

explorations

SMALL GROUP TOURING

2018 - 2019



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CHAUFFEUR
DRIVE SERVICE**
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STOP DREAMING & *start doing*

Drift off to sleep in the peaceful quiet of the Sahara Desert. Set out on a cyclo tour through Hanoi's Old Quarter and witness the bustling activity. Meet with local winegrowers in Switzerland and taste the fruits of their labour. Together with a small, tight-knit group of like-minded travellers, you'll embark on a journey of the senses and engage with local culture in ways you couldn't imagine – or ever replicate. It's what makes Explorations so special. These moments, and so many more can only be experienced on an Explorations tour, with a local guide right by your side.

Whatever your reason for travel, let us help you explore the world in a deeper, more meaningful way. Turn the page and start your journey, right here, right now.





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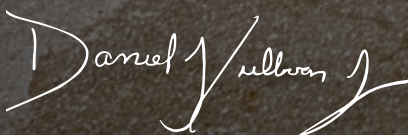
DEAR TRAVELLER,

You hold in your hands Collette's 2018-2019 Explorations brochure. Inside, you will find everything you need to start exploring new possibilities all over the world.

Explorations changes the way you experience travel. Hotel stays emerge as savoured occasions. Meals evolve into culinary events. Here ancient traditions become part of your life and history rests in the palm of your hand. The hidden revealed. The distant brought close. The unfamiliar made brilliant. These are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

As Collette celebrates our 100th year, we find ourselves reflecting on how very special our travellers 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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always included...

- A professionally planned itinerary
- Superior accommodation, 4-star & above
- 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 📶

Machu Picchu, Peru

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 traveller 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 customisation 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 accommodation and the stage is set for a truly amazing journey.



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**SUMMER
TOURS**
MAY to OCTOBER



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 travellers 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 travellers 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 travellers. 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 travellers. 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

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 CHAUFFEUR 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 chauffeur service. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey. Included on all bookings for passengers living within 40kms of a major Australian city airport.

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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.



The Collette Passport Club

Recognising our loyal guests

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

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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.



Heather Larsen

Tour Manager: 6 years of service

As a Tour Manager, I love being able to be a part of someone's journey of a lifetime. I love the spark I see in people's eyes when they come across an inspiring view or have a personal interaction.

My advice if visiting Europe would be my advice when visiting anywhere. Keep an open mind and open expectations. Give in to the norm of each place you are, and let that guide you. Let go of preconceived notions and allow yourself to be immersed. Take any inconvenience as an adventure.

“Our tour manager had a lot of information

to give us about the areas we travelled through, both geographically and politically which add to our knowledge. She always made sure we were comfortable and well taken care of.”

- Catherine, VIC

Burano, Venice, Italy

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 accommodation 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

Personalise your adventure

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



PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR SERVICE

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

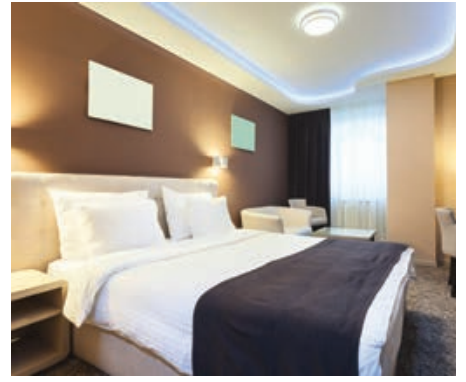
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AIRFARE

Upgrade your air 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 Collette introduced **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 some of the city's best 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.

SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS AND MAJESTIC PEAKS

Travel 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 travelling by train.

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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 explorations tours *for 2018*



CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA

Immerse yourself in the fascinating cultures of these great destinations.

Peru and Bolivia hold many wonderful surprises for travellers. Visit all the must-see locations like Machu Picchu, the Andes and Lima while enjoying immersive cultural experiences and local cuisine along the way.

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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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ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

Be mesmerised by the mighty natural wonders that await 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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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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JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

Discover world-renowned wines, distinctive local flavours, and the pastoral splendour of the French countryside.

Idyllic landscapes to bustling Bordeaux, vine-gilded vistas to cerulean-blue waters of the Cote d'Azur, Southern France is captivating. Search for truffles during a chef-led journey, walk into a living storybook at the villages of Carcassonne, savour a Grand Cru in the region it was born, and so much more.

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NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Delight in the local flavours and unique cultures from Barcelona to Madrid.

Join us for a journey that delves deep into the culture of Northern Spain. Enjoy a private conversation with a local bullfighter in Pamplona, master your paella-making skills at a workshop led by locally acclaimed chefs, and take a paddleboard or kayak for a cruise around the port city of Santander.

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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 personalise your **adventure!**

EXPLORING NORTHERN SPAIN

It's your choice how you spend your day in San Sebastián! You may join a locally guided tour of old town and board a funicular to the apex of Monte Igueldo for breathtaking views of La Concha Bay. **Or**, take a walking tour along the farms, vineyards, and villages of the Camino de Costa.



Caminho de Costa Walking Tour



Walking Tour



Bicycle Riding

DISCOVER THE VILLAGE OF KY SON

Come to know life in the village of Ky Son, Vietnam on the outskirts of Hanoi. **It's Your Choice:** choose between a leisurely stroll **or** a bike ride through the village.



Ring of Kerry



Killarney National Park

TRAVERSING THE COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

It's Your Choice: Explore Killarney National Park, cruise through Killarney's lakes and walk the "Kerry Way" **or** traverse the world-famous Ring of Kerry.



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

more on tour



Iguana,
Galapagos Islands

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.



Taj Mahal, India



Souk Market, Morocco



L'Anse Aux Meadows National Historic Site
© Parks Canada/Dale Wilson



Lantern Making,
Vietnam

“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.”

- Robert, NSW

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



Hanglip Mountain Lodge, South Africa

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

Experience staying in a glass igloo in Finland

Accommodation

Whether it's the amenities, the history, the view or the location, your accommodation becomes a highlight all its own. We carefully select each hotel to best fit into your inclusive itinerary.

culinary adventures

Chocolate Workshop,
Switzerland



Hot Berry Juice



The culinary delights you'll find on Explorations tours offer an amazing window on local cultures. With Collette, you'll not only taste the incredible dishes, but you'll take a cooking class to learn how they're made; you will meet the people whose everyday life is intertwined with these traditions. **Your culinary adventures await!**



Boma Dinner, Africa



Cheese Sampling,
France



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

- Rhonda, QLD

© Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Lapland, Finland

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 travellers 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 accommodation 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 travellers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, and these itineraries are designed utilising more modest accommodation that captures 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.

1 Million MEALS to Celebrate 100 YEARS!

Global hunger is a central part of our mission at Collette Cares. We're thrilled to celebrate 100 years of service by giving **1 million meals** to those in need globally through volunteering, meal programs and partnerships with Rise Against Hunger, Edesia and No Kid Hungry.

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

Employees volunteer over 5,000 hours of service each year. Travellers are rolling their sleeves up by joining us on Impact Tours.

**For more information,
visit collettecares.org**





collette
cares

for our employees • for our community • for the world

ITALY'S TREASURES

11 DAYS · 17 MEALS
FROM \$4289



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Discover the colourful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Experience medieval life at the Palazzo Davanzati.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a 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 5 | 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.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Regina Palace Hotel or Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees, Stresa
- Days 3, 4** Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Hotel Vis à Vis or Grande Albergo, Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera
- Days 5 - 8** Villa Lecchi, Tuscany
- Days 9, 10** Hotel Ca' dei Conti or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 79 for details.



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 Lago Maggiore.

[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: 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 2: Stresa

Today, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains where you'll stop at a local farm to sample their artisanally produced cheeses paired with the region's delicious wines. The remainder of your day in Stresa is at leisure. 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 3: Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera

Depart the Italian Lakes region for Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast. Stop at Lake Orta and take a boat to Isola di San Giulio. 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 4: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre

Spend your day discovering the colourful 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 afternoon (B)

Day 5: 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



Tuscan Countryside



Cinque Terre



Lake Orta

bicycle. Either way, you'll visit the Cathedral of San 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 speciality food shops. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa and begin a relaxing 4-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Florence

Get to know Florence with a walking tour of the city's treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo, the centre 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 7: Siena

Travel to Siena for an expert-led walking tour. Visit the town's dramatic cathedral, a stunning example of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. Stroll through narrow medieval streets as you experience life in this historic cultural centre. Return to your villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

Day 8: 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 9: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

Depart for Venice. En route, stop in Bologna where we take a guided walking tour of the centre, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. Where you'll also sample local delicacies at speciality food shops. Later, arrive in romantic Venice for your 2-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Venice

Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration. Return to St. Mark's Square for a locally guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, and a visit to the Doge's Palace. Tonight, partake in a celebratory farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Venice - Tour Ends

Wake up in Venice where your tour comes to a close. (B)

DATES & PRICES					
March - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
11, 18 March	\$4989	\$5949	7, 14, 21 October	\$5449	\$6479
3, 8 April	\$5189	\$6229	28 October	\$5109	\$5659
15, 22 April	\$5329	\$6299	4 November	\$4899	\$5589
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			4 December *	\$4289	\$4839
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	10 February *	\$4289	\$4839
6, 13, 20 May	\$5519	\$6689	10, 17 March	\$4839	\$5519
3, 10, 17, 24 June	\$5519	\$6689	2, 5, 23, 28 April	\$5449	\$6479
15, 29 July	\$5519	\$6689	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50	
5, 21, 26 August	\$5519	\$6689	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16 September	\$5659	\$6749	*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.		
18, 23, 25, 30 September	\$5659	\$6749			

This trip requires a passport. Our air guests will arrive into Milan airport and depart out of Venice airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED
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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](#)

TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

10 DAYS · 16 MEALS
FROM \$3599



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a guided walking tour of Spoleto.
- Marvel at the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta.
- Take the road less travelled 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.
- Behold the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, a 13th-century aqueduct.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 8 | 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.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 Hotel Kolbe, Rome
Days 2 - 5 Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, Umbria or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria
Days 6 - 9 UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rome – Italy's dynamic capital city. Follow the less-travelled roads of Umbria and Tuscany. Along the way experience charming towns, regional delicacies and renowned Italian wines. Say hello to your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: 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 3: 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 cooking lesson. Indulge in an early dinner in the countryside before turning in for the evening. (B, D)

Day 4: 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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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Florence



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 5: 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, savour 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 6: 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 7: 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 centre 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 8: 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 (neighbourhood). 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 9: 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 travellers. Partake in an interactive and fun presentation on wine by the restaurant's sommelier. (B, D)

Day 10: Tuscany - Tour Ends

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



Cooking Class

DATES & PRICES

	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
March - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>			15 July	\$4079	\$4629
18 March	\$3949	\$4499	19 August	\$4079	\$4629
15, 22 April	\$4159	\$4709	2, 9, 16, 23 September	\$4079	\$4629
29 April	\$4229	\$4779	7, 14 October	\$4079	\$4629
			21 October	\$3949	\$4489
			4 November	\$3599	\$4009
			10, 17, 24, 31 March	\$3739	\$4289
			7, 10, 24 April	\$3949	\$4489
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>					
6, 20 May	\$3949	\$4489	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50	
27 May	\$4079	\$4629	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
17 June	\$4079	\$4629			



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Book another tour with Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** ① Southern Italy & Sicily ② Rome & the Amalfi Coast ③ Imperial Cities CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Rome airport and depart from Florence or Pisa airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



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ITALY'S BELLA VITA

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS
FROM \$4749



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 3 |** 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.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hotel Pierre, Florence
Days 3, 4 I Portici Hotel, Bologna
Day 5 Antico Borgo di Tabiano Castello, Parma Region
Days 6, 7 Hilton Lake Como, Como

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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NEW TOUR



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.

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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 3: Florence - Bologna

This morning, join your fellow travellers 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 centre during a home-hosted cooking lesson. Learn the secrets of making three traditional pasta recipes and enjoy the fruits of your labour over dinner, replete with locally-selected wines and the requisite espresso with dessert. (B, D)

Day 1: 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 2: 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



Florence



Lake Como

Day 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 travellers over a farewell dinner to say Addio Italia! (B, D)

Day 8: Lake Como - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

DATES & PRICES				
September - November 2018	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
2, 9, 16 September	\$5299	\$6529	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
14, 21 October	\$5299	\$6529		
4 November	\$4749	\$5699		

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.



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COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS
FROM \$3469



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

DAY 4 | Join a local expert on a tour of the historic Cobh port **or** spend a leisurely day in Kinsale.

DAY 6 | Explore Killarney National Park, cruise through Killarney's lakes and walk the "Kerry Way" **or** traverse the world-famous Ring of Kerry.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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](#)

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travellers 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 2: 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 centre and meander its 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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Inisheer, Aran Islands



Cooking Class



Killarney National Park

that has to be seen to be believed. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to Killarney via the breathtaking Cahah Pass. (B)

Day 6: 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 7: 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 isolated yet magnificent beauty. (B, D)

Day 8: 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 travellers and toast the end of an incredible adventure! (B, D)

Day 9: Ennis - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

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

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DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
<i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>			16 July	\$3879	\$4489
19 March	\$3329	\$3879	20 August	\$3879	\$4489
9 April	\$3469	\$4019	3, 10, 24 September	\$3879	\$4489
23 April	\$3539	\$4089	8 October	\$3599	\$4149
			15 October	\$3469	\$4009
			8 April	\$3469	\$4009
			29 April	\$3599	\$4149
			Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50	
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

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Book another tour with Countryside of the Emerald Isle and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** 1 UK By Rail CALL FOR DETAILS

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Dublin airport and depart from Shannon airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS
FROM \$5299



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.
- Go on an adventure through the trees of Gordes, as a local chef leads a truffle hunt led by trained truffle dogs.

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.
- Experience the Carrières de Lumières, a spectacular multimedia show set in the ancient



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- DAY 4 |** 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.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel de Bordeaux, Bordeaux
- Days 3, 4** Château des Vigiers, Dordogne Valley, Monestier
- Day 5** Hotel de La Cite, Carcassonne
- Days 6 - 8** Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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: 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 2: Bordeaux - Medoc

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 3: Bordeaux - Saint Émilion - Monestier (Dordogne Valley)

A tuk-tuk vehicle brings you through 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 4: 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 your choice** how you would like to explore the Dordogne Valley. Pedal the ancient

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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 74 FOR DETAILS

narrow streets on a bicycle tour for an up close and personal view the valley -OR- relax while enjoying the spa your chateau has to offer. (B)

Day 5: 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 6: 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 centre of European religion since the Popes moved there in 1309. This evening, sip on locally crafted cocktails followed by dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: 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, savour 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 8: 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 travellers as you prepare to bid au revoir to the magic of Southern France. (B, D)

Day 9: Saint-Rémy - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

DATES & PRICES					
April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i> 15, 22 April	Double	Solo	Sept. 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i> 11, 18, 25 September 9, 16 October 9, 30 April	Double	Solo
	\$6439	\$7949		\$5639	\$7559
Itinerary featured is for September 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				\$5359	\$7149
				\$5299	\$6939
				Triple Room Reduction	N/A
Rates are land only, per person. Call for additional dates.					

This trip requires a passport. Entrance is included to spa only on Day 4; services will be at your expense. Our air guests will arrive into Bordeaux and depart from Marseilles airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED

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THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS
FROM \$4999



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.
- Admire the fine arts in one of the world's most magnificent art museums, the Prado.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- DAY 4 |** Join a guided tour of San Sebastian and ride a funicular to the apex of Monte Igueldo **or** take a walking tour along the rural beauty of the Camino de Costa.
- DAY 6 |** In Santander, explore via your own paddleboard or kayak **or** take the day to explore the beauty independently.
- DAY 9 |** Walk Madrid's centuries-old city centre 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 pinxtos during a local dining experience in San Sebastián.



ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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NEW TOUR



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: 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 2: 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 Gaudi'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 3: 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 learn about the colourful San Fermin festival. The evening is yours to relax or explore the city's lively neighbourhoods full of culinary delights. (B)

Day 4: 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 Igueldo 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,



San Sebastián



Cooking class



Kayaking, Santander

traditional Basque tapas, in one of San Sebastián's local restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: 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 pay a visit to the Guggenheim Museum. (B)

Day 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 epicentre of art, culture and politics, as well as home to the Spanish Monarch. 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 9: Madrid

It's your choice how you spend your last day in Madrid. Unearth Madrid's centuries-old city centre 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, Spain's national art museum. This afternoon, perhaps you'll join an optional walking tour to the city of Segovia and the storybook castle Alcázar of Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This evening, savour Spain's cuisine one last time over a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to commemorate a Spanish adventure you'll never forget. (B, D)

Day 10: Madrid - Tour Ends

Your adventure ends today. (B)

DATES & PRICES

Sept. 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
14, 28 September	\$5319	\$6409	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
12, 26 October	\$5319	\$6409		
2, 9 November	\$4999	\$6069		
29 March	\$5179	\$6269		
5, 26 April	\$5319	\$6409		

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Barcelona and depart from Madrid. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



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STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

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

SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS

FROM \$4949



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 7 | 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

- Savour 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.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1 - 3** Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac, Neuchâtel
- Days 4, 5** Unique Hotel Post, Zermatt or Hotel Alex, Zermatt
- Day 6 - 8** Astra Hotel Vevey, Vevey

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.

NEW TOUR



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 travelling by train.

Day 1: Neuchatel, Switzerland - Tour Begins

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. Willkommen and 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 2: Neuchatel - Auvernier - Neuchatel

Good morning, Neuchatel à la Belle Époque! Set out on a walking tour and discover the treasures of Neuchatel's historic quarter with its unique architecture and structures from the Belle Époque period. Next, it's on to the village of Auvernier and Caves du Chateau d'Auvernier, 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 flavour. (B)

Day 3: 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 favourites such as boeuf tartare and fromage. (B, D)

Day 4: Neuchatel - Bern - Zermatt

From Neuchatel 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 5: 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 6: 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. Whilst the city's promenades and majestic hotels are classic reminders of the Belle Époque, its modernity is characterised 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 7: Vevey - Lavaux - Vevey

A relaxed morning in Vevey precludes 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 8: 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 9: Vevey - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

DATES & PRICES

September 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
1, 14 September	\$4949	\$6099	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
6, 20 October	\$4949	\$6099		
6 April	\$4949	\$6099		

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. Your Swiss Travel Pass will be needed for ALL transportation on this tour, utilising the Swiss Travel System. Portage 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 Neuchatel - utilising 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. Our air passengers will arrive and depart Zurich, Switzerland airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



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ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS
FROM \$5864



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend time at the geothermal baths of Lake Mývatn.
- Tour the old section of Reykjavík on foot.
- Visit the Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation centre.
- Spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.

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 specialised 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 colours.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Taste "hákarl," cured shark meat.
- Enjoy dinner at a restaurant featuring farm-to-table experiences during your 3-night farmhouse stay.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 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 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.

NEW TOUR



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 colourful cultural hub.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in Reykjavik. Set out to discover Iceland's adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage. From ethereal lava fields to thundering waterfalls to coastal villages, this tour reveals the island's dramatic contrasts.

Day 2: Reykjavik

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 harbour and Reykjavik's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Marvel at Reykjavik's modern architecture, especially the Harpa concert hall and its famous glass façade. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a delectable Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik

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 centre. 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: Reykjavik - Akureyri - Staðarbraut - Æðafossar - Húsavík

Experience the true beauty of the way up north. This



morning 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 an environmental gold certification. Savour 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)

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 - Vatnshellir 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 centres. 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 colours. Later, we gather for a stop in the quaint fishing town of Grundarfjörður for a glimpse of coastal living. (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 specialised zodiac boats, 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 9: Stykkishólmur - Borgarnes - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

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 speciality. 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 6: Húsavík - Lake Mývatn - Dettifoss - Asbyrgi Canyon - Húsavík

Spend today exploring the magnificent Diamond Circle, 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 10: Reykjavik - Tour Ends

Head for home having uncovered Iceland's adventurous side. (B)


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



DATES & PRICES					
May - September 2018	Double	Solo	18 September	\$6074	\$7234
1 May	\$5864	\$6964	25 September	\$5864	\$6964
8 May	\$6074	\$7234	Triple Room Reduction \$100		
15, 22 May	\$6204	\$7444	Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. International air is not included. Call for additional dates.		
29 May	\$6614	\$8334			
5, 12, 19, 26 June	\$6614	\$8334			
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July	\$6614	\$8334			
7, 14, 21, 28 August	\$6614	\$8334			
4, 11 September	\$6204	\$7444			

This trip requires a passport. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price. International air is not included. 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.



PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED
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THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

7 DAYS · 11 MEALS
FROM \$6059



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Lead your own Husky 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.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Experience remote 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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savour Finnish cuisine in Helsinki's local restaurants.
- Enjoy warm berry juice, a Finnish winter



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

Days 3 - 5 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 6 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 79 for details.



NEW TOUR



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.

[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Helsinki, a city with a vibrant architectural style that blends classicism and functionalism. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the city centre. (D)

Day 2: 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 flavours. Next, see Kaivopuisto Park, an ornate neighbourhood 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; 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 3: 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 splendour 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 Finnish log cabin equipped with a private fireplace and sauna. Join your



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Husky Dog Sled



Reindeer sleigh ride © Kakslautanen Arctic Resort/Valtteri Hirvonen

few travellers on a northern lights tour 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 colours in the sky. (B, D)

Day 4: Kakslautanen - 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 Kakslautanen 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. Cosy under the blankets, continue your search for the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Kakslautanen - 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. If you choose to upgrade your accommodations, you may find the northern lights dancing over your private glass igloo. (B, D)

Day 6: Kakslautanen - 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 7: Helsinki - Tour Ends

Set out for home with many incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Helsinki: Relax and soak in the culture of this quirky seaside city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

October 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
3, 5, 24, 26, 27, 31 October	\$6059	\$7289	1, 22, 24, 26 March	\$6059	\$7289
2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 29 November	\$6059	\$7289	5, 12 April	\$6059	\$7289
1, 7, 9 December	\$6059	\$7289	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50		
11, 13, 25 January	\$6059	\$7289	Rates are land only, per person and include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
1, 15, 17, 19 February	\$6059	\$7289			



COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with The Northern Lights of Finland and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Interflights between Helsinki and Ivalo are included in the land price of your tour. Our international air passengers will arrive into and depart from Helsinki. Airport transfers are available for purchase. 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.



PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR
DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED

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THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

13 DAYS · 33 MEALS
FROM \$6204



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See Rothschild giraffes up-close as you feed them from a platform.
- Learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu people.
- Get to know the Masai people during a stop at a Masai village.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Set out on numerous game drives in search of lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos.
- View wildlife up-close from your treetop lodge, The Ark.
- Explore the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*.
- Pause at the Equator and perhaps step on the Northern and Southern Hemisphere at the same time.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

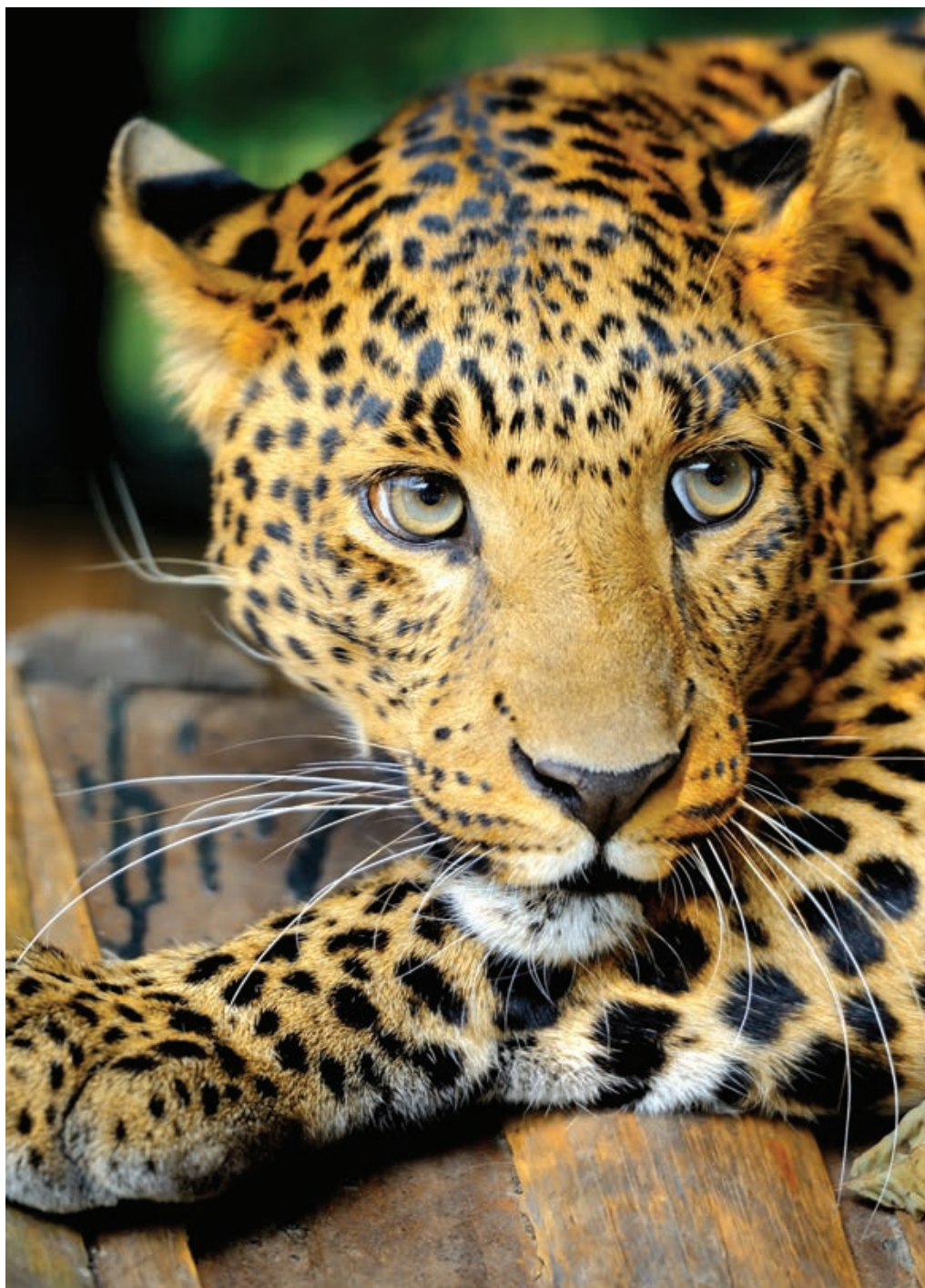
- Savour a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature.



ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife surround you

as you traverse the African plains on an intimate safari adventure.

START EARLY

**ADD
A DAY**

Nairobi: Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime with an extra night to relax.

[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Get ready for an amazing safari adventure as you explore Kenya's wildlife and stunning natural vistas. Arrive in Nairobi for an overnight stay at the Sarova Stanley Hotel, the city's first luxury hotel.

Day 2: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

Today we set off for the mountainous region of Aberdare National Park. This ecologically diverse area

boasts lush valleys and peaks reaching 14,000 feet. Arrive at your hotel situated on the slope of Mweiga Hill overlooking the park. Keep an eye out for the giraffes that welcome you to the lodge. The afternoon is yours enjoy the amenities of the lodge; perhaps you'll take a nature walk or enjoy a round of golf! (B, L, D)

Day 3: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba National Reserve

We begin our journey at the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves, home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife including the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra, two species only found north of the Equator. Arrive at Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. After lunch, it's on to Buffalo Springs for a game drive to begin your search for the

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 79 for details.



Leopard

"Big 5." Tonight, learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu – an ethnic group related to the Masai. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5" on a morning game drive through the rugged Samburu National Reserve. The striking contrast of sand, sky and bush will leave you breathless. After lunch at the lodge, continue on an afternoon game drive in Shaba. Watch for the spectacular local birds; over 350 species of birds are known to inhabit the reserve. Look for the desert rose plant, splashing colour against its natural surroundings. Your day comes to a close on the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River. Sit back and relax as the sun sets on the horizon, partaking in a traditional Sundowner. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park
Return to Aberdare for an unforgettable

experience in a treetop lodge. This national park received its name from Lord Aberdare, one of the founding members of the Royal Geographical Society. Your lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of wildlife all night long. Get an up-close look at the wildlife from the four viewing decks that provide an unmatched opportunity for game viewing from the comfort of the lodge. Sit back and let the animals come to you! (B, L, D)

Day 6: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru

Drive past the mountains via the spectacular Nyahururu waterfalls. Then, make a photo stop at the Equator. Arrive at the floor of the Great Rift Valley and continue your search for the "Big 5" during your time at Lake Nakuru. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Lake Nakuru

A taste of Africa. After your morning game drive, savour a traditional breakfast in the bush. Then, enjoy some time to relax and enjoy the amenities at the lodge. Your exciting afternoon game drive returns to the lodge before sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

This morning we travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Masai Mara – an extension of the great Serengeti Plain – is considered the most stunning game viewing spot in all of Kenya: lions, giraffes, zebras, elephants and other wildlife reside here. Your tent provides all the deluxe amenities of a lodge, complete with the adventure of the wild. Visit a Masai village prior to your game drive. Tonight, enjoy a traditional bush dinner featuring a Masai dance performance. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Masai Mara

Further enjoy the Masai Mara with both morning and afternoon game drives. Pause along the way to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch. Return to your hotel to catch the sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara - Nairobi

After breakfast, return to Nairobi and travel to Karen, on the outskirts of Nairobi, and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*. Experience the local wildlife firsthand as you have the opportunity to feed the endangered Rothschild giraffes from a raised platform at the Giraffe Sanctuary. (B, L)

Day 11: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

This morning we depart Nairobi for Amboseli National Park, famous for its open plains where lions and elephants roam. The breathtaking snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy an afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Amboseli

Further explore Amboseli with two game drives – your final chance to see the "Big 5." (B, L, D)

Day 13: Amboseli - Nairobi - Tour Ends

Return to Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to your departure for home. (B)



YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Nairobi: Begin your trip with an extra night.**
Visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and learn about the efforts to protect and rehabilitate the elephants. SEE PAGE 74 FOR DETAILS
- **Tanzania: Complete your trip with a 4-night extension.**
Explore Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. SEE PAGE 77 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo
9, 23 February	\$7154	\$8944	3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August	\$7784	\$10184
9, 16 March	\$7154	\$8944	7, 14, 21 September	\$7784	\$10184
6, 20 April	\$6184	\$6874	12, 15, 19, 26 October	\$7784	\$10184
			2, 5, 16 November	\$7024	\$8744
			17 December	\$8394	\$10724
			18, 25 January	\$7164	\$8814
			8, 15 February	\$7164	\$8814
			1, 8 March	\$7164	\$8814
			12, 19 April	\$6754	\$7444
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo			
18, 25 May	\$6204	\$6824	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
1, 8, 11, 15, 22, 29 June	\$6204	\$6824	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
6, 13, 20, 27 July	\$7784	\$10184			

The Best Christmas Ever!

Unwrap the Masai Mara!

Awaken on Christmas morning in the Masai Mara ready to explore the most spectacular game viewing spot in all of Kenya. Make lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants your gift this year!

17 December 2018



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STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Nairobi: Stay a bit longer to reflect on your amazing adventure in Kenya. CALL FOR DETAILS

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Head out for an African sundowner by 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Spend some time at a local village in Zimbabwe learning about the culture.
- Meet and interact with African elephants.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy 7 wildlife safaris in search of the "Big Five."
- Step aboard a cable car and be whisked atop Table Mountain.
- Take a walking tour in the quaint seaside village of Hermanus.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 12 | In Chobe National Park, search for wildlife on a game drive by land **or** embark on a safari cruise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savour a true African dining experience including a hand-washing ceremony.
- Sample a variety of South African wines during a wine tasting.
- Dine under the stars during your stay in a nature conservancy.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Commodore Hotel, Cape Town
Days 4, 5 Spier Hotel or Devon Valley Hotel, Stellenbosch
Days 6, 7 Hanglip Mountain Lodge, Entabeni
Day 8 Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
Days 9, 10 Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls
Days 11, 12 Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



epic scenery, abundant wildlife, winding coastlines and

remarkable cultural diversity come together in an incredible adventure.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Cape Town: Take an extra day in this beautiful harbourside city.

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Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa - Tour Begins

Epic scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife come together in an incredible experience. Welcome to the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town. Its architecture fuses French, German and Dutch traditions which sets the stage for a thrilling cultural journey.

Day 2: Cape Town

Step aboard a cable car that whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet atop Table Mountain. Gaze at the astounding view of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion's Head. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Moorish Malay Quarter on your panoramic tour, pausing along the way at Milnerton Lighthouse. Spend the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. You

may choose to explore charming Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, known for its shopping and entertainment venues. Be sure to stop by the local craft market for some hidden gems. This evening, savour a true African dining experience as you become familiar with a traditional African hand-washing ceremony before sampling local delicacies. (B, D)

Day 3: Cape Town

Travel out to Cape Point on the southwestern tip of Africa. En route, marvel at the coastal scenery and pleasant towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Listen to the tales behind the numerous ship wrecks which attest to the treacherous nature of these waters. Come to know the Cape of Good Hope and take a tram to the top of the mountain. Enjoy a leisurely hike down before continuing on to Boulders Beach to see the penguins who call it home. Later this evening, make some new South African friends during a home-hosted dinner. Sit down with a local family and learn about their daily life. Perhaps you'll share stories from your own experiences. (B, D)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 79 for details.





and gaze over the land as the sun drops behind the mountains and enjoy a traditional African sundowner. (B, D)

Day 7: Entabeni Conservancy

Rise before the sun and set out on a game drive. Enjoy coffee and tea in the bush before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Later, learn to follow the clues left by wildlife during a track identification walk with a ranger. After you have worked up an appetite, take time for a leisurely lunch in the gardens. Late afternoon, continue your search for the "Big Five" during another exciting game drive. Keep an eye out for the big cats preparing to hunt. Return to the lodge for dinner under the stars. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Entabeni Conservancy - Johannesburg

Carry on your quest for the "Big Five" before breakfast. Later, journey to the vibrant city of Johannesburg. Enjoy some leisure time in Sandton this afternoon. (B)

Day 9: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Spend some time at a local village learning more about the regional culture. Embark on a walking tour of the stunning Victoria Falls. Later you may enjoy a sundowner poolside and the spectacular African sunset while the animals gather at the watering hole. Tonight's dinner is a fun and interactive experience with traditional dancers and drummers. (B, D)

Day 10: Victoria Falls

This morning explore a local craft market. Later you will meet African elephants and have the opportunity to interact with them before you enjoy some free time at the lodge. Reflect on your surroundings as you relax while overlooking the wildlife watering hole. This evening you may wish to partake in an optional sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. (B)

Day 11: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Watch for bushbuck (African antelope) as well as birdlife during a nature walk with a local guide. Cross the border as you travel to Chobe, Botswana. An exciting safari cruise awaits. Spot wildlife along the water's edge, find hippos swimming along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Chobe National Park

This morning, venture into Chobe National Park on a one-of-a-kind game drive. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue to search for wildlife by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** get a different perspective from the river on a safari cruise. Tonight's dinner by the river is hosted by a chef who will teach you the art of cooking a traditional braai (barbecue) complete with some local favourites such as game meat. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Chobe - Johannesburg - Tour Ends

Fly to Johannesburg where your tour comes to a close. (B)

Day 4: Cape Town - Stellenbosch

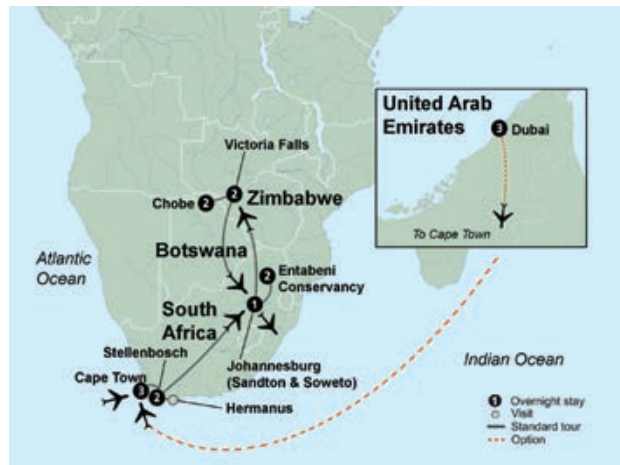
After a leisurely morning, a short drive brings you to the beautiful winelands of the Western Cape. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. This evening, learn about the varieties of wines South Africa is known for during a wine tasting; then savour a delicious dinner created with locally-sourced ingredients. (B, D)

Day 5: Stellenbosch - Hermanus - Stellenbosch

Enjoy a leisurely drive over the Sir Lowry Pass to the quaint seaside village of Hermanus. A walking tour will acquaint you with the village. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the shops and art galleries before returning to Stellenbosch. Alternatively, you may choose to stay in Stellenbosch and explore the winelands region independently or just relax in the beautiful setting. (B)

Day 6: Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Entabeni Conservancy

Fly to the city of Johannesburg. Upon arrival, head to the Entabeni Conservancy. Gather for an afternoon game drive. Have your cameras ready as you search for the "Big Five" (lion, African elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and rhino). As the sun sets, get out of your 4x4



DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
8, 13, 15, 22, 25 February	\$8179	\$9529	5, 12 July	\$8119	\$9699
1, 8, 15 March	\$8179	\$9529	9, 30 August	\$8119	\$9699
5, 19 April	\$8029	\$9379	2, 6, 13, 20, 27 September	\$8259	\$9969
12 April	\$8009	\$9389	4, 11, 14, 18, 25 October	\$8329	\$10179
15, 26 April	\$7969	\$9339	1, 8 November	\$8329	\$10179
			10, 17, 20, 24 January	\$8329	\$10179
			7, 14, 17, 21, 28 February	\$8329	\$10179
			7, 14, 21, 28 March	\$8329	\$10179
			4, 11, 18, 25 April	\$8189	\$9899
			Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
			Rates are land only, per person and include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		

May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo
10, 31 May	\$8119	\$9699
7, 21 June	\$8119	\$9699



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This trip requires a passport. You must have at least 4 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamp issued for South Africa as well as the visas for Zimbabwe and Botswana. The 2 pages for South Africa **MUST** be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. If you have questions please see your travel professional or call us. Nationals of Australia are eligible to obtain a visa on arrival to Zimbabwe at any major entry point for a stay of up to 30 days. The fee is approximately AUD40 for single entry and AUD60 for a double entry. You must hold sufficient funds to cover the stay and hold proof of onward travel to a third destination. We strongly advise travellers to obtain a visa prior to arrival to avoid possible lengthy delays or denied entry. Park fees of \$135 AUD per person are included in the tour price. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. A mandatory tourism levy of \$30 USD is required for all travellers upon arrival at the port of entry, paid by cash or credit card. Fees are subject to change. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Due to tour scheduling, return flights from Johannesburg should not be scheduled prior to 6:30 p.m. Inter-flight costs are included as part of the tour price. Our international air passengers will arrive into Cape Town and depart from Johannesburg. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

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DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED**
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COLOURS OF MOROCCO

10 DAYS · 18 MEALS
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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 9 | 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.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Kenzi Basma Hotel, Casablanca
Days 2, 3	Riad Yacout, Fes
Day 4	Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud
Day 5	Auberge du Sud Hotel, Merzouga
Day 6	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 7 - 9	Opera Plaza, Marrakech

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.



Sahara Desert

take in the vibrant surroundings and dazzle your senses

as you are immersed in the unique atmosphere that is Morocco.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Casablanca: Begin your adventure with more time in this cultural mecca.

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Day 1: 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 2: 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 3: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a centre 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 colours. (B)

Day 4: 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 5: 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 towards 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 unrivalled sense of tranquility in the serene desert. (B, L, D)

Day 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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. Savour lunch and tea in the home of a local family and get a true taste of Moroccan hospitality. Then, enter the 9th-century walled



Hassan II Mosque



Moroccan Bowls

Medina and enjoy time to 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 9: 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 travellers for an unforgettable farewell dinner in a palace. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends

A morning transfer brings you back to Casablanca airport where your tour comes to an end. (B)

DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
9 February	\$3189	\$4159	1, 8 November	\$3599	\$4559
16 March	\$3189	\$4159	6 December	\$3599	\$4559
6 April	\$3169	\$4129	10 January	\$3599	\$4559
			7, 14 February	\$3599	\$4559
			7, 28 March	\$3599	\$4559
			4, 25 April	\$3599	\$4559

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

October 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) N/A
4, 18, 25 October	\$3599	\$4559		

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



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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from Casablanca. An arrival airport transfer is available for purchase. The departure airport transfer is included on Day 10. Return flights from Casablanca should not be booked prior to 11:30 a.m. Due to flight schedules, a post-night may be required in Casablanca (at an additional cost).

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Casablanca: Explore more of this Moroccan port city.

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DUBAI, OMAN & ABU DHABI

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the history of falconry and get up close to this majestic bird.
- Delight in an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4.
- Take a short camel ride during a visit with a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Ascend the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building.
- Stand in awe of the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque.
- Explore Al Ain, an oasis town dotted with abundant groundwater springs.
- Discover Masdar City, a sustainable eco-community.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- DAY 9** | In Dubai, choose to sail on a dhow (traditional boat) along the Dubai Creek or explore Dubai Marina.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a desert dinner with traditional Arabic cuisine and traditional dances.
- Savour dinner with views of Dubai's well-known fountain show.
- Be treated to traditional Omani cuisine at a seaside home.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Radisson Blu Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

Days 4 - 6 Radisson Blu Hotel, Muscat

Day 7 Hilton, Al Ain

Days 8 - 10 Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel & Towers, Dubai

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



embark on an adventure to this captivating region

that blends luxurious cities with vast deserts and old-world traditions.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Abu Dhabi: Arrive early to experience more of this ultramodern city.

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Day 1: Abu Dhabi, UAE - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates and one of the world's most modern cities. Explore at leisure as you settle into this lavish metropolis and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.

Day 2: Abu Dhabi

Prepare to be dazzled. This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of Abu Dhabi, stopping at the famous Emirates Palace and Corniche. Visit a bustling fish market where you will see the colourful array of seafood. Then we'll experience a lively date market where you will learn about the region's many varieties of dates. Early this evening, visit the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque, a sprawling structure initiated by the late president of the UAE. Created in hopes of uniting the cultural diversity of the Islamic world, it's

a prominent place of worship. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Abu Dhabi

Learn the importance of falcons to Arabian culture at the largest falcon hospital in the UAE. Explore its museum that takes you through the history of falconry and take advantage of this rare opportunity to see these majestic birds up close. Step into the examination room to perhaps witness a falcon checkup or a pedicure. You might even have a falcon sit on your arm! Next, travel to Masdar City, a sustainable eco-community relying on solar power and renewable energy. Ride aboard a driverless car to the city centre to enjoy a walking tour and learn about futuristic initiatives. The remainder of the afternoon is yours. (B)

Day 4: Abu Dhabi - Muscat, Oman

Fly to Oman, a mystical land of contrasts with deep traditions and friendly people. Discover the port city of Muscat, the capital and heart of Oman. Your afternoon city tour reveals Old Muscat and the Corniche before arriving at Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar in Oman. Wander and browse the souq's narrow lanes and

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.



Dubai

colourful displays. Tonight, enjoy traditional Omani cuisine at a seaside home. (B, D)

Day 5: Muscat - Wadi Bani Khalid - Wahiba Sands - Muscat

Buckle up today! Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for your journey to Wadi Bani Khalid. Pass through the striking Western Hajar Mountains with their colourful rock formations before arriving at the stunning wadi (valley floor). Stroll through the wadi before pausing to relax and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue to the breathtaking desert dunes of Wahiba Sand, home to a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe that once crossed the dunes in search of water. Spend time at their camp and get to know their culture. Take a short camel ride followed by an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4, a favourite local activity. (B, L)

Day 6: Muscat - Nizwa - Jabrin - Muscat

Travel to the traditional city of Nizwa, Oman's old capital city from the 6th and 7th centuries. Step back in time as you walk through the impressive 17th-century fort before exploring the souq, famous for Bedouin silver and beautifully crafted clay items. Next, discover Jabrin's late 17th-century Jabreen Castle, the finest in all of Oman. Pause for a moment to take in the view from the top of the castle...it is mesmerizing. (B, L)

Day 7: Muscat - Al Ain, UAE

As we head back to the UAE we will stop en route to visit the Grand Mosque of Oman. Stand in awe of this remarkable sandstone structure that is home to the world's second-largest hand woven carpet and chandelier. Continue to Nakhal Fort which lies on a hill at the base of Mount Nakhal and was built 350 years ago to protect trade routes. Drive through a date plantation on the way to our next stop at Ain Thowarah, known for its hot springs. Crossing the border into the UAE, we will do as thousands of desert travellers have done before us and arrive at Al Ain...a lush oasis of palm trees, flowers and fountains. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Al Ain - Dubai

Get acquainted with Al Ain, "the garden city" of the UAE. With abundant groundwater springs, this "oasis town" was the perfect stopover on the caravan trail between the UAE to the Sultanate of Oman. Explore the museum to learn about the unique irrigation system - known as Falaj. Continue on to Hili Gardens and the city's archaeological sites where a village and a burial ground dating back to 2700 B.C. were discovered. This afternoon, arrive in the epic city of Dubai, known for its beautiful coasts and magnificent man-made wonders. (B, L)

Day 9: Dubai

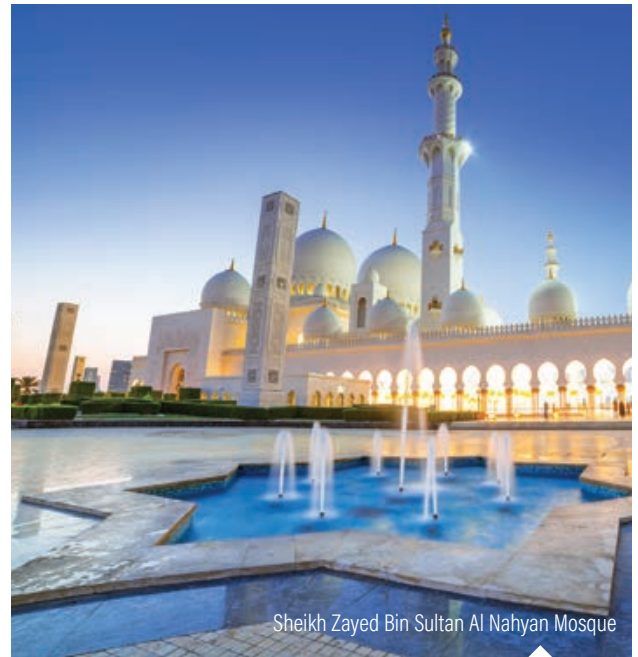
This morning, the choice is yours. Will you sail on a dhow (traditional boat) along the Dubai Creek? -OR- travel to Dubai Marina, one of the "newest" sections of Dubai, by metro where you can enjoy a leisurely walk along the water? Following your walk, set out for Palm Jumeirah, one of Dubai's many man-made islands. This evening, enjoy a desert dinner with traditional Arabic cuisine and traditional dances. (B, D)

Day 10: Dubai

We start our day with a visit to the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding, located in the oldest traditional Emirati neighbourhood, Bur Dubai. Walk among the neighbourhood's narrow sikkas (alleyways) and gaze at the beautiful wind towers that adorn the original residences along Dubai Creek. Visit the Dubai Museum and textile market before taking a ride across the dazzling Dubai Creek in a private "abra" (traditional water taxi). Witness the bustling waterfront as you pass by. Enjoy a walk through the famous gold souk where you learn firsthand why Dubai has earned its title as "The City of Gold" and enjoy the aroma of traditional spices as you walk through the spice market. Later this afternoon, ascend the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa. Enjoy magnificent views of the city from the tallest observatory in the world. Descend from the tower and join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner with views of Dubai's well-known fountain show. (B, D)

Day 11: Dubai - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today. (B)



Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque

DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
15 February	\$6054	\$7774	8 November	\$5689	\$7059
15 March	\$6054	\$7774	6 December	\$5689	\$7059
19 April	\$6054	\$7774	10, 24 January	\$5689	\$7059
			7, 21 February	\$5689	\$7059
			7, 21 March	\$5689	\$7059
			4 April	\$5689	\$7059
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			Triple Room Reduction N/A Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
October 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo			
25 October	\$5689	\$7059			

This trip requires a passport and visa. Australian citizens are permitted to enter the Sultanate of Oman without a pre-obtained Single Entry Visa. A Single Entry Visa will be granted by the Royal Omani Police upon arrival at any Omani ports (air, land and sea) valid for 10 days or 30 days and at a charge of 5 Omani Rials and 20 Omani Rials respectively. Alternatively, Australians can obtain the 30 day visa from the Consulate of Sultanate of Oman in Melbourne (\$120 AUD). Refer to: <http://oman.org.au/consulate/visas/single-entry-visa/>. The internal flights are included in the tour cost. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details. Our air passengers will arrive into Abu Dhabi and depart from Dubai. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



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ADD A DAY

Dubai: Explore more of the city's beautiful coasts and man-made wonders. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two nights in Varanasi, India's holiest city.
- Stand in awe of the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.
- Ascend by jeep to the top of Amber Fort.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- See the Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Experience two game drives in Ranthambore National Park.
- Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- DAY 4 |** Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert **or** enjoy a morning walking tour of Udaipur just as the city is waking up.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Sit down for a home-hosted dinner and observe daily life inside the old city.
- Revel in an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, New Delhi
Days 3, 4 Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur
Days 5, 6 The Lalit, Jaipur
Days 7, 8 Juna Mahal, Ranthambore
Days 9, 10 Radisson Blu Taj East Gate, Agra
Day 11 Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho
Days 12, 13 Radisson Hotel, Varanasi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



unravel the mysteries of this vast and diverse country

through its natural wonders, magnificent palace and flavourful cuisine.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Delhi: Arrive early to discover India's capital city. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

Welcome to Delhi, India's capital city that sports a rich history spanning over 2,000 years.

Day 2: New Delhi

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw, the traditional mode of transport. Next you'll tour New Delhi, visiting Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world. Behold the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's residence. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Delhi - Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur, your gateway to Rajasthan, where chivalrous tales come to life at forts and palaces. Settle into your hotel, a carefully restored palace perched on a hill and overlooking the lake. (B, D)

Day 4: Udaipur

It's your choice! Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert **-OR-** enjoy a morning walking tour of Udaipur just as the city is waking up. Later, we visit the exquisite City Palace – its main entrance, Tripolia, was built in 1725. Stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honour, and learn about the lifestyle of the royal ladies who once strolled through these gardens. This evening, cruise along Lake Pichola and take in views of the Jag Mandir Palace and the City Palace. (B)

Day 5: Udaipur - Jaipur

Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.



River Ganges

in India. Meet a naturalist who will discuss the wildlife of the country with you during a slideshow presentation. Embark on a game drive by carter (an open air vehicle). Watch for marsh crocodiles, hyenas, sloth bears and even tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Ranthambore

Rise and shine early this morning for a game drive. Afterward, enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Visit the Ranthambore School of Art which recruits students from neighbouring villages and trains them to be self-sufficient artists. Next, visit Dastkar Ranthambore Project, founded in 1981 by six women united to protect India's traditional artisans. Dive into the local cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra

An early morning train brings you to Bharatpur. Disembark and continue your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendors of the past, where you will enjoy a relaxing lunch. (B, L)

Day 10: Agra

Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, witnessing the first rays of sun glistening on the white marble — a truly memorable moment. The Taj Mahal took 22 years and 20,000 men to build. Built in the 17th century by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Later, visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. (B)

Day 11: Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho

Board your train for Jhansi and continue to Orchha for a relaxing lunch. Arrive in Khajuraho, your home for the evening. (B, L)

Day 12: Khajuraho - Varanasi

Visit the Chandel Temple complex and behold some of the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India. Fly to Varanasi, a simplistic and charming city with a universal mystique. Tonight, visit the Ghats – the banks of the river – witnessing the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony. (B)

Day 13: Varanasi

Cruise along the River Ganges past various Ghats where people ritually cleanse themselves of their sins, hoping for salvation. A city tour of Varanasi includes the Benaras Hindu University and Bharat Mata Temple. Continue to Sarnath where Siddhartha Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon on a quiet grove in the 6th century B.C. A Hindu scholar discusses the philosophy of Hinduism with you. Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

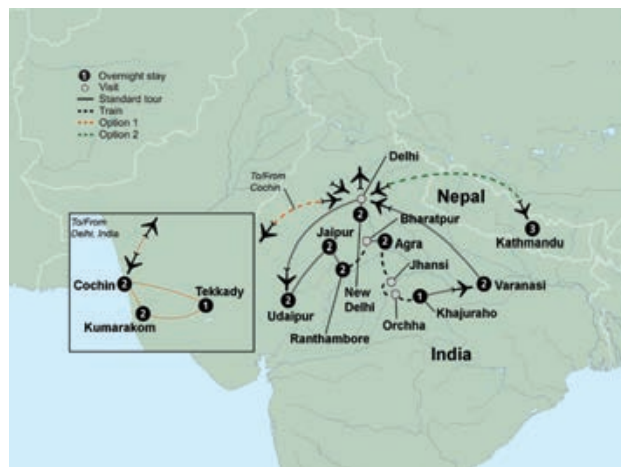
Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to your transfer to the airport. (B)

the "Pink City" of Jaipur. After having lunch and checking into your hotel, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, with its façade of 953 windows. Visit the City Palace and find gardens, courtyards, intricate decorative art and carved doorways. Marvel at Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in 1726 by Sawai Jai Singh. (B, L)

Day 6: Jaipur

Board a vintage jeep and ascend to the top of the majestic Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and India's former seat of power. Visit a local school where the children are part of a midday program supported by the efforts of the Collette Foundation. Tap into local customs during lunch as you learn about turban and sari tying. Stroll through a flower market for a glimpse into the art of making garlands used in traditional Indian ceremonies. Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. Tonight, sit down for a home-hosted dinner and observe daily life inside the old city. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park
Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger's efforts at conservation



Nepal

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Nepal: Complete your trip with a 4-night extension.** Head to the Himalayas and the legendary city of Kathmandu. SEE PAGE 77 FOR DETAILS
- **South India: Complete your trip with a 6-night extension.** See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the sea coast. SEE PAGE 76 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	Sept. 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
9, 16, 23 February	\$4994	\$6584	2, 9, 16, 30 November	\$4634	\$6004
2, 9 March	\$4994	\$6584	11, 18, 25 January	\$4634	\$6004
6, 20 April	\$4369	\$5539	1, 8, 22 February	\$4634	\$6004
			8, 22 March	\$4634	\$6004
			29 March	\$4354	\$5724
			5, 26 April	\$4354	\$5724
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 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
28 September	\$4634	\$6004	Rates are land only, per person, and include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
5, 19, 26 October	\$4634	\$6004			

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate visa cost is \$185 AUD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The Indian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately \$8 AUD/\$27 AUD respectively (total for the entire trip) for taking photos inside attractions. Your Tour Manager will collect these fees at the beginning of the tour and pay the government accordingly. 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. Our international air passengers will arrive and depart from Delhi. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked to leave prior to 6:00 p.m. on the last day.



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COLLETTE CARES

India - At a local school, see the efforts of the Akshaya Patra Foundation, which distributes healthy meals to the children.

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Delhi: Enjoy more time to explore this exciting cultural melting pot.
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life.
- Try your hand at lantern making at a famous lantern workshop.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Get acquainted with Ho Chi Minh City on your sightseeing tour.
- Cruise along the famous Mekong Delta, a place rich with wonders.
- Overnight on a luxury junk boat cruise in Halong Bay.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 6 | Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll **or** bike ride through the village.

DAY 7 | Explore the floating fishing village by traditional row boat **or** by kayak!



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration.
- Visit a home where coconut candy is made.
- Savour a lunchtime seafood feast aboard your luxury junk boat.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City
- Days 4 - 6** Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
- Day 7** Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
- Days 8, 9** Pilgrimage Village, Hue
- Days 10 - 12** Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa, Hoi An
- Day 13** New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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Halong Bay

delve into an ancient and mysterious world

as you explore Vietnam's rich culture and complex history.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Ho Chi Minh City: Spend more time in this metropolis once known to the world as Saigon. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. For centuries, the city has been the commercial hub of the region, creating a cultural melting pot.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the

Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. After lunch at a local restaurant you'll get acquainted with the city's colonial landmarks on a tour that features the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Reunification Palace and the Old Market in District 1. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Today we explore the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural and historic wonders, during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy is made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style. (B, L)

Day 4: Saigon - Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. From the ancient past, through colonial rule to the modern day, this vibrant city boasts many layers of history. Hanoi's French influences and traditional motifs paint a rich cultural portrait that enthralls visitors. (B, D)

Day 5: Hanoi

Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh, a revered figure in Vietnam. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast is Minh's simple house that sits on stilts. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well-preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, founded in the early 11th century. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then, set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi that takes you through its Old Quarter. Catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and see the traditional Vietnamese architecture including the "long house." (B, L)

Day 6: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi

Venture to the countryside to Ky Son village. **It's your choice!** Come to know life here as you embark on a stroll -OR- a bike ride through the village. Next, learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. En route to Duong Lam village, meet villagers and see their unique historic homes and communal places of worship. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples, built by the locals in the 8th and 10th centuries to honour their kings. Return to Hanoi for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Hanoi - Halong Bay

Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Marvel at the thousands of limestone islands that dot these waters. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. This afternoon **it's your choice!** Explore the floating fishing village by traditional row boat -OR- by kayak! Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

Wake as the fog gently lifts, revealing the morning light. Enjoy cruising through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. We then return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city. (B)

Day 9: Hue

Travel to the shores of the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. Our first stop is at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it's on to see the incredible mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc, the most elaborate royal tomb in the country. Continue on to explore the sprawling Imperial Citadel that originally encompassed 148

buildings before arriving at the Dong Ba Market to witness or partake in the timeless art of bartering. Later, savour the local flavours during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Hue - Hoi An

Travel along the coast and through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on your way to Hoi An. En route, pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village. Enjoy a visit to the Cham Museum in Da Hang which houses the finest collection of Cham artwork. Arrive in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Hoi An

Explore Hoi An during a morning tour. Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after your class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and try your hand at lantern making. These colourful handmade creations are a part of the culture of the city and symbolise luck, happiness and wealth to the residents. Set out on a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Feel like you have stepped into the past as you stroll by the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the ancient merchant house, a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant riverside market. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before time at leisure to explore the old town. (B, L)

Day 12: Hoi An

Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary (UNESCO), situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicentre of religion and politics dates back to the 4th century and has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to discover. Next, explore the local way of life at Tra Que Herb village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs, the only ones of their kind outside of Japan. Arrive in town and observe the farmers tending to their crops and sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in a herbal bath before returning to Hoi An. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable adventure while savouring your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today leaving you with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)



DATES & PRICES					
February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
2, 9, 23 February	\$4164	\$5124	24 August	\$3949	\$5319
2, 16, 23 March	\$4164	\$5124	14, 28 September	\$3949	\$5319
6, 13, 20 April	\$4164	\$5124	12, 19 October	\$3949	\$5319
			7 December	\$4219	\$5589
			11, 18, 25 January	\$4219	\$5589
			1 February	\$4219	\$5589
			1, 8 March	\$4219	\$5589
			5, 12, 19 April	\$4219	\$5589
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo			
11, 25 May	\$3949	\$5319	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
15 June	\$3949	\$5319	Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
13 July	\$3949	\$5319			

This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month single entry visa is AU\$85. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. The passport must be valid for six months beyond the return date of your trip and have two blank facing visa pages. Any additional document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveller. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or you may like to use CIBTvisa, for your full visa service, at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette. The internal flights on this program are included in the price. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation. Our international air passengers will arrive into and depart from Ho Chi Minh. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

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ADD A DAY

Ho Chi Minh City: Relax after your adventure or enjoy more time to explore. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

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KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Meet the monks of a local monastery and participate in a private blessing ceremony.
- Journey to the famous Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddhas.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground Viet Cong passageways.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore famous Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious structure.
- Cruise overnight on a luxury junk boat in Halong Bay.
- Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 12 | Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll or bike ride through the village.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn to prepare traditional Vietnamese dishes at a cooking class.
- Enjoy lunch at a nonprofit restaurant that employs underprivileged children.
- Learn about locally made rice wine called "lao lao" in Ban Xang Hai.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1-3** New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 4-6 Royal Angkor, Siem Reap
Days 7-9 The Sanctuary Hotel, Luang Prabang
Days 10-12 The Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
Day 13 Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
Day 14 Pilgrimage Village, Hue
Days 15-17 Almanity Hoi An Resort and Spa, Hoi An
Day 18 New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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Angkor Wat

explore an ancient and mysterious world

where each day paints a new picture of the rich cultures, lost civilisations and vibrant cities of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.

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Ho Chi Minh City: Spend more time in this metropolis once known to the world as Saigon. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Journey to a region rich in culture and history. Take in three extraordinary countries: Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, tour the city's colonial landmarks including the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Reunification Palace. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Explore the Mekong Delta during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste are made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style. (B, L)

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia

Fly to Cambodia and arrive in Siem Reap, a city that is home to chic hotels and a thriving culinary scene. (B, D)

Day 5: Siem Reap

Begin your day exploring the ancient ruins of Angkor Thom, known for its colossal stone-carved faces. Discover its famous Bayon temple, Baphoung; Phimeanakas, the Royal Palace and more. Next, explore the famous Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building and the symbol of Cambodia. Stand before the stone carvings and bas-reliefs that adorn the complex, the magnificent remains of the Khmer Empire. Remain until evening for an opportunity to see a spectacular sunset over the monuments. Dinner this evening is accompanied by an Apsara show. (B, D)

Day 6: Siem Reap

Set out to see three impressive Hindu temples: the 11th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva; Banteay Srei Temple; and Banteay Samre Temple. This afternoon, meet monks at a local monastery and participate in a private blessing ceremony. Then we continue to the mystical Buddhist temple Ta Prohm, overgrown by the creeping jungle. (B, D)

Day 7: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos

Your day begins at the JWOC Community Centre where you'll meet local school children. Then we fly to Luang Prabang. (B)

Day 8: Luang Prabang

This morning we are off to two of the most remarkable temples in Luang Prabang: Wat Sen and Wat Visun. Continue through the countryside to the stunning Kuang Si waterfalls. Return to town in time to gaze over Luang Prabang from atop Mount Phousi. Later, immerse yourself in the Night Market to browse for textiles, garments and crafts made by local residents. (B, D)

Day 9: Luang Prabang

Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River. Our first stop is to see the Wat Xieng Thong temple with its Tree of Life mosaic. Continue on, pausing along the way to see the villages of Ban Xieng Maen and Ban Chan. Head for Wat Long Khoun – once a sanctuary for people looking for spiritual rejuvenation. Next, stop at Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddhas. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before driving back to the city. En route, learn about locally made rice wine called "lao lao" in Ban Xang Hai and discover local artisan creations including jute paper with stops in Ban Xang Khong and Ban Xieng Lek. (B, L)

Day 10: Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam

Wake before dawn and participate in the offering of alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks. Fly to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. (B)

Day 11: Hanoi

Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh, a revered figure in Vietnam. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast is Minh's simple house on stilts. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. Enjoy lunch at a not-for-profit restaurant that empowers underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi that takes you through its old quarter where you'll catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi. End the day with a traditional water puppet performance. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi

Arrive in Ky Son Village and come to know life here as you embark on either a stroll -OR- bike ride through the village. Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. Next, head to Duong Lam village. Along the way, meet villagers and see their unique historic homes and communal places of worship. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples. Return to Hanoi for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

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for a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

Wake as the fog lifts, revealing the morning light. Cruise through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city. (B)

Day 15: Hue - Hoi An

Travel to the shores of the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. Stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it's on to the sprawling Imperial Citadel that originally encompassed 148 buildings. After your cruise, continue through the countryside and pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village before arriving in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Hoi An

Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after your class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and try your hand at lantern making. These colourful handmade creations are a part of the culture of the city and symbolise luck, happiness and wealth to the residents. Set out on a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Feel like you have stepped into the past as you stroll by the Phuoc Kien Assembly Hall, the ancient merchant house, and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before time at leisure to explore the old town. (B, L)

Day 17: Hoi An

Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicentre of religion and politics dates back to the 4th century and has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to explore. Then it's off to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs, the only ones of their kind outside of Japan. Arrive in town and observe the local farmers tending to their crops and sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath before returning to Hoi An. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 18: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable trip while savouring your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 19: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

Your tour ends this morning, leaving you with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)



Complete your trip with 3 nights in Bangkok. Explore this bustling city set on the banks of the Chao Phraya River.

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DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
6, 13, 20, 27 February	\$6024	\$7404	4, 11, 18, 25 September	\$5594	\$7104
6, 20, 27 March	\$6024	\$7404	2 October	\$5594	\$7104
3, 17 April	\$6024	\$7404	23 October	\$6004	\$7784
			13, 27 November	\$6004	\$7784
			15 January	\$6004	\$7784
			19, 26 February	\$6004	\$7784
			5, 19, 26 March	\$6004	\$7784
			9, 16 April	\$6004	\$7784
			Triple Room Reduction	N/A	

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
8, 15 May	\$5594	\$7104
12 June	\$5594	\$7104
10 July	\$5594	\$7104
7, 28 August	\$5594	\$7104

Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport and visa. A multiple entry visa is required for Vietnam at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month multiple entry visa is \$140AUD per person and is valid for the exact entry and exit dates. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain prior to departure. You can obtain the visa for Cambodia at the airport upon arrival. The cost is approximately \$30 USD and two complete blank pages are required in your passport along with one passport photo. A Laos visa is required for this tour at your expense. This can be purchased upon arrival in Luang Prabang, Laos. The approximate cost is \$36 USD. One blank page is required in your passport. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. The internal flights on this program are included in the price of your tour. Our international air passengers will arrive into and depart from Ho Chi Minh City. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



COLLETTE CARES

Cambodia - Through Journeys Within Our Community (JWOC) we have funded the building of a community centre which provides children a safe place to learn, develop and grow.

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Ho Chi Minh City: Relax after your adventure or enjoy more time to explore. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



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CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

13 DAYS · 21 MEALS
FROM \$7649



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the famous Ginza district where skyscrapers and neon lights meet high fashion.
- Cruise the deep blue waters of Lake Ashi.
- Travel by express train and the famous Shinkansen bullet train.
- Meet the locals during various included experiences, including a tea ceremony.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Nijo Castle, home of the first Shogun.
- Take in magnificent views of Mt. Fuji from the Kachi Kachi Ropeway.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Stop for a sushi lunch in Tokyo's famous fish market.
- Taste the local culture during a variety of included local meals.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 - 3** Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa, Tokyo
- Day 4** Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone
- Days 5, 6** Hida Plaza Hotel, Takayama
- Days 7, 8** ANA Crowne Plaza, Kanazawa
- Days 9 - 12** Westin Miyako, Kyoto

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.



Fushimi Inari Taisha

discover the intriguing Japanese culture

and the country's distinctive architecture and unparalleled natural beauty.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Tokyo: Arrive early to begin your adventure in the "Land of the Rising Sun." [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

example of traditional Japanese architecture. Next, it is time for a true taste of Japan; a sushi lunch in Tokyo's famous fish market. (B, L)

Day 3: Tokyo

This morning join the locals to experience a tea ceremony in an authentic setting. Next, have free time to explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade, the best place to find a souvenir of your trip. Later, travel to Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district. See its famous Senso-ji, a Buddhist temple dedicated to the Bodhisattva Kannon. Soak in the relaxed atmosphere and old-world Japanese architecture. Return to Tokyo by boat on a cruise down the Sumida River. (B, D)

Day 4: Tokyo - Hakone

Today we head to the lakeside resort of Hakone. Renowned for its hot springs and spas, this scenic town hugs the shores of Lake Ashi. With magnificent Mt. Fuji (UNESCO) rising in the distance, sit back, relax and soak up the incredible setting. Take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise featuring epic views of the mountain and stops at some of the lakeside towns.

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Welcome to "the Land of the Rising Sun." Come to know Japanese culture — both ancient and modern. Discover its timeless temples, unimaginable natural beauty, and technological marvels. Your tour opens in Tokyo where rich traditions and pop culture thrive side by side. This evening, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Tokyo

Excitement builds this morning as you explore the famous Ginza district where skyscrapers and neon lights meet high fashion. Traverse Shibuya Crossing, the busiest intersection in the world! Find peace and harmony at Meiji Shrine, which rests amid a forest in the shadow of the city. See the Imperial Palace, a fine



Geisha in traditional dress

Tonight, gather for a leisurely walk to the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B, D)

Day 5: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama

This breathtaking day begins in the Kawaguchi's "Five Lakes" area. Climb aboard the Kachi Kachi Ropeway which ascends over 1,300 feet and affords you a glorious panorama of Mt. Fuji and the surrounding lakes. Next, stop in Matsumoto for a traditional Japanese lunch. Then it's on to see Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" due to its striking black exterior. Later, step back in time in Takayama, a rural Edo period town nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan's last family-owned sake breweries. You are in for a treat as we sample some traditional rice wine. In the old city, a special Hida beef dinner is on tonight's menu. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Takayama

Embrace the ancient culture of Takayama as you explore its historic district. Next, head to the bustling open-air markets that date back over 600 years. Catch a glimpse of the past at the 19th-century Jinya government building. Explore the winding streets lined with charming traditional inns and houses. Your afternoon is free to explore however you like, including joining your local guide at a nearby nature park. (B)

Day 7: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa

Today we cross the mountainous Shokawa Valley on our way to Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Uncover the unique charm of this village with gassho-zukuri-style (resembling two hands joined in prayer) thatch-roofed houses. The adventure continues as we travel to the scenic town of Kanazawa. Once one of the country's richest regions, gold leaf-making began here in the 16th century. Explore at your leisure and enjoy the timeless feel of this special place. Tonight we gather in town for dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Kanazawa

Adventure awaits as we travel as the locals do - aboard a local transport. We will make our way through the Omicho market, the Samurai district, Higashi tea district, and Kenroku-En (Garden of Six Qualities), one of Japan's most beautiful gardens. Then it is time for your hands-on gold leaf class. Dive deep into this

ancient craft as you create your own bento box to take home. Once again you have a free afternoon to independently experience this dynamic culture. (B)

Day 9: Kanazawa - Thunderbird Express Train - Kyoto

Board an express train bound for Kyoto. This former Imperial capital of Japan (784 - 1868) is now one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the nation. Even as it has taken its place as an international city, it remains true to the past and is home to a staggering 2,000 temples and shrines. Next, head to the Gion (Geisha) district. Along its narrow lanes you will find teahouses and women in traditional dress. Dine tonight in the heart of the city at a traditional yakitori (grilled chicken) restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Kyoto

Explore Nijo Castle (UNESCO), home of the first Shogun. See elaborate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Travel to Kodai Yuzen-en Gallery for a lesson in the art of stenciling. Ascend the hillside to Kiyomizu temple and take in a wonderful view of the city. Then, it's on to the Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Find yourself strolling along its spectacular rows of orange Torii (made famous in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*) as they weave through the forest and lead you to the inner shrine. (B)

Day 11: Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto

Board the Shinkansen bullet train to travel to Hiroshima. Pause to see the ruined building known as the Atomic Dome (UNESCO) before visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and park. After lunch in the city we will make our way south to board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, "Shrine Island." See the iconic great Torii gate which appears to be floating on the water. As this moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by Shinkansen bullet train for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Kyoto

Relax or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Tonight, experience Japanese culture during a special farewell dinner that features a Geisha show. (B, D)

Day 13: Kyoto - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)



Mt. Fuji

DATES & PRICES

	Double	Solo		Double	Solo
February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>			May 2018 - April 2019		
25 February	\$6119	\$7899	2, 16, 23 September	\$8059	\$9839
4, 11, 18, 25 March	\$6399	\$8179	7, 14, 21, 28 October	\$8059	\$9839
4, 7, 8, 15, 22, 29 April	\$6809	\$8589	4, 11, 18 November	\$8059	\$9839
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			27 January	\$7649	\$9429
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>			24 February	\$7649	\$9429
20, 27 May	\$7849	\$9629	31 March	\$8059	\$9839
10 June	\$7849	\$9629	31 March	\$8329	\$10109
8 July	\$7849	\$9629	7, 14 April	\$8329	\$10109
5 August	\$7849	\$9629	21, 28 April	\$8059	\$9839
			Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

This trip requires a passport. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. Flights arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED

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NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR DISCOVERY

12 DAYS · 18 MEALS
FROM \$5319



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Search for whales and puffins on a nature cruise, before being dubbed an honorary Newfoundlander at an on-board "Screeching-In" ceremony.
- Come to know St. John's, North America's oldest and easternmost city.
- Follow the Viking Trail to L'Anse aux Meadows where Vikings first made landfall in Canada.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Experience a cruise through fjords and watch for whales and eagles.
- Spend time at the active archaeological site, Cupids Cove Plantation.
- Lookout for Icebergs at Cape Bonavista.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 6 | Explore Newfoundland's history at Mary March Museum **or** learn about Atlantic salmon at the Salmonid Centre.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a traditional Newfoundland gathering known as a "jiggs dinner."
- Learn how to make partridgeberry and bakeapple into jams, sauces and vinegars.

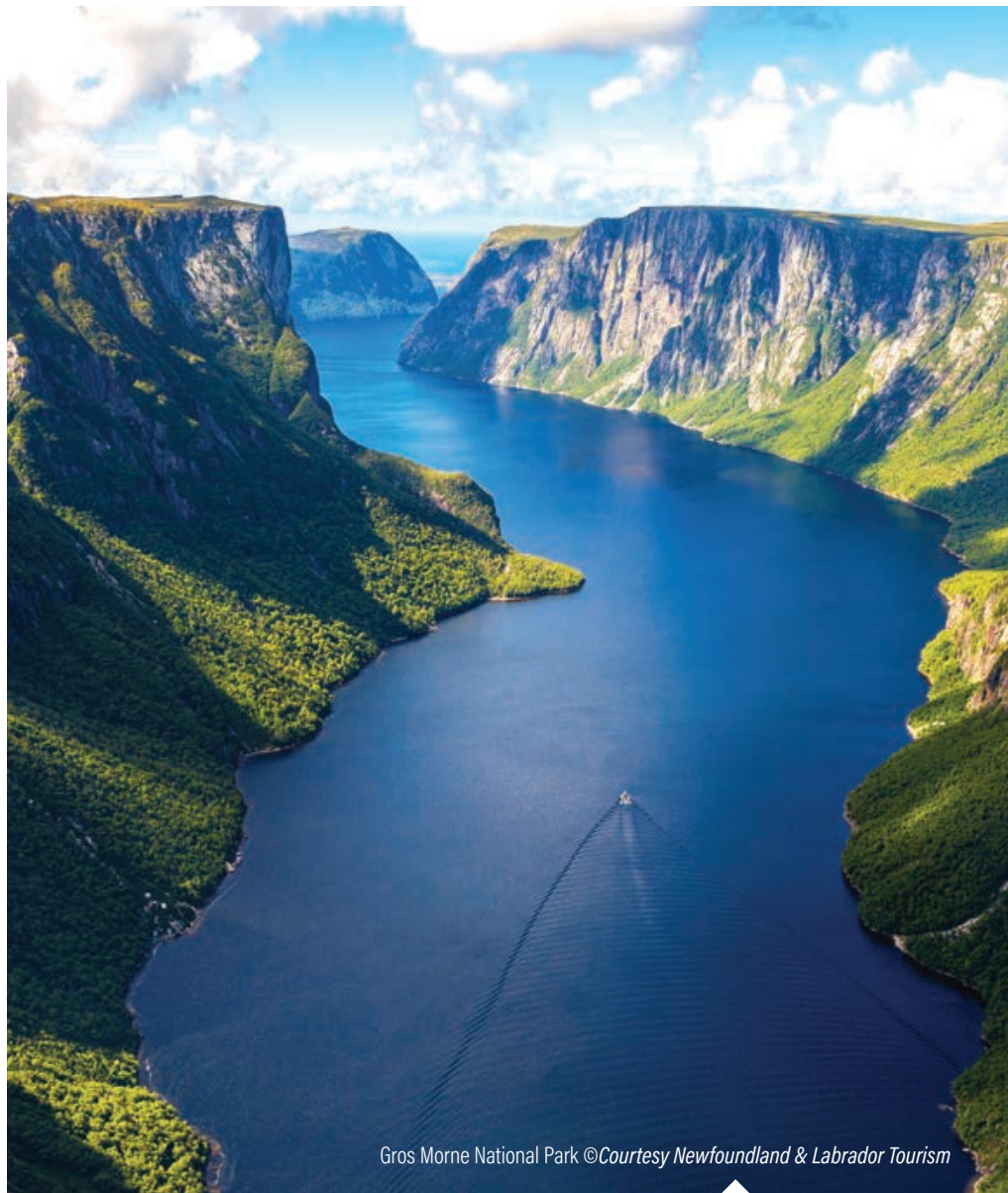


ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 JAG Hotel, St. John's
Days 3, 4 Clarenville Inn, Clarenville
Day 5 Sinbad's Hotel and Suites, Gander
Days 6, 7 Ocean View Hotel or Fisherman's Landing Inn, Rocky Harbour
Day 8 Hotel North 3, St. Anthony
Day 9 Northern Light Inn, L'Anse Au Clair
Days 10, 11 Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.



Gros Morne National Park ©Courtesy Newfoundland & Labrador Tourism

discover a blend of natural beauty, quaint villages,

stunning ocean views and friendly people on your exploration through Newfoundland.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

St. John's: Settle into the historic city of St. John's which rests on the Avalon Peninsula. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: St. John's, Newfoundland - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in the colourful coastal city of St. John's. The province's capital city is a delightful blend of old-world charm and new-world elegance.

Day 2: St. John's

Meet your fellow travellers at this morning's breakfast. Then come to know North America's oldest and easternmost city on a tour highlighting Signal Hill, Cape Spear lighthouse, Government House and the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Continue on to tour the quaint fishing harbour of Quidi Vidi Village. Watch for puffins while on a nature cruise to Witless Bay Ecological Reserve where millions of seabirds gather to nest. A local specialist joins

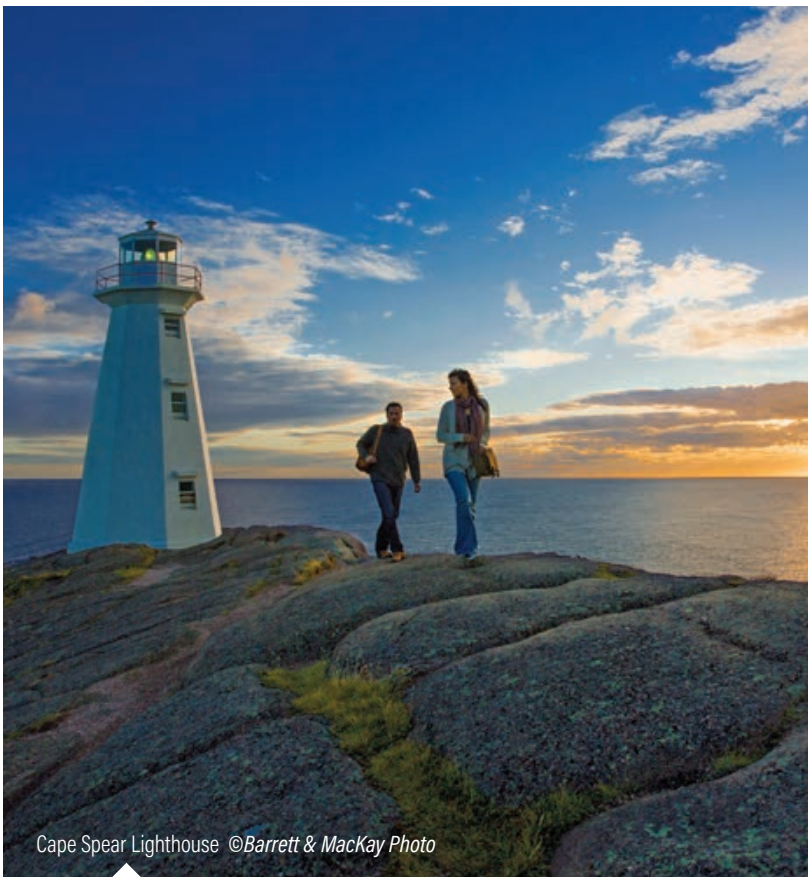
us for a talk on the marine life in the region, especially the thousands of Humpback and Minke whales who make this their home. (B, D)

Day 3: St. John's - Clarenville Area

Navigate the picturesque coastal drive that surrounds Conception Bay. Make a stop in charming Brigus to spend some time in a traditional Newfoundland fishing village. Then it's on to Cupids Cove Plantation, an active archaeological dig on the site of the first attempt at permanent English settlement in what would become Canada. Join an expert for a private tour at Cupids Legacy Centre revealing life in the early 1600s and get to know the culture during a musical performance. Then, head over to the archaeological site where they've been uncovering historic treasures for more than 20 years! (B, D)

Day 4: Clarenville - Cape Bonavista - Clarenville

In Trinity Village, relive days gone by during visits to historic buildings including the Georgian Lester-Garland House and the Green Family Forge, a living history blacksmith museum. At Cape Bonavista, pause at the



Cape Spear Lighthouse ©Barrett & MacKay Photo

lighthouse to take in the sweeping views — you may even spot an iceberg! (B)

Day 5: Clarenville - Terra Nova National Park - Twillingate - Gander

Welcome to Terra Nova National Park. Here the forest meets the sea. Stand in awe of the park's towering cliffs and tranquil bays. Spend time exploring the Marine Atlantic Centre and its interactive exhibits. Next, venture to Twillingate's Long Point Lighthouse, a location that offers prime viewing over Iceberg Alley. This evening, prepare for a rollicking good time at a traditional Newfoundland gathering known as a "jiggs dinner." (B, D)

Day 6: Gander - Rocky Harbour

It's your choice! Trace Newfoundland's natural and human history at the Mary March Museum **-OR-** travel to the Salmonid Centre to learn about the Atlantic salmon. Both institutions offer interactive exhibits and their own unique window into the culture of the region. Later, arrive in Rocky Harbour for your two-night stay. (B)

Day 7: Gros Morne National Park

This morning we visit the Discovery Centre to learn how natural forces have shaped the park's dramatic landscape. Explore Tableland Mountains and uncover the park's hidden fjords, stark peaks and highland tundra. Next, board a boat for a new perspective — watch for whales and eagles while listening to traditional Newfoundland music. Then become an honorary Newfoundlander when you participate in a "Screech-In" ceremony that seals your new status with a shot of rum. Tonight, enjoy dinner overlooking the Gulf of St. Lawrence. (B, D)

Day 8: Rocky Harbour - St. Anthony

Follow the Viking Trail to L'Anse aux Meadows and travel back to A.D. 1000 when Vikings first made landfall. See how Newfoundlanders have adapted to this forbidding landscape

and experience firsthand their unique solutions to living under extreme conditions. Later, a visit to an ecomuseum reveals the famous local partridgeberry and bakeapple and how you can make them into jams, sauces and vinegars. (B, D)

Day 9: St. Anthony - L'Anse Au Clair, Labrador

Board a ferry this morning and cross the Straits of Belle Isle to Labrador. Learn about the history and importance of whaling to this region as you pass by colourful fishing villages. Arrive in Red Bay and spend some time at Red Bay National Historic Site. This UNESCO World Heritage site recounts the traditions of Basque whalers in the 16th century. (B, D)

Day 10: L'Anse Au Clair - Corner Brook, Newfoundland

A morning ferry ride returns you to Newfoundland. Take to the roads that Captain James Cook travelled back in 1770. Sit back and take in the spectacular scenery that unfolds along the way. Be sure to have your camera ready! (B)

Day 11: Corner Brook

Walk in the footsteps of a great explorer at Captain James Cook National Historic Site. Then, stop at the breathtaking Bay of Islands on your way to picturesque Lark Harbour. This afternoon, make your way to the Butterfly House; behold hundreds of vibrant butterflies and enjoy the tranquility of the garden. Meet a local mineral and stone specialist for a discussion on labradorite, a colourful gem said to have mystical powers. Tonight, a trio known as the "Sharecroppers" delights you with traditional and original songs. (B, D)

Day 12: Corner Brook - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today in Corner Brook. (B)



Puffins

DATES & PRICES				
May - September 2018	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
31 May	\$5319	\$6409	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
7, 14, 21 June	\$5319	\$6409		
5, 12, 19 July	\$5319	\$6409		
2, 9, 16 August	\$5319	\$6409		
6, 13, 20 September	\$5319	\$6409		

A passport is required for this tour. An ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) visa is required for all Australian passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. This visa may apply due to your airline scheduling. Most other passport holders will also require an ESTA visa to travel to or via the US. To check, visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> or contact CIBT at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette. Alternatively check with your consulate for more information. You will need an eTA to visit or transit Canada by air. Apply for an eTA: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>. The cost is approximately CAD\$7 per person. If you travel by land or sea, you will not need an eTA to enter Canada. However, you must travel with proper identification. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day of the tour. There is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most trans-border flights. This is a fee levied by the airlines and may be subject to change. Air passengers will arrive into St. John's and depart from Deer Lake Regional Airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED
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WINTER IN YELLOWSTONE

7 DAYS · 11 MEALS
FROM \$4769



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join an expert on a private walking tour to learn the history of Yellowstone.
- See elk in their natural habitat during a sleigh ride in the National Elk Refuge.
- See the tranquil Lamar Valley tucked away in the scenic northwest corner of Yellowstone.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Journey to the picturesque Caribou Targhee National Forest in Idaho.
- Witness the colossal geyser Old Faithful in action and surrounded by snow and ice.
- Travel by snowcoach to observe Yellowstone's iconic scenery.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Give the local specialty – bison – a try at dinner at the Yellowstone Snow Lodge.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Snow King, Jackson Hole
Days 2, 3 Snow Lodge, Yellowstone National Park
Day 4 Best Western Mammoth, Gardiner
Day 5 Holiday Inn, West Yellowstone
Day 6 Snow King, Jackson Hole

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.



find yourself amid a rare blend of elegance

and western charm that sparkles in the wintertime.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Jackson Hole: Saddle up and enjoy a bonus night in Jackson Hole.

[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Tour Begins

Your adventure begins in Jackson Hole, America's most famous cowboy town. (D)

Day 2: Jackson Hole - Grand Tetons - Yellowstone Snow Lodge

Take a drive through the majestic Grand Tetons to the entrance of Yellowstone National Park. Your Yellowstone winter adventure begins by boarding a snowcoach. This

unique vehicle will transport you over the snow-covered landscape, past some of the park's most stunning scenery — and on to Old Faithful. (B, D)

Day 3: Yellowstone Snow Lodge

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

Day 4: Yellowstone - Gardiner, Montana

Board your snowcoach again for your transfer across the frozen landscape en route to Mammoth at the north



Yellowstone Hot Springs



Elk Refuge



Bison

entrance to Yellowstone. During your journey, view some famous areas of the park, including the Painted Mud Pots, Fire Hole Canyon and the Madison Warming Hut. Your day will be filled with incredible scenery and plenty of photo opportunities. Depart Yellowstone and cross the border into Montana before arriving in Gardiner for the night. (B, L)

Day 5: Yellowstone, Wyoming - Lamar Valley - West Yellowstone, Montana

An early departure takes you back into Yellowstone en route to the remote Lamar Valley in the scenic northwest corner. You will traverse forests and meadows before arriving in the Lamar Valley where you will be surrounded by tranquility. This area of the park is not only breathtaking but it's also an excellent habitat for the park's wildlife. This is where, in the 1990s, previously endangered wolves were reintroduced to the park. There are now over 400 wolves living here. (B)

Day 6: West Yellowstone - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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

Day 7: Jackson Hole - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to a close. You will depart with truly amazing memories of the region's breathtaking winter backdrop. (B)

DATES & PRICES					
February 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	January - February 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo
3, 6 February	\$4779	\$6019	7, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28 January 2, 4 February	\$4769	\$5999
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				Triple Room Reduction	\$50
Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.					

This trip requires a passport. Air passengers will arrive and depart from Jackson Hole. Airport transfers are available for purchase. An ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) visa is required for all Australian passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. This visa may apply due to your airline scheduling. Most other passport holders will also require an ESTA visa to travel to or via the US. To check please go to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> or contact CIBT at www.cibtvissas.com.au/collette; alternatively check with your consulate for more information.



**PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR
DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED**

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COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

12 DAYS · 23 MEALS
FROM \$3469



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join an expert guide to learn about the local culture and ecosystem.
- Visit the world's first green turtle research station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Explore Arenal during an extended 3-night stay.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Stay in Tortuguero National Park and find yourself surrounded by wildlife.
- Enjoy your 2-night stay just outside of pristine Manuel Antonio National Park.
- Hop aboard a river boat for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- DAY 7** | Embark on one of Costa Rica's most thrilling zip lining experiences **or** enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a traditional Costa Rican dinner complete with a cooking demonstration.
- Indulge in the sweet taste of chocolate at a cacao plantation.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
- Days 2, 3** Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
- Days 4, 5** Selva Verde Eco-Lodge & Rainforest Reserve, Sarapiquí
- Days 6 - 8** Mountain Paradise Hotel, Arenal
- Days 9, 10** Parador Resort and Spa, Manuel Antonio
- Day 11** Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.



discover the national parks and rainforests of Costa Rica,

one of the world's most popular eco-destinations.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

San Jose: Arrive early to discover a city steeped in history and culture.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Here, dedicated scientists are working to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

Get your camera ready. Set out on an early morning bird-watching excursion that explores the myriad of local and migratory birds that flock to this area. Next, embark on a nature cruise through the park – keep an eye out for howler monkeys, sloths, toucans and caimans. Tortuguero National Park, a study in biology, protects over 350 species of birds and mammals. Savour time to seek out green macaws and some of Costa Rica's endangered animals, including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and even manatees. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí

Take to the water again and embark on a leisurely boat ride to the mainland as we travel to the Sarapiquí region, one of the world's most important research

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Discover the fascinating ecosystems of Tortuguero National Park, Arenal Volcano and Manuel Antonio National Park.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Today brings dormant volcanos and crater lakes as we journey through Braulio Carrillo National Park en route to the Caribbean lowlands. Along the way, take in mountain vistas and Caribbean-style villages. Later, discover the wonders of Tortuguero National Park's rainforest as you cruise the rivers and canals with an expert guide. Enjoy a 2-night stay at an eco-lodge surrounded by lush tropical forest and an array of wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings during a visit to the world's first green turtle research station.



Manuel Antonio National Park

regions for tropical rainforests. Visit an organic pineapple plantation to learn about the various types of this exotic fruit and taste why Costa Rican pineapples are among the world's best. Arrive at your eco-lodge nestled in the rainforest and surrounded by towering Almond trees, howler monkeys and keel billed toucans. Enjoy free time to hike through the deep green forest or simply relax in a hammock and take in the nature around you. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sarapiquí

Discover the history and continuing importance of cacao to Central America's economy when you visit a cacao plantation. Observe the process of producing chocolate from the cacao bean and sample the delicious finished product. Then, see the region from a different perspective on an exhilarating Sarapiquí River rafting adventure. Return to your rainforest lodge for a traditional Costa Rican dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Sarapiquí - Arenal Volcano

Begin the day engulfed in nature with an early morning bird watching tour along the natural forest trails and nearby stream. Later, behold the spectacular views of Arenal Volcano and absorb the tranquility of your

surroundings as you begin a 3-night stay at your resort featuring panoramic views of the volcano. (B)

Day 7: Arenal Volcano

This morning, experience the rainforest from the treetops on a guided walking tour along Arenal's hanging bridges. Then, **the choice is yours!** Embark on one of Costa Rica's most thrilling zip lining experiences and take in one-of-a-kind views of the Arenal rainforest -OR- enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park; cross lava fields and pause to enjoy spectacular views of the volcano. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal Volcano

Enjoy a day at leisure. This morning you may take an optional river safari down the Peñas Blancas River. For the more adventurous, an exhilarating white water rafting expedition on the San Blas River is also available. Or, simply explore the resort or relax in the soothing waters of one of the region's hot springs. This evening, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking demonstration; then savour the local flavours of Costa Rica during a traditional dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Arenal Volcano - Tarcoles - Manuel Antonio National Park

Head to the Pacific Coast today. Along the way, stop for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion. Hop aboard a safari boat to explore the remarkable mangrove ecosystem of the Rio Grande of Tarcoles, home to one of the world's largest wild crocodile populations. View waterfowl, iguanas, and over fifty varieties of native birds, including the very rare scarlet macaw. Later we continue to the world-renowned Manuel Antonio National Park to check into our resort just outside the park. Soak up the sweeping views and take in the sunset overlooking the park and the Pacific Ocean before dining this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park

Wake up to a cool breeze and spectacular views. The day is yours to relax and enjoy the surrounding beauty. You can enjoy the luxurious amenities of your resort, walk the nearby nature trails that lead to dramatic views of the Pacific, or perhaps head to the nearby white sand beaches. (B)

Day 11: Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose

This morning we explore spectacular Manuel Antonio National Park, known for its pristine beaches and primary forest. Spend your time walking the forest trails in search of the three-toed sloth, agoutis, squirrel monkeys and iguanas; or take a swim in the inviting blue waters. Then, say goodbye to the coast and continue to San Jose and toast to the natural richness that is Costa Rica at a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Depart Costa Rica with many amazing memories. (B)



Arenal Volcano

DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 February	\$3609	\$4849	4, 18 August	\$3469	\$4359
1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 March	\$3609	\$4849	8, 15 September	\$3469	\$4359
5, 8, 12, 15, 19 April	\$3609	\$4849	6, 20 October	\$3469	\$4359
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			3, 6 November	\$3469	\$4359
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	1, 4 December	\$3469	\$4359
12 May	\$3469	\$4359	5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 January	\$3669	\$4629
2 June	\$3469	\$4359	2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 February	\$3669	\$4629
14 July	\$3469	\$4359	2, 5, 9, 16, 23, 26, 30 March	\$3669	\$4629
			2, 6, 27 April	\$3669	\$4629
			Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$30	
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

This trip requires a passport. Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately \$32 USD per person. An ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) visa is required for all Australian passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. This visa may apply due to your airline scheduling. Most other passport holders will also require an ESTA visa to travel to or via the US. To check, visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> or contact CIBT at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette; alternatively check with your consulate for more information. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from San Jose. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



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- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum of the Peruvian Andes.
- Venture through the Andes to Machu Picchu in a domed train.
- Stand at the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Embark on a 5-day cruise of the Galapagos Islands with a naturalist guide.
- Explore the fabled ruins of Machu Picchu.
- Admire the giant tortoises at the Charles Darwin Research Station.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | In Cuzco, join a local guide on a walking tour or climb aboard your coach for a tour of the city's dramatic architectural treasures.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner, where food is buried in the ground to cook.
- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your Machu Picchu hotel.
- Delight in a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch at a local Quechua community.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4 Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5 Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7 Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco
Days 8, 9 Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Quito
Days 10-13 m/v *Galapagos Legend*, Galapagos Islands
Day 14 Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Quito
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.



Galapagos Islands

from the Galapagos Archipelago to the Sacred Valley of the Incas

this tour offers a look into mankind's collective history.

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ADD A DAY

Lima: Discover more of Lima's colonial heritage with an extra night.
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Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Arrive in Lima, the "City of Kings."

Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Centre, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to your exclusive visit to the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner with a tasting menu of artfully crafted Peruvian dishes and drinks; you will quickly discover why Peru has been named the world's top food travel destination four years in a row. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas
Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilisation. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred

Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. Stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. This evening, settle in at your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours; perhaps you'll take this opportunity to discover your hotel's planetarium to gaze at the stars. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas-Ollantaytambo-Sacred Valley of the Incas

This morning you visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo archaeological site, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge on this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. By noon you will experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby community and interact with the locals. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialities. Tonight, savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process

where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

With leisure time this morning you may return to Machu Picchu on your own or explore the local markets. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley. Before continuing to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial influences, stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company. This not-for-profit brewery was created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired beers and learn about their determination to support their community. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, with a local guide on a walking tour of the city **-OR-** board a coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Whichever you choose, you will journey through this colonial city and experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and the Plaza de Armas; you'll also stop by the central market. Later, gather together and travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. Enjoy a toast at sunset overlooking the city before arriving at your authentic dinner and folklore show in the heart of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

This morning we fly to Quito, Ecuador, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the country's stunning capital city. (B)

Day 9: Quito

At the start of your city tour, enjoy a special visit to a Children International community centre, supported by the Collette Foundation. Meet some of the children benefiting from the nutritional support and healthy cooking education that is the focus of this group's mission. Learn about Quito's colonial centre on a tour featuring the Presidential Palace and 17th-century Church of La Compañía. Savour lunch overlooking the Pululahua volcanic crater. On a one-of-a-kind experience, cross between hemispheres at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum at the "Middle of the World." Spend the rest of the day at leisure discovering Quito's way of life. (B, L)

Day 10: Quito - San Cristóbal Island, Galapagos - Embark Ship

Fly to beautiful San Cristóbal Island, gateway to your Galapagos eco-adventure. After enjoying lunch aboard the m/v Galapagos Legend, arrive at the Port Baquerizo Moreno for an up-close look at the endangered tortoises that call the San Cristóbal Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve home. After exploring the island, stargaze from the deck of your ship and toast the wonders of the Galapagos with tropical cocktails. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Española Island (Gardner Bay and Suarez Point)

Board your panga to visit Gardner Bay. Guarded by a colony of sea lions, the beach is home to Galapagos hawks and endemic finches. Swim and snorkel with the marine life, including manta rays and white-tipped sharks. Continue on and meander through the volcanic terrain of Suarez Point. During your nature walk, watch for hooded mocking birds, lava lizards, Sally Lightfoot crabs and blue-footed boobies. Venture to count Waved Albatross at the world's largest colony. Finally, visit the spectacular Soplador (blowhole) where water shoots 75 feet into the air. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Floreana Island (Post Office Bay and Cormorant Point)

Land at storied Post Office Bay, named for a barrel left in 1793 by Captain James Colnett as a "post office" for passing sailors. Continue the tradition and leave a letter for a loved one. Snorkel, if you choose, with green sea turtles or set out to search for Darwin's finches and yellow warblers. Sail to Cormorant Point and its olivine green sand beach. Try to spot stingrays and reef sharks in the emerald waters. Learn about the ecosystem's unusual plants. You may also observe graceful flamingos or spot a small colony of penguins. Seize another chance to snorkel and swim near playful sea lions! (B, L, D)

Day 13: Santa Cruz Island (Charles Darwin Research Station & Highlands)

Visit the famous Charles Darwin Research Station and see the giant tortoises from the station's breeding program. Travel through the Santa Cruz highlands to Cerro Chato and find more giant tortoises. Take a break to savour some organic Galapagos coffee before we embark on a walk inside dormant lava tubes to gain insight on how these pristine islands formed. Enjoy time to explore Port Ayora town. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Carrion Point - Disembark Ship - Baltra Island - Quito

Garner panoramic views as you circumnavigate Carrion Point. Keep an eye out for marine iguanas, fur seals and crabs teetering along the rocky shore. Bid farewell to the Galapagos and fly back to the magnificent city of Quito. Fall in love with the lights of colonial Quito during a nighttime panoramic tour en route to your farewell dinner at one of the city's most historic restaurants and sample some of Ecuador's finest cuisine. (B, D)

Day 15: Quito - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)



DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
4, 18 September			4, 18 September	\$11584	\$14934
6, 20 February	\$11989	\$15579	2, 30 October	\$11584	\$14934
6 March	\$11989	\$15579	27 November	\$11584	\$14934
3, 17 April	\$12259	\$15849	8, 22 January	\$11924	\$15344
			5, 19 February	\$11924	\$15344
			5, 19 March	\$11924	\$15344
			2, 16, 30 April	\$11924	\$15344
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo			
15 May	\$11584	\$14934			
21 August	\$11584	\$14934			
			Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
			Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		

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- Learn centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Explore the colourful markets of Peru & Bolivia, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Delight in a Peruvian Paso horse show.
- Enjoy panoramic views of La Paz on a cable car ride high above the city.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu.
- Discover Lima & La Paz's fascinating history during a tour of their historic city centres.
- Explore the breathtaking and surreal Uyuni Salt Flats.
- Venture through the Andes to Machu Picchu in a domed train.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | In Cuzco, join a comprehensive tour by coach **or** embark on a walking tour with a local guide.

DAY 10 | Visit the Gold Museum, which houses a collection of pre-Columbian precious metals **or** visit Casa Pedro Murillo, the 19th-century mansion that was once home to the martyr of Bolivian Independence.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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ADD A DAY

Lima: Arrive early to discover a city steeped in history and culture.

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Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Lima, Peru - the "City of Kings."

Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre (UNESCO). Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Centre, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of

colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to the Archbishop's Palace where we have reserved the balcony exclusively for you to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, visit the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum's collection features over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile and precious metal artefacts. Later, enjoy a sumptuous welcome dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

Fly to Cuzco. From here we travel through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, once the agricultural centre of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving



textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. Stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Visit a local hacienda for a farm-to-table lunch along with a Paso horse show. The Peruvian Paso has been declared a Cultural Heritage of Peru and you are sure to be impressed by the regal performance. Settle in this evening at your hotel in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B, L)

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley

This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then we travel to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally-renowned artist's techniques. Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you visit a nearby Quechua community and interact with the locals. Get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a

home-hosted lunch of local specialities. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu to further soak up its atmosphere. Attend an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

During free time this morning you may take an optional tour to Machu Picchu to view the sunrise; or, explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own. Return via Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and visit the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a not-for-profit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired craft beers and learn about the brewery's efforts to support the community. Afterwards, continue to Cuzco. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. Then **it's your choice!** Follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city from your hotel **-OR-** board your coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Both trips take you on a journey through this former Incan capital to experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and Plaza de Armas, and the central market. Later, gather together and travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. Enjoy a toast at sunset while overlooking the city. Return to Cuzco where you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavours along with a traditional folkloric performance. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno - Uros Floating Islands

This morning, fly to Puno, known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire. Meet the people who call this place home and discover the history of this region. Then, embark on

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CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel located at the base of Machu Picchu.
- Delight in a home hosted lunch at a local Quechua community.
- Experience the serenity of a picnic lunch on the Uyuni Salt Flats.
- Enjoy a farm-to-table meal on a hacienda.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
- Days 3, 4** Aranwa Hotel & Wellness, Sacred Valley
- Day 5** Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
- Days 6, 7** Hotel Aranwa Boutique, Cuzco
- Day 8** Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno
- Days 9, 10** Casa Grande Hotel, La Paz
- Days 11, 12** Luna Salada Salt Hotel & Spa, Uyuni
- Day 13** Casa Grande Hotel, La Paz

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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an afternoon cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Walk on the spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds, meet the locals and learn about their lifestyle. Arrive at your lakeside hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Puno- Copacabana- Lake Titicaca Cruise- Sun Island- La Paz, Bolivia

Today your journey to Bolivia begins. Arrive at the lakeside town of Copacabana. Visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Copacabana and see the statue of the patron saint of Bolivia, La Virgen de la Candelaria. Explore the main square and local market before boarding a catamaran cruise to the sacred and legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire, Isla del Sol. The Titicaca region, steeped in tradition and folklore, remains the center of Incan legends which you will experience first-hand upon arriving on the island. Climb the ancient Inca steps and see ruins dating back to the Inca period circa 15th century AD. Walk along agricultural terraces and take in the spectacular views of Lake Titicaca during your visit to the Inti Wata Cultural Complex. Experience a Shaman blessing on a cliff overlooking the lake. Your visit to Sun Island closes with an authentic sailing experience when you board

a traditional Titikaka vessel for a panoramic viewing of the ruins of the Pilkokaina Inca Palace. You can even get hands-on and help to row back to your catamaran. This evening, arrive in La Paz, the highest altitude administrative capital city in the world. (B, L)

Day 10: La Paz

Situated at nearly 12,000 feet above sea level, La Paz is located in a valley at the foothills of the Andes mountain range. Begin your day with a visit to Moon Valley, a maze of canyons, giant spires and geological formations. It is said that Moon Valley was actually named by astronaut Neil Armstrong after he likened the area to the lunar landscape. Continue to the city centre where you will see the main square, Plaza Murillo, surrounded by La Paz Cathedral, the Presidential Palace and the Congress building. Then **it's your choice!** Visit the Gold Museum, with its impressive collection of pre-Columbian precious metals, some dating back 3,000 years **-OR-** visit Casa Pedro Murillo, the former home of the martyr of Bolivian Independence, and see the immense collection of artefacts, colonial art, furniture, and musical instruments. This afternoon take in the magnificent views of La Paz while on an exhilarating cable car ride high above the city. Venture into the



Machu Picchu



Cuzco



Uros Floating Islands

famous Witches Market and mingle with the locals buying supplies for ritual ceremonies and offerings to the Pachamama (Mother Earth). Gather with your fellow travellers this evening for a cocktail reception before enjoying some traditional Bolivian cuisine. (B, D)

Day 11: La Paz - Uyuni

Fly to Uyuni, the largest salt flat in the world. Upon arrival, you will be whisked away in 4x4 vehicles to tour the spectacular salt flat. Visit the Train Cemetery where the remains of 19th- and 20th-century steam locomotives have come to rest. Continue to the village of Colchani to meet a local artisanal salt factory owner and observe first-hand the traditional methods of salt extraction. At Incahuasi Island, situated in the middle of the salt flat, marvel at the hundreds of cacti, some dating back thousands of years. You are in for a treat when you enjoy a picnic lunch in the middle of the salt flats! Arrive for your 2-night stay in a one-of-a-kind hotel made completely of salt bricks. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy

your unique accommodations or perhaps you will select an optional salt flats stargazing experience. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Uyuni

Enjoy a relaxing morning before returning to explore the salt flats this afternoon. Arrive at the village of Chantani, located at the base of Tunupa Volcano, and visit the local museum and ancient burial ground. Your local guide and driver will assist in creating a memorable perspective photo shoot, a popular way of recording your time spent on the salt flats. Toast to the end of your visit to Uyuni with a sunset reception on the salt flats. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Uyuni - La Paz

Fly back to La Paz and spend an afternoon at leisure. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner showcasing Bolivian fusion cuisine. (B, D)

Day 14: La Paz - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, reflect on your amazing Andean adventure. (B)

DATES & PRICES

Nov. 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo	Nov. 2018 - April 2019	Double	Solo
1, 29 November	\$8064	\$9434	4, 25 April	\$8604	\$10184
6 December	\$8064	\$9434			
10, 17 January	\$8604	\$10184	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$100	
21, 28 February	\$8604	\$10184	Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
14, 21 March	\$8604	\$10184			

This trip requires a passport and visa. A Bolivian visa is required and can be purchased during your border crossing at an estimated cost of \$160 USD. New bills are required along with 2 copies of your passport and a passport photo. The internal flights on this program are included in the price. In general, hotels outside of Lima are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators, which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour. Our air passengers will arrive into Lima and depart from La Paz. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



**PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR
DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED**

SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS

extend YOUR TOUR

Optional Extensions

NICE 2-night post tour

ADD TO: Journey Through Southern France (pg. 36)

Extension Day 1: 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.

Extension Day 2: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colourful 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)

Extension Day 3: Nice - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: This extension is independent; guests will not be accompanied by our representative. *No portorage 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.



\$960 - \$1095*
2 MEALS
2 Breakfasts

ACCOMMODATION
Hotel Splendid, Nice

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.

NAIROBI WITH ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE

1-night pre tour

ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 46)

Extension Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Extension Begins

Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Nairobi.

Extension Day 2: Nairobi - Elephant Orphanage Visit

This morning we visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, an internationally renowned orphanage located in Nairobi National Park. Learn about their efforts to protect and rehabilitate elephants who have been orphaned by poachers or have lost their habitat due to human population. You may even choose to foster your own elephant! After lunch, visit Kazuri, which means "small and beautiful" in Swahili. This workshop creates

handmade and hand-painted jewellery, ceramic beads and pottery. Return to your hotel early this evening where you will join the remainder of your travelling companions. (B, L)

Single rooms are on request only and are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodation is not available on this extension. A minimum of 2 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. Return airport transfers are included in the package price.



\$480* - 2 MEALS
1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch

ACCOMMODATION
Sarova Stanley, Nairobi

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.

OTAVALO 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands (pg. 68)

Extension Day 1: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo

This morning, travel north across the colourful valleys of Guayllabamba. Take in the panoramic views of the Andean moorlands on the way to Ecuador's "land of lakes." Make a stop at the Andean Instruments Museum in Peguche village. Continue on to meet local residents at lunch and enjoy indigenous music and dance. Then it's off to Otavalo, home of beautifully coloured fabrics and a famous indigenous market. Try your hand at bargaining with the locals before heading to your hotel, the 300-year old historic Hacienda Pinsaqui, where the revolutionary Simon Bolivar once stayed. Learn how to make the Ecuadorian spiced drink canelazo and have the opportunity to sample this delicious beverage along with a tasty empanada. Tonight, savour a typical dinner in the charming hacienda restaurant. (L, D)

Extension Day 2: Otavalo-Andes Mountain Train-Salinas-San Antonio de Ibarra-Otavalo

Today, travel to the region of Imbabura, known for towering volcanoes. Take an unforgettable train ride on the Andes Mountain Train past towering volcanoes and through spectacular Andes scenery that includes valleys of fruit and sugar plantations. Arrive in Salinas and gather for lunch featuring regional specialities and Afro-Ecuadorian music and dance. Then, drive to San Antonio de Ibarra, a town famous for elaborate wood carvings and sculptures. Later, learn how to make helados de paila (fruit

sorbet) prepared in great copper pans before sampling the treat for yourself. This evening, arrive back at your historic Andean hacienda. Or, you may choose a home-cooked dinner and homestay in the Karanki indigenous community of La Magdalena on the slopes of Cubilche volcano; the Karanki welcome visitors into charming guest houses so travellers can learn about their culture. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 3: Otavalo - La Magdalena - Quito

Witness the extraordinary community tourism project at La Magdalena and discover how the Collette Foundation is helping to support its residents. Experience the shepherding and harvesting activities, taste the homemade cheeses and breads, and learn about their medicinal herbal teas. You will be amazed by the talented artisans who make beautiful tablecloths, breadbaskets and many other textiles. Next, venture to Condor Park, a rescue centre for a variety of birds of prey, to learn about the protection of these birds. Marvel at their falconry techniques during a live demonstration. Then it's off to La Compañía Hacienda, where you'll visit greenhouses full of some of the most magnificent varieties of roses. Arrive in Quito and enjoy the city during your last night in Ecuador. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Quito - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today in Quito. (B)



The optional homestay at La Magdalena must be pre-booked. Space is limited. Rooms are simple and have private bathrooms. Dinner is included with the homestay. Otherwise you may overnight at the Hacienda (with dinner included). Please make your decision known at the time of booking. 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.

\$1575 - \$1715*
8 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

Hacienda Pinsaqui or
La Magdalena, Otavalo
Mercure Grand Alameda, Quito

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 79 for details.

BANGKOK 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Kingdoms of Southeast Asia (pg. 58), Taste of Vietnam (pg. 56)

Extension Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City - Bangkok, Thailand

Board a short flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. A feast for the senses, this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. Marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs or just soak in the energy of the city — there is a reason Bangkok has always been one of the most popular destinations in Asia.

Extension Day 2: Bangkok

Begin your day with a cruise on the Chao Phraya River. Drift past local houses and learn about daily life along the waterways. Stop at the iconic Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn. The boat trip ends at Chang pier. Explore the grounds of the Grand Palace and marvel at the grandeur of this royal residence. Stop at Wat Phra Kaew, home of the Emerald Buddha and Thailand's

most sacred temple. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward, visit the Golden Buddha, one of the world's largest solid gold statues. Discover how it was once covered in plaster to conceal it from invaders. Continue with a visit to the Jim Thompson House, home of the American entrepreneur who revitalised the Thai silk industry before his mysterious disappearance. (B, L)

Extension Day 3: Bangkok

Visit the famous Damnoen Saduak floating market where hundreds of vendors sell fruits and vegetables from their boats. Next, visit Phra Pathom Chedi in Nakhon Pathom, purported to be the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. Your afternoon is at leisure to relax and enjoy Bangkok independently. (B)

Extension Day 4: Bangkok - Tour Ends

You will be transferred back to Bangkok airport where your tour comes to a close. (B)



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. Please enquire at time of booking. Additional air segment purchase required.

\$1030*
4 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

ACCOMMODATION

Rembrandt Hotel, Bangkok

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 79 for details.

*Australian dollars, 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 enquire for rate at time of booking.

extend YOUR TOUR

Optional Extensions

SOUTH INDIA 6-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 54)

Extension Day 1: Delhi

Overnight in Delhi before travelling to Cochin in the morning.

Extension Day 2: Delhi - Cochin

Take a flight to Cochin and transfer to your hotel. This evening, witness the "Kathakali," a special dance form of Kerala, with its origins in the "Theyyam" - a ritual tribal dance of North Kerala. The striking features of this dance form are the elaborate face make-up and costumes. (B, D)

Extension Day 3: Cochin

Tour the captivating port city of Cochin, taking in the myriad styles that attest to Arab, Jewish and European influences. View the remarkable cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Mattancherry Palace and the Church of St. Francis - built by the Portuguese - where the famous explorer Vasco de Gama was originally buried. Walk through

the narrow cobbled streets of Jew Town, lined with antique and handicraft shops, to the Jewish Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the commonwealth countries. Continue to the Ginger House - an old warehouse now converted into an antique showroom - where you will enjoy an included lunch. This evening you'll take in the sights on a harbour cruise. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Cochin - Thekkady

Begin your day with a visit to a plantation house in Kanjirapally to witness rubber tapping and enjoy lunch with the family. Continue to Thekkady, an unending chain of hills dotted with spice and tea plantations. Here, in the crisp, cool air of the Western Ghats, learn about the local agriculture during a guided visit to a spice garden led by its caretaker. (B, L)

Extension Day 5: Thekkady - Kumarakom

This morning, continue to Kumarakom, famous

for its backwaters, set in the backdrop of Vembanad Lake, the largest freshwater lake in Kerala. Enjoy some leisure time to explore. (B, D)

Extension Day 6: Kumarakom

Embark on a boat cruise from Alleppey to Kumarakom through the backwaters, a network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. Sit back and relax as you pass palm fringed canals, lakes and villages and see the lifestyle of the local people along the way. Enjoy lunch on board. (B, L)

Extension Day 7: Kumarakom - Cochin - Delhi - Tour Ends

A morning drive returns you to Cochin. Stop at a small local village to witness daily activities. Fly to Delhi where you may have leisure time at an airport hotel before transferring to the airport. (B)



This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. Day rooms are not included on the last day at Delhi airport on return from Cochin, but are available for purchase. The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodation is not available. Maximum elevation is 4,400 feet. The flights from Delhi to Cochin are not included in the land-only cost of your tour. Internal flights that are purchased and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to tour scheduling, return international flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 p.m. on the last day. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$1780 - \$2055*

11 MEALS

6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches,
2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, Delhi
Le Meridien Cochin, Cochin
Cardamom County, Tekkady
Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 79 for details.

DUBAI 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (pg. 48)

Extension Day 1:

Today you arrive in Dubai, one of the world's most exciting destinations. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city independently. As one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is considered the shopping capital of the Middle East. With its many world-famous man-made structures built in recent years, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveller and will surely be an experience you will always remember.

Extension Day 2: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Dubai is a city that provides a new setting at every turn. Richly mixing together the old and the new, it's a city of ages that rises out of the desert and crowns the gulf coast with its presence. This afternoon your route takes you to a magnificent view of Dubai Creek, passing by the heritage area of Bastakiya, with its fascinating old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants. Visit the 180-year-old

Al Fahidi Fort which today houses the Dubai Museum. Continue your journey by abra - a traditional water taxi - across the creek. Stroll through the spice and gold souks, the colourful bazaar markets. On your way to Burj Al Arab - one of Dubai's landmarks - make a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque. (B)

Extension Day 3: Dubai

Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon your safari guide will take you into the sand dunes of Arabia on a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Experience the thrill of a lifetime while riding through the dunes. Enjoy a scenic sunset overlooking the desert. Continue to a Bedouin campsite where you can enjoy camel riding, Henna design, Arabic gava and a delicious barbecue dinner. During dinner watch as an enchanting belly dancer performs to Arabic rhythms. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: Dubai - Tour Ends

(B)



Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodation is not available. 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. The flight from Dubai to Johannesburg, South Africa is not included in the land-only price of your extension. For US, UK, Australia and Canadian citizens, no advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days. Simply disembark your flight at Dubai International Airport and proceed to Immigration where your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$890* - 4 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION

Sheraton Dubai Creek, Dubai

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 79 for details.

NEPAL 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 54)



Extension Day 1: Delhi

Overnight in Delhi before travelling to Nepal in the morning.

Extension Day 2: Delhi - Kathmandu, Nepal

Board a flight to Kathmandu and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Patan city, the old Newar city. See the Patan Durbar Square, a combination of palace buildings, artistic courtyards and pagoda-style temples. Listed as a World Heritage site, the complex is the centre of Patan's religious and social life. (B)

Extension Day 3: Kathmandu

Tour Kathmandu city and Swoyambhuanth Stupa, a famous monkey temple boasting the famous painted eyes of Buddha watching all who ascend the steps. Continue on to visit such sights as the 17th-century Durbar complex; Hanuman Dhoka, the temple of the living goddess; and Kasthmandap - a wooden temple built from a single tree. See the Shiva Paravati, Seto Bhairav and Kal Bhaira temples. Head to Swoyambhuanth, a Buddhist temple,

and take in views of the entire Kathmandu valley. Tonight, enjoy a Nepali dinner and cultural dance performance at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: Kathmandu

Visit Pashupatinath Temple, situated on the banks of the River Bagmati, and the most important Hindu temple in Nepal. See Boudnath, one of the largest stupas in the world and a sacred place to Buddhist pilgrims from Tibet. Embrace the bustle of the city when you see carpet manufacturers at work and prayers being held at the monasteries belonging to different sects of Tibetan Buddhism. Travel to Bhadgaon, a city of devotees, known for its incredible architecture and art. (B)

Extension Day 5: Kathmandu - Delhi - Tour Ends

Fly to Delhi where you may have leisure time at an airport hotel before transferring back to the airport. (B)

The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodation is not available. Maximum elevation is 4,400 feet. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. 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 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. A day room in Delhi is available for purchase before your departure flight home from Delhi Airport. If you choose to purchase this day room, you must obtain a multiple-entry visa for India, prior to departure. Due to inter-flight scheduling, return international flights should not be booked prior to 7:00 p.m. on the last day. The approximate cost of a Nepalese visa is \$30 USD and obtainable on arrival. A passport photo is required for the visa in Nepal and costs approximately \$5 USD. We recommend bringing a passport photo as well as small bills for these expenses as oftentimes change is not available. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$1300*
5 MEALS
4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION
Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, Delhi
Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.

TANZANIA 4-night post tour ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 46)

Extension Day 1: Amboseli - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu

Leave your group in Amboseli and drive to the border town of Arusha, Tanzania. After clearing border crossing formalities, enjoy lunch in Arusha. Then continue to your hotel in Karatu, located along the foothills of Ngorongoro. (L, D)

Extension Day 2: Karatu - Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, depart for Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world and known to have the greatest concentration of Plains' game anywhere. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 3: Serengeti National Park

Today you will enjoy a full day game drive in the park. "Serengeti" comes from the Masai language meaning "extended place" and is the

most complex and least disturbed ecosystem on Earth. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 4: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast, begin your safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Its enduring charm stems from its overwhelming beauty and the abundance of wildlife permanently residing on the crater floor. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you continue your journey to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 5: Ngorongoro - Arusha - Tour Ends

Drive through Arusha on the way to the Kilimanjaro Airport. (B)



Park fees are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Nairobi has been deducted from the price of your extension. A day room in Arusha is available for purchase before your departure for home. Return airport transfers are included in the package price. Single rooms are on request only and are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodation is not available on this extension. Clients leaving Kenya and continuing their travels to Tanzania (including Zanzibar), even if only for a transit, will need a Yellow Fever certificate to enter Tanzania. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). 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. It is recommended to obtain the visa before your departure however it can be purchased upon arrival. The approximate cost of a Tanzania visa, purchased at the border, is \$100 USD, payable in USD cash only. This requires a second blank page in your passport in addition to the required blank page for your Kenya visa. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

\$2535 - \$3355*
12 MEALS
4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION
Country Lodge, Karatu
Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Serengeti National Park
Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 79 for details.

*Australian dollars, 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 enquire for rate at time of booking.

Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodation

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room?

A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilised.

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please 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. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour.

Are single and triple rooms always available? Triple and single rooms are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

When can I check into my hotel? Normal check-in time is late afternoon. If you do have an early arrival, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

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.

Attractions & Sightseeing

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by local holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

Is there a lot of walking on tour? Our itineraries include many activities and some may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict coaches. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. See our "Tour Pacing" and "Tour Activity Level" section on page 79.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? For a fuller wildlife experience you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend a good fitness level and to prepare properly.

How can I plan for shore landings? Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

Are all theatre performances suitable for children? Some theatre performances may be unsuitable for children – please consult your tour manager.

Documentation

Do I need a passport? A valid passport is required for all trips. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements as well as other laws that may affect your ability to travel. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least three blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each traveller.

Extending Your Stay

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays when offered. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will be available on-call during the duration of the stay. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour. Should you purchase additional nights, your tour manager will not be available during this time.

Extras

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include international air travel from Australia, 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? Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 60 days of departure date.

On-Tour Experience

Where do I meet my tour manager? Our tour manager will make contact with you at your first hotel. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I pre purchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase provided that you make your options purchase 15 days or more prior to the tour start date. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our team. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full, so once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

Revisions / Changes

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you 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 or tour itinerary 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 activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodation" section on each tour page and on the tour map. 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.

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 tour 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 customer care agents to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this programme to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs.

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 from \$120 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 the private chauffeur service? It's your ticket to and from the airport. This personalised service is included within a 40km radius from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Darwin, Cairns and Hobart airport gateways.* Service is available between 41-70 kms for a small fee. Not valid on group travel. * One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route.

Visit gocollette.com/chauffeur for a video and more details on this amazing service!

Travel Loyalty

What is the Collette Passport Club? Formerly Travel Loyalty by Collette, the Collette Passport Club recognises past guests and allows you to automatically receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip you take.† It's our way of saying thank you for making us your #1 choice in guided travel.

† Full credit is valid for your next tour when you travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months, and the entire credit expires 24 months after the original trip.



Adding Flights to your Collette Tour

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details.

	Flex Economy Airfare	Instant Purchase Economy Class ²	Premium Economy, Business & First Class ³
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included ¹	●	●	●
Dedicated Concierge Service			●
Lounge Passes ⁴			●
Express Check-In ⁴			●
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	●		
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	●		⚡
Deposit now, pay the balance later ⁵	●		●
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		●	
All the perks of upgraded air (more space, comfort and service)			●



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1) These are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling 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 (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. 2) Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. 3) Upgrade Your Air 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 flight itinerary. 4) Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class and First Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. 5) Payment date is subject to the airline ticket terms and conditions. ● Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

Reservation Information

1. Booking Conditions

These booking conditions, together with our privacy policy, and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Collette Pty Ltd (ACN 600 161 671) of **Level 3, 263 Clarence St, Sydney, NSW, 2000 Australia** ('we' or 'us'). Please read them carefully as they set out your respective rights and obligations. References to 'you' and 'your' include the first named person on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is transferred.

By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

- he/she has read these terms and conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
- he/she consents to our use of information in accordance with our privacy policy; and
- he/she is over 18 years of age and resident in Australia and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services.

2. Making A Booking And Paying For Your Holiday

When you confirm your booking you must pay the applicable deposit or full payment detailed in the table below. If the arrangements you wish to book are available we will issue a confirmation invoice and send this to you or your travel agent. **A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with this confirmation invoice.** Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the confirmation invoice (or any other document) are wrong you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within 10 days of us sending it out (5 days for tickets).

The balance of the cost of your arrangements is due in accordance with the table in section 3 below. If we do not receive all payments in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in the tables in section 7 below will become payable.

In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full Australian dollars amount is received by us after all bank charges have been levied.

3. Deposits & Balances

Further to section 2, in order to confirm your chosen arrangements, you must pay a deposit. The deposit payable and the time that the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any surcharge where applicable) will become due will vary depending on the holiday you book.

Land Package Deposit

- A \$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 \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1,500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

Flex Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$250 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan. Subject to airline terms and conditions.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$750 deposit is required. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$500 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1,500 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 (or \$250 with the Travel Protection Plan), all of which is non-refundable
- Instant Purchase Non-refundable Airfare includes round trip airport /hotel transfers (excluding pre or post days and extensions). Instant Purchase, Non-refundable Airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. If you purchase the waiver it does not provide a refund for the airline tickets in the event of a cancellation. Tickets will be issued immediately and, once issued are non-refundable, may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and round trip airport to hotel transfers of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges.

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 Direct Credit, bank account details on invoice, charging to clients' MasterCard, Visa, American Express, (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit.

TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Retail phone: 1300 792 195 Email: AUSales@collette.com
Groups phone: 1300 062 731 Email: AUGroups@collette.com

PLEASE SEND CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, Level 3, 263 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia

THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using exchange rates as at the date of advertisement of the holiday.

We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

The price of your confirmed holiday is subject at all times to changes in transport costs such as fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport provider; to cost changes arising from government action such as changes in GST or any other government

imposed changes; and to changes in currency exchange rates and to dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports any or all of which may result in a variation of your holiday price. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of \$25 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your travel arrangements (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the options set out in section 9 below. There will be no change made to the price of your holiday within 30 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period.

4. Cutting Your Holiday Short

If you are forced to return home early, we cannot refund the cost of any services you have not used. If you cut short your holiday and return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause for complaint about the standard of accommodation and services provided, we will not offer you any refund for that part of your holiday not completed, or be liable for any associated costs you may incur. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with your insurer.

5. Changes By You

If you wish to alter your booking after your holiday has been confirmed, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from the person who signed the booking form, or your travel agent, before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable person provided that written notice is given no later than 28 days before you are due to depart.

Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Changes and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable.

Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

6. Cancellation Waiver

To assist you to avoid cancellation fees, we offer an optional cancellation waiver policy. Payment of a per person waiver fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except for the waiver fee itself, in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the cancellation waiver fee does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. 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.

The cancellation waiver protects you from forfeiting payments made in advance if you cancel your entire inclusive holiday package up to the day prior to departure. The cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you elect to partially cancel your holiday, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

The cancellation waiver does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling 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. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the cancellation waiver fee (if chosen) must be received by us with your deposit. The cancellation waiver is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only.

The prices below include waiver and on-tour insurance; based on a basic cover, for travellers below 69 years, with a \$250 excess, \$3000 cancellation cover (outside of Collette's waiver) and do not allow for any pre-existing medical condition cover or extra item cover. Contact Collette for a full quotation.

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 waiver fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Land Only Clients

- \$235 adult/\$140 child for all tours up to 11 days
- \$285 adult/\$170 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$345 adult/\$205 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$375 adult/\$223 child for all tours up to 22-28 days

(All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand and Oberammergau)

- \$420 adult/\$288 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours

- \$550 adult/child for Oberammergau (nonrefundable and must accompany 1st deposit)

Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Air Inclusive Clients

(Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$335 adult/\$215 child for all tours up to 11 days
- \$385 adult/\$245 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$445 adult/\$277 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$475 adult/\$295 child for all tours up to 22-28 days

(All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand and Oberammergau)

- \$520 adult/\$360 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours
 - \$650 adult/child for Oberammergau (non-refundable and must accompany 1st deposit)
- Air inclusive cancellation waiver can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare. Instant purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% non-refundable. 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.

Collette Waiver Only

Land Only

- \$95

Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

- \$195

For all cruises and the Canadian Rockies Train tours

Land Only

- \$290

Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

- \$390

Contact us for waiver only rates for Oberammergau tours.

On tour, travel protection benefits may be purchased and can provide coverage 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; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason

7. If You Cancel

If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing or by email by us at our offices. Cancellation charges to compensate us for estimated losses and expenses are calculated from the date we receive your written notification of cancellation and will be payable up to the maximum shown in the tables below (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). The cancellation charge detailed below is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling:

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 (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full.

More than 60 days prior to departure: a non-refundable 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 cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above.

You may be able to reclaim these charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us. If some, but not all party members cancel, additional charges may be payable by the remaining members, e.g. under occupancy charges or single supplements. No allowance or refund can be made for your meals, rooms, excursions etc., included in the price of your tour but not taken, nor can any refund be made for lost, mislaid, or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers.

If any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you and satisfying all the conditions applicable to the arrangements) providing we are notified not less than 28 days before departure and you pay an amendment fee of \$25 per person transferring, meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers and the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

8. Alterations And Cancellations By Us

Occasionally, we may have to make changes to or cancel your holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 60 days before your departure date, except for

reasons of force majeure (as defined in Section 14) or failure by you to pay your final balance. Most changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest opportunity. Your rights vary depending on whether we make a 'minor' or 'major' change.

Examples of "minor changes" include the following when made before departure. Any change in the identity of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether.

If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept a change or alternative booking arrangements.

If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 9 below.

9. Compensation For Major Changes & Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any holiday departure in accordance with operational requirements or circumstances beyond our control. If a holiday is cancelled prior to the scheduled departure date, our only responsibility will be to refund the amount received for the reservation. Wherever possible, we will offer the same holiday with a different departure date, or an alternative similar holiday. If there is a difference in cost, it will be your expense. For air-inclusive holidays, we will try to confirm air schedules for the selected new dates, subject to availability. We are not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through us.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation where we make a major change or cancel more than 60 days before departure or in the event that we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care. All holidays operate subject to a minimum number of bookings. We will not, however, cancel for lack of numbers less than 60 days before departure.

Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see section 14) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure. If this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any from our suppliers), pay you compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting.

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Australian Passport Office (www.passports.gov.au).

Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check <http://canberra.usembassy.gov>.

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visit www.dfat.gov.au or smartraveller.gov.au.

If you fail to take the necessary steps, we have no liability to you and you will have to pay us any costs which we incur through helping you because of such failure on your part. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice.

11. Single Traveller Occupancy

We levy a single traveller supplement for those travelling on their own because our contract with hotels is based on a price per room, while our holidays are sold per person including flights and other elements. Therefore, the per person price for a single traveller includes the entire room cost. It is not our intention to penalise anyone who is under occupying the accommodation we provide and we certainly do not make additional or excessive profits from these sales: the price we charge merely reflects the real cost to us. If a hotel is able to offer accommodation designed for single occupancy only, we will normally charge a reduced supplement, considerably smaller than the one we apply when a single traveller occupies a double room. Allocation of rooms is at the discretion of each individual hotel and not something that we can influence.

12. Dealing With Complaints

We will make every effort to make your holiday as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Most problems can be sorted out straight away if we know about them. If you have a complaint, you must advise our representatives straight away and the supplier of the service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. You may also contact us directly using the emergency telephone number enclosed with your travel documents. That number will put you in touch with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you.

If you feel that a complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you must write within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Collette, Level 3, 263 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, quoting your booking reference number. We will need to investigate your complaint. An acknowledgement shall be sent no later than 14 days from the

date of receipt of correspondence. A detailed reply, or a reply containing a detailed explanation for any delay, shall be sent no later than 28 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. The final date for dealing in full with such correspondence shall be 56 days from the date of receipt of that correspondence. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this section may reduce or even extinguish any right which you may have to compensation.

13. Behaviour

You must not behave in a way which may cause distress or annoyance to others. If, in our opinion or the opinion of any airline personnel, accommodations manager or other person in authority, you are behaving in such a way as to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others or damage to property, your holiday arrangements may be terminated by us or the supplier concerned. In this situation, our liability to you and/or your party will cease and you and/or your party will be required to leave your accommodation or other service immediately. We will not be responsible for making any refunds, paying any compensation or meeting any costs or expenses you incur as a result. You and/or your party may also be required to pay for loss and/or damage caused by your actions and we will hold you and each member of your party jointly and individually liable for any damage or losses caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or losses must be paid directly to the hotel manager or other supplier prior to departure from the hotel. If you fail to make payment, you will be responsible for meeting any claims (including legal costs) subsequently made against us as a result of your actions together with all costs we incur in pursuing any claim against you. We cannot be held responsible for the actions or behaviour of other guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

14. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by any event which we or the supplier(s) of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include, but are not limited to war, threat of war, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences or the threat of such activity, riot, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse weather, sea, ice and river conditions and all similar events outside our or the relevant supplier(s) control. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. We will follow the advice given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

15. Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we exclude any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a holiday that is caused or contributed by:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable;
- unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond ours or our supplier(s) control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or
- an event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.

You release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a holiday.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these booking conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. Our liability in respect of an Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) providing you with credit for a holiday of an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

16. Prompt Assistance In Resort

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

17. Conditions Of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

18. Delays And Other Travel Information

If you or any member of your party miss your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to assist in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but we will not pay for them on your behalf. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them.

Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in section 14 of these booking conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become

aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

19. Special Requests

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking e.g. diet, room location, a particular facility at a hotel etc. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. We will inform the relevant supplier of such request. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part unless the request has been specifically confirmed. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met

20. Disabilities And Medical Problems

We are not a specialist disabled holiday company, but we will do our utmost to cater for any special requirements you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your stay, please provide us with full details before we confirm your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate in the tour. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

21. Advance Passenger Information

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft before the aircraft leaves the country of origin. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for international flights.

22. DFAT Advice

You are responsible for making yourself aware of warnings issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure (see section 14).

23. Law & Jurisdiction

These booking conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with by the Courts of New South Wales only.

24. Accuracy Of Prices & Information

We endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices both on our website and in our brochures are accurate, however occasionally changes and errors occur and we reserve the right to correct prices and other details in such circumstances. You must check the current price and all other details relating to the arrangements that you wish to book before your booking is confirmed.

25. Insurance

It is a condition of your contract with us that you have adequate insurance in place. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including medical expenses, repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance in the event of accident or illness. The insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the holiday and at least an additional day. Details of a policy suitable to cover the arrangements you book are available by contacting us as detailed below. If you choose to travel without adequate insurance cover, we will not be liable for any losses howsoever arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available.

The insurance policy and the receipt of premiums paid there under should be provided to us prior to departure. If you join the holiday without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the holiday, with no right to refund. If circumstances give rise to a claim the client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies).

We will also ask you for details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency.

26. Baggage Disclaimer

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low cost insurance to cover these risks.

27. Checked Baggage Charges

Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

28. Holiday & Museum Closures

Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

29. Motorcoach Washrooms

Most 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.



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