours prior to departure. Our air passengers will depart from Tel Aviv airport and all of our transfers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv airport.



# ISRAEL: A JOURNEY OF FAITH

9 DAYS · 15 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through the winding alleys of historic Jaffa.
- Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.
- Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared Christmas night.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- Travel to Tel Megiddo, site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah.
- Stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Get a taste of the local flavor when you enjoy lunch at a kibbutz.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv  
**Days 3, 4** Leonardo Tiberias Hotel, Tiberias  
**Days 5 - 8** Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## the Holy Land beckons you

to embark on an inclusive faith-based journey into the past, uncovering its history, culture and sacred sites.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world.

### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Acre - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a center of the early Christians where Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to the new covenant (Acts 10) by St. Peter; and where Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 23). Stop in Acre, an ancient crusader city and UNESCO World Heritage site. In Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23), visit the Church of the Annunciation and the place where Joseph's home and workshop were as well as the site of the fresh water spring used by the Holy Family. Your day

continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

### Day 4: Sea of Galilee-Capernaum-Golan Heights-Caesarea Philippi-Tiberias

Cross the waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica of the boat in which Jesus would have sailed. Travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). Nearby Tabgha is the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the five thousand. Visit the Church of the Fish and the Loaves (Luke 9:10-17). In Capernaum, Jesus performed many miracles and it was the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. Visit the synagogue that stands on the site where Jesus taught and reflect on his teaching and preaching of the gospel of the kingdom (Matthew 4:13, 23). Visit the Chapel of the Primacy where Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21) on three occasions. Get a taste of the local flavor when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz, in the Golan Heights. Visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus traveled with His disciples and near where Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Your

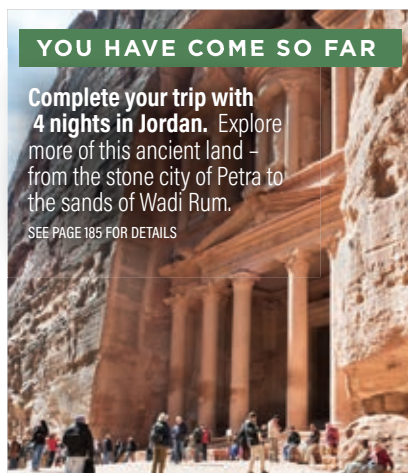


Sea of Galilee

## YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

**Complete your trip with 4 nights in Jordan.** Explore more of this ancient land – from the stone city of Petra to the sands of Wadi Rum.

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The Western Wall

day ends at the River Jordan at the Yardenit Baptismal site. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Tiberias - Tel Megiddo - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Visit Tel Megiddo (Armageddon), the site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah. In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus (Luke 2), enter the Church of the Nativity, the oldest continuously functioning church in the world. View the cave where Jesus was born. Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on that first Christmas night, spreading good tidings of great joy for all the people. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

### Day 6: Jerusalem - Mount Zion - Ein Karem

Your time in Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives. Afterwards, visit the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Christ taught the Lord's Prayer; its name refers to the "Our Father" prayer. Continue to the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Nearby is the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas. Travel to Mount Zion and stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper (Mark 14). Then, continue to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist and the place to which Mary traveled to share her good news with Elizabeth. (B, D)

### Day 7: Jerusalem

Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; visit Masada; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. (B, D)

### Day 8: Jerusalem

Your day begins at St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion; pass by the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Next, visit the Western Wall of the Temple before stopping at the Garden Tomb, the possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and site of the resurrection of Jesus. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

### Day 9: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

## DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018		Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019		Double	Solo
(different itinerary - see note)				October 8, 15, 22			
February 14		\$2249	\$2999	November 5, 7		\$2299	\$3099
March 21		\$2249	\$2999	December 10		\$1999	\$2699
April 18		\$2249	\$2999	February 4		\$1999	\$2699
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				February 13		\$2149	\$2849
May 2018 - April 2019		Double	Solo	February 25		\$2249	\$2999
(featured itinerary)				March 11, 25		\$2249	\$2999
May 21		\$2299	\$3099	April 8		\$2299	\$3099
June 4		\$2299	\$3099	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30			
August 29		\$2399	\$3149	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.			

**This trip requires a passport.** This trip requires a passport. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 9). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport is approximately 1.5 hours (depending upon traffic conditions). Due to security checks, it is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion airport 3 hours prior to departure. Our air passengers will depart from Tel Aviv airport and all of our transfers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv airport.



# ISRAEL: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before he was crucified.
- Celebrate daily Mass at several significant religious sites.
- Visit the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Visit the ancient cities of Nazareth & Bethlehem.
- Follow the Via Dolorosa, walked by Our Lord on the way to his crucifixion.
- Stop at the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Get a taste of the local flavor when you enjoy lunch at a kibbutz.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv  
**Days 3, 4** Leonardo Tiberias Hotel, Tiberias  
**Days 5 - 8** Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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on this inspirational and life-changing journey sure to strengthen your faith.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world.

### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Acre - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church. Travel to the walled city and Roman ruins of Caesarea. It was here that St. Peter converted the first pagan, Centurion Cornelius, to become a Christian, and where St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Next, stop in Acre, an ancient crusader city and UNESCO World Heritage site. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle, at a wedding feast where you can renew your marriage vows. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

### Day 4: Tiberias - Sea of Galilee - Tabgha - Capernaum - Tiberias

This morning enjoy a special treat when you take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where many of the apostles were fishermen and where Our Lord preached. Travel to nearby Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes, built to commemorate the miraculous feeding of five thousand. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes for a stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter where Our Lord appeared to the apostles after His resurrection. In Capernaum, visit the church built over the ruins of St. Peter's house. Get a taste of the local flavor when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement known as a kibbutz. Finally, visit Yardenit, the Jordan River baptismal site. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Tiberias - Mount Tabor - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Proceed to Bethlehem and enjoy a stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on the first Christmas night. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Nativity, built





Church of All Nations



## YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

**Complete your trip with 4 nights in Jordan.** Explore more of this ancient land – from the stone city of Petra to the sands of Wadi Rum.

SEE PAGE 185 FOR DETAILS



Church of the Nativity

on the birth site of Our Lord. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

### Day 6: Jerusalem, the Old City

Your visit to Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer; its name refers to the "Our Father" prayer. Next, visit the Mount of Olives and the site where Our Lord wept over the city, now known as Dominus Flevit. Afterwards, visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas. Travel to Caiaphas' Palace – known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu – where St. Peter once denied Our Lord in one of its courts. This afternoon, travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, built over the Grotto of his birthplace, and celebrate Mass. (B, D)

### Day 7: Jerusalem

Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; visit Masada; stop at AHAVA Visitors Center; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Later today, gather with your fellow travelers to celebrate Mass. (B, D)

### Day 8: Jerusalem - Western Wall

Enter the old city through St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic, and see the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Walk through the Muslim, Christian and Jewish quarters to the Western Wall of the Temple. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Next, visit the Church of the Dormition (commemorating Our Lady's Assumption) and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. In Jerusalem, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

### Day 9: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

## DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>			May 2018 – April 2019		
	Double	Solo		Double	Solo
February 7, 28	\$2249	\$2999	October 3, 10, 15, 17, 24, 31	\$2299	\$3099
March 7, 21	\$2249	\$2999	November 7, 12	\$2299	\$3099
April 9	\$2299	\$3149	December 12	\$1999	\$2699
April 25	\$2249	\$2999	January 28	\$1999	\$2699
<small>Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>			February 6, 18	\$2149	\$2849
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>			March 6, 13, 18	\$2249	\$2999
	Double	Solo	April 1, 10	\$2299	\$3099
May 16, 30	\$2299	\$3099	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
August 27	\$2399	\$3149	<small>Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.</small>		

**This trip requires a passport.** Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 9). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport is approximately 1.5 hours (depending upon traffic conditions). Due to security checks, it is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion airport 3 hours prior to departure. Our air passengers will depart from Tel Aviv airport and all of our transfers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv airport.



# TREASURES OF EGYPT

13 DAYS • 22 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.
- Dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabeya party.
- Take in a sound and light show at Karnak Temple.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2000 B.C.
- Visit the pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world.
- Explore the Valley of the Kings.
- Discover the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 10 |** In Aswan, board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island **or** experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a fascinating museum.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Fairmont Nile City Hotel, Cairo  
**Days 4, 5** Sonesta St. George Hotel, Luxor  
**Days 6-9** Movenpick *Royal Lily*  
**Day 10** Movenpick Hotel, Aswan  
**Days 11, 12** Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## RIVER CRUISE TOUR

## travel to the ancient land of Egypt to discover the beauty

and legends of the Nile River and the wonders that line its shores.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

Cairo: Step into the sands of time a day early with another night in the capital.

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view Egypt's timeless wonders.

#### Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past.

#### Day 3: Cairo - Giza - Sakkara - Memphis - Cairo

This morning we travel to nearby Giza where we'll meet a local archaeologist who will lead us on a visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the oldest and largest monuments in the world. This afternoon, travel south to Sakkara. Explore the site of ancient Memphis, home to a nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and stand before the oldest of all pyramids, the Step Pyramid. This evening, enjoy a special welcome

dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Cairo - Luxor

Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun himself. Later, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Luxor. (B)

#### Day 5: Luxor

Travel thousands of years into the past. Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes. Explore its remarkable sights - the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II. (B)

#### Day 6: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship

We return to the West Bank this morning and head to the tombs in the Valley of Nobles and the well-preserved temple complex of Medinet Habu. This afternoon, board your cruise ship and begin your adventure on the Nile River. This evening, enjoy the sound and light show at the Karnak Temple. (B, L, D)



Tutankhamun tomb

## YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

Complete your trip with 3 nights in Jordan and see the stone city of Petra and marvel at the immense Wadi Rum.

SEE PAGE 185 FOR DETAILS



Royal Lily

### Day 7: Luxor - Esna - Edfu

This morning, explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2000 B.C. Then we begin our sail down the Nile towards Esna on your way to Edfu. This evening, dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabeya party. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Edfu - Kom Ombo

Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo – your stop for the evening. Following dinner, enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Kom Ombo - Aswan

Set sail to Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the Philae Temple. Relocated and preserved by a special UNESCO project, this structure remains an architectural wonder. Later, enjoy a free afternoon to explore Aswan. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Abu Simbel Optional Tour

Disembark the ship this morning in Aswan. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. **The choice is yours!** You may choose to board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island

for a short stroll through the botanical garden.

**- OR -** perhaps you would prefer to experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a fascinating museum. (B, D)

### Day 11: Aswan - Cairo

Return to Cairo. After our flight, the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 12: Cairo

Venture to the Citadel, a medieval fortification resting on a hill overlooking the city. It's the perfect place to take in grand views. Learn about the city's rich history on a walking tour of Old Cairo before enjoying some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalil. Perhaps you'll stop for a traditional cup of tea. Join your fellow travelers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 13: Cairo - Tour Ends

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

## DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018  
(different itinerary - see note)

	Double	Solo
February 7, 21	\$2249	\$2899
March 7, 14	\$2249	\$2899
April 4, 18	\$2199	\$2849

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October 2018 - April 2019  
(featured itinerary)

	Double	Solo
October 24	\$2199	\$2899
November 7	\$2249	\$2949

October 2018 - April 2019  
December 5

	Double	Solo
January 9	\$2249	\$2949
February 6, 27	\$2249	\$2949
March 6, 20	\$2249	\$2949
April 3, 17	\$2199	\$2899

Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights. Call about additional dates.



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**Suggested Tours:** ① Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

② Iconic Israel [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

This trip requires a passport and visa. Passport numbers are required in advance. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately \$28 USD. If you have purchased either international air and/or transfers through us, your visa will be provided upon arrival at no additional cost. If you purchase your own air and transfers, you must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

## STAY LONGER

**ADD A DAY**

Cairo: Take another night to explore more of Egypt's mysteries.

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# EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

13 DAYS • 17 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take a lovely cruise along the Danube River.
- Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey.
- Meet a Passion Play performer in Oberammergau.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Come to know Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace.
- Discover the fascinating city of Munich and its world-famous Glockenspiel.
- Walk through Innsbruck's charming pedestrian streets.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 10** | Explore Zermatt on foot during a guided walking tour **or** independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a special dinner in the quaint winemaking village of Grinzing.
- Delight in a Mozart Dinner Concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant in Salzburg.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna
- Days 4, 5** Arcotel Castellani, Salzburg
- Days 6, 7** Alte Post Hotel, Oberammergau Region
- Day 8** Hotel Hofgut Sternen, Titisee or Maritim Titisee Hotel, Black Forest
- Days 9, 10** Hotel Alex, Hotel Pollux or Ambassador Hotel, Zermatt
- Days 11, 12** Ameron Hotel Flora or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## journey through the heart of Europe

and discover storybook castles and glittering palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Vienna:** Come early to spend more time in this culturally rich city in the heart of Europe. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore three distinct Alpine cultures set amid incredible landscapes.

### Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine in the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (D)

### Day 3: Vienna

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. You will visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

### Day 4: Vienna - Salzburg

After a short journey through the countryside, embark upon a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the "City of Music," Salzburg. Tonight, transport back in time during a Mozart Dinner Concert in the elegant Baroque Hall of the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 5: Salzburg

Discover the splendor 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 Mirabell Gardens. (B)

### Day 6: Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau

Welcome to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later in the day, arrive at your home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the



Matterhorn

Passion Play. This evening, enjoy a magical dinner and a visit by a local performer from the village. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau

Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck, located in Tyrolean Austria. Walk through the charming pedestrian streets and see such landmarks as The Golden Roof on a locally guided tour. As you wind through the narrow cobblestone lanes, it is easy to understand why this city was the center of European culture and politics during the 14th century. (B)

#### Day 8: Oberammergau - Black Forest

Today fairytales become reality during a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)



Lucerne



Schoenbrunn Palace



#### Day 10: Zermatt

All of Zermatt is at your fingertips. **It's your choice!** Explore on foot during a guided walking tour **-OR-** experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: 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. Your destination is the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," the city of Lucerne. (B)

#### Day 12: Lucerne

Set out on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque place, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Tonight, come together with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

<b>April 2018</b> <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Solo</b>	<b>May 2018 – April 2019</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Solo</b>
April 12, 19, 26	\$2899	\$3399	July 5, 12, 19	\$3199	\$3649
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			August 2, 9	\$3199	\$3649
			August 16	\$3399	\$3799
			September 6, 8, 13, 15, 20	\$3199	\$3649
			September 22, 27, 29	\$3199	\$3649
<b>May 2018 – April 2019</b> <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Solo</b>	October 4, 11	\$2999	\$3449
May 3	\$2999	\$3449	April 4, 6, 25	\$2999	\$3449
May 17, 24	\$3099	\$3549	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	N/A	
June 7, 14, 21	\$3099	\$3549	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		



#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Exploring the Alpine Countries and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ① Spectacular Scandinavia CALL FOR DETAILS

**This trip requires a passport.** Our air passengers will depart from the Zurich, Switzerland airport. All of our transfers will depart Lucerne for Zurich. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.

#### STAY LONGER

##### ADD A DAY

Lucerne: Spend more time in the peaceful city on the shores of Lake Lucerne. CALL FOR DETAILS



# ALPINE LAKES & SCENIC TRAINS

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise Lake Como on a traditional open-air commuter ferry.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of Lucerne, St. Moritz and Como.
- Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy stunning Alpine views on the GoldenPass panoramic train.
- Soak up the mountain air with two nights in the Alpine village of Zermatt.
- Explore the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," Lucerne.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 5** | Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks with a local expert **or** enjoy a visit to the Zermatt Matterhorn Museum.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- Relish a traditional dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Italy's Lago Maggiore.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Ameron Flora or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne  
**Days 4, 5** Hotel Alex, Hotel Pollux or Ambassador Hotel, Zermatt  
**Days 6, 7** Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz  
**Days 8, 9** Zaccchera Hotels, Lago Maggiore

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## experience the enchanting cultures of Switzerland and Italy

as you journey through spectacular mountain scenery and  
picturesque towns aboard Europe's legendary railways.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views while aboard railways and lake cruises, and enjoy cultural experiences in charming villages in the heart of Europe.

### Day 2: Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Arrive in Lucerne and take some free time to explore this lakeside town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the city. (D)

### Day 3: Lucerne

Today, explore this "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy an Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour that follows the ancient pathways of the city. See the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison; the watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from

sandstone to commemorate the heroic soldiers who were protecting King Louis XVI in 1792. (B)

### Day 4: Lucerne - GoldenPass Train - Montreux - Zermatt

This morning, travel to Gstaad and climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train to enjoy breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time in this legendary town on the shores of Lake Geneva. Then, continue on to the pedestrian village of Zermatt. (B, D)

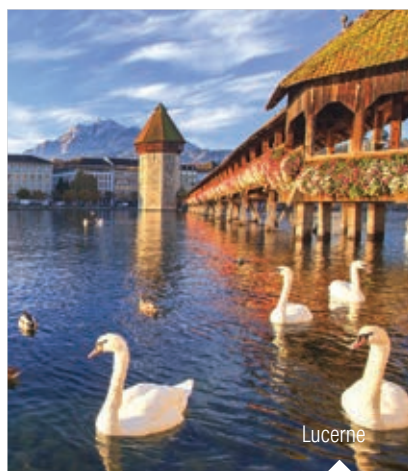
### Day 5: Zermatt

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. **It's your choice!** Explore on foot during a guided walking tour **-OR-** experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)





Glacier Express  
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Lucerne



Bernina Pass  
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#### Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz for your 2-night stay. (B, L)

#### Day 7: St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - St. Moritz

Embark on a journey through the Bernina Pass while traveling along one of the most scenic railway lines in the world en route to Tirano, Italy. Take in striking views of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your adventure, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Upon your return to St. Moritz you can relax at your hotel or make use of your included St. Moritz lift pass and take the cable car to the top of Mt. Diavolezza where you can enjoy stunning views of Piz Bernina. (B)

#### Day 8: St. Moritz - Lake Como, Italy - Lago Maggiore

Today we make our way back to Italy with a drive to Lake Como. A ferry ride across the waters

of Lake Como introduces you to its stunning beauty. Drive along the picturesque shores to the town of Como. You will have free time to explore this famous resort before continuing to Lago Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters against the backdrop of the Alps. (B)

#### Day 9: Lago Maggiore

Travel to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm where you will learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Then, sample their delicious creations and learn how to pair them with the region's local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Our evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we board a lake boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. There we savor a traditional farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Lago Maggiore - Tour Ends

Your thrilling Alpine journey ends today in Lago Maggiore. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

April - October 2018	Double	Solo	April - October 2018	Double	Solo
April 30	\$3399	\$3799	October 1	\$3399	\$3799
May 7, 14, 28	\$3399	\$3799	October 8	\$3299	\$3749
June 4, 25	\$3399	\$3799			
July 9, 16	\$3399	\$3799	Triple Room Reduction		N/A
August 13, 27	\$3399	\$3799	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
September 10, 17, 24	\$3399	\$3799			



#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ① Reflections of Italy ② Norwegian Coastal Voyage & Scandinavian Capitals CALL FOR DETAILS

**This trip requires a passport.** Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and transfer to Lucerne; and will depart from Lago Maggiore, Italy and transfer to Milan airport. All of our transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Due to tour scheduling, flights on Day 2 should arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m.



# DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

10 DAYS • 12 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.
- Witness the musical tradition of Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show.
- Come to know local life with 4 nights in Bern and Innsbruck.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Walk the halls of the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon, located on the shores of Lake Geneva.
- Spend a day exploring Salzburg's historic past and charming old town.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne's Altstadt (Old Town).



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 6** | In Innsbruck choose between two leisurely walking tours. Focus on the city's history and popular attractions **or** explore its unique architecture.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue.
- Enjoy traditional cuisine in one of Bern's great restaurants.
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 5** Hotel Bern or Hotel Baeren, Bern  
**Days 6 - 9** Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## enjoy traveling through spectacular mountain scenery

and picturesque cities as you experience three enchanting Alpine cultures.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria.

### Day 2: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

### Day 3: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently or perhaps brave Europe's steepest funicular ride up Gurten Mountain. (B)

### Day 4: Château de Chillon - Montreux - Train Ride - Gstaad - Bern

Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. This princely residence faces the lake and puts forth the image of an imposing fortress from the mountains. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. (B)

### Day 5: Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of the city. Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight we dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)





GoldenPass Panoramic Train



Innsbruck



Bern

#### Day 6: Bern - Innsbruck, Austria

En route to Innsbruck we make our way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, **it's your choice!** Select one of two leisurely walking tours: 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- you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

#### Day 7: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. There, enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*); the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart); and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Innsbruck

Savor a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax

and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a locally well-known musical family. (B)

#### Day 9: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Oberammergau - Innsbruck

Today fairy tales come to life with a picture stop at Bavaria's famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Visit Wies Church (UNESCO) before heading to the picturesque village of Oberammergau. Enjoy a brief tour and learn more about this charming place, famous for its Passion Play. Performed every ten years to fulfill a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the plague in 1633, the Passion Play has grown into an international event. Tonight you are treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck's most famous traditional restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Innsbruck - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

##### ADD A DAY

Innsbruck: Relax after your trip or explore more of this beautiful city.  
CALL FOR DETAILS

#### DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March 15	\$2299	\$2599	August 2, 9, 16, 23	\$2299	\$2599
April 5, 12, 19, 26	\$2299	\$2599	September 6, 9, 13, 16	\$2299	\$2599
			September 20, 23, 27	\$2299	\$2599
			October 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 25	\$2299	\$2599
			November 1	\$1999	\$2299
			March 21	\$1999	\$2299
			April 4, 9, 23, 25	\$2299	\$2599
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
May 3, 10, 17, 24	\$2299	\$2599	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
June 7, 14, 21, 28	\$2299	\$2599			
July 5, 12, 19, 26	\$2299	\$2599			



#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:**  Magnificent Cities of Central & Eastern Europe CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All of our transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



# SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS

10 DAYS • 12 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover Neuchatel's historic quarter, and see the unique architecture of the Belle Époque period.
- Explore the vineyards of Swiss wine country on foot, and sample the vineyard's delicious offerings.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Visit the charming and picturesque village of Zermatt and marvel at views of the Matterhorn.
- Enjoy a wine tasting nestled among the vines of a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Lavaux vineyards.
- Soak in the stunning grandeur of the Alps and the Swiss Riviera, views that will take your breath away.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 8 |** Choose to return to Vevey via rail and enjoy leisure time **or**, continue through the miles of Lavaux vineyard to the medieval village of Saint-Saphorin.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor lunch at a family-owned restaurant in Lavaux and enjoy the cuisine of Swiss wine country.
- Bring out the kid in you during a chocolate workshop, where you'll witness the artistry of Swiss chocolatiers.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2 - 4** Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac, Neuchâtel
- Days 5, 6** Unique Hotel Post or Hotel Alex, Zermatt
- Days 7 - 9** Astra Hotel Vevey, Vevey

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## NEW TOUR



### EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL WITH NO MORE  
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## embark on an active journey across Switzerland

from the soaring peaks of the Swiss Alps to the picturesque villages  
of the Swiss Riviera – all while traveling by train.

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You're on your way to a world wedged between Germany, Austria, France and Italy -- the country of four languages that's one of the most heralded destinations in Europe. Your journey through Switzerland will be entirely by train, offering an up close and personal rendezvous with the best the country has to offer, from the Alps to the historic villages of the Swiss Riviera. Get ready to experience the culture, history and lifestyle of Switzerland firsthand.

### Day 2: Neuchatel, Switzerland - Tour Begins

*Willkommen! Bienvenue!* Board a Swiss Rail train to Neuchatel, where Gothic landmarks and sandstone grandeur beckon you to discover the abounding history of this medieval waterfront city. A reception of cocktails and canapes welcomes you to the first stop on your tour: the centuries-old cloister of the Collégiale, a church and chateau perched atop Neuchatel's highest point. Retire this evening in your lakefront room with incredible views of Lake Neuchatel.

### Day 3: Neuchatel - Auvornier - Neuchatel

Good morning, Neuchatel a la Belle Époque! Set out on a walking tour and discover the treasures of Neuchatel's historic quarter with its unique architecture from the Belle Époque period. Next, it's on to the village of Auvornier and Caves du Chateau d'Auvornier, a centuries-old vineyard that has remained in the same family for fourteen generations. A tour of the chateau's cellars demands a tasting of their everlasting vintages and a chance to learn how nature, soil and tradition converge to create a vintage's character and flavor. (B)

### Day 4: Neuchatel

Enjoy a day of leisure in Neuchatel. You may use your Swiss Travel Pass to explore the surrounding areas or gain admission to museums. Or, just relax and stroll this charming place. Perhaps you will choose to join your guide for an optional e-biking excursion on Switzerland's Absinthe Trail to Maison de l'Absinthe to learn the history of production and enjoy a private tasting and cooking experience. This evening we gather to unwind over dinner at a local brasserie and sample local favorites such as boeuf tartare and fromage. (B, D)



Lavaux



Swiss Train

#### Day 5: Neuchâtel - Bern - Zermatt

From Neuchâtel we travel via train to Bern, the Swiss capital city. Enjoy time at leisure to discover Bern's enthralling blend of influences - old and new. Then it's on to the striking resort village of Zermatt, nestled against the backdrop of the Matterhorn. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Zermatt

Zermatt's modern holiday amenities steeped in traditional Alpine roots make this pedestrian city a truly peak experience. Today is yours to explore all this village has to offer. Consider using your Swiss Travel Pass to ascend the Gornergrat Railway to take in breathtaking views of the famed Matterhorn. (B)

#### Day 7: Zermatt - Vevey

Say goodbye to Zermatt and head to the north shore of Lake Geneva to Vevey, one of the "Pearls of the Swiss Riviera," with awe-inspiring views of the Alpine panorama. While the city's promenades and majestic hotels are classic reminders of the Belle Époque, its modernity is characterized by its art and music festivals, and the ever-present memory of Charlie Chaplin, who spent the last quarter of his life as a resident. Enjoy a walking tour before paying a visit to Läderach. Switzerland is world-famous for its chocolate, and Läderach chocolate is Swiss perfection. Participate in an immersive tasting workshop that reveals a behind-the-scenes

glimpse at the artistry behind the handmade Swiss chocolate. (B)

#### Day 8: Vevey - Lavaux - Vevey

A relaxed morning in Vevey preludes your journey to the terraced vineyards of Lavaux. Begin with lunch at a family-owned restaurant before visiting our friends, Jacques and Aurelia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Traipse the Lavaux vineyards (UNESCO) on foot before enjoying another tasting of the region's finest varieties. Next, **it's your choice!** Return to Vevey via rail and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure **-OR-** continue your exploration through the miles of Lavaux vineyards to Saint-Saphorin, a medieval village dating back to Roman times, located on the banks of Lake Geneva. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Vevey

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Check out everything Vevey has to offer. Don't forget to take advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass to explore any one of the city's museums, among them the Swiss Camera Museum, Charlie Chaplin Museum, or the Nestle Foundation's Nest. Or use your Pass to board a ferry to discover Montreux and Chillon. Join us this evening for a farewell dinner at one of Vevey's best local restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Vevey - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

August 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
August 31	\$3999	\$4899	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
September 14	\$3999	\$4899		
October 5, 19	\$3999	\$4899		
April 5	\$3999	\$4899		

**This trip requires a passport.** Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 11:30 a.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 a.m. Our air passengers will arrive and depart Zurich, Switzerland airport. Your Swiss Travel Pass will be needed for ALL transportation on this tour, utilizing the Swiss Travel System. Porterage service for luggage is included between hotels. Upon arrival, a Collette representative will meet you at the Zurich airport to secure luggage transfer; then accompany you via train to Neuchâtel - utilizing the Swiss Travel System - and escort you to the hotel. Transfer times will be provided closer to departure. For departure transfers, you will independently make your way to the Zurich airport with your luggage using the train system. Your Tour Manager will provide you with train schedules for the most convenient routing and timing to the Zurich airport.



# DISCOVER CROATIA, SLOVENIA & THE ADRIATIC COAST

12 DAYS • 16 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies.
- Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian's Palace.
- Experience old-world charm with a Pletna boat ride to the picturesque island in the center of Lake Bled.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Spend three nights in Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic."
- Experience Opatija, "Croatia's Riviera," a retreat for Habsburg Monarchs.
- Experience the wonder of 16 cascading lakes at Croatia's Plitvice Lakes National Park.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 6** | Join a local expert for a private cruise and a visit to Lokrum Island **or** explore more of Dubrovnik with a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a visit and dinner with a local family in the Konavle region outside Dubrovnik.
- Sample farm-to-table delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula with a dinner at a local restaurant.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Hotel Bristol, Opatija  
**Day 4** Jezero Hotel, Plitvice  
**Days 5 - 7** Valamar Lacroma Resort, Dubrovnik  
**Day 8** Hotel Atrium, Split  
**Days 9, 10** Hotel Lev, Grand Hotel Union or Austria Trend Hotel, Ljubljana  
**Day 11** Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Dubrovnik

## medieval architecture, tranquil lakes, local villages, and Croatian charm

will delight you on this tour featuring Dubrovnik, Lake Bled, Ljubljana, and the pearls of the stunning Dalmatian coast.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us and explore Croatia and the countries of the Adriatic. This is a "must see" region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery.

### Day 2: Opatija, Croatia - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the seaside resort of Opatija. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome reception.

### Day 3: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula - Opatija

Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera," was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Hapsburg Monarchs. Start the day exploring the town with a local guide. Later, discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Pay a visit to a local distillery where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Discover Motovun, a beautiful example of a small Croatian town. In late afternoon, sample culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula during dinner at a farm to table restaurant, complete with regional wines. (B, D)

### Day 4: Opatija - Plitvice Lakes

After breakfast, travel to Croatia's most beautiful national

park, Plitvice Lakes. This UNESCO World Heritage site promises inspiring scenery as you travel among its 16 terraced lakes and dense forests. A series of waterfalls and free flowing cascades connects each lake to the other. Complete the experience with a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder. (B, D)

### Day 5: 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. (B, D)

### Day 6: Dubrovnik

Join a local guide on a tour of "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies, and see Rector's Palace, the City Walls, and many more historical sites. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town harbor for a private cruise with magnificent views of the medieval city walls; next, visit nearby Lokrum Island where you can swim, marvel at exotic plants or take a walk with peacocks **-OR-** receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective on this remarkable place; this choice gives you more leisure time to explore the city. This evening, travel to the



culturally-rich Konavle region to Cilipi for dinner at a family-owned local restaurant. While visiting with the family you'll learn about life in the Croatian heartland and sample regional wines. At dinner, servers introduce you to a culinary feast, prepared in the way of their ancestors. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Dubrovnik

Today is at leisure to relax or independently explore Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town with its marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings. Or, you may choose to purchase our optional excursion to Montenegro...if so, leave in the morning to cross the border to Montenegro's Bay of Kotor (or "the Boka"); once known as Europe's southernmost fjord, it is actually a ria (a long, narrow inlet); your guide will introduce you to the history of the region and share stories of the many cultures and empires that have left their mark here. (B)

#### Day 8: Dubrovnik - Split

Savor stunning sea views as you travel up the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop into the aquamarine Adriatic Sea. Enjoy a stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside. You will have time to taste the local specialties and perhaps walk through the village square. Upon arrival in Split, set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace, one of the most significant late-Roman historical monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage site. In addition, see the peristyle of the palace and the Temple of Jupiter. (B)

#### Day 9: Split - Ljubljana, Slovenia

Your adventure continues as you travel up the coast, into Slovenia, and on to today's destination – the quaint capital of Ljubljana. During the drive, take in the spectacular scenery. Arriving in Ljubljana, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to relax and explore the city. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Ljubljana

This morning meet a local expert who will introduce you to this lovely town nestled along the banks of the river. Your tour includes the impressive City Hall and a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas. After free time for lunch, drive a short distance to tranquil Lake Bled. Experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a Pletna boat to the picturesque island in the center of Lake Bled. Spend time exploring the 17th-century cathedral, St. Mary's Church, and the "wishing bell." Enjoy some time to stroll the quiet paths of this lakeside community at your own pace. (B)

#### Day 11: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

Today we travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, and embark on a fascinating tour. Continue your exploration your way with free time this afternoon. Tonight, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Zagreb - Tour Ends

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

### DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>			May 2018 – April 2019		
	Double	Solo		Double	Solo
February 17*	\$1849	\$2349	September 18	\$2749	\$3499
March 10	\$2199	\$2699	September 22	\$2649	\$3299
April 7, 21	\$2299	\$2799	September 29	\$2549	\$3149
April 28	\$2399	\$2999	October 6	\$2549	\$3149
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 13, 20	\$2299	\$2749
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>			November 3*	\$1999	\$2449
May 5, 12	\$2699	\$3449	March 23	\$2349	\$2799
May 19, 26	\$2749	\$3499	April 6, 9	\$2449	\$2899
June 2, 9	\$2749	\$3499	April 23, 27	\$2549	\$3149
June 16	\$2849	\$3749	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
July 7, 14, 21	\$2849	\$3749	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
August 4, 11	\$2849	\$3749	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
September 1, 8, 15	\$2899	\$3799			



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**Suggested Tours:** ❶ Reflections of Italy ❷ Exploring the Alpine Countries

❸ Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria CALL FOR DETAILS

**This trip requires a passport.** Due to itinerary scheduling, arrival flights must arrive into Zagreb airport by 4:00 p.m. in order to transfer to your overnight accommodations in Opatija. Travel time from Zagreb to Opatija is approximately 2 hours. Based on return flight options, an early morning departure from the hotel may be required on the last day.



# IMPERIAL CITIES

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get to know Bratislava's history on a city tour with a local expert.
- Enjoy an unforgettable Classical music performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss.
- Visit Melk Abbey, a longtime center of learning in Europe.
- Visit Lobkowitz Palace, home to the largest and finest art collections in the Czech Republic.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Embark on a Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley.
- Enjoy a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov.
- Tour majestic Prague Castle.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 4** | Enjoy traditional Czech cuisine at one of Prague's popular restaurants **or** tip a pint while dining at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy dinner and sample regional wine in the picturesque Grinzing region.
- Savor a Renaissance-style dinner at a medieval castle restaurant near Budapest.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 4** Hotel Grandium, Prague  
**Days 5 - 7** Hotel Am Konzerthaus, Vienna  
**Days 8 - 10** NH Budapest, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## bask in the splendor of Europe's regal cities

of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Complete the experience  
with a cruise on the legendary Danube.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Prague:** Get ready to start your tour in this cultural and economic hub.  
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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a grand cultural adventure through the Imperial Cities of Central Europe. Along the way, enjoy traditional entertainment and a scenic cruise on the Danube River.

#### Day 2: Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Behold ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Prague

Feel the magic. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, visit Lobkowitz Palace, the only privately owned building in the sprawling Prague Castle complex, and home to the largest and finest art collection in the Czech Republic spanning over 600 years of family history. A masterpiece of 16th century Baroque architecture, the aristocratic Lobkowitz family lost it under Communist occupation following World War II and

regained control only in 2002. The priceless collection also encompasses one of Central Europe's finest libraries of rare books and a musical archive that includes scores by Mozart, Beethoven and Gluck. After a delightful lunch, gather in the palace's elegant Baroque concert hall for a mid-day Classical music concert featuring the likes of Mozart, Bach, Dvorák and Smetana. Later, proceed to the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Prague

The day is yours to discover Prague on your own. Shop for Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many museums, such as the Lapidarium, home to 11th-century stone sculptures. Stroll to the Old Town square, home to the famous Orloj, which functions as a clock, calendar and primitive planetarium. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum and Europe's oldest surviving Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. This evening, **it's your choice.** Enjoy traditional Czech culture at one of Prague's popular restaurants **-OR-** tip a pint while dining at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries and take a tour to see how this famous beer has been brewed for 500 years. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Take a scenic ride through the countryside as we travel from Prague to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov to explore the well-preserved



Budapest

streets lined with Baroque architecture before continuing on to Vienna. Tonight's dinner is a real treat: a meal showcasing regional wine and the impressive local cuisine of the Grinzing region. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vienna

This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's center. Behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. Tonight, return to Schoenbrunn Palace for an unforgettable Classical music performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B)

#### Day 7: Vienna - Danube River - Melk - Vienna

Travel along the banks of the Danube, immortalized by Strauss, to the medieval town of Durnstein. Embark on a scenic Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley. Later, visit the 11th-century Melk Abbey, famous for its production and collection of manuscripts. A leisurely ride back to Vienna leads to a free evening to enjoy the city. (B)

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

This morning we journey to Bratislava, former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Continue to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. Upon arrival we drive through this majestic capital on our way to the hotel. Take some time to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's dinner in the city. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Budapest

Capture the true spirit of Budapest. Join a local expert and discover the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill. Next, be enamored by the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument which memorializes the 1000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

#### Day 10: Budapest - Visegrad - Budapest

Begin your day with a visit to a school in Budapest where you will get a glimpse into the daily life of the locals while meeting the young students. In the afternoon, venture outside the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Travel back in time with a visit to a 14th-century castle where knights with colorful costumes and authentic weaponry recreate the days of chivalry. Then, enjoy a special Renaissance-style dinner at the castle restaurant and re-enact the days of medieval times. Revel in this evening of wine and music. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Budapest - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



Prague Astronomical Clock

### DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
February 19*	\$1649	\$2199	October 1, 8	\$2399	\$3149
March 12	\$1949	\$2549	October 15, 22	\$2299	\$2949
April 2, 9	\$2149	\$2849	November 5*	\$1899	\$2449
April 16, 23	\$2249	\$3049	December 3*	\$1899	\$2449
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			March 25*	\$1899	\$2449
			April 1, 8	\$2299	\$2949
			April 22, 29	\$2399	\$3149
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction		(-) \$30
May 7, 21, 28	\$2399	\$3149	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
June 4, 18	\$2399	\$3149			
July 9, 16	\$2299	\$2949			
August 6, 13, 20, 27	\$2299	\$2949	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
September 3, 10, 17, 24	\$2399	\$3149			



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**Suggested Tours:** ① Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road

② Norwegian Coastal Voyage CALL FOR DETAILS

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### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

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- Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.
- Local experts provide informative guided tours of Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Krakow and Warsaw.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- The fairy-tale city of Prague reveals the remarkable Hradcany Castle.
- Come to know Vienna and its lavish Schoenbrunn Palace.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3 |** Take a historical Berlin city tour **or** join a "Cold War"-focused tour that includes a visit to the Berlin Wall Museum followed by a walk through the area that was once "Checkpoint Charlie."

**DAY 4 |** In Prague, get to know traditional Czech culture during a folklore show **or** dine at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Dine at one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Intercontinental Hotel or Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz, Berlin
- Days 4, 5** Hotel Grandium, Prague
- Days 6, 7** Renaissance Wien Hotel, Vienna
- Days 8, 9** Art'Otel, Budapest
- Days 10, 11** Holiday Inn City Center or Andel's Hotel, Krakow
- Days 12, 13** Westin, Warsaw

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# travel across Central and Eastern Europe and

discover the historic and culturally-rich cities of Germany,  
the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, and Poland.

## START EARLY

### ADD A DAY

**Berlin:** Spend more time exploring the grand German capital. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to experience the very best of Europe's cultural capitals.

### Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Berlin

**It's your choice!** Choose a city tour that introduces you to Berlin's rich history: you'll see Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm and the Reichstag Building **-OR-** you

may join a "Cold War"-focused tour that includes a visit to the Berlin Wall Museum followed by a walk through the area that was once "Checkpoint Charlie," and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. This afternoon you have the opportunity to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Sans Souci Palace. (B)

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

Depart Berlin for the "Golden City" of Prague. En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony, with time to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. This evening **you choose** your Prague dining experience. You may choose to get to know traditional Czech culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local drinks; as a special treat, meet the dancers and learn some of the moves yourself during a private dance lesson **-OR-** dine at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries; take in the traditional ambiance as you dine while sipping on a pint; then tour the brewery to see the process of making this famous beer that has been brewed for 500 years. (B, D)



Brandenburg Gate

#### Day 5: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Hradcany Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue with a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town, showcasing the Golden Lane, the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. The afternoon is yours to independently explore this great city. (B)

#### Day 6: Prague - Vienna, Austria

Leaving the Czech Republic, arrive in colorful and vibrant Vienna, the "musical city." After a short orientation drive through the city, your afternoon is at leisure. Later, enjoy an evening in one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants where dinner mixes with local cultural flavor to create an unforgettable night. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Vienna

This morning, experience the city on a tour showcasing some of its architectural marvels, including the lavish Schoenbrunn Palace and the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you will visit one of the famous museums, sip a Viennese coffee at a local coffee house, or simply relax in this capital of Austria. Tonight you may choose to enjoy an optional Mozart concert and dinner in the city. (B)

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

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque Hungarian countryside en route to historic Budapest. Upon arrival, a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament and Gellert Hill. A special stop is made at Heroes' Square, a unique monument to the many diverse leaders of Hungary. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Budapest

The beautiful city of Budapest is often referred to as "the Queen of the Danube." Today is yours to discover this city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. Relax in the city or perhaps join an optional excursion to a traditional Hungarian horse farm where riders perform amazing feats, followed by a typical lunch in the "Puzsta." (B)

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

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop in 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, which still offers an old-world charm. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour featuring stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the University; you'll also view Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. The afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city on your own. (B)

#### Day 12: Krakow - Auschwitz - Warsaw

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to witness the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Afterward, travel through the Polish countryside en route to Warsaw, the reconstructed and modern capital of this rejuvenated country. The evening is yours to relax or explore. Browse one of the city's art galleries or fascinating museums, or simply relax at an outdoor café. (B)

#### Day 13: Warsaw

The moving history of Warsaw, both joyous and tragic, is yours to embrace as you embark on a locally guided tour of this capital city. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

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



#### DATES & PRICES

April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
April 8, 15, 22	\$2749	\$3699	September 21, 23	\$2999	\$3999
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			September 30	\$2899	\$3849
			October 7	\$2899	\$3849
			October 14	\$2799	\$3599
			November 1	\$2549	\$3249
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	March 24	\$2549	\$3249
May 6, 20, 27	\$2949	\$3949	April 4	\$2849	\$3649
June 10, 17, 24	\$2949	\$3949	April 23, 28	\$2949	\$3949
July 8, 15, 22	\$2749	\$3549	Triple Room Reduction    (-) \$50		
August 5, 12	\$2749	\$3549	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
September 2, 7, 9, 14, 16	\$3299	\$4699			



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**This trip requires a passport.** Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. If you opted not to purchase our travel protection, you will be required to have proof of your own coverage for the minimum insurance requirement applicable at the time of your travel to that country.

#### STAY LONGER

#### ADD A DAY

**Warsaw:** Experience more of this incredibly diverse artistic and cultural hub. CALL FOR DETAILS



# CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS  
FROM \$1899



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, France and Austria.
- See historic sites such as the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops.
- Stroll the Nuremberg Christmas Market.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- View the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main.
- Set out on a panoramic tour of Munich.
- Enjoy a city tour of Nuremberg.
- Take in the Bavarian landscape on your way to Innsbruck.
- Embark on a locally guided tour of Strasbourg's Old Quarter.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 7** | Enjoy one of two leisurely walking tours in Innsbruck, featuring either the city's most popular attractions or its architectural heritage.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a magical farewell dinner in Oberammergau, featuring a visit by local entertainers.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Hofgut Sternen, Black Forest  
**Days 4, 5** Maritim Hotel, Würzburg or Mercure Schweinfurt Maininsel, Schweinfurt  
**Days 6-8** Alte Post Hotel or Hotel Wittelsbach, Oberammergau

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Nuremberg Christmas Market

## the holiday spirit abounds on this classic European tour

filled with delightful Christmas markets, medieval towns and  
spectacular mountain views.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on a glorious holiday adventure that includes Europe's finest Christmas markets.

local crafts and traditional food and drink before returning to Germany. (B)

### Day 2: Black Forest, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the Black Forest. Here you will relish the peacefulness of the surrounding forested mountains. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

### Day 3: Black Forest - Strasbourg, France - Black Forest

Travel the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest and country roads of the Alsace to the provincial capital of Strasbourg, France where centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. Mingle with the locals as you explore the Christmas market featuring

### Day 4: Black Forest - Würzburg

Depart the Black Forest for the quaint Franconia region of Germany. Your destination is Würzburg. Stroll through the streets with your expert local guide and discover the city's history. This ancient wine town is rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops, boasting the largest ceiling fresco in the world; and the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. You will have time to browse for local specialties in the lively Christmas market. (B, D)

### Day 5: Würzburg - Nuremberg - Würzburg

Start your day with a city tour of historic Nuremberg. Learn about old town's 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city; the Imperial Castle; and the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Your



city tour concludes with a visit to 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 Glühwein and sampling roast sausages. Over 200 wooden stalls have given the Christmas market its name - "Little Town from Wood." You can find items like Nuremberg spicy gingerbread, fruit loaves, bakery goods, sweets, Christmas tree angels and toys. (B)

guide for a walking tour to discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof -**OR**- embark on a walking tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop in the many specialty stores and the cozy Christmas market. (B)

#### Day 6: Würzburg - Rothenburg - Oberammergau

We begin 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 example of a Bavarian Alpine village. Step back in time as you stroll the streets past old-world cottages and shops covered in colorful frescos. It is the ideal place to shop for cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and Hummel figurines. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau

Traverse the Bavarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Then, **it's your choice!** Join a local

#### Day 8: Oberammergau - Munich - Oberammergau

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 (B, D)

#### Day 9: Oberammergau - Tour Ends

Your tour ends. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

December 2018 December 1, 8	Double \$1899	Solo \$2149	Triple Room Reduction Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	N/A
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**This trip requires a passport.** Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. You may require an early morning departure from the hotel on the last day. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.



# MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS

7 DAYS • 8 MEALS  
FROM \$1499



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday tradition of the "Christkindlesmarkt."
- Venture by train to Seefeld for a carriage ride and schnapps tasting.
- Relax and shop for handmade crafts in the heart of the Alps.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Tour Munich and see the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park.
- Visit Oberammergau, a picture-perfect Bavarian Alpine village.
- Pause at Neuschwanstein Castle, a fairy-tale Bavarian castle.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 3** | Join a local guide and discover Innsbruck's attractions such as the "Golden Roof" **or** embark on a tour focusing on the city's unique architectural structures.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight

**Days 2 - 6** Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## celebrate the holiday season in Austria and Germany.

Delight in a single hotel stay in charming Innsbruck and explore the region's Christmas markets.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the unique charm of Austria and Germany, alive with holiday cheer and adorned with bustling "Christkindlesmarkt" – festive Christmas markets.

### Day 2: Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins

Arrive in the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains — your home for the next five nights. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Innsbruck - Seefeld - Innsbruck

Today, **the choice is yours!** Join a local guide to discover Innsbruck's history, culture and popular

attractions including Maria Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" **-OR-** embark on a tour focusing on the city's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. This afternoon we venture into the mountains to the breathtaking Alpine village of Seefeld. Enjoy stunning views as you travel by train 3,600 feet above sea level to this charming Tyrolean town. Known as one of the world's great ski resorts, Seefeld is home to miles of walking trails, lakes, fine shopping, dining possibilities and pure fresh Alpine air. Warm yourself, meet the locals with a glass of schnapps, and enjoy a traditional carriage ride before shopping in some of the quaint village shops. (B)



Innsbruck



Carriage Ride



Salzburg Christmas Market

#### Day 4: Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Innsbruck

This morning you cross the border into Germany while en route to the exciting city of Munich. First you'll be introduced to its history on a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Then, enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich's historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Innsbruck where the remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 5: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Journey through the Austrian countryside to Salzburg, a city filled with beautiful gardens and wondrous architecture. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Mirabell Gardens, a filming location for *The Sound of Music*, and Mozart's birthplace – the quaint Getreidegasse. Enjoy a free afternoon to mingle with the locals as you explore Salzburg's Christmas markets featuring local crafts and

traditional food & drink. Your day concludes with a delightful dinner at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, located in the historic city center. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Innsbruck - Neuschwanstein, Germany - Oberammergau - Innsbruck

Begin your day with a stop to view Neuschwanstein Castle, the fairy-tale retreat of Ludwig II of Bavaria. Continue on your journey to Oberammergau, a picture-perfect Bavarian Alpine village. Step back in time as you stroll the streets past old-world cottages and shops covered in colorful frescos. Have some time to explore the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. Conclude your tour with a festive farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Innsbruck - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

November - December 2018	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
November 24	\$1499	\$1699	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
December 1, 8	\$1499	\$1699		

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All of our transfers will depart from/return to this airport. You may require an early morning departure from the hotel on the last day. In this case, a box breakfast will be provided. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. Approximate travel time between Innsbruck and Munich is 2 hours.



# GERMANY'S CULTURAL CITIES AND THE ROMANTIC ROAD

12 DAYS • 15 MEALS  
FROM \$2549



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper."
- Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan.
- Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Tour Berlin and Munich's famed landmarks with a local guide.
- Discover Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a medieval gem in the heart of Franconia.
- Tour Neuschwanstein Castle – right from the pages of a storybook.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- DAY 5** | In Hamburg, take a narrated cruise around the shipping port **or** embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake.
- DAY 9** | In Rothenburg, make "snowball" pastries **or** tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum.
- DAY 11** | In Munich, visit the innovative BMW World **or** take an excursion to Dachau.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Indulge in a wine tasting in a cellar restaurant.
- Enjoy a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's famous restaurants.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz, or Intercontinental, Berlin
- Days 4, 5** Reichshof Hamburg, Curio Collection by Hilton, Hamburg
- Day 6** Hotel Stadt, Hamelin
- Day 7** Vila Vita Rosenpark, Marburg
- Days 8, 9** Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- Days 10, 11** Sheraton Hotel Arabellapark, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Rothenburg

## discover the best of Germany

Come to know its greatest cultural capitals of Berlin, Hamburg and Munich, and the charm of its Romantic and Fairytale Roads.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Berlin:** Get a jump on exploring Germany with an extra night in exciting Berlin.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

This enchanting journey will take you to see the best of Germany as you travel to some of the country's most iconic cities and through its stunning countryside.

### Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Berlin, Germany's capital. This city blends a deep history, modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Berlin

This morning, enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Sanssouci Palace. (B)

### Day 4: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Travel to Hamburg, "the Venice of the North," with winding canals and an impressive harbor that made it a center for trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site; join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B, D)

### Day 5: Hamburg

Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the Port of Hamburg, dubbed "the gateway to the world." Later, **it's your choice!** Board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights **-OR-** embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele-playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. (B)

Day 6: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of the quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and ending in the medieval Schnoor district. After free time for lunch, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)



Hamburg



Day 7: Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel - Marburg

This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" - Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty's castle - Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before traveling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm Brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)



Neuschwanstein Castle

Day 8: Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. You will enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of the medieval town. (B, D)

Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city independently. (B)

Day 11: Munich

Come to know the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a panoramic walking tour that highlights the world-famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz - a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Join a local guide and venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker; then ride to the top of the Olympic Tower to take in stunning views of the Munich cityscape **-OR-** embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the Dachau Memorial; a local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. The remainder of your day is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's most famous restaurants. (B, D)

Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber

**It's your choice!** Walk to a local bakery to make "schneeball" pastries - snowballs - the local's favorite treat! **-OR-** tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later, we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration, and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you choose. (B)

Day 10: Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich

Leave Rothenburg behind and make your way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by "crazy" King

## DATES & PRICES

April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
April 12, 19	\$2799	\$3499	September 20	\$2949	\$4149
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 4	\$2799	\$3499
			October 11	\$3199	\$4399
			November 1	\$2799	\$3499
			December 1, 4, 6	\$2549	\$3249
			March 21	\$2799	\$3499
			April 25	\$2799	\$3499
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction <span>N/A</span>		
May 10	\$2799	\$3499			
June 7	\$2799	\$3499			
July 12	\$2899	\$3749			
August 16	\$2899	\$3749			
September 6	\$3299	\$4599			

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Day 12: Munich - Tour Ends

This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Munich: Spend more time exploring the captivating city of Munich.  
[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



# DISCOVERING POLAND

12 DAYS • 15 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Jasna Góra monastery to witness the world-famous Black Madonna.
- Explore the poignant history of Auschwitz.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Warsaw including a stop at the remnants of its ghetto.
- Tour Wrocław and see this ethnically diverse city up-close.
- Overnight in medieval Toruń, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 10** | Venture to the resort town of Sopot **or** enjoy a shopping excursion to learn about Polish amber.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Immerse yourself in Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner.
- Learn how to make gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Holiday Inn Krakow City Center Hotel, Krakow
<b>Days 6, 7</b>	Art Hotel, Wrocław
<b>Day 8</b>	Hotel Bulwar, Toruń
<b>Days 9, 10</b>	Radisson Blu Hotel Old Town, Gdansk
<b>Day 11</b>	Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## embark on an all-encompassing tour of Poland.

From the capital city of Warsaw to the coastal city of Gdansk,  
experience all of its treasures.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Warsaw:** Take more time to explore this sprawling cultural center.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your journey through Poland, a land of amazing castles, poignant history and welcoming culture, begins with an overnight flight.

### Day 2: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Warsaw! The city has a blend of old-world charm and a modern energy. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, 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 to take in the alleyways, visit a quaint café in Warsaw's Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

### Day 4: Warsaw - Czestochowa - Krakow

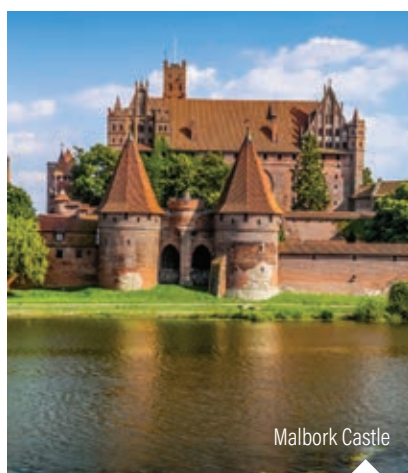
Travel south to Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its well-preserved town center. En route, stop in Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland, where each year over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects to the famous Black Madonna. Housed in the Jasna Góra monastery, journey inside for an up-close look at this miraculous image. Arriving in Krakow, enjoy some free time to get acquainted with the city. This evening you are introduced to traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner, complete with wine and beer. (B, D)

### Day 5: Krakow

Join a local expert as we explore the city on a panoramic tour that includes Market Square, St. Mary's Church and the university. You will also see the famous Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. The rest of your day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll the quaint side streets of Krakow's famous Old Town, have coffee in one of the largest squares in Europe, or walk along the river for views of the new sections of the city. You may also visit the Schindler Museum or join your fellow travelers on an optional excursion. (B)



Krakow



Malbork Castle



Gdansk

#### Day 6: 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 firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Later this afternoon, arrive in the ancient city of Wroclaw. Tonight, join your traveling companions for some locally-brewed beer and a traditional "home-style" dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Wroclaw

A morning tour of Wroclaw brings you up close and personal to this large and ethnically diverse city. It could be the only location where you can find a Stare Miasto (Old Town) with a Synagogue, a Lutheran church, a Roman Catholic church and an Eastern Orthodox church standing near each other. The remainder of the day is at leisure to savor Wroclaw's idyllic parks and captivating culture. (B)

#### Day 8: Wroclaw - Torun

Today you travel to the town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site and birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer. Torun remains one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe and is one of the "Seven Wonders of Poland." On arrival, walk past Copernicus's house before stepping back into history while baking and sampling your very own gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe. (B)

#### Day 9: Torun - Gdansk

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of this unspoiled town. Next, travel to the port city of Gdansk. Make a stop at the Gdansk Shipyards, site of the creation of the anti-Communist Solidarity movement in 1980 that helped liberate Poland from Soviet rule. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Gdansk - Choice on Tour

This morning, join a local expert for an introduction to this remarkable city; get to know its deep history during your tour which highlights City Hall and St. Mary's Church. Later, **the choice is yours**. 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 at a demonstration, followed by the opportunity to purchase the stone. The evening is at leisure. Perhaps you will take a stroll through a beautiful square, shop for local handicrafts, or soak in the seaside atmosphere. (B)

#### Day 11: 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. A guided tour of this 700-year-old structure introduces you to the world of the Knights of the Teutonic Order. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating a fantastic journey. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Warsaw - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

March – April 2018	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
(different itinerary – see note)			July 5	\$2299	\$2949
March 15	\$1999	\$2549	August 9	\$2299	\$2949
April 12, 19	\$2149	\$2799	September 6, 13, 20, 27	\$2299	\$2949
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 4, 11	\$2299	\$2949
			March 7	\$1999	\$2499
			April 25	\$2299	\$2949
May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction N/A		
(featured itinerary)			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
May 3, 10, 24	\$2299	\$2949			
June 7, 14	\$2299	\$2949			

This trip requires a passport.



# ON THE TRAIL OF MARTIN LUTHER

11 DAYS · 14 MEALS  
FROM \$1999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour the city of Eisleben – site of Luther's birth and death – including a visit inside the home where he was born.
- Join a church service in one of the Reformation-era churches in Wittenberg.
- Enjoy a tour and prayer service in the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt, where Luther lived and studied.
- Delight in a musical performance inside the Bachhaus Eisenach.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Travel to Worms where Luther refused to recant and the Imperial Diet (Assembly) declared him an "outlaw."
- Visit the Gutenberg Museum and see a copy of the famed Gutenberg Bible.
- Discover St. Thomas Church where Martin Luther preached and Johann Sebastian Bach was a cantor.
- Visit Wartburg Castle, the place where Luther translated the New Testament into German while in hiding.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Discover the tastes of the region with a tour of a local brewery, including a tasting, followed by dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Hilton Mainz City, Mainz
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	H+ Hotel or InterCity Hotel, Erfurt
<b>Days 6, 7</b>	Swissotel, Dresden
<b>Days 8, 9</b>	Luther Hotel or Best Western Stadtpalais, Wittenberg
<b>Day 10</b>	Crowne Plaza Berlin - Potsdamer Platz, Berlin

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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FAITH  
SPIRITUAL  
JOURNEY

## follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther

and connect with the places he lived, studied, worked and preached.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on an inspirational journey through Germany that follows the epic trail blazed by Martin Luther.

### Day 2: Mainz, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the enchanting city of Mainz, a medieval town located on the banks of the Rhine River. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Mainz - Worms - Mainz

Begin your day with a visit to the Gutenberg Museum where you can see a copy of Gutenberg's masterpiece, the 42-line Bible. Enjoy free time to explore the town before traveling to Worms. It was in Worms that the Imperial Diet (Assembly) passed judgment on Luther after his refusal to recant. Come to know the sites significant to Luther's story during a guided walking tour of the city. Take a moment at the Cathedral where Luther presented his case; see Trinity Church; and visit monuments dedicated to Luther and other important Reformation figures. (B)

### Day 4: Mainz - Erfurt

Today you travel to Erfurt which Martin Luther himself referred to as the "City of Towers," no doubt due to

its numerous steeples. Arriving in Erfurt, embark on a walking tour of the city, passing over Merchants' Bridge on your way to the Augustinian monastery. Enjoy a tour of the monastery, where Luther lived and studied as a monk from 1505 to 1512. After your tour you are invited to a prayer service in St. Augustine's church inside the monastery. (B, D)

### Day 5: Erfurt - Eisenach - Wartburg Castle - Erfurt

This morning we travel to Eisenach to explore another central town in Luther's life. Your tour of the area begins with a visit to Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the Bible. Step into what is now "Luther's Room," where Luther lived during the many months he spent at the castle. Our next stop is at the Bachhaus Eisenach to enjoy a musical performance played on various historical instruments dating back to Bach's time. Then, join a local guide for a walking tour of the town. You will see the Lutherhaus Eisenach, where Luther resided as a child, and St. George's Church, where he was a choir boy. Enjoy some free time to explore independently. Return to Erfurt in the late afternoon. (B)

### Day 6: Erfurt - Eisleben - Dresden

Begin your day with a visit to Eisleben, the site of Luther's birth and death. Delve into his life as we visit



Martin Luther Statue



Gutenberg Museum



St. Thomas Church



Wartburg Castle

the museum inside the home where he was born; St. Peter and Paul Church where he was baptized; and St. Andrews Church where he performed his final sermons. Next, continue on to Dresden, your home for the next two nights. This evening, get a true taste of the region when dining in a local cellar restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Dresden

This morning, join a local guide for a tour of this historical city. See the old town square, the royal residence castle and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady). Enjoy ample time to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. (B)

#### Day 8: Dresden - Leipzig - Wittenberg

This morning, travel to Leipzig, a city touched by musical greatness. Discover the city's interesting history during a guided tour featuring St. Thomas Church where the boys' choir has been performing for over 800 years. Martin Luther preached here and its former cantor was the famed composer – Johann Sebastian Bach. Next, travel to Wittenberg where you will have an afternoon service inside one of the local churches remaining from the time of the Reformation. Tonight, discover the tastes of the region with a tour of a local brewery including a tasting, followed by dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Wittenberg

Set out on a guided tour of Wittenberg. Your first stop is the former Wittenberg University where Luther served as a professor of theology. Next,

explore his family home on the grounds; today it is a fascinating museum housing his writings and other artifacts from the Reformation. Travel back in time as you discover its seemingly untouched rooms used by Luther. Continue to the oldest structure in the city, St. Mary's Church, where Luther preached, was married, and where his children were baptized. See the Castle Church, the location where the famous 95 Theses were posted, launching the Reformation. Have time to explore or to reflect at Luther's tomb. Then it is on to discover the Renaissance-style home of Philipp Melanchthon, Luther's scholarly confidant, who aided him significantly in communicating his revolutionary theology. Next, you are in for a special treat! Join a local family in their home to sip coffee and discuss life in Germany, both today and during Communist times. (B)

#### Day 10: Wittenberg - Berlin

Depart this morning for Berlin. Embark on a comprehensive tour featuring Brandenburg Gate, Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schöneberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm and the Reichstag Building. Finally, pass through the area that was once "Checkpoint Charlie," and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Berlin - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close. Depart with new perspectives, a strengthened faith and treasured memories. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
March 7, 14	\$2049	\$2549	August 8	\$2299	\$2899
April 4, 11	\$2099	\$2599	September 5, 12, 26	\$2449	\$3049
			October 3, 17	\$2449	\$3049
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 31	\$1999	\$2549
			November 28	\$1999	\$2549
			December 5	\$1999	\$2549
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	April 3	\$2299	\$2899
May 9	\$2299	\$2899	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
June 13, 20	\$2299	\$2899	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
July 18	\$2299	\$2899			

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Frankfurt. All of our transfers will depart from Frankfurt to Mainz.



# PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS  
FROM \$1399



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See the charming wooden Jaszczurówka Chapel and sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima.
- Spend time in worship where Saint Faustina lived and died.
- Travel to Zakopane, Poland's most popular resort town and where Saint Pope John Paul II spent time in reflection.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Visit the Jasna Góra Monastery to gaze upon the world-famous Black Madonna.
- Learn about the young life of the beloved Saint Pope John Paul II in Wadowice.
- Celebrate mass in Warsaw and Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a folklore show and dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Hampton by Hilton, Warsaw  
**Day 4** Arche Hotel, Czestochowa  
**Days 5 - 7** Holiday Inn, Krakow  
**Day 8** Hampton by Hilton, Warsaw

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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FAITH  
SPIRITUAL  
JOURNEY

## discover Poland's deep faith on a pilgrimage

through the homeland of the beloved Saint Pope John Paul II.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on an inspirational journey through Poland and discover this country's deep history and religious wonders.

### Day 2: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins

You will come to know the city of Warsaw with its blend of Old World charm and deep history. Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at what remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. Pause to celebrate mass at 3/9 Zytnia Street Church, home to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, where Saint Faustina

entered the convent. The remainder of the day is free to take in the side streets and quaint cafés in the Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

### Day 4: Warsaw - Niepokalanów - Czestochowa

Journey to Niepokalanów to discover one of the largest Franciscan monasteries in the world (founded by Saint Maximilian Kolbe). Continue south to Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland. Begin your visit by celebrating mass. Then, journey inside the Jasna Góra Monastery to get up close to the famous Black Madonna. Saint Pope John Paul II visited this miraculous image many times during his papacy. (B, D)

### Day 5: Czestochowa - Wadowice - Krakow

Get a glimpse into the formative years of the beloved Saint Pope John Paul II with a visit to Wadowice, the town





Jasna Gora Monastery



Auschwitz



Warsaw

where he was born and raised. Step into the past when you see the church where he was baptized. In 1992, the pope gave the church the status of Basilica Minor. Continue to Krakow and explore the city on a tour with a local expert that includes a visit to the Market Square. Pause for a prayer at St. Mary's Church...be amazed by its famous wooden altarpiece created by Wit Stwosz (Veit Stoss), one of the best sculptors of the Middle Ages. You will also see the impressive Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

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 firsthand about the terrors – as well as the resilience – of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Return to Krakow to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy where the tomb of Saint Faustina is located. Spend time in worship and contemplation on the site of the monastery of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where Saint Faustina lived and died. (B)

#### Day 7: Krakow - Zakopane - Krakow

Travel to Zakopane, Poland's most popular resort. With its stunning scenery, it is the perfect place to get up close to nature. The area has countless nature trails where Saint Pope John Paul II would spend time strolling in prayer and reflection. Make a stop to see the charming wooden Jaszczurówka Chapel and sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, built in thanksgiving after Saint Pope John Paul II's life was saved in 1981. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a folklore show and dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Krakow - Warsaw

Your journey through Poland comes full circle with your return to Warsaw. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating a fantastic journey. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Warsaw - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close. Depart with new perspectives, a strengthened faith and treasured memories. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
February 5	\$1549	\$1949	August 5	\$1849	\$2299
March 12	\$1599	\$1999	September 16	\$1849	\$2299
April 9	\$1649	\$2049	October 7	\$1849	\$2299
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			November 4	\$1699	\$2049
			December 2	\$1399	\$1699
			February 10	\$1399	\$1699
			March 10	\$1699	\$2049
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	April 7	\$1849	\$2299
May 6	\$1849	\$2299	Triple Room Reduction		N/A
June 3	\$1849	\$2299	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
July 8	\$1849	\$2299			



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Pilgrimage to Poland and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** ① Shrines of Italy CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport.



# SPRINGTIME TULIP RIVER CRUISE

9 DAYS • 20 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience Kinderdijk, home to Holland's largest collection of windmills.
- Explore "Liebfrauenkirche," Belgium's largest Gothic church.
- Return to medieval times during a walking tour of Bruges.
- Set out on a city tour of Amsterdam.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens.
- Dock in Middelburg, known as "the monumental city."
- Travel to Arnhem, the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Visit a local cheese farm for a tasting.
- Celebrate your journey during a farewell dinner and folklore show in Amsterdam.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight

**Days 2 - 8** *MS Amadeus Queen*

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



RIVER  
CRUISE  
TOUR

## experience the color and glory of spring

on this leisurely river cruise through Holland and Belgium.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Savor springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that highlights the blooming Dutch tulip fields.

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

Your journey opens in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old thriving capital of the Netherlands. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your beautiful vessel offers the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and outstanding service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar where you will meet your fellow travelers before a lovely welcome dinner. Enjoy an overnight stay on the ship in Amsterdam. (D)

### Day 3: Amsterdam - Volendam - Cruising

After breakfast, view some of Amsterdam's most important sites and diverse architecture while on a city tour. You will also get to see the city from the water during a delightful

canal cruise. Midday, visit the little fishing town of Volendam where you can still find fishermen dressed in traditional caps and baggy-legged trousers. A visit to a local cheese farm illustrates the process of how cheese from the area is made and also allows you the opportunity to sample some of the delicious results! During dinner, the ship resumes its cruise to the IJssel Sea. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Arnhem

Late this morning we arrive in Arnhem, location of the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. This afternoon, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Middelburg - Cruising

Today your ship docks in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province Zeeland. It is known as "the monumental city" because over 1,100 monuments dot its landscape. This afternoon you may take an optional excursion to the Deltaworks Project located at Neeltje Jans. This is an

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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Windmills



Bruges



Clogs



Amadeus Cruise Ship ©Lueftner Cruises



Amsterdam

amazing example of how the Dutch have truly tamed the environment in which they live. Your excursion continues with a stop in the lovely town of Veere, a prosperous trading port in the Middle Ages due to the wool trade with Scotland; today it is a favorite spot for visitors. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Ghent, Belgium - Bruges

Welcome to the Imperial city of Ghent. Lined with typical patrician houses in its city center, Ghent conveys the splendor of by-gone days. Perhaps you will join an optional sightseeing tour that includes St. Bavo Cathedral with its world-famous painting of the altar of the citizens of Ghent and the "Belfried" with its bell tower. This afternoon, allow yourself to be transported back to another time during a leisurely paced walking tour of Bruges, one of Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval cities. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Antwerp

Today the ship docks in Antwerp, Belgium's second-largest city, which boasts beautiful Gothic and Baroque architecture and lively cafés. Join a local expert exploring the city's historical sites including the "Liebfrauenkirche," Belgium's largest Gothic church; the legendary Brabo Fountain; and the Rubens House, home of the prolific

painter. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping and independent exploration. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Kinderdijk - Utrecht - Amsterdam

Stop in Kinderdijk (UNESCO World Heritage site) to experience Holland's largest concentration of windmills, many still operating, and to get a revealing glimpse into Holland's age-old battle with the sea. After lunch, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, spanning more than 70 acres within a beautiful park of tranquil ponds and shaded paths. With more than seven million tulips and other flowers on exhibit, Keukenhof is a kaleidoscope of color in bloom. 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. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Amsterdam - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

April 2018 Double	Lower Deck (Haydn)	Middle Deck (Strauss)	Upper Deck (Mozart)	Suite (Mozart)
April 5, 12, 19	\$2999	\$3399	\$3699	\$5799
April 2018 Solo	Lower Deck (Haydn)	Middle Deck (Strauss)	Upper Deck (Mozart)	Suite (Mozart)
April 5, 12, 19	\$5099	\$5699	\$6299	\$9799

Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

See page 187 for ship deck plans.

This trip requires a passport. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come, first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waitstaff on board the ship are not included. Itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m.



# CLASSIC DANUBE

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- During an evening cruise, view Budapest's stunning night skyline.
- Partake in a fun-filled Hungarian folklore show.
- Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.
- Visit King Ludwig II's ornate Linderhof Palace.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava.
- Take a city tour of Munich, featuring the world-famous Glockenspiel.
- Explore Regensburg, home of the first stone bridge built over the Danube.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard your cruise ship.
- Attend the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 8** MS *Amadeus Queen*  
**Days 9, 10** Klosterhotel Ludwig der Bayer, Ettal

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## RIVER CRUISE TOUR

relax as you sail down one of  
Europe's most historic rivers.

Along the way come to know the people and places that are  
the true highlights of the Danube.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Sail past breathtaking scenery, pausing along the way in quaint villages and lively cities on a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your tour opens with an overnight flight to Europe.

### Day 2: Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship

Unpack for a relaxing 7-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. 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 fun-filled folklore show. (D)

### Day 3: Budapest

Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church.

Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kärntner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. (B, L, D)





Budapest



Regensburg



Linderhof Palace

#### Day 6: 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. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Linz - Passau, Germany

This morning, enjoy an included walking tour of the charming riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which is set at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's grand medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This

afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town. Tonight, partake in a delightful Bavarian evening onboard. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Passau - Disembark Ship - Munich - Ettal

Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. After some free time, continue on to the quaint village of Ettal, known for its grand 14th-century Benedictine monastery. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Ettal - Linderhof Palace - Oberammergau - Ettal

Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace. This artistic "Royal Villa" was the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete in his lifetime. Behind its Baroque façade you will find a world rich in Rococo ornamentation, with many sculptural elements that showcase an incomparable artistry. Later, spend time exploring Oberammergau, renowned for wood carvings and the Passion Play which takes place every ten years. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Ettal - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to an end. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

September 2018	Double	Lower Deck (Haydn)	Middle Deck (Strauss)	Upper Deck (Mozart)	Suite (Mozart)
September 13, 18, 27		\$3399	\$4099	\$4449	\$6749
September 2018	Solo	Lower Deck (Haydn)	Middle Deck (Strauss)	Upper Deck (Mozart)	Suite (Mozart)
September 13, 18, 27		\$5599	\$6799	\$7399	N/A

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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This trip requires a passport. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of reservation; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board ship are not included. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Our air passengers will arrive into Budapest, Hungary airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All of our transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of your tour. All transfers will depart from Ettal for Munich airport. Travel time between Ettal and Munich airport is approximately 1.5 hours.



# CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

9 DAYS • 19 MEALS  
FROM \$2399



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Browse the famous Christmas markets along the Danube.
- Join a local expert as you explore Würzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg and Vienna.
- Explore the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Experience the most picturesque region of the Wachau Valley.
- Explore Regensburg, home of the first stone bridge built over the Danube.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.
- Take some free time to explore Rothenburg.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard your cruise ship.
- Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Mercure Hotel Würzburg am Mainufer, Würzburg or Panorama Hotel, Schweinfurt  
**Days 3 - 8** MS *Amadeus Princess or Elegant*

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## experience the stunning region of central Europe at Christmastime.

Enjoy the charming Christmas markets and a relaxing cruise along a remarkable river.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Europe.

### Day 2: Würzburg or Schweinfurt, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in historic Bavaria, in a town along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy the remainder of the day to relax and soak in the charms of Franconia. Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Würzburg/Schweinfurt - Rothenburg - Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, known as "the jewel of the Main River." Würzburg is an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the Prince-Bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures and its charming Christmas market, plus the chance to meet the locals during a Christmas ornament-making

demonstration. Late afternoon you arrive in Nuremberg to meet your cruise ship. Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This beautiful vessel offers the newest technology; a panoramic deck terrace café; panorama salon and bar; excellent cuisine including unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks with all dinners; and outstanding service. This evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard. (B, D)

### Day 4: Nuremberg

A local expert provides an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg's Christmas market, Germany's most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628. Nuremberg is a toy-making center and you will have the opportunity to shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers and sample its famous Lebkuchen (gingerbread). Later, your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities with



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MS Amadeus Princess ©Lueftner Cruises



Rothenburg



## YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

### Complete your trip with 2 nights in Prague.

Explore the Christmas markets and must-see's of this grand European city.

SEE PAGE 185 FOR DETAILS



nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts that sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys and local handicrafts. Late evening, your ship departs for Passau. (B, L, D)

one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Next, enjoy a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. You arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. After dinner you may choose to join an optional excursion in the imperial city to experience the magic of Vienna by night and visit Vienna's most famous Christmas market, located in front of the "Rathaus" (City Hall). (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Karntner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. A wonderful farewell evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. After a delightful dinner, the ship's orchestra provides a musical Christmas concert for your enjoyment. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Vienna - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

After breakfast you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. (B)

### Day 6: 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 leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, St. Stephen's Cathedral – home to Europe's largest church organ – and the charming Christmas market. Then, enjoy free time to explore the town on your own. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: 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 joining an excursion to the nearby town of Durnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey,

## DATES & PRICES

Nov. - Dec. 2018	Double	Lower Deck (Haydn)	Middle Deck (Strauss)	Upper Deck (Mozart)	Suite (Mozart)
November 26		\$2399	\$2799	\$3199	\$4199
December 2, 3		\$2399	\$2799	\$3199	\$4199

Nov. - Dec. 2018	Solo	Lower Deck (Haydn)	Middle Deck (Strauss)	Upper Deck (Mozart)	Suite (Mozart)
November 26		\$3399	\$4099	\$4799	N/A
December 2, 3		\$3399	\$4099	\$4799	N/A

Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

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**This trip requires a passport.** This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. An early morning departure from the cruise ship may be required due to air schedules to some U.S. and Canadian cities. Our air passengers will arrive into Frankfurt, Germany airport and depart from Vienna, Austria airport. All of our transfers will depart from/return to these airports. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of your tour.



# MAGICAL RHINE AND MOSELLE

10 DAYS • 22 MEALS  
FROM \$3399



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Set out on a 7-night cruise along the Rhine.
- Discover the lovely town of Cochem on a guided tour.
- Take in the sounds of barrel organs and medieval instruments at Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett.
- Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of Colmar (Old Town), exploring the hidden treasures of the city.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Set out on a tour of picturesque Rüdesheim.
- Cruise the famous canals of Amsterdam and join a local guide for a city tour.
- Explore Cologne's Old Town during a walking tour.
- Experience Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities.
- Take a guided tour of Strasbourg, France.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a Captain's Gala Dinner aboard your ship.
- Visit one of Cochem's renowned wine cellars.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2 - 8** MS *Amadeus Silver III*  
**Day 9** Movenpick Hotel, Zurich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 189 for details.

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## set sail on an enchanting cruise

that will take you to three charming countries steeped in history — the Netherlands, Germany and France.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us for an exciting tour featuring Strasbourg and the romantic Rhine Valley. This journey brings you through one of the most historic and dramatic regions in all of Europe.

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

Your tour opens in Amsterdam where you will board your cruise ship for a 7-night cruise along the Rhine River. Your ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a "welcome aboard" dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Amsterdam

Join a local expert for a city tour of Amsterdam including a cruise along the city's centuries-old canal system. Board your canal boat and cruise by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Cologne, Germany

As you glide down the river this morning, pass through the picturesque German landscape dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Old Town with its narrow, cobbled streets. Admire the Cologne Cathedral, as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Moselle River - Cochem

Set sail on the Moselle River to Cochem where you will join a guided tour through this lovely town and Reichsburg Castle. The castle is set on a precipitous rock high above the town and offers breathtaking views of the Moselle Valley. End your tour of Cochem with an introduction by a local winemaker to one of Cochem's wine cellars where you will taste regional Mosel wines. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year-old city on a walking tour. See such sights as the town's





old quarter, which was badly damaged during World War II and then rebuilt, as well as the Schaengel Fountain at the town hall. Your next stop is Rudesheim. Set out on a tour of the city and its famous Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett (or Mechanical Music Museum) where you will be treated to the music of barrel organs and medieval mechanical instruments. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Mannheim - Speyer

The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Or, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the town of Heidelberg. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, and step back in time on a walking tour to explore such places as the Old Gate and the Jewish baths. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Strasbourg, France

Your journey takes you to Strasbourg, a provincial capital of France that blends centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences together, creating a unique character. Discover the history of the city on a guided tour of the old quarter, "Petite France," featuring the

Cathedral of Notre Dame. Highlights also include Place de la République and Place d'Austerlitz. You will have free time to explore this perfectly preserved town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Disembark - Basel, Switzerland - Colmar, France - Black Forest, Germany - Zurich, Switzerland

Today is filled with exploration! Disembark your ship in Basel, Switzerland and travel to the Alsace wine region to spend time in beautiful Colmar. Step back in time with a local guide on a walking tour of the Old Town highlighting its many architectural landmarks. Enjoy some free time to explore this charming city on your own. Next, drive to Titisee, a German resort town nestled alongside its picturesque lake hidden deep in the Black Forest. Savor some leisure time to browse the shops for the region's famous cuckoo clocks. You'll have an opportunity to meet a local artisan who demonstrates how these cuckoo clocks are made with traditional techniques. Then, enjoy a dinner of Black Forest regional specialties before arriving at your Zurich airport area hotel this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Zurich Airport Area - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### DATES & PRICES

September 2018	Double	Lower Deck (Haydn)	Middle Deck (Strauss)	Upper Deck (Mozart)	Suite (Mozart)
September 5, 11		\$3399	\$4099	\$4399	\$6699
September 2018	Solo	Lower Deck (Haydn)	Middle Deck (Strauss)	Upper Deck (Mozart)	Suite (Mozart)
September 5, 11		\$5599	\$6799	\$7399	\$10999

Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

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#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Magical Rhine & Moselle and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** ❶ Exploring the Alpine Countries CALL FOR DETAILS

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# A Passion Play of life and death

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OUT...**

ON THIS **ONCE IN A  
DECADE** EXPERIENCE

\*Early booking is advised

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# Join Collette for the 2020 Passion Play

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Join Collette in 2020 and witness what is regarded as the most important Passion Play in the world.

Over the decades, Collette has brought thousands of guests to Germany to enjoy this once in a decade event. Building on years of experience, our team has carefully crafted tour itineraries showcasing the must-see European destinations and the epic Passion Play which depicts the life and death of Jesus Christ.

## The Passion Play with Collette

- ✓ We are the #1 Passion Play tour company
- ✓ We had one of the largest allocations of tickets in 2010
- ✓ Our tours visit Oberammergau every year so we really know the village and its residents
- ✓ Our tours feature 4 star accommodations (according to local German standards)
- ✓ Our seating options are among the best available (category 1 and 2)
- ✓ Our experience speaks for itself with 100 years as a touring specialist
- ✓ We are one of the industry's oldest and most trusted travel companies
- ✓ Even with Collette, tickets will be limited

## Our 2020 Passion Play tours

We have a variety of itineraries which combine the performance of the Passion Play and Oberammergau with some of our most popular tours. These showcase the highlights of the region, maximizing your travel time. View all our itineraries on pages 170-183.

## 100 Years of Experience

As North America's most experienced tour operator, we have built relationships all over the world. Our knowledge and connections allow us to pass the value on to you.

## With you every step of the way

Every Collette tour is escorted by one of our experienced tour managers. Part tour guide, part confidant, part concierge, and part friend, they are with you throughout your tour. Drawing on their own rich backgrounds and extensive training, they enhance each journey. Whether it's with a bit of historical information, suggesting a special local restaurant or sharing a laugh, these travel aficionados are at your service.

## Personalize Your Adventure

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is introducing It's Your Choice, so you can tailor your tour exactly the way you want it. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take. On select days, choose from the INCLUDED possibilities that best suit your interests.

## Private Sedan Service

Open your tour the right way and leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy roundtrip home to airport sedan service\*. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey.

"We were picked up at our home in a sedan with a professional driver and brought home the same way. We felt well cared for and would use Collette again."

- Jenny L.

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# Booking your place for Oberammergau

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2020 may seem like a long way away, but to avoid disappointment with this once-in-a-decade event, we are encouraging you to make your reservation today. We're already experiencing high demand for our tickets and once they are gone, they are gone!

- 1. Deposit:** To secure your place on one of our Oberammergau departures, we require a \$500 per person non-refundable deposit.
  - 2. Second deposit:** A second non-refundable deposit of \$1500 per person will be required 12 months prior to your tour departing in 2020. Payment will be required between May – September 2019 depending on your tour departure.
  - 3. Final balance:** The final balance for your tour will be required 120 days prior to your departure.
- All other Collette terms and conditions apply. Visit our website for our current bookings terms and conditions.

“**Well organized,** very good group dinners, hotels were very good and the tour director was excellent. Trip was a great balance of Austria, southern Germany and Switzerland. So much to see, every day was a scenic adventure.

The scenery, the hotels, the group dinners were all first class. Our tour manager was very organized and knowledgeable. Have to say Mt. Pilatus was the most dramatic.

- Kevin G.

## Peace of mind

Collette is fully protected. Our industry-leading, worry-free travel protection plan offers you a full refund unlike many plans that only offer a voucher. Cancel for any reason right up to the day prior to departure. See page 193 for details.

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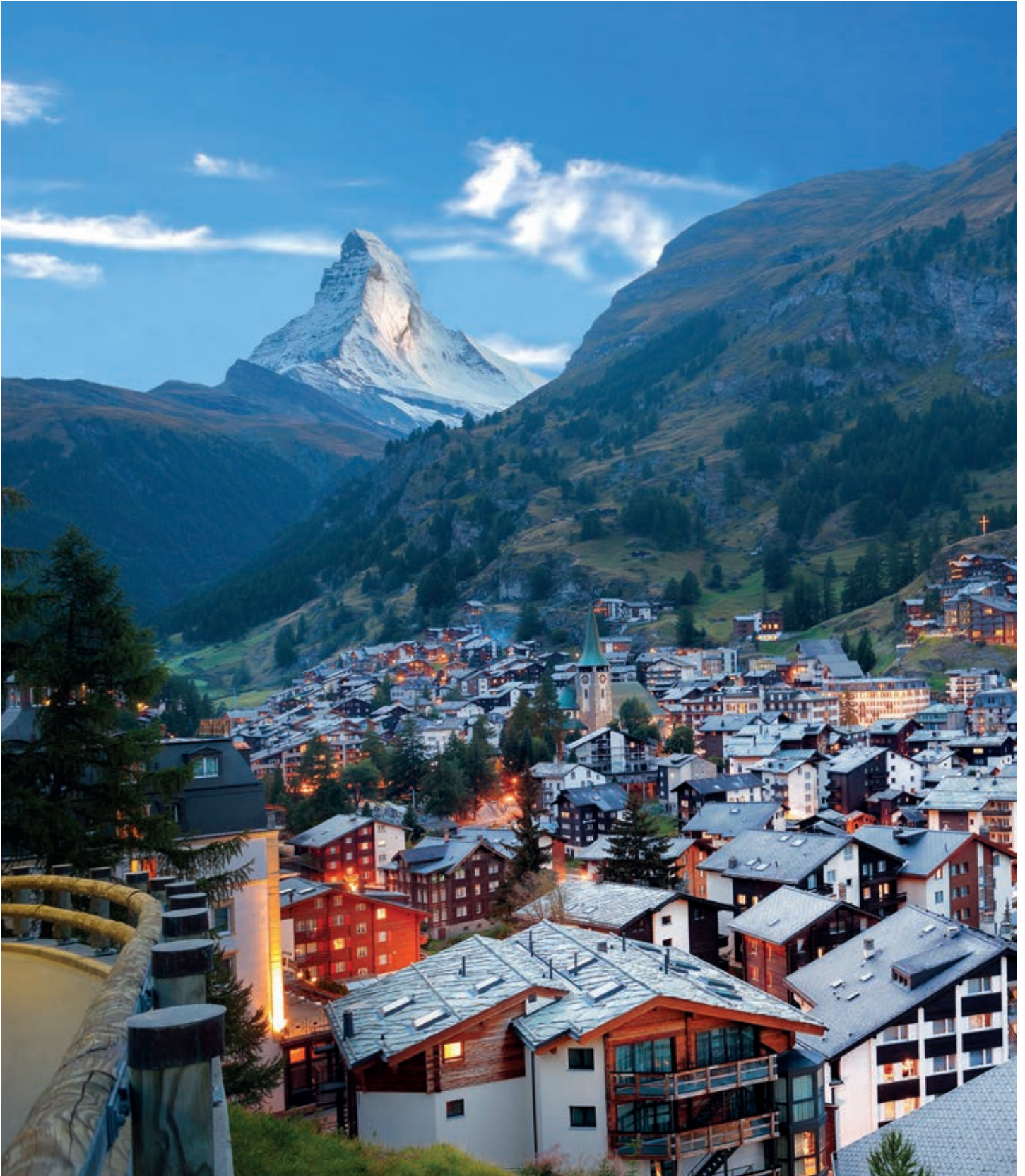
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## Alpine Explorer & the Glacier Express Train with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$4999\*

12 Day tour. Includes 17 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket







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

## Planned tour itinerary

### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

**DAY 2 Stresa, Italy (Lago Maggiore)\* - Tour Begins** Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. (D)

**DAY 3 Stresa** Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

**DAY 4 Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland** Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. (B, D)

**DAY 5 Zermatt** Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert; or, enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 6 Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz** Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. (B)

**DAY 7 St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria** Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof. (B)

**DAY 8 Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck** Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's

historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from *The Sound of Music*. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau** Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich for a walking tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

**DAY 10 Oberammergau - Passion Play** This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 11 Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich** Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

**DAY 12 Munich - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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## Tour highlights include

- ✓ Journey aboard the famous Glacier Express Train
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- ✓ Explore Salzburg on a walking tour
- ✓ Enjoy a two night stay in Lago Maggiore

**Pricing Conditions:** \*per person, double, land only





## Austrian Delight with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$3349\*

10 Day tour. Includes 13 meals and Category 2 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket







Embrace the beauty of the Austrian Alps with quaint villages, pristine lakes and the fertile valleys of Innsbruck and Salzburg. Plus, enjoy one night in the famous Bavarian village of Oberammergau, Germany, where you experience the historic Passion Play.

## Planned tour itinerary

### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

### DAY 2 Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins

Welcome to Austria! Your tour opens in enchanting Innsbruck. Here, modern architecture stands beside 800-year-old buildings with the Austrian Alps creating a postcard perfect backdrop. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

**DAY 3 Innsbruck** Join a local guide for a panoramic city tour featuring Maria Theresien Strasse; the famous Golden Roof, built in 1500 by Archduke Friedrich IV; and the Hofburg, once the seat of Habsburg princes. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore Innsbruck independently. (B)

**DAY 4 Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck** Set off for the beautiful Bavarian Alps of Germany and find storybook settings comprised of charming villages and enchanting castles. Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Before returning to Innsbruck, make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. (B)

**DAY 5 Innsbruck - Swarovski Crystal Worlds - Salzburg** Visit Swarovski Crystal Worlds, a fairy tale world of shimmering crystal amid the mystical mountains of Tyrol. Spend time exploring a multi-sensory experience of crystal in all its facets including a magical menagerie of art installations, a museum and a theme park. Later, travel through the Austrian countryside to the musical city of Salzburg. Beautiful gardens, old-world architecture and friendly locals paint Salzburg's delightful canvas. Home to Mozart, dotted with sights from the beloved film *The Sound of Music*, and with an Old Town that is a UNESCO World Heritage site, Salzburg truly has something for everyone. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant...it dates back to 803! (B, D)

**DAY 6 Salzburg** Immerse yourself in Salzburg's rich history. Begin your day with a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens, famously featured during the song "Do Re Mi" from *The Sound of Music*; and Getreidegasse – a busy street in the Old Town section of Salzburg that

also happens to be the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the city's amazing historic area, browse its wonderful shops, or enjoy a coffee at a local café while soaking in the charming atmosphere. (B)

**DAY 7 Salzburg** Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to explore Salzburg's palaces, parks, museums, churches and natural charms. You may want to take the funicular to the 16th century Hohensalzburg Fortress high above the rooftops of the historical district; tour Leopoldskron Palace, an original shooting location from *The Sound of Music*; or visit the 17th century medieval bishops' Residenz Palace, home to some 180 rooms and courtyards where the prince archbishops of Salzburg held court. (B)

**DAY 8 Oberammergau, Germany - Passion Play** Travel to the picturesque village of Oberammergau. This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 9 Oberammergau - Munich** This morning we journey to the Bavarian capital of Munich – idyllically situated at the foot of the Alps. A locally guided panoramic tour showcases its unique blend of folkloric ambience and modern sophistication. Visit Olympic Park, site of the 1972 Olympic Games and a stunning example of modern architecture. Next, marvel at the Baroque-influenced architecture of the city as you visit the Marienplatz – the heart of Munich and the most scenic square of the Old Town. Here, behold the Rathaus-Glockenspiel – an ornate clock comprised of 43 bells and 32 life-sized figures that depict medieval jousting and dancing – reflecting different pieces of Bavaria's history. Enjoy leisure time to explore Munich's lovely historic center, visit one of its many museums or discover more of the city's beauty on your own before gathering for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

**DAY 10 Munich - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today in Munich. (B)



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## Tour highlights include

- ✓ Visit Linderhof Palace
- ✓ Discover the musical city of Salzburg
- ✓ Explore Munich, the Bavarian capital
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau

**Pricing Conditions:** \*per person, double, land only





## Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$3499\*

10 Day tour. Includes 14 meals and Category 2 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket







Set out on an exciting journey to experience Switzerland, Austria and the Oberammergau Passion Play.

## Planned tour itinerary

### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

**DAY 2 Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland and a UNESCO World Heritage site nestled in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

**DAY 3 Bern** Explore Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the Gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you will take the funicular ride up Gurten Mountain which affords beautiful views of Bern. (B)

**DAY 4 Bern - Château de Chillon - Montreux - Gstaad - Bern** Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. This princely residence faces the lake but puts forth the image of an imposing fortress from the mountains. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. This evening's dinner is included at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)

**DAY 5 Bern - Lucerne - Innsbruck, Austria** Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, and discover the hidden treasures of the city. Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. En route to Innsbruck we make our way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. (B)

**DAY 6 Innsbruck** This morning, it's your choice! Choose one of two leisurely walking tours: 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, you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

**DAY 7 Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck** Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*); the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart); and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)

**DAY 8 Innsbruck - Oberammergau, Germany - Passion Play** Cross the border into Bavaria, Germany to the quaint village of Oberammergau. This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break of the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 9 Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich** Begin your day with a visit to Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation, with many sculptural elements showing workmanship of an incomparable artistic quality. Next, enjoy free time to explore medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle before gathering for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

**DAY 10 Munich - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

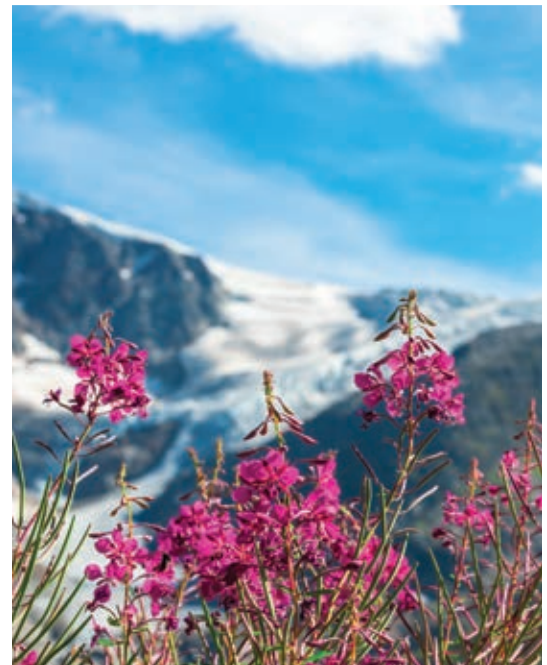


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## Tour highlights include

- ✓ Travel to Bavaria and view the famous Neuschwanstein Castle
- ✓ Ride the GoldenPass panoramic train from Montreux to Gstaad
- ✓ Experience the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau
- ✓ Explore Salzburg's historic past and charming old town

**Pricing Conditions:** \*per person, double, land only





## Exploring the Alpine Countries with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$5149\*

13 Day tour. Includes 19 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket







Discover storybook castles and glittering palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas as you explore Austria, Germany and Switzerland, and experience the epic Passion Play.

## Planned tour itinerary

### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

**DAY 2 Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. Enjoy regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzling. (D)

**DAY 3 Vienna** Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Vienna showcasing its architectural marvels. Visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time to independently explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

**DAY 4 Vienna - Salzburg** After a short journey through the countryside, enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the musical city of Salzburg. Tonight, sit down for a Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

**DAY 5 Salzburg** Discover the splendor 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 Mirabell Gardens. (B)

**DAY 6 Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau** Today we travel to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later we arrive at our home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. (B, D)

**DAY 7 Oberammergau - Passion Play** This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance,

the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 8 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, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland** Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Täsch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

**DAY 10 Zermatt** Today Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour. Or, experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 11 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. Your destination is Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." (B)

**DAY 12 Lucerne** This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

**DAY 13 Lucerne - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. (B)



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## Tour highlights include

- ✓ Embark on a cruise along the Danube River
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- ✓ Visit Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace
- ✓ Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey

**Pricing Conditions:** \*per person, double, land only





## Imperial Cities with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$4199\*

11 Day tour. Includes 16 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket







Set out on an exciting cultural experience in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe featuring traditional entertainment and the stunning Passion Play.

## Planned tour itinerary

### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

#### DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary - Tour Begins

Welcome to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. Enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

**DAY 3 Budapest** Join a local expert who brings the city to life. Discover Matthias Church, site of many coronations of kings. Next, see the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, which memorializes the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

#### DAY 4 Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

This morning we journey to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. During your visit, get to know the city's history on an expert led tour. A scenic ride through the countryside takes you into the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tonight, enjoy dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (B, D)

**DAY 5 Vienna** This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue to Vienna's city center. En route, behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. End your day with an unforgettable classical music concert featuring many fine melodies from the great composers — Mozart and Strauss. (B)

#### DAY 6 Vienna - Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic - Prague

Depart Vienna, crossing the border into the Czech Republic. Continue to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov. During some free time you may explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture. Arrive in Prague, also known as "The Golden City" and "The City of a Hundred Spires." (B, D)

**DAY 7 Prague** Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Next, explore the majestic Hradcany Castle, including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Then we stroll down the quaint, colorful Golden Lane. Discover the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. This afternoon enjoy time to relax or explore independently. Perhaps you'll shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home of stone sculptures dating from the 11th century to the present. (B)

#### DAY 8 Prague - Oberammergau, Germany

Travel the Czech countryside to Bavaria, Germany. Proceed to the picturesque village of Oberammergau, beautifully situated in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Oberammergau - Passion Play** This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 10 Oberammergau - Munich** Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy leisure time to explore fascinating Munich before gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

**DAY 11 Munich - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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## 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
- ✓ Experience the epic Passion Play

**Pricing Conditions:** \*per person, double, land only





## Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$4999\*

13 Day tour. Includes 19 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket





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

## Planned tour itinerary

### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

**DAY 2 Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

**DAY 3 Berlin** This morning enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. (B)

**DAY 4 Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg** Your destination is Hamburg with its winding canals and impressive harbor that have made it a center of trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Nederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B, D)

**DAY 5 Hamburg** Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis Church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the port of Hamburg - dubbed the "gateway to the world." Later, **it's your choice!** Board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights - **OR** - embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. (B)

**DAY 6 Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin** Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and the medieval Schnoor district. Later, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)

**DAY 7 Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel - Marburg** This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" - Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty's castle - Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before traveling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

**DAY 8 Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber** Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of this medieval town. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Rothenburg ob der Tauber It's your choice!** Join in a walk to a local bakery to make "schneeball" pastries - snowballs - a favorite treat of the locals! - **OR** - tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 10 Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau** Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to the quaint, picturesque village of Oberammergau. (B, D)

**DAY 11 Oberammergau - Passion Play** This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 12 Oberammergau - Munich** Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy time to explore Munich before gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your memorable trip. (B, D)

**DAY 13 Munich - Tour Ends** This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)



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## Tour highlights include

- ✓ Tour Berlin's and Munich's famed landmarks with a local guide
- ✓ Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper"
- ✓ Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan
- ✓ Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau

**Pricing Conditions:** \*per person, double, land only





## Classic Danube with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$4999\*

11 Day tour. Includes 24 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket







On this journey you'll sail past breathtaking scenery, pausing along the way in quaint villages and lively cities on a timeless trip down the Danube River, before witnessing the Passion Play in Oberammergau.

## Planned tour itinerary

### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

**DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship - Tour Begins** Unpack for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise. Your vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. 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. Cap the night off with a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

**DAY 3 Budapest** Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

**DAY 4 Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria** Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's Palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's capital. (B, L, D)

**DAY 5 Vienna** Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kärntner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. (B, L, D)

**DAY 6 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. (B, L, D)

**DAY 7 Linz - Passau, Germany** This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which rests at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone

streets, and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Tonight you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

**DAY 8 Passau - Disembark Ship - Munich - Oberammergau** Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Oberammergau - Passion Play** This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 10 Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich** Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

**DAY 11 Munich - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

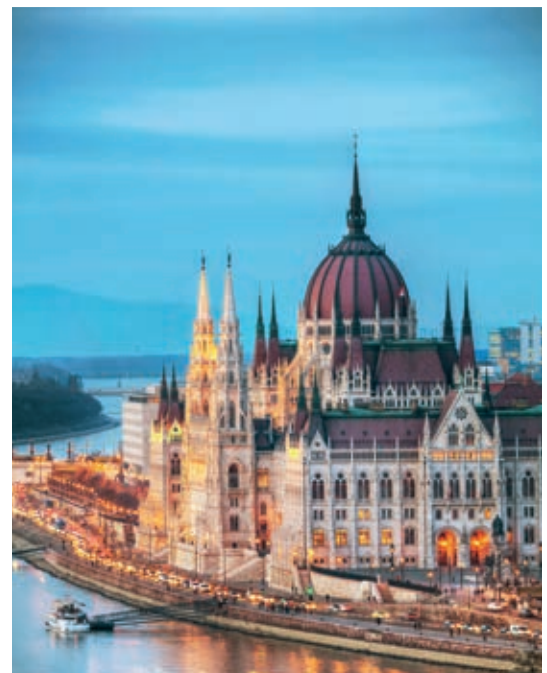


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## Tour highlights include

- ✓ Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city
- ✓ Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava
- ✓ Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline
- ✓ Explore Vienna's Imperial architecture

**Pricing Conditions:** \*per person, double, land only





# extend YOUR TOUR

## Optional Extensions

### MILAN 2-night post tour ADD TO: Italian Vistas (pg. 82)

#### Day 13: Stresa - Milan

Transfer to Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion. Milan is filled with historic architecture including the Duomo, its magnificent Gothic cathedral. Upon arrival, receive your sightseeing bus ticket valid for 48 hours...hop-on and hop-off the red

open-top double-decker buses and explore this bustling city at your own pace.

#### Day 14: Milan

Continue your independent exploration of Milan at your leisure. You may choose to visit the Sforza Castle, Sant'Ambrogio Cathedral, Parco delle Basiliche or the

Duomo, Milan's most famous landmark. (B)

#### Day 15: Milan - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: A minimum of 3 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. This extension is not hosted or guided.

#### 2 MEALS - \$599\*

2 Breakfasts

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Doria Grand Hotel, Milan

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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See page 189 for details.



### ICELAND 3-night post tour

#### ADD TO: Norwegian Coastal Voyage & Scandinavian Capitals (pg. 116) Spectacular Scandinavia (pg. 118)

#### Ext. Day 1: Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Enjoy free time to explore the city's old section that features Hallgrímskirkja church, City Hall, the harbor, and Reykjavik's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design center.

renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavik and have

time to explore the city on your own. (B)

#### Ext. Day 3: Reykjavik

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

#### Ext. Day 4: Reykjavik - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services for the Golden Circle. A minimum of 2 guests is required for this extension to operate. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Additional air segment purchase required.

#### Ext. Day 2: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most

#### 3 MEALS \$699 - \$999\* 3 Breakfasts

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Reykjavik Centrum, Reykjavik

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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See page 189 for details.



### MADEIRA ISLAND 4-night post tour

#### ADD TO: Sunny Portugal (pg. 74)

#### Day 10: Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira - Monte - Botanical Garden

Fly to Madeira Island, the "pearl of the Atlantic." Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking Funchal. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its vast collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Next, enjoy a leisurely paced tour of Funchal's charming plazas, colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and local market.

village with a wonderful bay. Continue along mountain roads, passing banana plantations and vineyards, en route to Cabo Girão, the world's second highest cliff. São Vicente, a charming agricultural town, offers dramatic views. Explore the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz. (B)

#### Day 12: Funchal - Ribeiro Frio - Santana

Wind through the mountains to Poiso to visit the island's third highest point — Pico do Arieiro. Then it's your choice! At Ribeiro Frio (Cold River), you may choose to explore a fascinating trout farm and the surrounding natural beauty - OR - perhaps

you will choose to join an exhilarating "levada walk" and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains. Later, continue to Santana. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop for a first-hand look at this delicate craft. This is followed by a tasting of world-famous Madeira wine. Enjoy a traditional dinner known as espetada. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Funchal - Lisbon

Return to Lisbon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

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

#### 5 MEALS - \$699\*

4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1-3: Pestana Casino Park, Funchal  
Day 4: Turim Marques, Lisbon

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 189 for details.



Please Note: The levada walk is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Additional air segment purchase required.

# PRAGUE 2-night post tour

ADD TO: Christmas on the Danube (pg. 162)

## Day 9: Vienna, Austria - Prague, Czech Republic

This morning you say goodbye to your cruise ship as you board your vehicle for a drive through the lovely European countryside. Your destination is Prague, the cultural capital of Bohemia. Upon arriving in Prague, you will be met by a local representative who will help orientate you to your hotel and the surrounding city sights.

## Day 10: Prague

Begin the day with a panoramic tour as you drive through the city and arrive at the amazing Hradcany Castle where you will stroll down the Golden Lane. Afterwards, enjoy your visit to the beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral as well as the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. Then, your local guide will introduce you to the magical Christmas markets where you may sample sausages, sip mulled wine, and shop or ornaments. (B)

## Day 11: Prague - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A minimum of 15 passengers is required for this extension to operate. This extension is hosted by a local representative for the transportation portion and local sightseeing only. Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. Due to additional airline costs, passengers departing from or arriving into Prague for the extension program will be assessed an additional fee.



### 2 MEALS - \$599\*

2 Breakfasts

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Yasmin, Prague

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 189 for details.

# JORDAN

## 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Treasures of Egypt (pg. 130)

## Day 13: Cairo - Amman, Jordan - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Petra

Fly to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Travel to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. Also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land - present day Israel - and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay.

## Day 14: Petra

Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B, D)

## Day 15: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman

This morning depart for the immense desert of



Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, return to Amman, known as the "White City" because of the white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

## Day 16: Amman - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: All services are provided by a local representative. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The internal flight between Cairo and Amman is not included in the land price of your extension. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased directly from us. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Amman Airport upon arrival at an approximate cost of \$57 USD, paid in local currency (40 Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the airport prior to arriving at the visa desk. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. **Additional air segment purchases required.**

### 5 MEALS - \$1099\*

3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2: Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra  
Day 3: Le Meridien Amman, Amman

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 189 for details.

# JORDAN

## 4-night post tour

## Ext. Day 1: Jerusalem - Border Crossing - Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra

This morning you travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border into Jordan. Travel the Desert Highway to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land - present day Israel - and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay.

## Ext. Day 2: Petra

Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved

city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B, D)

## Ext. Day 3: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman

This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, return

to Amman, known as the "White City" because of the white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

## Ext. Day 4: Amman - Jerash - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Tel Aviv, Israel

Travel the quiet valley among the mountains of Gilead to the city of Jerash - the "Pompeii of the East." Step back in time as you tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk through columned streets, hilltop temples, public squares and plazas. Later, travel to the Jordan Valley Border Crossing, and continue to Tel Aviv. (B)

## Ext. Day 5: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: When using the shuttle buses at the border crossings, a \$3 USD fee per person, paid in local currency or USD, is collected on the bus by each driver. Israel exit fee is approximately \$32 USD per person, paid in local currency when crossing the border into Jordan. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Sheik Hussein (Jordan Valley) border crossing at an approximate cost of \$57 USD, paid in local currency (40 Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the border crossing. When returning to Israel, the Jordan exit fee is approximately \$15 USD per person, paid in local currency, subject to change without advance notice. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

### 6 MEALS - \$1499\*

4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2: Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra  
Day 3: Le Meridien Amman, Amman  
Day 4: Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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See page 189 for details.

\*USD, per person, land only, double occupancy. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Your extension may require an additional air segment purchase. For any extension requiring a flight in order to operate, or departing from a gateway different than the base tour, please inquire for rate at time of booking.



# extend YOUR TOUR

## Optional Extensions

### NICE 2-night post tour ADD TO: Journey Through Southern France (pg. 62)

#### Day 10: Saint-Rémy - Avignon - Nice

After a short transfer to Avignon, head to beautiful Nice on the iconic French Riviera via TGV high-speed train\*. This afternoon, explore the highlights of Nice with a hop-on hop-off pass.

#### Day 11: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colorful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Then you're off to discover Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Your journey then takes you to Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic

tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. Later, stop in the charming village of Eze. Enjoy a visit to the Fragonard perfumery to take in the scents of Southern France. (B)

#### Day 12: Nice - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: This extension is independent; guests will not be accompanied by our representative. \*No portage will be provided on the TGV train from Avignon to Nice; guests will be responsible for their own luggage. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate.



**2 MEALS - \$699 - \$799\***

2 Breakfasts

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotel Splendid, Nice

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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## deck plans

## Cruise Ship Deck Plans

### Amadeus Princess or Elegant

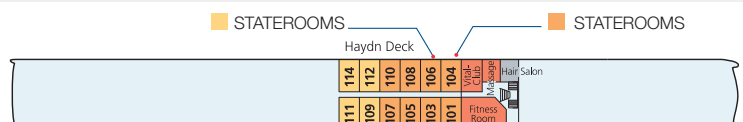
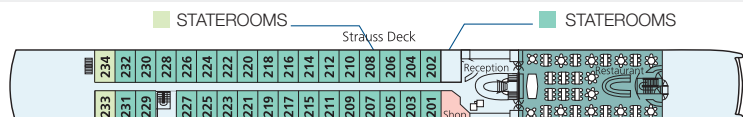
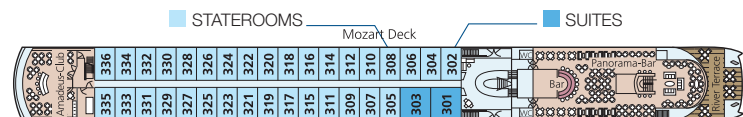
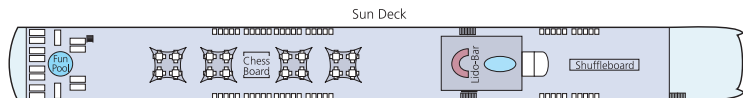
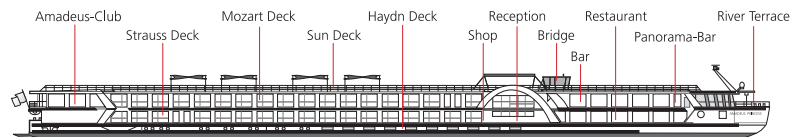
#### ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club with Internet Station
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, small Fun Pool, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Wellness Tub (Vital-Club)
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Built: 2006 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 5,85 m/19.2 feet • Length: 110 m/ 361 feet • Width: 11,4 m/ 37,5 feet • Draft: 1,30 m/ 4.4 feet • Staterooms/ Suites: 78/2 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15,5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 160 • Crew members: approx. 40

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# Amadeus Silver III

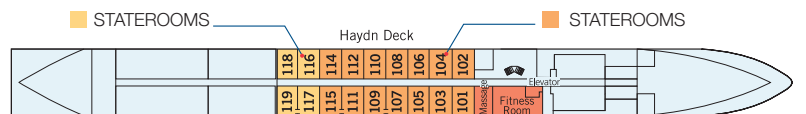
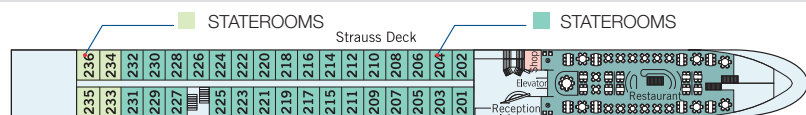
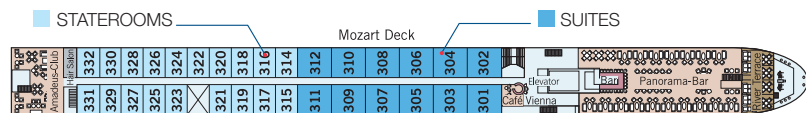
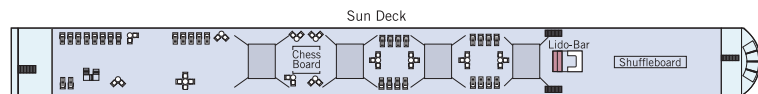
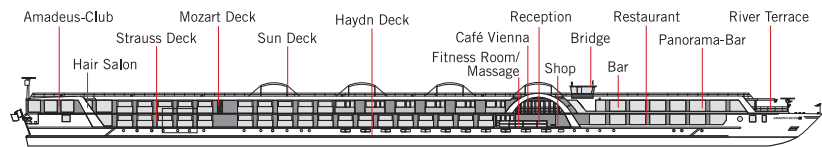
## ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

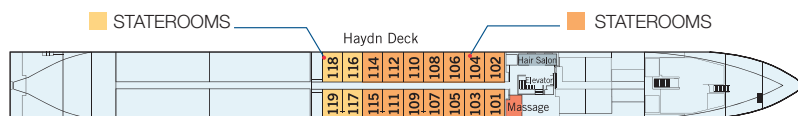
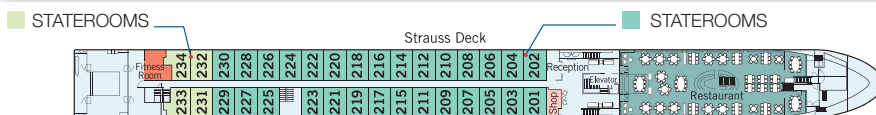
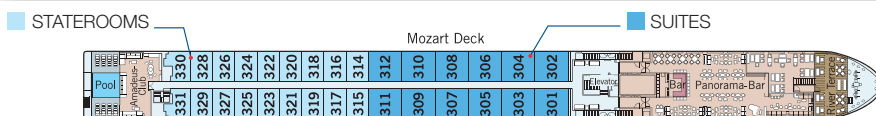
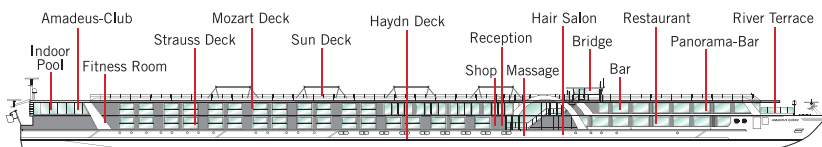
## TECHNICAL DATA

Built: 2016 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 6 m/19,8 feet • Length: 135 m/ 443 feet • Width: 11,4 m/ 37,5 feet • Staterooms/Suites: 72/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15,5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 168 • Crew members: approx. 46

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# Amadeus Queen

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## ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

## TECHNICAL DATA

Being built: operating as of April 1, 2018 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 6 m/19,8 feet • Length: 135 m/ 443 feet • Width: 11,4 m/ 37,5 feet • Draft: 1,45 m/ 5 ft. • Staterooms/Suites: 69/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15,5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 162 • Crew members: approx. 46



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Accommodations

### What is the difference between a twin room and a double room?

In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than U.S. standard accommodations. A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilized.

**What size is a triple room?** A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee that there will be three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

**Can my children travel on tour?** Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

**Are single and triple rooms always available?** On many tours, triple and single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

**When can I check into my hotel?** Normal check-in time is late afternoon in most locations. Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

## Air

**Can Collette book our airline reservations?** Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines. Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some charge a fee for seats which will be at the guests' expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered, the guests must contact the airline directly to arrange seat assignments.

## Attractions & Sightseeing

**Are attractions always available?** Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by the observance of holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

**Is there a lot of walking on tour?** We pride ourselves on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Review each tour's "Tour Activity Level" and "Tour Pacing" (pg 189) for details.

**Can you tell me more about the safaris?** In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be traveling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all travelers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

**How can I plan for shore landings?** Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

**Are all theater performances suitable for children?** Some theater performances may be unsuitable for children – consult your tour manager.

## Documentation

**Do I need a passport?** Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside the USA. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

**International Borders** Any child under age 16 (traveling without a parent or legal guardian to Canada) must have written permission from a parent or legal guardian.

Please be advised that if you have been convicted of an offense, or have committed a criminal act that is an offense under the laws where it occurred and would be an offense in Canada, you may be inadmissible into Canada. You will need to apply for a Minister's Permit of Approval of Rehabilitation at a Canadian Consulate. All other travelers should contact the appropriate consulate for entry requirements in other international destinations.

In South Africa, children are required to have a passport as well as additional documentation to travel with you into and out of the country. Please consult the South African Embassy for the current specific requirements related to your travel dates.

If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation.

## Extending Your Stay

**Can I extend my tour to see more of a region?** Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays, offered on select tours. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will provide all included services and be available on-call during the duration of the extension. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that your tour manager will not be available during this time.

## Extras

**What is not included in the tour price?** The land price does not include air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

## Late Bookings

**Do you accept late bookings?** Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.

## On-Tour Experience

**Where do I meet my Tour Manager?** Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The Tour Manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

**Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities?** Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior to 15 days of the tour departure. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options canceled while on tour are nonrefundable.

## What do these symbols mean?



Leisure Stay tours are designed to allow for multiple night stays at each hotel. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.



Cruise-Land tours combine the best of both land and sea. These tours feature all the qualities of our traditional escorted tours, including a Tour Manager, and also include an ocean vessel and a portion on land.



River Cruise tours feature small, intimate vessels for a more personal experience as you travel through a variety of beautiful waterways that are inaccessible to larger cruise ships, and sometimes include a portion on land.

## Revisions/Changes

**Would my tour date ever be changed?** While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel a tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you have secured your own air.

**Can I make changes to my reservation?** Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of \$25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date, tour itinerary or passenger name, within the guidelines of the cancellation policy, will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply.

Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

## Tour Pacing

**How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour?** Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodations" section on each tour page and on the tour map. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

**Level 1:** At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

**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 and cobblestoned streets.

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

**Level 4:** To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

**Level 5:** This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counselors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counselors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

## Transfers

**Are airport and hotel transfers available?** Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

**Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays?** All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

**What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service?** It's your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways.\* Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. Not valid on group travel.

\*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route.

## The Collette Passport Club

**What is the Collette Passport Club?** Formerly known as Travel Loyalty by Collette (TLC), Collette has relaunched a new, more inclusive loyalty program called the Collette Passport Club. For guests who are already enrolled in TLC no action is required. New guests who complete a trip that departs on or after 9/4/17 will automatically be enrolled in the program. Collette Passport Club members receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip they take\* along with various other benefits.

\*Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.

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Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.

	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare <sup>3</sup>	Elite Airfare <sup>4</sup>
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home! <sup>1</sup>	●	●	●
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included <sup>2</sup>	●	●	●
Dedicated Concierge Service			●
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			●
Express Check-In <sup>5</sup>			●
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	●	● part b	● part b
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	●		⌘
Deposit now, pay the balance later	●		⌘
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		●	
All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			●



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<sup>1</sup>This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways when you purchase an air-inclusive tour. Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. <sup>2</sup>These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are traveling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. <sup>3</sup>Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. <sup>4</sup>Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase air; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. <sup>5</sup>Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. ⌘ Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

# Reservation Information

## Land Rates

Land rates are per person, double occupancy, unless otherwise noted. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. For current prices, please see our website. Government taxes and fees are additional. Land rates are guaranteed at time of deposit.

The land price includes those land based items delineated as included in the package itinerary and does not include any other items such as air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end of trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

## Payments

### Land Package Deposit

- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruises only and Oberammergau reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required. An additional \$1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

### Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$750 deposit is required. An additional \$1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

### Instant Purchase Air

- If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus a \$500 deposit, all of which is non-refundable

Should you decide to purchase our per-person Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of this Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver which protects you from penalties in the event you have to cancel your entire tour package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details).

### Final Payment

Unless otherwise noted, the balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. Payment may be made by charging to clients' Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at <https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx>.

### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette: 1-800-611-3361

### PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette Travel Service, 162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Attn: Accounts Receivable

## Revision Fees

A handling fee of \$25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of departure will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

## Cancellation Charges

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates both result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If canceled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

- More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 60 - 16 days prior to departure: 30% of land or cruise price
- 15 - 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

### Exceptions:

#### Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price

- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

### Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 - 90 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 89 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

### Oberammergau

- More than 120 days prior to departure – a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
  - 120 - 91 days prior to departure - 75% of total price
  - 90 days - 0 days prior to departure -100% of total price
- \* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

## Airfare

For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Instant Purchase Nonrefundable Airfare** includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post-days and extensions). Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, the Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare may be covered, if you cancel your trip for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable, and may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges. Therefore, any such fees or airport-to-hotel transfers are not refundable under any circumstances.

### Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at <http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

## Travelers Needing Special Assistance

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.\* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom.

## Holiday and Museum Closures

Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

## Motorcoach Washrooms

Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours. These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

## Seat Rotation

Seats are rotated onboard the coach for all Collette tours under the direction of the tour manager. So that we do not show partiality among passengers, exceptions cannot be made.

## Maps and Photos

Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s)



visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary and the conditions you experience may be different than depicted in the photograph(s).

## Baggage Disclaimer

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self-interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low-cost insurance to cover these risks.

There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. Be sure to ask your travel professional about such restrictions before departing for your tour.

### Checked Baggage Charges:

Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Please be advised there is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

## Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, including for tours designated as "guaranteed departures." If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit.

All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 189 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

### GENERAL DISCLAIMER

Collette monitors security situations around the world as well as government travel advisories. Conditions may require Collette to change or even cancel trips. You accept the risks involved in travel, both foreign and domestic, and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions. Guests may be required to review and sign a participation agreement prior to engaging in certain activities on the trip.

Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. You agree to be bound by the conditions of carriage for all transportation providers. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, agents, shareholders, officers, successors and assigns (collectively "Collette"), from all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims or liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which is occasioned by any negligent acts or omissions of Collette arising out of any goods or services provided for this or these trips.

Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts,

war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. Other risks may arise such as, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encounters. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the Tour Manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. If you are traveling with children, you are solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times.

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. In addition, any comments that you submit as a review or your social media posts may be used for Collette's promotional purposes.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Collette reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without notice.

### FORUM SELECTION AND CHOICE OF LAW

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND INTERPRETED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS IN RHODE ISLAND SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AND SOLE JURISDICTION OVER ANY DISPUTE, CONTROVERSY OR SUIT ARISING RELATIVE TO THIS AGREEMENT.

### ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information in our brochures, on our website or communicated by our reservation staff, errors or omissions are possible and Collette is not responsible for such error. If a mistake is made in billing, we reserve the right to correct the invoice and you will be responsible for proper payment.

### SEVERABILITY

In the event that any clause in this agreement is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions are valid and enforceable. The invalid provision shall be replaced by Collette by a clause as similar as practicable.

## Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member.

Collette is proud to be a member of USTOA (United States Tour Operators Association), an association that represents the tour operator industry. The USTOA logo on our brochures signifies that Collette is a member in good standing and is backed by their \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program. Collette, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post \$1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Collette customers in the unlikely event of Collette's bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 million posted by Collette may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Collette. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by email to [information@ustoa.com](mailto:information@ustoa.com) or by visiting their website at [www.USTOA.com](http://www.USTOA.com).

Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.



## Collette's Travel Protection Plan

Following is an outline of the Non-Insurance Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver, Insurance Benefits and non-insurance assistance services that make up the Travel Protection Plan.

**Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Travel Service, Inc.:** The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, this Part A Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket may be covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

The Part A Waiver portion of Collette's Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. The Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

**Collette's Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure.** In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (However, the Part B Benefits referenced below include a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B.) Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the Travel Protection Plan Fee (if chosen) must be received by Collette with your deposit. The fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant only.

Collette can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Travel Service, Inc. itself, and its own employees.

### Where to Present Part A Claims

To request a refund under the Part A Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette  
ATTN: Customer Service Department  
162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

Following is an outline of the Services and Insurance Plan Benefits provided.

### PART A – Benefits Provided By Collette:

Pre-departure Cancellation Fee Waiver up to Trip Cost

**The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit** underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company.

**Part B Insurance Benefits provided by United States Fire Insurance Company:** On tour, insurance benefits are provided if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need medical assistance or evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay of more than 24 hours; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT
• Trip Cancellation	Amount Purchased*
• Trip Interruption	150% of Trip Cost
• Single Supplement	\$1,000
• Missed Connection	\$1,500
• Travel Delay (Up of \$100 per Day)	\$1,500
• Medical Expense/Emergency Evacuation	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$50,000
• Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
• Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,500
• Baggage Delay	\$200

\*This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (nonrefundable) air tickets and does not cover any other land, air or water travel arrangements.

### PART B Insurance Benefit Exclusions & Limitations

1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for

the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; 4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; 7. participating in skydiving or parachuting except parasailing, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, extreme skiing, skiing outside marked trails or heli-skiing, any race, speed contests, spelunking or caving, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 120 feet (40 meters) or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Plan. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 14. any amount paid or payable under any Worker's Compensation, Disability Benefit or similar law; 15. a loss or damage caused by detention, confiscation or destruction by customs; 16. Elective Treatment and Procedures; 17. medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; 18. failure of any tour operator, Common Carrier, or other travel supplier, person or agency to provide the bargained-for travel arrangements for reasons other than Bankruptcy or Default; 19. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Plan is in effect for You; or 20. a loss that results from a Sickness, Injury, disease or other condition, event or circumstance which occurs at a time when the Plan is not in effect for You.

**The Part B Insurance Benefits are underwritten by:** United States Fire Insurance Company, 5 Christopher Way, 2nd Flr, Eatontown, NJ 07724 under Policy Form Series T-210 MP.

### Non-Insurance Services

One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services	Included
Global Xpi Medical Records Services	Included

**Non-Insurance Services:** are not insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services are provided by: One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Global Xpi Medical Records Services are provided by Trip Mate.

**INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Benefits on this page are described on a general basis only. There are certain restrictions, exclusions and limitations that apply to all insurance coverages. This advertisement does not constitute or form any part of the Plan Description or any other contract of any kind. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by state jurisdiction. To review full plan details online, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpF430C](http://www.tripmate.com/wpF430C).

Plan Administrator: Trip Mate, Inc. (in CA & UT, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency) 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114, 1-800-888-7292.

## Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost of the Travel Protection Plan includes a Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc., insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, as well as non-insurance assistance services provided by One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Trip Mate.

### Land Only Clients:

- \$99 adult/\$99 child for all domestic escorted tours under 6 days
- \$235 adult/\$135 child for all domestic escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$295 adult/\$160 child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- \$335 adult/\$195 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$450 adult/\$225 child for Galapagos tours
- \$450 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (**must** accompany 1st deposit)
- \$925 adult/\$425 child for Antarctica tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan cost. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

### Air-Inclusive Clients (Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$110 adult/child for all domestic tours under 6 days
- \$275 adult/child for all domestic tours of 6 days or more
- \$315 adult/child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- \$385 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$500 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- \$500 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (**must** accompany 1st deposit)
- \$975 adult/child for Antarctica tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket may be covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.



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## 100 WAYS TO CARE

We celebrate the children we have helped through global programs in India, Cambodia, Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Ecuador, Peru, Poland, Costa Rica and South Africa.

## 100 ACTS OF KINDNESS

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**For more information,  
visit [collettecares.org](http://collettecares.org)**





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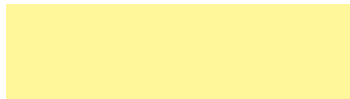
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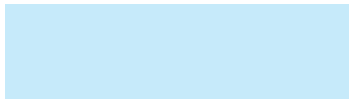
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