Collette
celebrating 100 years of travel together

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STOP DREAMING & start doing

Cover: See the medieval wonder of Lucerne, Switzerland on the Switzerland: Hidden Trails and Majestic Peaks tour on page 138.
Step out into the ancient Colosseum in Rome. Stare over the vast, wild ocean from atop the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland. Europe is where ancient monuments stand in modern cities, where art from a thousand years ago hangs next to new works from rising artists, and where traditional cuisine is served beside the latest food fads. Travel across the continent and discover the duality of Europe.

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

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

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

As Collette celebrates our 100th year, we find ourselves reflecting on how very special our 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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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 unrivalled 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.
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 customization choices, every moment feels like your own personal adventure.

MORE ON TOUR
Our commitment to exceeding expectations begins with including more iconic must-sees and cultural inclusions that deliver a deeper experience. And that’s just the beginning. We also include more meals in local restaurants and more menu choices. Add in carefully selected 4-star accommodations and the stage is set for a truly amazing journey.
NEW DESTINATIONS
NYC, Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard join the travel roster.

OUR STORY begins
Jack Collette establishes Collette and runs a 21-day trip to Florida for $68.50

CHANGING THE STORY
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

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.

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.

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.
(See page 193)

PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE
Included Personal Touches

Open your tour the right way and leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy round trip home to airport sedan service. It’s the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey.
(See page 189)

GUARANTEED TO GO
Book with Confidence

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

The Collette Passport Club
Recognizing our loyal guests

Guests who travel with Collette are eligible to become members of Collette’s new loyalty program, The Collette Passport Club (formerly Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC). Members earn a $150 credit every time they travel along with various other benefits.
(See page 189 for more details.)
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.
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.

Greg Hall
Tour Manager: 14 years of service
Europe
Although I see the beauty, richness, and culture of each of the countries I’ve lead tours in, Iceland is incredible! Some of the friendliest people in the world live there, and they are surrounded by some of the most amazing scenery you can imagine. There isn’t a single tour I’ve run in Iceland that hasn’t included a “wow” moment.

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

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.

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

Every traveller is different, so make your trip your own. With features such as pre and post nights stays, It’s Your Choice, dine arounds and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure!
PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE
As one of the Collette differences, our private sedan service is available when you reserve an air-inclusive tour. It’s the perfect way to begin and end your adventure.
See pg. 189

ELITE AIRFARE
Collette’s Elite Airfare allows you to travel in ultimate comfort and convenience. Treat yourself to a wealth of amenities that come with a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket. Land rested, refreshed, and ready for the world’s wonders.
See pg. 190

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

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

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

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

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

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

GO BACK-TO-BACK
Collette can help you combine two tours into one grand experience. Many of our dates line up perfectly to allow you to discover more of the world.
Call for details.
An Epic History

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

Collette Has the Experience

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

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

For more details visit: collette.com/passionplay
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!
MADRID & BARCELONA
Fall in love with two of Spain’s most adored cities.
With three nights in each city, you’ll live like a local. From the wonderful history and architecture, to the captivating culture and cuisine, Madrid & Barcelona will win a place in your heart.
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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.
SEE PAGE 114.

ICELANDIC ADVENTURE
Be mesmerized by the mighty natural wonders that wait around every turn.
Venture across the otherworldly beauty of Iceland on an immersive tour that will take you trekking across rugged glaciers, searching for whales aboard a zodiac boat, and slipping into geothermal hot springs for a relaxing soak. The adventurous landscapes of Iceland are waiting.
SEE PAGE 112.

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!
SEE PAGE 96.

SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS
Explore this magnificent country by train, from the Alps to the Swiss Riviera.
Breathtaking alpine views and charming historic villages abound on this Swiss journey, where you can walk the grounds and cellars of a 400-year-old vineyard, view the mighty peak of the Matterhorn, and sample the fares of legendary chocolatiers, all while travelling by train.
SEE PAGE 138.
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.
With It’s Your Choice, either activity is included, you simply choose one and personalize your adventure!

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

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

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

Look for the It’s Your Choice icon!
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.
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.

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

- J.L. Welton

Mykonos, Greece

Pont du Gard, France

GoldenPass Train

Fado Performance © Adega Machado
Accommodations

Whether it’s the amenities, the history, the view or the location, your accommodations become highlights all their own. We carefully select each hotel to best fit into your inclusive itinerary.
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.
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 accommodations and exclusive culinary events. Your senses come alive as you capture the true essence of each destination.

SPOTLIGHTS
Single-hotel Stays
Unpack just once and explore the world’s most iconic cities during Spotlights’ single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace 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 utilizing more modest accommodations that capture the reflective surroundings in which they sit.

IMPACT TRAVEL
Travel to Make A Difference
Impact Travel allows you to combine your love of travel with your desire to make a difference. Go beyond simply seeing destination highlights and work alongside members of the local community to help bring about positive, sustainable change.
SHADES OF IRELAND
10 DAYS • 13 MEALS
FROM $2569

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

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
[Be sure to arrange before trip departure]

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

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

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
• Taste the ‘water of life’ during an Irish whiskey tasting.
• Be treated to a farewell dinner at a castle!

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3 Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin
Day 4 Granville Hotel, Waterford
Days 5, 6 Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney
Towers Hotel or Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney
Days 7, 8 Absolute Hotel, George Hotel or Savoy Hotel, Limerick
Day 9 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

START EARLY
Add a Day
Dublin: Seize the chance to spend more time in this joyous city with a soul all its own.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Anticipation mounts as you wind your way toward the Emerald Isle and its many wonders. Rich history, rolling hills and warm smiles lie ahead in Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick. With tomorrow comes quintessential Ireland.

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins
Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Dublin
Today, it’s your choice! Will you ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick’s Cathedral, St. Stephen’s Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park? -OR- will you choose a walking tour of the city’s historic center, exploring O’Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the River Liffey? Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin’s charms on your own. (B)

Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford
Step back in time. Begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in ancient Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland’s oldest city. It’s your choice! Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries; -OR- visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor’s Wine Vault. (B, D)

Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney
Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. In Killarney’s stunning national park, board a traditional boat and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. This evening it’s Diner’s Choice...tonight’s dinner is included and you’ll choose the perfect spot from a ‘menu’ of Killarney’s great restaurants. (B, D)

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

to the dramatic coast, experience all of Ireland’s charm on this magical tour of the Emerald Isle.
Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney
Take in the rugged coastline. Loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)

Day 7: Killarney - Adare - Limerick
Start your day with a traditional jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park. Travel to Adare, Ireland’s prettiest village, for some time at leisure. Continue to Limerick where a panoramic city tour showcases King John’s Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the “city of the violated treaty.” (B)

Day 8: Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway - Limerick
Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. Continue on to Galway where a brief tour showcases “The City of Tribes” before relaxing over dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Limerick - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt
You don’t have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the old-world heritage of Ireland’s whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Tullamore and Kilbeggan in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Kingscourt - Tour Ends
Your journey ends in Kingscourt. (B)

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**ADD A DAY**

**STAY LONGER**

**Kingscourt:** Enjoy the royal treatment and stay another night in Cabra Castle. CALL FOR DETAILS

**DATES & PRICES**

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Triple Room Reduction (-) $30

**COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Shades of Ireland and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:**

- Exploring Scotland & Ireland
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- British Landscapes

**CELEBRATE TRADITION**

St. Patrick’s Day
Celebrate in Ireland and be a part of this national day of revelry.

**March 10, 12, 14, 2018 & March 9, 11, 13, 15, 2019**

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. All of our transfers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. On day 10, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.
SHADES OF IRELAND
FEATURING NORTHERN IRELAND
13 DAYS • 17 MEALS
FROM $3319

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out on an amazing Irish adventure that tells the complete story of the Emerald Isle.

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins
Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Dublin
Today, it’s your choice! See the highlights of Dublin via coach with a local guide or set out on a walking tour of the city’s historic center. (B)

Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford
Step back in time. Begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in ancient Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland’s oldest city. It’s your choice! Tour the famous Waterford Crystal factory or explore the Medieval Museum and enjoy a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor’s Wine Vault. (B, D)

Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney
Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. In Killarney’s stunning national park, board a traditional boat and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. This evening, enjoy dinner on the town. (B, D)

Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney
Take in the rugged coastline. Loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, one of the world’s great coastal roads. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. End your day with a traditional jaunting car ride through one of Ireland’s best kept secrets - Killarney National Park. (B)

Day 7: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis
Bid Killarney farewell as we travel across the lovely
Shannon River into County Clare. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland’s most iconic sites. Walk along the rambling edge, soaking up unparalleled views and snapping incredible photos. Complete your day at the historic Old Ground Hotel and experience the finest in Irish hospitality. (B)

Day 8: Ennis - Galway - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland
Experience the daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable farm visit. Then, continue on to Galway, where a brief tour showcases “The City of Tribes.” Your day ends at the Manor House Hotel, a stunning 19th-century estate located on a secluded lake in the westernmost reaches of Northern Ireland. (B, D)

Day 9: Enniskillen - Donegal Town - Derry
Today you take in the rugged, natural beauty of County Donegal. Stop in Donegal Town and stroll the town square, enjoying its quaint craft and woollen shops. Next, we travel to Derry, known for its turbulent political history. This afternoon, a local guide leads you on a walk through the old city, including the Craft Village, a charming 19th century Georgian square in the heart of the walled city. Tonight, it’s Diner’s Choice…you will choose your included dinner from a ‘menu’ of Derry’s great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 10: Derry - Inishowen Peninsula - Derry
This morning, journey to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head. Take in breathtaking scenery as you explore Ireland’s northernmost point. Return to Derry and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Derry - Giant’s Causeway - Glen of Antrim - Belfast
See the most famous natural site in Northern Ireland as you visit the magnificent Giant’s Causeway. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles a cobbled road leading into the sea. Then, lose yourself in the natural beauty of Northern Ireland as you explore the scenic back roads of the Glen of Antrim. (B)

Day 12: Belfast - Kingscourt, Ireland
Get ready for a guided tour of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. Hear of the struggles in this great city’s history as you pass through the different neighbourhoods. See “Samson” and “Goliath,” the cranes at the shipyard that built the Titanic, before touring the “Titanic Experience,” Northern Ireland’s most visited attraction. Next, we are off to Kingscourt, crossing back into the Republic of Ireland. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Kingscourt - Tour Ends
Your tour ends in Kingscourt. (B)

**STAY LONGER**

**ADD A DAY**

Kingscourt: Enjoy the royal treatment and stay another night in Cabra Castle. CALL FOR DETAILS

**DATES & PRICES**

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**TRIPLE ROOM REDUCTION**

- $30

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Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

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

Day 3: Dublin

The choice is yours!

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

Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Farm Visit - Castlemartyr

Leave Dublin behind for the medieval splendour of 12th-century Kilkenny. Enjoy time to peruse the city before visiting a family-run farm. Learn about the traditions of Irish farming and how organic practices are being used to produce award-winning ciders, spirits and syrups. Next, travel south for a relaxing stay at the Castlemartyr Resort, a grand manor house which once belonged to Sir Walter Raleigh. Cap off
Day 5: Castlemartyr - Blarney - Killarney

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

Day 7: Killarney - Foyles - Cliffs of Moher - Dromoland Castle

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

Day 8: Dromoland Castle

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

Day 8: Dromoland Castle - Tour Ends

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

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*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you’ll enjoy smaller crowds. It’s a wonderful time to travel.
Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

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

Day 3: Dublin

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

Day 4: Dublin - Killarney

Depart Dublin for Ireland’s breathtaking countryside. Visit the town of Cashel for views of the historic Rock of Cashel, the reputed location where St. Patrick preached and converted the King of Munster. Next, journey to historic Blarney Castle where you have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of...
eloquence. End your day in charming Killarney. This evening, enjoy dinner at one of Killarney’s best local restaurants. (B, D)

**Day 5: Killarney - Dingle Peninsula - Killarney**
Set off this morning to follow what is perhaps Ireland's most majestic coastal route – the stunning Dingle Peninsula. Stop at the Gap of Dunloe where you can shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Travel to the town of Dingle and then drive the beautiful Slea Head road, where some of the country’s most spectacular landscapes are found. (B)

**Day 6: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis**
Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm, plus savour homemade scones and tea. Continue to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. End your day in the charming town of Ennis. Enjoy the ambience of your historic hotel, cozy up to its roaring peat fire and feel the warmth of Irish hospitality. (B)

**Day 7: Ennis - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt**
Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. The ancient towns of Tullamore and Kilbeggan have long been associated with the whiskey industry. Become engaged in the process of whiskey making and enjoy a tasting of the final product during a visit to one of these historic distilleries. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 8: Kingscourt - Tour Ends**
Your tour ends in Kingscourt. (B)

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**ADD A DAY**

**Kingscourt:** Delight in an extra day to enjoy the grounds and amenities of your castle. **CALL FOR DETAILS**

**STAY LONGER**

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St. Patrick’s Day
Celebrate in Ireland and be a part of this national day of revelry.
March 14, 2018 & March 12 & 13, 2019

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COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE
10 DAYS • 12 MEALS FROM $3449

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!
(Some offers are subject to trip departure)

DAY 3 | Drive with a local guide to visit the landmarks of Dublin or join a walking tour of the city’s historic center.
DAY 5 | Join a local expert on a tour of the historic Cobh port or spend a leisurely day in Kinsale.
DAY 7 | Explore Killarney National Park, cruise through Killarney’s lakes and walk the “Kerry Way” or traverse the world-famous Ring of Kerry.

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

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 39 for details.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Dublin: The ‘Fair City’ is calling you. Come early and enjoy more of this lively capital. (B, D)

Day 1: Overnight Flight
From the vaults of Christ Church Cathedral to the bewitching forests of Killarney National Park, we’ll bring you back to your Irish roots (even if you don’t have any).

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins
Welcome to Dublin, Ireland’s cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow 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 3: Dublin - Choice on Tour
Today it’s your choice! Set out on a drive with a local guide to visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral and see St. Stephen’s Green, Grafton Street and Phoenix Park -OR- join a walking tour of the city’s historic center and meander its winding streets as you follow in the footsteps of Vikings. This evening we put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at one of Dublin’s premier culinary institutions. (B, D)

Day 4: Dublin - Irish National Stud - Midleton - Kinsale
Take to Ireland’s country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of incredible natural beauty and home to some of the world’s most magnificent horses and gardens. Next, head south to the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery’s production. Continue on to the quaint coastal village of Kinsale and join a local expert on a walking tour. This evening, it’s Diner’s Choice in Ireland’s gourmet capital! Choose the perfect spot from a “menu” of Kinsale’s great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: Kinsale - Choice of Cobh or Relaxing in Kinsale
It’s your choice! Visit the seaside town of Cobh, the last stop of the RMS Titanic. Follow a local expert on a tour of this historic port from which 2.5 million Irish people left their native land for new frontiers -OR- spend a leisurely day in Kinsale and enjoy its many galleries, shops and cafés. (B)
Day 6: Kinsale - Garnish Island - Killarney
Embark on the drive of a lifetime on Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way. You’ll fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages found along this iconic coastal route. Board a ferry and sail to Garnish Island, a place that has to be seen to be believed. Sheltered in the Glengarrif 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 Caha Pass. (B)

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

Day 8: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Aran Islands (Inisheer)
Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on a life-changing adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, the smallest of the three Aran Islands. Take in unrivalled views from the Wild Atlantic Way before sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Upon arriving in Inisheer’s ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Learn about the island’s 250 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, settle in to your island abode for what is sure to be an unforgettable experience amid desolate yet magnificent beauty. (B, D)

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

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

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

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Behold the magical scenery at the Ring of Kerry.
• Find inspiration in the Lake District’s quintessential English villages.

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(See notes to arrange before trip departure)

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

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

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

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

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 73 for details.

START EARLY
Add A Day
London: Open your journey with another spectacular night in this historic city.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Discover the true cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on a comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins
Your journey opens in the regal city of London. A capital of culture and commerce, the city blends traditional with modern. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a traditional English pub for dinner. (D)

Day 3: London
Discover the pageantry of London as we join a local guide for a city tour. See Big Ben, Westminster, Whitehall, Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this iconic city or perhaps partake in an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. (B)

Day 4: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff
Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum’s 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath’s cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

Day 5: Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford
Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city’s deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Take in the beautiful countryside of Wales en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There we board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

Day 6: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney
In Waterford, tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory or enjoy an included walking tour of the city.

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from the fashionable streets of London to the magical Blarney Stone

this grand journey takes you over rolling farmland and across the Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Later, experience for yourself the welcoming nature of the Irish as you set out to explore the “Fair City” on your own. (B, D)

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

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

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

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

**Day 12: Edinburgh**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**DAILY ITINERARY**

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

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

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

Today we venture through the “Golden Vale” en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the “gift of eloquence.” This evening it’s Diner’s Choice... tonight’s dinner is included and you’ll choose the perfect spot from a ‘menu’ of Killarney’s great restaurants. (B, D)

**Day 8: Dublin**

Discover Dublin’s past and present on a locally guided tour highlighting the Bank of Ireland, O’Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the “gift of eloquence.” This evening it’s Diner’s Choice... tonight’s dinner is included and you’ll choose the perfect spot from a ‘menu’ of Killarney’s great restaurants. (B, D)

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

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

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

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

**Day 12: Edinburgh**

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

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

Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland. (B)
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Behold the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle.
- Discover the beauty of the picturesque Lake District.
- Overnight in a historic Welsh castle.

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

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
[See page 189 for details.]

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

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders.

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of England. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an ale and pie tasting at a traditional English pub.

Day 3: London
This morning, see the quintessential sights of London with your local guide. View the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore this iconic city.

Day 4: London - Train Journey - York
It’s time to say farewell to London and travel to the medieval city of York, stopping in the 800-year-old university town of Cambridge en route. Upon arrival in York your Tour Manager will give you a brief orientation tour. Or, choose to arrive in York earlier by taking an optional high speed rail journey; climb aboard at London King's Cross; sit back and relax as your travel 125mph through England's stunning countryside, arriving in York just over two hours later where a local expert will meet you at York Station for a walking tour of this remarkable city; see York's famous Minster and walk the labyrinth of quaint narrow streets that appears today almost as it did during the Middle Ages. Tonight, stay within the city's historic walls.

Day 5: York - Borders Region, Scotland - Edinburgh
Enjoy a leisurely morning in York before travelling north through the rolling fields to bonnie (“lovely” in Scottish) Scotland. Stretching across the country you will find Hadrian’s Wall which once marked the northern border of the Roman Empire. Stop to see this ancient fortification that was begun in A.D. 122 to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Next, drive through Scotland’s Borders region before arriving in Edinburgh, the “Athens of the North.” Discover Scotland’s exciting capital city, one of Europe’s most beautiful cities brimming with history and culture just waiting to be discovered. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

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

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Day 7: Edinburgh - Lake District, England - Ruthin Castle, Wales  
Our final stop in Scotland is at the border town of Gretna Green, where generations of runaway couples came to be married. Later, return to England and travel through the picturesque Lake District. In the heart of the Lake District, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. End your day with an overnight stay in beautiful Ruthin Castle, situated in the north of Wales. (B, D)

Day 8: Wales - Stratford-upon-Avon, England  
**Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon, your home for the next two nights and birthplace of William Shakespeare, England's most famous playwright. Step back in time as we visit Shakespeare's birthplace. Then, it's your choice!** Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife -OR- choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River. (B)  

Day 9: Stratford - Stonehenge - Cotswolds - Stratford  
Complete your visit to Britain with a trip to the mystical and fascinating Stonehenge before travelling through some of England's most beautiful countryside. Explore the picturesque villages of the Cotswolds region. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a private farewell dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home. As traditionally costumed actors perform some of the playwright's most renowned scenes, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

Day 10: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends  
Your journey through Britain ends today. (B)

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**CELEBRATE TRADITION**

- Highclere Castle Visit  
  - Enter the world of Downton Abbey as you visit Highclere Castle, filming location of the show.
  - **April 6 & 11, 2018**
  - These departures include an additional night in London. Call for details.

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

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Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

Day 2: Liverpool, England - Tour Begins

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

Day 3: Liverpool - Lake Windermere

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

Day 4: Lake District

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

Day 5: Lake District

It’s your choice!

Day 6: Lake District

It’s your choice!

Day 7: Lake District

It’s your choice!

Day 8: London

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Day 9: London

It’s your choice!

Day 10: London

It’s your choice!

Day 11: London

It’s your choice!

Day 12: London

It’s your choice!

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

**MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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

**IT’S YOUR CHOICE!**

(add to your itinerary before trip departure)

**CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

1. Easy walking
2. Moderate walking
3. Some walking
4. More walking
5. Challenging walking

See page 189 for details.
Day 5: Lake District - Worcester - Bath
Today we head south to England’s rural heartland. Stop at Worcester Cathedral for a guided tour of this architectural marvel and final resting place of the legendary King John. Next, take a short drive to the ancient Roman town of Bath, your home for the next three nights. (B, D)

Day 6: Bath
England is blanketed with beautiful cities, but Bath may just be the jewel in the crown. Enjoy a leisurely morning before joining your local guide on a walking tour. Follow in the footsteps of Jane Austen, Thomas Gainsborough and Charles Dickens as you take in beautiful Georgian façades, manicured parks, and the famous Royal Crescent, a dramatic row of 36 terraced houses. Next, visit the Roman Bath Museum to see these elaborate spas that have been prized since Roman times for their curative properties. The remainder of the day is yours to explore. (B)

Day 7: Bath - Stonehenge - Salisbury - Bath
Today we visit one of the world’s most iconic sites. Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious rock formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived here and try to imagine their true purpose. Then it’s off to the medieval market town of Salisbury. Enjoy free time to explore on your own before visiting the famous cathedral that towers above the city. Join a local guide who takes you on a tour through Britain’s finest 13th century Gothic cathedral. (B)

Day 8: Bath - Glastonbury - Cornwall
Today, visit the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, once the richest monastic community in England and the reputed home of the legendary King Arthur. Then travel south to Cornwall, England’s remote southwestern peninsula. Cornwall has always danced to its own tune. Passing through rugged moors and lush valleys, it becomes clear why this far-reaching corner of the earth has been a source of inspiration for so many. Stop at Lanhydrock. This picture-perfect country house perfectly pairs great wealth alongside the comfort and familiarity of a family home. The kitchens, nurseries and servants’ quarters offer a thrilling glimpse into life ‘below stairs’, while the spacious dining room and bedrooms remain truly elegant. (B, D)

Day 9: Cornwall
Enjoy a leisurely morning before setting out for a day of discovery. See iconic St. Michael’s Mount, a monastery turned castle that stands steadfast off the shores of Penzance in the mouth of Mount’s Bay. Then, travel along Cornwall’s stunning coastal road to Land’s End, England’s most westerly point. Visit the popular artist colony and resort town of St. Ives for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we visit a local winery for a farm-to-table dinner and wine pairing. (B, D)

Day 10: Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London
All aboard! Bid a fond farewell to Cornwall and board your Great Western Railway car en route to London’s Paddington Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy the stunning English countryside. Your welcome to England’s bustling capital begins with a local expert who will show you the quintessential sights, including Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. (B)

Day 11: London
Today is yours to explore London. Or, you may choose to join an optional excursion to Windsor Castle; originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is one of the oldest royal residences still in use today. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a traditional English roast at one of Kensington’s favourite local restaurants and toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

Day 12: London - Tour Ends
Your journey through England comes to a close today. (B)
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Explore Castle Howard, one of England’s most magnificent estates.
- Tour Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Take in breathtaking views while travelling along Britain’s historic train routes.
- Join local experts for tours of London and Edinburgh.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
Be sure to arrange before trip departure

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

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

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

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Edinburgh: Open your tour with more time to explore Scotland’s stately capital. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
All aboard! Travel by train to three of Britain’s most lively cities. Stunning landscapes will surround you as you are whisked through the peaceful countryside. Along the way, get to know the stirring history and captivating legends of this great land.

Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland’s cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers during a fun-filled Scottish evening and toast the start of an incredible journey. (D)

Day 3: Edinburgh
Come to know this regal city on a locally guided tour that includes the Royal Mile, Old Town, Grassmarket, and the Scottish Parliament. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. This afternoon, enjoy free time to independently explore the city – browse the shops, meet the friendly locals or relax at afternoon tea. (B)

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

The choice is yours! Travel to St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf, to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the revered Old Course. Then, stop in the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry and tour a Scottish whisky distillery to sample Highland whisky – considered the world’s finest.

-OR- spend your day in Edinburgh. Tour “The Real Mary King’s Close,” one of Scotland’s top visitor attractions; buried deep beneath the Royal Mile, this 17th century labyrinth of hidden streets has been frozen in time for centuries. (B)

Day 5: Edinburgh - York, England
Depart Edinburgh for a scenic train ride through the Scottish Borders. Soak up rolling hills, emerald forests, picturesque villages and sweeping coastlines as you make your way south to York, England’s iconic medieval city. Join a local expert on a stroll through York’s historic streets. Walk on the Shambles, a quaint, narrow street that appears today almost as it did in the Middle Ages. This evening, experience the flavours of Yorkshire at a family-owned alehouse. (B, D)
Venture to Yorkshire’s breathtaking countryside and visit Castle Howard, a magnificent 18th-century estate set on more than 1,000 acres of land. Take time to explore the grand home at your own pace as guides bring stories of the past to life. Stroll through its stunning gardens, including a walled garden and woodland walks dotted with temples and follies. Continue to the quaint market town of Helmsley. Enjoy free time to peruse its local shops and famed teahouses before heading back to York for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 7: York - London
Board your train. Then sit back and relax en route to England’s sophisticated and bustling capital city of London. Be greeted by a local expert who leads you on a panoramic tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain’s royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a traditional English pub. (B, D)

Day 8: London - Windsor Castle or Kensington Palace - London
The choice is yours! Travel outside of the city to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today -OR- stay in town and visit Kensington Palace, home to British royalty for generations, and its spectacular gardens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

Day 9: London - Tour Ends
Your journey through Britain comes to a close today. (B)

Day 10: London - Countryside of the Emerald Isle
Enjoy a full day to explore London on your own. Or, perhaps you’ll choose to join an optional excursion to Oxford and Blenheim Palace: tour the quaint city of Oxford and learn about its famous university; you’ll even see the college where Harry Potter was filmed! Then, continue on to Blenheim Palace, one of England’s most magnificent homes where you will enjoy a private tour of this UNESCO World Heritage site and learn about one of its most famous residents – Sir Winston Churchill. (B)

Day 11: London - Countryside of the Emerald Isle
Enjoy a full day to explore the Emerald Isle at your own pace. Perhaps you’ll choose to join an optional tour of the Wicklow Mountains or the Ring of Kerry. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a traditional Irish pub. (B, D)

Day 12: London - Tour Ends
Your adventure comes to a close today. (B)

This trip requires a passport.

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Book another tour with UK by Rail and create one grand experience.
**Suggested Tour:** Countryside of the Emerald Isle

CELEBRATE TRADITION

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

August 3-25, 2018
EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND
13 DAYS • 17 MEALS
FROM $4059

Day 1: Overnight Flight
From rugged natural beauty to vibrant and historical cities, the diverse charms of Scotland and Ireland await.

Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland’s capital city. Tonight, experience how traditional Scottish ingredients are getting a modern twist during a welcome dinner at one of the city’s popular restaurants. (D)

Day 3: Edinburgh
Today it’s your choice!
- Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic tour that includes the Palace of Holyroodhouse or explore the city on foot and descend into the city’s underground vaults.
- OR-
- For a different perspective, join a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh’s Old Town; meander the cobbled streets and narrow alleyways before descending into the city’s underground vaults to uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. (B)

Day 4: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Eastern Highlands
Travel to St. Andrews – the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf – to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Next, stop at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town. Discover its old-world appeal as you explore this popular resort town on your own. Enjoy a privately guided tour at one of Scotland’s renowned whisky distilleries and taste for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world’s finest. (B, D)

Day 5: Eastern Highlands - Loch Ness - Ballachulish
This morning take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before disembarking at the base of famed Urquhart Castle. Explore the ruins of this historic stronghold where acts

Day 6: Jurys Inn, Glasgow

Day 7, 8: The Maldron City Center Hotel, Belfast

Day 9, 10: The Maldron Hotel, Derry or Roe Park Resort, Limavady

Day 11, 12: Barberstown Castle, Kildare

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

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

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

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(To be arranged before trip departure)

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

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3: G & V Royal Mile Hotel, Edinburgh
Day 4: Kingsmills Hotel or Palace Hotel, Inverness
Day 5: Ballachulish Hotel or Isles of Glencoe Hotel, Ballachulish
Day 6: Jurys Inn, Glasgow
Days 7, 8: The Maldron City Center Hotel, Belfast
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EDINBURGH: Open your tour with more time to explore Scotland’s stately capital. CALL FOR DETAILS

START EARLY

Day 1: Overnight Flight
From rugged natural beauty to vibrant and historical cities, the diverse charms of Scotland and Ireland await.

Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland’s capital city. Tonight, experience how traditional Scottish ingredients are getting a modern twist during a welcome dinner at one of the city’s popular restaurants. (D)

Day 3: Edinburgh
Today it’s your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic tour; explore both Old Town and New Town before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen’s official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots.

Day 4: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Eastern Highlands
Travel to St. Andrews – the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf – to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Next, stop at Pitlochry; a vibrant Victorian town. Discover its old-world appeal as you explore this popular resort town on your own. Enjoy a privately guided tour at one of Scotland’s renowned whisky distilleries and taste for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world’s finest. (B, D)

Day 5: Eastern Highlands - Loch Ness - Ballachulish
This morning take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before disembarking at the base of famed Urquhart Castle. Explore the ruins of this historic stronghold where acts
Day 7: Glasgow - Ferry Crossing - Belfast, Northern Ireland
Travel along the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry. Cross the famed Irish Sea as we head for Northern Ireland’s capital city of Belfast. Later you are invited to a traditional Irish cèilí. This experience takes you back to the cobbledstoned streets and Irish fare of turn of the century Ulster. Enjoy a hot toddy or a glass of Guinness as you settle in. Then it’s time to dance! (B, D)

Day 8: Belfast - Glens of Antrim - Giant’s Causeway - Derry
Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant’s Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles an old cobbled road leading mysteriously into the sea. Then, embark on one of the world’s most beautiful railway journeys along the Causeway Coast. Soak up the incredible scenery before arriving in the walled city of Derry. Set out on a walking tour featuring the medieval city walls, St. Augustine’s Cathedral, and the Guildhall. Tonight you will discover why Derry is one of Ireland’s best-kept secrets during an optional evening of storytelling and traditional music at one of the city’s best farm-to-table restaurants. (B)

Day 9: Belfast - Glens of Antrim - Giant’s Causeway - Northern Ireland
Tour the spectacular North Coast of Ireland. See the glens of Antrim, which are graced with effulgent scenery as well as old-world charm. Then it’s time to experience Ulster. (B)

Day 10: Derry - County Donegal - Glenveagh National Park - Derry
Today’s journey showcases the rugged beauty of County Donegal. Visit spectacular Glenveagh National Park, a natural wonderland with 40,000 acres of mountains, lakes and woodland. Enjoy a guided visit to stately Glenveagh Castle, set amidst the colourful splendour of one of the finest gardens in Ireland. Tonight it’s Diner’s Choice…dinner is included and you’ll choose the perfect spot from a ‘menu’ of Derry’s great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 11: Derry - Ulster American Folk Park - Barberstown Castle, Republic of Ireland
Travel to the Ulster American Folk Park where you will find collected buildings and artifacts from generations past. As you walk through the museum, learn how the Irish used to live and about the tragic and triumphant experiences that awaited them in America after emigration. Pass through the scenic countryside and cross into the Republic of Ireland. We end our day at Barberstown Castle, a regal 13th-century castle and country house hotel in the heart of Ireland’s Ancient East. (B)

Day 12: Barberstown Castle - Dublin - Barberstown Castle
A locally guided tour of Dublin highlights the world-renowned St. Patrick’s Cathedral, O’Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and the city’s magnificent rows of lovely Georgian town homes. Spend the rest of your day at leisure as you delve further into Dublin’s cultural treasures. This evening, toast the end of an incredible adventure during a farewell dinner at your castle hotel. (B, D)

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

STAY LONGER
ADD A DAY Barberstown Castle: Enjoy another royal night in the Irish countryside.
Call for details

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Triple Room Reduction  (-) $50

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CELEBRATE TRADITION

Edinburgh Military Tattoo
July 4-23, 2018

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

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

Day 6: Ballachulish - Glasgow
Begin your day with a breathtaking drive in the heart of Scotland as you pass through Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Arrive in the Victorian metropolis of Glasgow, Scotland’s largest city. Take in the sights with a local expert before enjoying an evening at leisure in this bustling city. (B)

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

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Day 13: Barberstown Castle - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close. (B)
Day 1: Overnight Flight
An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities and stirring history.

Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Glasgow, Scotland’s Victorian capital city. Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it’s your chance to give it a go! Then, join your fellow travellers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre’s farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Glasgow - Glencoe - Ballachulish
Enjoy a leisurely morning in Glasgow before visiting one of Scotland’s renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world’s finest. Continue on to the Highlands, through the breathtaking scenery of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor.

Day 4: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish
Take a stunning drive along the “Road to the Isles” and over the Skye Bridge to the legendary Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as Eilean a’ Cheò (The Misty Isle). Enjoy dramatic views of the Cuillin Hills. Then, visit Armadale Castle & Gardens and the Museum of the Isles to learn about island life and the history of Skye. Conclude your visit with views of the isle from yet another vantage point during a ferry crossing back to the mainland. Returning to Ballachulish, see Glenfinnan where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied the clansmen for battle during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. (B, D)

Day 5: Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso
Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain’s most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open — you never know when Nessie will appear! Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Your day concludes in Thurso. (B)

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

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

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

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

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

See page 189 for details.
Day 6: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso
A day of adventure awaits as you voyage by ferry to the Orkney Islands – once a Viking stronghold off the coast of Scotland. On the crossing you’ll see abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this magical place that very few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae where you will discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Next, pass the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Visit the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B, D)

Day 7: Thurso - Eastern Highlands
Today you will visit Culloden Battlefield. On this spot in April 1746, a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland’s history. We also stop at the majestic Dunrobin Castle which dates back to the 1300s. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland’s east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in the Eastern Highlands. (B, D)

Day 8: Eastern Highlands - Pitlochry - St. Andrews - Edinburgh
Begin your day with a visit to a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure before travelling to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf. See the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. End your day in Scotland’s capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

Day 9: Edinburgh
Today it’s your choice! Perhaps you’ll choose to get acquainted with this regal capital on a locally guided panoramic city tour; explore both the Old and New towns before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen’s official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots -OR- for a different perspective, maybe you’d rather join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot; descend into the city’s vast underground vaults and uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. Both choices include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland’s premier culinary institutions. With a “wee dram” in hand, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends
Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

ADD A DAY
Edinburgh: Explore more of Scotland’s stately capital. CALL FOR DETAILS

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

CELEBRATE TRADITION

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

August 3-25, 2018

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Glasgow airport and depart from Edinburgh airport. All of our transfers will arrive into Glasgow airport and depart from Edinburgh airport. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.
Day 1:
Overnight Flight
London calls. Experience the regal touches and daily charms of life in this grand city.

Day 2:
London, England - Tour Begins
Welcome to London, a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own. Its bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theaters – and you’ll be a part of it all! This evening, experience a classic British pastime when you join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a traditional pub, complete with an ale tasting! (D)

Day 3:
London
Join a local expert on a panoramic city tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain’s royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. End your city tour with a visit to Harrods, London’s most iconic department store. This afternoon, perhaps you will join us on an optional tour to regal Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, the imposing castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries. (B)

Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6
Join a locally guided tour of the Kensington and Knightsbridge neighbourhoods or travel to Whitehall to see 10 Downing Street and visit the Churchill War Rooms.

Day 7:
Optional add-on for an extra night in London.

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

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

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

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 6: Grange Fitzrovia Hotel, Grange Strathmore Hotel or Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt, London

ON SOME DATES ALTERNATE HOTELS MAY BE USED.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
1 = Easy 2 = Moderate 3 = Challenging 4 = Very Challenging 5 = Maximum

START EARLY
London: Reward yourself with another night in this cultural capital.
ADD A DAY

embrace the life of a Londoner as you explore
the city’s iconic landmarks, out-of-the-way corners and even travel into the countryside.
Day 4: London
Start your day like a true Londoner. Hop on the famous Underground, known to locals as 'the Tube.' Opened in 1863, this engineering marvel was the world's first metro system. Next, it's your choice! Perhaps you will join a local guide and explore the neighbourhoods of Kensington and Knightsbridge, known for their iconic shops and famous residents, before a visit to Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana - OR - perhaps you would prefer to travel to Westminster station and snap a photo in front of Big Ben before heading north on Whitehall, known as the center of Her Majesty's Government. Catch a glimpse of 10 Downing Street before visiting the Churchill War Rooms. (B)

Travel across England's beautiful countryside en route to the historic city of Oxford, one of the world’s most famous university cities. Join a local expert on a privately-led walking tour that brings life to this quaint, yet privileged place. Enjoy some free time to explore the city at leisure before setting out to visit Blenheim Palace, one of England’s most magnificent homes, for a self-guided tour. Famous for being the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a glimpse into the life of English royalty. (B)

Day 6: London
It’s your last day in London. Spend the day independently exploring more of London’s treasures. Or perhaps you’ll join an optional excursion featuring Bath (UNESCO), one of England’s most beautiful cities. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner at a favourite London restaurant and toast the end of a wonderful getaway! (B, D)

Day 7: London - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

This trip requires a passport.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
There’s nothing like London during the holiday season.

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins
Welcome to London at Christmas time, a metropolis filled with light, laughter and the excitement of the holiday season. Whether perusing the city’s many Christmas markets for handmade gifts and colourful decorations, or basking in the scent of mulled wine and cinnamon, this will surely be a Christmas you’ll never forget. This evening, experience a favourite holiday pastime and join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a traditional pub. (D)

Day 3: London
Join a local expert on a panoramic city tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. A Christmastime visit to London wouldn’t be complete without a stop at Harrods, the city’s most iconic department store. Find yourself exploring a wonderland of glorious holiday displays and its incredible food hall – a piece of gourmet heaven! This afternoon, perhaps you will join us on an optional excursion to celebrate the season at Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of...
Kings and Queens for nine centuries; make your way through the impressive State Apartments, adorned for the season with a stunning array of garlands, bedecked Christmas trees, and an array of festive decorations. (B)

Day 4: London
Enjoy a leisurely morning before setting off to explore London's charming Christmas markets. Peruse the sea of wooden chalets offering a plethora of unique handmade crafts, artisan goods and local treats. Continue on to Bond and Oxford streets, known worldwide for their elegant department stores, posh galleries and the season's stunning Christmas decorations. Admire the latest fashions before capping off your afternoon with one of London's finest theatre performances. (B)

Travel across England's beautiful countryside en route to the historic city of Oxford, home to the prestigious University of Oxford. Join a local expert on a privately-led walking tour before browsing the stalls filled with handmade crafts, the sounds of Christmas carols and the smell of holiday treats fill the air and immerse you in holiday cheer. The festivities continue with a visit to Blenheim Palace, one of England's most magnificent homes, that shines even brighter at Christmas. The birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, this UNESCO World Heritage site will give you a glimpse into the life of English royalty. (B)

Day 6: London
It's your last day in London. Spend the day independently exploring more of London's treasures. Or perhaps join an optional excursion featuring Bath (UNESCO), one of England's most beautiful cities. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner inspired by the Christmas season and toast the end of a wonderful tour. (B, D)

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| December 2018   | Double          | Solo             |
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| December 12     | $1819           | $2489            |

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London Market

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

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
Day 3 | In London, explore the Churchill War Rooms or tour regal Westminster Abbey.
Day 6 | See the iconic sites of Paris during a panoramic drive with a stop at the Notre Dame Cathedral or set out to explore via the Metro.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Savour delicious cuisine and breathtaking views when dining at the Eiffel Tower.
• Dine with the locals at a traditional English pub.
• Immerse yourself in Parisian culture at dinner at Paris’ oldest cabaret theatre.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 | Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4 | Grange City Hotel, London
Days 5 - 7 | Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel, Paris
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Take two! Experience two of the world’s most captivating cities: London and Paris! To help you make the most of your getaway, you’ll unpack just once in each city.

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in London, the United Kingdom’s cosmopolitan capital. This evening, experience a classic British tradition as you join your new mates for a special welcome dinner at a traditional pub, complete with an ale tasting. (D)

Day 3: London
Join a local expert for a day in London. Begin with a panoramic tour highlighting the must-sees, including Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Kensington and Knightsbridge. Stop by Harrods, the jewel in the crown of London department stores — don’t miss the world-famous food hall! This afternoon, it’s your choice! Return to wartime Britain while exploring the Churchill War Rooms, the secret underground center of Britain’s government during WWII -OR- tour Westminster Abbey, the coronation church of Britain’s monarchs from William the Conqueror to Elizabeth II. (B)

Day 4: London
After a hearty breakfast, enjoy a day to explore at your leisure. You may take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens.
for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. (B)

Day 5: London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France
Hop aboard the sleek, futuristic Eurostar High Speed Train to Paris. Arrive in the “City of Light,” Paris. A sophisticated metropolis featuring style, culture and history, its bustling city streets are filled with colorful history, regal pageantry, beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theatres. Tonight, celebrate your arrival in Paris with a special dinner at the legendary Paradis Latin, the city’s oldest cabaret theatre. Enjoy a sumptuous meal complete with wine, champagne and a delightful show. (B, D)

Day 6: Paris
It’s your choice! Come to know the highlights of Paris by coach or by Metro! Set out on a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral – OR – for a truly Parisian experience, take in some of the most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you’ll see the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysées, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome with a local guide. Write your own story during a free afternoon. You may choose an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre; indulge in some of the world’s best shopping on the Champs-Elysées; or simply do as the Parisians do and sit at a sidewalk café and watch the beauty that is Paris go by. (B)

Day 7: Paris
Give in to romance. Today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Louis XIV’s magnificent Palace and Gardens of Versailles and relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments, including the Queen’s bed chamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. Tonight, sample delicious French cuisine and witness breathtaking views during dinner at the Eiffel Tower. End the perfect day with a romantic Seine River cruise set against Paris’ glittering skyline. (B, D)

Day 8: Paris - Tour Ends
You depart today, but London and Paris will remain in your heart forever. (B)

Dates & Prices

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

Stay Longer

Paris: No one ever wants to leave Paris. Reward yourself with another night. Call for details.

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Day 1:
Overnight Flight
Come to know captivating Paris’ world-renowned art, food and fashion. Its rich history will astound you while its style dazzles.

Day 2:
Paris, France - Tour Begins
Arrive in the “City of Light.” Tonight, your adventure begins with breathtaking views of the city while you enjoy dinner featuring delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner, get a different perspective of the city during a Seine River cruise. Admire Paris’ glittering skyline as you glide along. (D)

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

Day 4:
Cultural Experiences
Explore the treasures of the Louvre Museum with an expert.
Tour the spectacular Palace of Versailles and its gardens with a local guide.

Day 5:
Must-See Inclusions
Glide along and admire Paris’ glittering skyline on a Seine River cruise.
Enjoy a free day to explore the sights and sounds of the city.

Day 6:
Culinary Inclusions
Dine on delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower.
Savour dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris’ oldest Brasseries.

Day 7:
It’s your choice!
For a truly local experience, will you join a local guide who will take you to some of Paris’ most iconic sights by Metro? Either way you’ll see such dramatic highlights of Paris as the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome. The afternoon is at leisure. You may choose an optional tour that takes you to the bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre; join a local guide on a walking tour and get to know the culture, food and history of this eclectic city.

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

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

It’s Your Choice!
(Day 3) Set out on a locally guided coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral or travel by the iconic Metro. In both cases you’ll see the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Elysees and more.

Culinary Inclusions
- Dine on delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower.
- Savour dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris’ oldest Brasseries.

Accommodations
Day 1
Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 6
Le Meridien Etoile, Paris
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Start Early
Paris: Start your love affair with the “City of Light” a little early.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Add a Day

Tour Activity Level
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neighbourhood, and see its crown jewel – the iconic Sacré-Cœur Basilica. (B)

Day 4: Paris - Louvre Museum
Join a local expert exploring the priceless treasures of the world-famous Louvre Museum, with a collection of more than one million works of art. Originally a palace and now a landmark of Paris, the Louvre displays an array of works of art ranging from ancient times up to the mid-19th century. Behold some of the museum’s most famous pieces by some of the greatest artists the world has seen including Raphael, Botticelli and Titian, and see the renowned statue of Venus de Milo and Leonardo Da Vinci’s Mona Lisa. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore Paris’ many hidden treasures on your own. (B)

Day 5: Paris - Day at Leisure
Enjoy a day at leisure to relax or explore. You may take an optional excursion to Champagne country which includes a visit to ancient Reims for a walking tour; then, stop in Epernay and visit a champagne cellar for a tour and tasting. (B)

Day 6: Paris - Versailles
Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world’s most magnificent royal palaces and finest, most complete example of 17th-century architecture. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Discover its immeasurable opulence and see its treasures including the Queen’s bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens, some of the most famous in the world, which took over 40 years to complete. Tonight, celebrate the end of a fabulous trip with a sumptuous dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris’ oldest brasseries. (B, D)

Day 7: Paris - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. Head home with many wonderful memories of Paris. (B)

**Stay Longer**

Add a Day

Paris: Continue your adventure with another glorious night in this remarkable city. **CALL FOR DETAILS**

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**Combine Two Tours into One Adventure**

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

**Suggested Tours:**

- Spain’s Classics
- Spotlight on Rome

**Add a Day**

Paris: Continue your adventure with another glorious night in this remarkable city. **CALL FOR DETAILS**

This trip requires a passport.
Le Mont St. Michel

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Embark on your journey through France. Bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in beautiful Paris. Celebrate the beginning of a fabulous trip with a sunset river cruise past famous glittering landmarks along the River Seine, which divides the north from the south of Paris into what is known as the right bank and the left bank. Then we’ll head to one of Paris’ brasseries for a delightful French dinner. Enjoy sumptuous food and wine set amongst an Art Nouveau background reminiscent of the jazz and Hemingway-era of Paris. (D)

Day 3: Paris
It’s your choice!
Take a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop for a short walking tour inside the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral -OR- for a truly local experience, join a guide who will take you to some of Paris’ most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you’ll see the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome. Write your own story during a free afternoon. Perhaps you’ll take an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre. (B)

Day 4: Paris - Caen
Set off for the Normandy coast. During WWII, the largest invasion in history took place here. Visit the Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Later, see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built near Arromanche-les-Bains – where the allies resupplied their lines during the liberation of France – before making your way to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen
This morning visit the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer and stop by the new interpretive center. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through the Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. Complete your afternoon with visits to other landing beaches, such as Utah and Juno. (B)
Day 6: Caen - Bayeux - Dinan - Saint-Malo
Travel back in history when you stand before the impressive Bayeux Tapestry (UNESCO), a 230-foot embroidered cloth depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Next, journey to Dinan, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in France. Then, it’s your choice! Join a local guide for a walking tour along cobbled streets and discover the city’s fortified walls - or - meet a local guide at the quaint port of Dinan, the entry point for resupplying the Duke of Dinan during the Hundred Years’ War, and walk up the famous Rue de Jerzuel hill to the town center. Either way, you’ll fall in love with the streets lined with half-timbered houses and the ramparts that overlook this picture-perfect port village. Then it’s off to Saint-Malo, Brittany’s famous coastal village. Here you’ll be immersed in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town where you’ll enjoy a wonderfully prepared local dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo
Travel to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Le Mont St. Michel, the “Wonder of the West.” Resting on the border between Normandy and Brittany, this world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old city before exploring one of the most beautiful abbeys in France, dating back to the 11th century. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy time to relax or explore independently. (B)

Day 8: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Fontevraud
Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site brimming with châteaux and parks, once the setting for the French court. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon, set on the banks of the Vienne River. Visit the renowned Royal Fortress of Chinon where Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years’ War. This afternoon, check into your hotel within the magnificently renovated abbey of Fontevraud. Delve into the history of this site which was home to one of the largest orders in Europe during medieval times and serves as the final resting place of King Richard the Lionheart.

Day 9: Fontevraud - Amboise - Fontevraud
Embark on a tour of the spectacular Château de Chenonceau. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, it is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque center of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture. Tour Château du Clos Luce – where Leonardo da Vinci spent his last three years – which showcases a display of his early inventions. Next, visit a local winery to discover some of Europe’s best Cabernet Franc and Chenin Blanc wines. (B)

Day 10: Fontevraud - Lyon
Travel the French countryside to the gastronomical capital of France, Lyon (UNESCO). The city was once an important area for silk production. Today it is known for its world-renowned cuisine. This evening experience this cuisine firsthand when you dine at a bouchon, a local restaurant that serves traditional Lyonnaise fare. (B, D)

Day 11: Lyon - Avignon
Visit the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvier with its amazing views of the city. Tour the historic Vieux Lyon, or Old Quarter, with a local expert. Continue to Les Halles de Lyon - Paul Bocuse market, named after the famous chef. Marvel at its culinary delights as you enjoy free time to explore before continuing to Provence and the city of Avignon. (B)

Day 12: Avignon
This morning come to know the walled city of Avignon during a walking tour led by a local resident. Learn about the historical period when the Papacy moved here in 1309. Then, explore some of the 25 rooms of the 14th-century papal palace, Palais des Papes, the world’s largest Gothic palace. Your evening is capped off with dinner at a local restaurant, complete with a cocktail reception and crème brulée demonstration. (B, D)

Day 13: Avignon - Tour Ends
Set out for home with many magnificent memories. (B)

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

Suggested Tour: Reflections of Italy

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France Magnifique featuring the French Riviera
Enjoy the Mediterranean sunshine with 2 nights in Nice, the playground of the rich and famous.

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Take a splendid panoramic coach tour featuring the breathtaking architecture of the Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, Place Vendome, the Champs-Elysees and the Notre Dame Cathedral -OR- enter the world of Impressionism with a visit to the Musée d’Orsay with its magnificent French Impressionist art collection. Live out your own Parisian adventure during a free afternoon. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the world-renowned Louvre, home to the iconic Mona Lisa. This evening, an optional dinner and show at Paris’ oldest cabaret, the Paradis Latin, is offered. (B)

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Whisk through the French countryside aboard the high-speed TGV Train.
• Tour the atelier (workshop) of the famous painter, Paul Cézanne.
• Stroll through the bustling morning market in Aix-en-Provence.
• Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles.

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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

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

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Paris: Take more time exploring the world’s most romantic city.
CALL FOR DETAILS

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Day 5: Paris - TGV Train - Avignon - Aix-en-Provence
Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train and “fly” through the French countryside on your way to Provence. Arrive in Avignon for a tour of this historic walled city. Avignon, often called the “City of Popes,” acted as a center of European religion for 70 years when the Popes moved there in 1309. A visit to the Palace of the Popes brings this history to life. Continue to Aix-en-Provence, a lovely town once frequented by Hemingway. This evening, enjoy fine French dining at your hotel’s elegant restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Aix-en-Provence
This morning a local expert takes you on a tour of Aix-en-Provence. This charming city is full of lively streets, squares and fountains. Walk in the steps of Cézanne when you visit his atelier (workshop) and enter the artist’s most private space. Continue to Mont Sainte-Victoire and see the natural surroundings which are portrayed in the painter’s works. Explore the 18th century jewel of Aix-en-Provence with a visit to the Hôtel de Caumont Art Center. Delve into the intimate atmosphere of a private mansion as you view its works of art and exhibits. The evening is yours to continue to discover the city’s many secrets. (B)

Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Saint-Rémy - Luberon - Aix-en-Provence
Depart for Saint-Rémy where you will enjoy a visit to the bustling market in the city square – a Provençal tradition! On your way visit the Musée du Calisson, a confectionery factory where you will discover the unique taste of a calisson. This delicacy—a mix of almonds, candied melon, orange blossom fragrance and marzipan—is a local specialty. Visit the picturesque region of Luberon, known for its hill-top villages and beautiful lavender fields. Visit the Lavender Museum and learn about this precious plant, its unique distillation process and its uses throughout history. You are in for a treat this evening when you stop at a local vineyard and tour their wine cellar and olive oil mill. Complete your day with a cooking demonstration and a sumptuous Provençal meal paired with local wines. (B, D)

Day 8: Aix-en-Provence - Cannes - Nice
Journey to Cannes to rub shoulders with Europe’s elite. A local expert joins you on a walking tour of Cannes where you will learn about the fascinating history of the city and the nearby Lérins Islands. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the famous red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. Then it’s off to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. (B)

Day 9: Nice - Eze - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice
Explore the charming hillside village of Eze. Learn the secrets of perfume making, from extraction to distillation, while visiting a famous parfumerie. Your journey then takes you to witness the splendour of 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 Rainer III and Princess Grace are buried. Complete your trip to Monaco with a visit to the fascinating Oceanographic Museum. (B)

Day 10: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice
This morning you’ll feel like a local as you stroll through the colourful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Continue to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and visit the luxurious Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Explore the lush gardens with magnificent views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with lunch served in the charming tea room. The remainder of your day is free to discover Nice’s Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Partake in world-class shopping, sample the many French delicacies, or simply relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a quaint restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Nice - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today, leaving you with wonderful memories. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY
Nice: Enjoy the chance to spend another day exploring the French Riviera. CALL FOR DETAILS

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Triplet Room Reduction: (-) $50

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JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE
10 DAYS • 13 MEALS
FROM $5249

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

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

EXPLORATIONS
SMALL GROUP TOUR
TRAVEL WITH NO MORE THAN 19 GUESTS

*Cultural Experiences are Included in the Adventure Price*

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.
- Savour fresh and local farm-to-table tastings across the southern French countryside.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

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châteaux and charming medieval villages, alluring wines and active experiences,
this is your gateway to Southern France’s personality.
Let the region charm you one sip and stroll at a time.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Allons-y! You’re on your way to Bordeaux and the Dordogne Valley, two of the world’s most renowned wine regions, before it’s on to chromatic Provence.

Day 2: Bordeaux, France - Tour Begins
Welcome to Bordeaux, a region known as much for its vibrancy and dynamism as its world-renowned wine.
A local restaurant famous for its sélection de vins and locally-sourced meat invites you for a gastronomic adventure expertly pairing locally sourced foods and wine to mark the beginning of your journey through the south of France. (D)

Day 3: Bordeaux - Medoc - Bordeaux
This morning, explore Bordeaux through a local’s perspective during a guided city tour. Embark on an interactive journey through a world of wine and culture at La Cité du Vin. Referred to as the “Guggenheim of wine,” this sensory adventure takes you on a fascinating discovery of wine culture and history, ending with a glass of wine while overlooking a 360-degree view of Bordeaux. Next, travel the stunning "Route des Châteaux," viewing the historic wine estates of the Medoc region. Complete your journey today with a walk through a winery to absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, smell the grapes and taste locally grown wine. Enjoy the evening at leisure to take in the sights and sounds of Bordeaux. (B)

Day 4: Bordeaux - Saint Émilion - Monestier (Dordogne Valley)
A tuk-tuk vehicle brings you around the charming medieval village of Saint Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Bordeaux’s largest winemaking areas. After getting acquainted with the city, enjoy time to explore this perfectly compact French village. Then it’s on to the Château Des Vigiers, known as “Petit Versailles,” your home for the next two evenings. Tonight, enjoy a fine dining experience in this 16th-century estate. (B, D)

Day 5: Dordogne Valley
Venture to the countryside for a charming local market experience. Stop in Eymet, one of Southern France’s iconic “bastides” (fortified towns) before visiting the Château Montbazillac – 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 narrow streets on a bicycle tour for an up close and personal view of the valley - OR - relax while enjoying the spa your château has to offer. (B)

Day 6: Dordogne Valley - Carcassonne
Bid adieu to the Dordogne Valley as you make your way to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and virtual storybook that comes to life, replete with drawbridges, towers and cobbled streets. This afternoon step back centuries to medieval times when you explore this breathtaking city independently. (B)

Day 7: Carcassonne - Pont du Gard - Avignon - Saint Rémy
Journey this morning from Carcassonne to Provence. En route, marvel at the Saint-Benezet Bridge and the Pont du Gard, the greatest surviving stretch of aqueduct to have remained since Roman times. In the incredible village of Avignon, often called the “City of Popes,” you’ll gain an inside look at all this village has to offer during a walking tour with your local expert guide. End with a visit to the dramatic Palace of the Popes, a center of European religion since the Popes moved there in 1309. This evening, sip on locally crafted cocktails followed by dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Saint Rémy
A visit to Gordes yields a sojourn to France’s famed lavender fields and museum, where you’ll learn the origin of this beautiful and fragrant flower. An unforgettable epicurean adventure commences with a truffle hunt led by a local chef and trained truffle dogs. Après hunt, 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 9: Saint Rémy - Les Baux-de-Provence - Saint Rémy
Navigate the winding medieval streets in the hilltop town of Les Baux-de-Provence where you have time to explore. Experience one of the world’s most impressive and beautiful multimedia presentations, the Carrières de Lumières, set in the ancient quarries of the Alpilles Mountains. With cavernous sound and a spectacle of light complemented by fortress views on the Alpilles mountain range, you’ll notice immediately why this is one of the most acclaimed attractions in the region. Later, take time to relax or explore the charming village of Saint Rémy. Tonight’s farewell dinner leaves you to compare notes and experiences with your fellow travellers as you prepare to bid au revoir to the magic of Southern France. (B, D)

Day 10: Saint-Rémy - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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

Carcassonne

Medoc Wine Region

Truffle Hunting

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR
Complete your trip with 2 nights in Nice
Relax along the French Riviera and experience the thrill of Monaco. See page 186 for details

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Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
You are on your way to a colourful cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain.

Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins
Welcome to Madrid, Spain’s lively capital and largest city. Tonight, enjoy a local welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo - Madrid
During a privately guided tour of Madrid’s historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armory and the impressive courtyard. This afternoon we travel to Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo’s Jewish heritage. You’ll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco’s masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. (B)

Day 4: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville
Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city’s cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city’s well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain’s “cultural capital” (B, D)

Day 5: Seville
Today you will see Columbus’ tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza de Espana and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville’s top performers. (B)

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

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

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1   Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3   H10 Puerta de Alcala, Madrid
Day 4, 5   Melia Sevilla, or Melia Lebursos, Seville
Day 6   Hotel Carmen, Granada
Days 7, 8   NH Valencia Palace Hotel, Valencia
Days 9, 10   Hotel Colon or Crowne Plaza Fira Center or Evenia Rosselló Hotel, Barcelona
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 79 for details.
Day 6: Seville - Granada
Travel to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, an immense hilltop palace (UNESCO). Also tour the Generalife, meaning “garden of the architect,” where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. (B, D)

Day 7: Granada - Valencia
Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. (B)

Day 8: Valencia - Paella Experience - Valencia
It's your choice! Take a walking tour of historic Valencia to see the ornate 14th-century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th-century Quart Tower; then arrive at the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals before concluding your tour at the impressive 13th-century Gothic cathedral. Or, explore the impressive facades of the City of Arts & Sciences, an ultramodern, multi-faceted educational institution, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of Porcelain to learn about the history and creative process of the world-famous, handmade Lladro figurines. Later gather together and travel to the fishing village where paella cuisine originated. A “paella experience” features a boat ride on the lagoon surrounding rice field plantations; a visit to a traditional fisherman’s home known as a “barraca”; a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Valencia - Barcelona
Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe’s most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona’s fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colourful performers and flower stalls. (B)

Day 10: Barcelona
Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your locally guided tour showcases the Columbus Monument and the Parc de Montjuic, plus Antoni Gaudí’s UNESCO sites including La Sagrada Familia, Batllo House, Casa Mila building and a visit to Parc Guell. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain! (B, D)

Day 11: Barcelona - Tour Ends
You return home with vivid memories of a beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

**ADD A DAY**
Barcelona: This lively city beckons you to explore more of its sights and sounds. CALL FOR DETAILS

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**COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**
Book another tour with Spain’s Classics and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:**
- Reflections of Italy
- Shrines of Italy
- Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains

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Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

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

Day 3: Lisbon

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

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

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

Day 5: Lisbon - Madrid, Spain

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

Day 6: Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo - Madrid

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

Culinary Inclusions

- Dine on traditional Portuguese cuisine and enjoy Fado music.
- Savour a “paella experience” including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.

Accommodations

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

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Day 9: Seville - Granada
Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, an immense hilltop palace (UNESCO). Also tour the Generalife, meaning “garden of the architect,” where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. (B, D)

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Day 12: Valencia - Barcelona
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Day 13: Barcelona
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Day 14: Barcelona - Tour Ends
You return home with vivid memories of spectacularly beautiful land with old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

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STAY LONGER

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

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

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
[Be sure to arrange before trip departure]
DAY 3 | Join a local expert on a panoramic tour of Madrid's architectural treasures followed by a visit to the Prado Museum or take a walking tour featuring sites of the Hapsburg era.
DAY 6 | Take one of two locally guided walking tours of Barcelona. Visit the basilica of Santa Maria del Mar followed by a tour of the Gothic Quarter or stroll through the city's oldest open-air market and along Las Ramblas Boulevard before visiting Antoni Gaudí's Güell Palace.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4  NH Collection Abascal, Madrid
Days 5 – 7  H10 Casanova, Barcelona
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

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

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Madrid: Come early and enjoy more of this city's elegant beauty.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Delve into two of the grandest cities in Spain. You will have plenty of time to explore, get to know their charms and savour the atmosphere of each of these magnificent cities.

Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins
Welcome to Madrid! Spain's dynamic capital possesses a modern infrastructure which has preserved the look and feel of many of its historic neighbourhoods. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Choice of Prado Museum or Hapsburg Madrid Walking Tour
It’s your choice! Join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid’s architectural treasures on a panoramic tour before exploring the priceless masterpieces of Madrid’s Prado Museum, home to the world’s finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya - OR - take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era; discover the Puerta Del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the famous Andalusian tavern “La Torre del Oro;” Mercado San Miguel, the last remaining market constructed in forged iron; Arco de los Cuchilleros (the Arch of the Knifemakers); and Plaza de la Villa with its historic Baroque and Mudéjar-style buildings. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid
Today we visit Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive walking tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. We’ll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco’s masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. Enjoy free time in the old town before

it’s the perfect pairing of history, culture, and architecture.
Embark on an in-depth adventure as you experience life in these two wondrous cities.
returning to Madrid for some time at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a locally-inspired dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Madrid - AVE High Speed Train - Barcelona
Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque landscapes of Leon, Castilla and Catalunya as you travel via high-speed train to Spain’s modern city of culture and architecture, Barcelona. Get acquainted with one of the liveliest cities in all of Europe on a locally guided tour. Discover Parc Güell, one of the most impressive public parks in the world and one of Antoni Gaudí’s masterpieces, where he let loose his imagination with amazing buildings, sculptures and tile work. Next, explore the most popular monument in Spain, Gaudí’s unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Familia, still under construction after more than 100 years. Later, see the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and several UNESCO World Heritage sites linked to Gaudí including the unconventional Casa Mila building and Batllo House. Enjoy some free time this afternoon or take an optional excursion to Montserrat, a spectacular mountain top monastery. (B, D)

Day 6: Barcelona 🍔
It’s your choice! Take one of two locally guided walking tours. You may choose to begin by visiting the 14th-century basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, created in pure Catalan Gothic style, followed by a leisurely paced walking tour of Barcelona’s historic Gothic Quarter, a beautifully preserved neighbourhood with medieval squares set inside a labyrinth of streets leading to the 13th-century La Seu Cathedral - OR - meet the locals while exploring La Boqueria, Barcelona’s largest and oldest open-air market, portions of which date back to the Middle Ages; then head to Las Ramblas Boulevard, the most famous pedestrian street in Barcelona; discover famous landmarks such as Gran Teatre del Liceu, Plaza Real, Palau de la Virreina, before visiting one of Antoni Gaudí’s architectural treasures – Güell Palace. Enjoy some free time this afternoon or take an optional excursion to Montserrat, a spectacular mountain top monastery. (B)

Day 7: Barcelona
Enjoy a day at leisure to create your own adventure in this fascinating city. You may choose an optional excursion to Figueres and the famed Dalí Theatre-Museum for insight into the surrealist world of Salvador Dalí. This evening, toast the end of a memorable trip while enjoying the flavours of regional cuisine. (B, D)

Day 8: Barcelona - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)
Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins
Welcome to Madrid, Spain’s dynamic capital city. Tonight, enjoy a charming welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Madrid
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Day 4: Madrid - High-Speed Train - Cordoba - Costa del Sol
Sit back and enjoy stunning landscapes as you travel via high-speed train to the Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita (UNESCO World Heritage site). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city’s cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Stroll through the streets of the historic Jewish Quarter. Continue on to Spain’s Costa del Sol and enjoy a 3-night stay by the sea at Parador Málaga Golf. (B, D)

Day 5: Costa del Sol
Take a day trip to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Travel past rolling hills dotted with olive groves, capturing the country’s classic beauty. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, a hilltop palace and UNESCO site. Tour the Generalife, “Garden of the Architect,” and behold the waterfalls, courtyards and secret gardens on its grounds. (B)

Day 7: Costa del Sol - Ronda - Seville
Head to Ronda, one of the loveliest and most historic towns in Andalucía. Join a local expert exploring Ronda’s old town full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its wonderful panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and mountains. Then, continue to Spain’s “cultural capital” – Seville. (B, D)
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Day 9: Seville - Azeitao, Portugal - Cascais
Depart Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Azeitao – an agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and country estates. Explore the tradition of azulejos (Portuguese tiles), and see how they are created at a local workshop. Enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines when we visit a centuries-old winemaker. Later, arrive in Cascais, the famous and picturesque coastal resort on the Portuguese Riviera. (B, D)

Day 10: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais
It’s your choice! Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour – via coach - featuring Jeronimo’s Monastery (UNESCO), Belem Tower (UNESCO), and the Monument to the Discoveries, capped off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches. OR - select a walking tour of the Alfama District, Lisbon’s most symbolic quarter; step back in time as you explore this residential neighbourhood which is considered a village within a city. Stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets, tiny squares, past beautiful churches and whitewashed houses with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers. Then, climb the hill to explore the castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. Your afternoon is at leisure in Cascais to relax on the beach, walk the promenade, or sit in an outdoor café. (B)

Day 11: Cascais - Ericeira - Sintra - Cascais
Visit the impressive Mafra Palace and Monastery, one of Portugal’s largest Baroque buildings. A guided tour takes you through the domed basilica, the royal apartments decorated in 18th-century furniture and paintings, and the magnificent Baroque library, one of the finest in Europe. Enjoy some free time to explore the fishing village of Ericeira, perched on cliffs overlooking the Atlantic. Continue on to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Here, peruse specialty shops filled with Portuguese handicrafts. (B)

Day 12: Cascais - Obidos - Nazare - Fatima - Cascais
Travel Portugal’s Silver Coast, a region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and centuries-old castles. Stop in charming Obidos, protected by medieval city walls. Continue to Nazare, a coastal fishing village. Then, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Cascais - Tour Ends (B)

Málaga, Costa del Sol

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

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**Combine Two Tours Into One Adventure**

Book another tour with Spain’s Costa del Sol & the Portuguese Riviera and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** |

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**Call for Details**

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

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 | Join a guided tour of San Sebastian and ride a funicular to the apex of Monte Igueldo or take a walking tour along the rural beauty of the Camino de Costa.

Day 7 | In Santander, explore via your own paddleboard or kayak or take the day to explore the beauty independently.

Day 10 | Walk Madrid’s centuries-old city center and learn about the Habsburg dynasty or take a sightseeing tour that visits the Prado Museum.

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.

EXPLORATIONS
SMALL GROUP TOUR
TRAVEL WITH NO MORE THAN 24 GUESTS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
You’re headed to Barcelona where you’ll begin your journey through Northern Spain on an unforgettable Spanish holiday.

Day 2: Barcelona, Spain - Tour Begins
Welcome to Barcelona, a major global city that abounds with culture, architectural gems, and a world-class culinary scene. A welcome reception at one of the port of Barcelona’s historic buildings invites you to sip locally-crafted cocktails amidst views of one of the Mediterranean’s liveliest ports.

Day 3: Barcelona
Visit the famous La Sagrada Familia Church and towers and explore the barriada where you can enjoy panoramic views of the city from 213 feet up. Next, embark on a guided tour of the city and experience sights including the Columbus Monument, the Parc de Montjuïc, and the exteriors of two of Gaudí’s classic constructions, the Casa Mila and the Batlló House. This afternoon you may decide to join an optional expedition to Montserrat for a guided tour of the monastery; or, stay behind to independently see more of the city. Tonight, venture to the city’s gourmet quarter where the best Catalan cuisine is right at your fingertips during a culinary workshop with locally-acclaimed chefs! (B, D)

Day 4: Barcelona - Pamplona
This morning, voyage to the Basque region and Pamplona, famous for the running of the bulls. Be part of a private conversation with a local expert regarding the sport’s long tradition and historical ties to Pamplona, and get inside information about the colourful San Fermin festival. The evening is yours to relax or explore the city’s lively neighbourhoods full of culinary delights. (B)

Day 5: Pamplona - San Sebastián
From Pamplona it’s on to charming San Sebastián. It’s your choice how you spend your day here! Join a locally guided tour of the old town and board a funicular to the apex of Monte 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 pintxos, traditional Basque tapas, in one of San Sebastián’s local restaurants. (B, D)

**Day 6: San Sebastián**
This morning, explore San Sebastián at your leisure. You may choose to join an optional tour to Bilbao where you can stroll the quirky riverfront landscapes along the Costa Verde and visit the Guggenheim Museum. (B)

**Day 7: San Sebastián - Santander - Burgos**
Today it’s your choice how you spend your day in the port city of Santander. See the coast on your own paddleboard or kayak -OR- take the day to explore Santander independently, perhaps strolling the gardens of the Palacio de la Magdalena or exploring the historic district of El Sardinero. Later, we gather and continue on to historic Burgos. (B, D)

**Day 8: Burgos**
A walking tour of medieval Burgos reveals rich religious architecture and glimmering streetscapes. Visit Burgos Cathedral, the UNESCO-protected relic of Spain’s religious architecture. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

**Day 9: Burgos - Salamanca - Madrid**
Depart Burgos for Salamanca, perched on the tiered hills of the Tormes River. Choose a walking tour or bicycle tour through the city, and discover the Baroque architecture of the UNESCO-designated Old City and uncover the two cathedrals of Salamanca. Next it’s on to Madrid, the Spanish capital and the epicenter of art, culture and politics, as well as home to the Spanish Monarchs. Seek out the treasures of the city and shop as a Spaniard would during a visit to one of Madrid’s bustling marketplaces. (B)

**Day 10: Madrid**
**It’s your choice** how you spend your last day in Madrid. Unearth Madrid’s centuries-old city center and learn about the Habsburg dynasty’s reign over Spain during a walking tour of the old town -OR- take a panoramic sightseeing tour ending with a visit to the Prado Museum, Spain’s national art museum. This afternoon, perhaps you’ll join an optional walking tour of the city of Segovia and the storybook castle, the Alcázar of Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This evening, 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 11: Madrid - Tour Ends**
Your adventure ends today. (B)

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This trip requires a passport.
SUNNY PORTUGAL
10 DAYS • 14 MEALS
FROM $1989

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

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(For more information before trip departure)

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

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

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 70 for details.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Portugal is waiting to be explored. Discover ancient castles, Roman ruins, groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and kind, gentle people.

Day 2: Cascais or Estoril, Portugal - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in a scenic coastal resort on the “Portuguese Riviera,” your home for three nights. The mansions scattered about Cascais and Monte Estoril hint at its history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Choice of Lisbon Panoramic City Tour or Alfama District Walking Tour
This morning it’s your choice! Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour by coach featuring Jeronimo’s Monastery (a UNESCO World Heritage site), Belem Tower (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and completed with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches -OR- take a walking tour of the historic Alfama District, Lisbon’s most symbolic quarter: step back in time as you explore this residential neighbourhood which is considered a village within a city; stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets and small squares; pass by beautiful churches and colourful houses with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers; then, climb the hill to explore the St. Jorge castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. Later, enjoy leisure time in the Portuguese Riviera. Stroll narrow cobblestone streets, sit in a seaside café, walk wide oceanside promenades or shop for ceramics, lace, filigree, hand woven works and tapestries. This evening, savour excellent Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado Music (UNESCO). (B, D)

Day 4: Cascais or Estoril - Sintra - Obidos - Fatima - Cascais or Estoril
Begin your day exploring the picturesque town of Sintra (UNESCO), the favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Travel to Portugal’s beautiful “Silver Coast,” a spectacular region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and age-old castles. Proceed to the hilltop walled village of Monsaraz, a “jewel in the crown” of the Alentejo. This small medieval town has carefully preserved its original charm. From the 13th-century travel Portugal’s dramatic shoreline, meandering cobblestone streets, oceanfront promenades, and quaint bays.
castle you’ll enjoy amazing panoramic views of the countryside. Then, indulge in a winery tour and a tasting of the full-bodied character of the region’s wines. Enjoy your stay in the heart of Alentejo’s countryside during an overnight at a country resort set among 3,000 acres of farm land, vineyards and cork trees. (B, D)

Day 6: Alentejo - Sagres - Lagos - Algarve
Travel to the famous Algarve and discover the secrets of the 16th-century fortress at Sagres, home of Prince Henry’s School of Navigation and the “compass rose.” You will also garner magnificent views of beautiful Cape of St. Vincent where 200-foot cliffs plunge into the Atlantic at the most southwesterly point of Europe. Next, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences abound. Here, the famous voyager, Prince Henry the Navigator, began his explorations and from the harbour, Vasco da Gama sailed in 1499 on his epic voyage of discovery. Stroll through the fortress and historic buildings while taking in the surrounding ocean views during some leisure time. (B, D)

Day 7: Algarve
The entire day is yours to independently experience the beautiful Algarve. Geraniums, camellias and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange and almond trees while brightly coloured fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve’s mild climate and beautiful beaches attract vacationers from all over the world. (B)

Day 8: Algarve - Faro - São Brás de Alportel - Algarve
Journey to Faro, gateway to the Ria Formosa protected lagoon landscape. Explore the city’s historic center with 9th-century Roman walls, dramatic golden coastline, and its archaeological and architectural gems. In historic São Brás de Alportel, a presentation by a local liqueur maker is followed by a tasting of some of the many varieties produced in the region. Portugal is the world’s number one producer of cork. Visit a local cork factory to learn about its importance to the local economy and its many uses. Complete your day with dinner featuring local delicacies and wine. (B, D)

Day 9: Algarve - Azeitao - Lisbon
En route to Lisbon, make a stop in Azeitao, a charming agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and beautiful country estates. Spend time at the centuries-old Jose Maria da Fonseca Winery. Embark on a tour followed by a tasting of local wines, including moscatel. Next, meet local artisans at a family-run workshop that demonstrates how azulejos, the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, are made. Later, bid adeus to Portugal during a dinner celebrating the end of a wonderful tour. (B, D)

Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR
Complete your trip with 4 nights on Madeira Island.
Experience the “pearl of the Atlantic.” This popular resort destination is known for its food, historical treasures and, of course, its wine.
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COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE
Book another tour with Sunny Portugal and create one grand experience.
Suggested Tour: Spain’s Classics
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*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you’ll enjoy smaller crowds. It’s a wonderful time to travel.

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Lisbon, Portugal airport. All of our transfers will depart from Lisbon airport for Cascais (approximately a 40 minute drive).
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Travel through some of Portugal’s most beautiful regions. Experience Lisbon, the Azorean island of St. Michael, and the island of Madeira.

Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins
Your adventure opens in Lisbon where Old World traditions still thrive. Experience medieval towns, coastal villages, Portuguese cuisine, regional wines and folkloric entertainment. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril - Lisbon
Set out on a tour of Lisbon featuring the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo’s Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belém (UNESCO). Later, explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Continue to the coastal resorts of Cascais and Estoril on the Portuguese Riviera. This evening, savour Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado. (B, D)

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

Day 5: Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada
To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the Azorean islands. A brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada’s town center highlights the Portas da Cidade (The City Gates), Saint Christ’s Church, St. Sebastian Church, and the seashore promenade. Later, gaze at the twin lakes of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities). Composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater, it is the island’s most popular national park. From the edge of the crater, one lake
Day 6: Ponta Delgada - Terra Nostra Botanical Park - Furnas Valley

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

Day 7: Ponta Delgada - Optional Tours - Cooking Demonstration

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

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

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

Day 9: Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira - Monte

Fly to Madeira. The “Pearl of the Atlantic” boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking scenic Funchal. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Discover Madeira’s history during a panoramic tour of Funchal’s plazas, Colonial mansions, 19th-century cathedral and the local market. (B)

Day 10: Funchal - Câmera de Lobos - São Vicente - Porto Moniz

We begin our day with a visit to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with a picture-perfect bay. Continue along mountain roads, passing banana plantations and vineyards en route to Cabo Girão, the world’s second-highest cliff. Stop in São Vicente, a charming agricultural town and home to dramatic views of the coast. In the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools. (B)

Day 11: Funchal - Ribeiro Frio - Santana

Set out on a winding trip through the mountains to Pico do Arieiro, the island’s third-highest point. Then, it’s your choice! At Ribeiro Frio (Cold River), explore the natural beauty of a trout farm. OR you may join an exhilarating levada walk and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains. Next we continue to Santana, a village of small triangular homes thatched with straw. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop and meet local artisans who offer a first-hand look at their delicate craft. Then, it’s time to sample some world-famous Madeira wine. Celebrate with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a local dish of beef marinated in herbs and cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

Day 12: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the energetic city of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid “adeus” to Portugal during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Lisbon - Tour Ends

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10 DAYS · 16 MEALS
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• Gather for a memorable farewell dinner in Barcelona.
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the wonderful cultures and beauty of Portugal, Spain and France come alive as you explore and find inspiration in their most revered sites.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Travel overnight to Portugal, one of Europe’s most hospitable countries. Here you can enjoy a superb climate, historic sites and beautiful scenery.

Day 2: Fatima, Portugal - Tour Begins
Your tour begins in Fatima, Portugal’s world-famous pilgrimage site. (D)

Day 3: Fatima - Aljustrel - Santarem - Fatima
You may celebrate Mass before travelling to the original town of Fatima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptized. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. In Santarem, visit the Shrine of the Most Holy Miracle. At the Church of St. Stephen, see the relic of the miraculous Host, considered among the most important Eucharistic miracles. Later, return to Fatima to enjoy free time for personal worship and to explore the basilica and its grounds. (B, D)

Day 4: Fatima - Burgos, Spain
Attend a morning mass before travelling east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim’s Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into the sky. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

Day 5: Burgos
Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos’ beautiful medieval town center. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos, a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the starry dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12th-century Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

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Day 6: Burgos - Lourdes, France
Today you travel northeast through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, a total of 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1858. This little market town has been a world-renowned pilgrimage site ever since. Tonight you may wish to partake in a candlelight procession. (B, D)

Day 7: Lourdes
After morning mass, enjoy a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette: the “Boly Mill” (site of the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the “Cachot,” and the parish church housing the baptismal font of St. Bernadette. Later, at leisure, explore the town’s rich historical and natural heritage and be immersed in the atmosphere that reigned during the apparitions and the spirit of brotherhood that is still present today. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lourdes - Carcassone - Barcelona, Spain
Celebrate mass before your journey through southern France’s Pyrenees to historic Carcassone. You will feel as though you have gone back in time as you independently explore this well-preserved medieval city. Later, cross back into Spain and travel to Barcelona, one of Europe’s most fascinating cities. (B)

Day 9: Barcelona
Celebrate mass at La Sagrada Familia (crypt), followed by a visit to the elaborate, expansive basilica. Once completed, Gaudi’s masterpiece will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. Later, get to know more of the city’s treasures including views of Antonio Gaudi’s Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic. The afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration or an optional excursion to the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat. Montserrat. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a dinner celebrating the end of a memorable tour. (B, D)

Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends
Return home eager to share vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

Stay Longer

Add a Day
Barcelona: Take in more of this cosmopolitan city’s art, architecture and gastronomic delights.

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Overnight Flight

Embark on a captivating Moroccan adventure featuring centuries-old customs and colourful culture.

Casablanca Hotel, Casablanca

Days 3, 4

Riad Yacout, Fes

Day 5

Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud

Day 6

Auberge du Sud Hotel, Merzouga

Day 7

Hotel Xaluca Dades, Bourmaline du Dades

Days 8 - 10

Opera Plaza, Marrakech

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 89 for details.

COLOURS OF MOROCCO
11 DAYS • 18 MEALS
FROM $3589

EXPLORATIONS
SMALL GROUP TOUR
TRAVEL WITH NO MORE THAN 24 GUESTS

DAY 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on a captivating Moroccan adventure featuring centuries-old customs and colourful culture.

Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Casablanca. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to a welcome dinner at Rick’s Café, the mythical saloon from the film Casablanca. (D)

Day 3: Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fes

This morning, tour the impressive Hassan II Mosque, a stunning, high-tech, architectural masterpiece. Then we are off to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, to visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and explore the Oudaia 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)

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!

(Day 10) Choose to visit the gardens of Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, or tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn how madfouna (stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices) is made.
- Experience Moroccan hospitality during lunch with a local family.
- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local riad.

STAY EARLY

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

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 4: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour, including the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace. Set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to one of the world’s oldest universities. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market you’ll see donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries, a
honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colours. (B)

**Day 5: Fes - Ifrane - Erfoud**
Continue towards Erfoud. Along the way we pause in Ifrane for excellent views of the Middle Atlas Mountains and the surrounding villages. Overnight in a kasbah. (B, D)

**Day 6: Erfoud - Rissani - Sahara Desert Expedition - Merzouga**
Your day begins at Erfoud’s fossil factory and museum where you turn fossil rocks into decorative items. Next, travel to the Saharaooui town of Rissani. Enjoy a true taste of the region as you learn how madfouna (homemade stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices) is made. Jump into a 4x4 vehicle and stop in one of the nomadic villages of the Sahara before arriving at the edge of the dunes. Board your camel for a ride to a desert camp. Cross the stunning fine sands of Merzouga while the red sun slips toward the horizon. As night falls, listen to intoxicating Berber drums during the traditional pouring of mint tea followed by a delightful Moroccan feast. Sleep in a fully equipped Berber-style tent and experience an unrivaled sense of tranquility in the serene desert. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades**
Enjoy amazing views of the sunrise as you return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter where you may sample some local favourites at a bakery. Arrive in vibrant Boumalne du Dades. Along its river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes light up in the desert sun. (B, D)

**Day 8: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech**
Follow the rugged “Road of a Thousand Kasbahs.” These fortress-like structures rise up like turreted sandcastles along the ancient trading route. Drive through the Valley of Roses, stopping en route at a local cooperative. Then, it’s on to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou, an impressive feat of Moroccan architecture. Continue along the High Atlas Mountains following the Tizi n’ Tichka Pass. This scenic route brings you through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains and several Berber villages before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech. (B)

**Day 10: Marrakech**
This morning, select the ingredients for your culinary workshop that takes place at a local riad, a traditional Moroccan house. After lunch, experience another local custom at a henna workshop. Then it’s your choice! Visit Jardin Majorelle, one of the most beautiful gardens in Morocco; enjoy a tour of the gardens and the Berber Museum; or explore more of this Moroccan port city. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends**
A morning transfer brings you back to Casablanca to connect to your flight home. (B)
ITALIAN VISTAS
13 DAYS • 17 MEALS
FROM $3879

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum.
- Relax on a scenic boat ride to the Isle of Capri.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Set out on a locally guided tour of Florence, "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Visit the Academy Museum in Florence to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David.
- Stroll the streets of Verona – the backdrop for Romeo and Juliet.
- Enjoy the magic of the Italian lakes in the captivating resort of Stresa.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
(If you wish to arrange before trip departure)

Day 10 | Set out on an expert-led walking tour of Venice's highlights or go 'off the beaten path' and experience the charming Castello Sestiere district.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 | Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4 | Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome
Days 5, 6 | Towers Hotel, Sorrento Coast or Michelangelo Hotel, Sorrento
Days 7, 8 | Grand Hotel Baglioni or Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence
Days 9, 10 | Hotel Bellini, Venice
Days 11, 12 | Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
Upgrade your standard room to a lake view room. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 79 for details.

this journey has everything you’ve always wanted
in a trip to Italy. Delve deeper into its history and culture as you visit some of the world’s most beautiful locales.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Ciao, Italy!

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins
Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. (D)

Day 3: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour
A locally guided tour of Classical Rome features such sights as the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs, burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. (D)

Day 4: Rome
Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome’s cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

Day 5: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast
Journey south toward the brilliant Bay of Naples where charming villages are built into hillsides above a sparkling blue sea. Soak in 2,000 years of history during your discovery of the excavated ruins of Pompeii. A local guide provides an in-depth view of this remarkably preserved archaeological site. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento and take some time to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous local Sorrento craft. End your day on the breathtaking Sorrento Coast. (B)

Day 6: Sorrento Coast - Isle of Capri - Sorrento Coast
A scenic boat ride brings you to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Upon arrival, take a panoramic ride to the island’s highest town, Anacapri. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation and outdoor cafes before returning to the Sorrento Coast. (B, D)
Day 7: Sorrento Coast - Florence
Tuscany unfolds with its panorama of vineyards and olive groves. Florence, the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance,” awaits and offers Italy’s best art and architecture. Visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo’s magnificent sculpture of David. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Florence
A locally guided tour highlights the Piazza del Duomo, with its Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery of St. John. You also view the magnificent Piazza della Signoria with its imposing Palazzo Vecchio. (B)

Day 9: Florence - Pisa - Venice
Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo (Cathedral), and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialties. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

Day 10: Venice - Murano Island - Venice
Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark’s Square where it’s your choice!

Join a local expert who will take you on a walking tour of this famous square to view the Basilica and visit the impressive Doge’s Palace along with the legendary Bridge of Sighs – OR – step off the beaten path and explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Venice - Verona - Stresa
Depart Venice to stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore. (B, D)

Day 12: Stresa - Locarno, Switzerland - Isola dei Pescatori, Italy - Stresa
Today, cross into Switzerland and the picturesque lakeside resort of Locarno for magnificent views, excellent shopping and charming cafés. Tonight, we travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner while surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

Day 13: Stresa - Tour Ends
Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (B)

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR
Complete your trip with a 2-Night Milan Extension: Explore this international hub of high fashion at your own pace.

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Triple Room Reduction (-) $50

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

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

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Book another tour with Italian Vistas and create one grand experience.

Suggested Tours: • Germany’s Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road • Greece and Its Islands • France Magnifique • Spectacular Scandinavia

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from Milan airport. All of our return transfers will depart from Stresa for Milan airport.
REFLECTIONS OF ITALY
10 DAYS • 13 MEALS
FROM $2659

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo’s famous statue of David.
• Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Behold medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria.
• Enjoy a scenic journey through Tuscany’s graceful low-lying hills.
• Set out on a locally guided panoramic tour of Rome.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Day 8) In Venice, explore St. Mark’s Square and visit the Doge’s Palace along with the Bridge of Sighs or step off the beaten path and stroll through the Castello Sestiere district.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3 Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome
Day 4 Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Days 5, 6 Hotel Albani, Florence or Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence
Days 7, 8 Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal or Hotel Bellini, Venice
Day 9 Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa, Malpensa

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

START EARLY

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins
Your tour begins in Rome, the “Eternal City.” This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines.

Day 3: Rome
This morning you’ll come to know the history and traditions of Rome while on a locally guided panoramic tour featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine, the famous Piazza Navona, and a visit to the Colosseum. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list.

Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia/Assisi
Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you’re off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Behold one of the grandest squares in Italy – the Piazza IV Novembre – and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals.

Day 5: Perugia/Assisi - Siena - Florence
A scenic journey through Tuscany’s graceful low-lying hills brings you to the mystical city of Siena. Delight in its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena. You are sure to find many surprises among its

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Enjoy a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines.
• Visit a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region.

revel in the magic of Italy on this tour
that explores the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena, Venice, Assisi, Perugia and Milan.
shops and outdoor cafés. Arrive in Florence and enjoy some free time before gathering for dinner. (B, D)

**Day 6: Florence**

In Florence – the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance” – visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo’s incredible statue of David. During your cultural tour of Florence you’ll also view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Church of Santa Croce. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. (B)

**Day 7: Florence - Venice**

Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of its 12th-century castle, learn about the winery’s famed Tuscan wines and enjoy a light lunch filled with local specialties. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the wooded Apennine Mountains toward the Valley of the Po. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Venice - Murano Island - Venice**

See Venice from the water as we board a boat bound for Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration. Discover the secrets of this ancient art and marvel at the intricate designs of each one-of-a-kind piece. Then you travel to St. Mark’s where it’s your choice! Join a local expert on a walking tour of this famous square to view the stunning Basilica and visit the impressive Doge’s Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs -OR- go off the beaten path to explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; get to know authentic Venice and see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. (B)

**Day 9: Venice - Milan Malpensa**

Today you travel to Milan. Take in some of the city’s amazing sights on a locally guided walking tour: view the Opera House La Scala and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, and visit the Duomo – this magnificent Gothic cathedral is the third largest church in Europe. Later, perhaps you will indulge in some shopping at the “Quadrilatero della Moda,” Milan’s high-fashion district. Continue to Milan Malpensa for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

**Day 10: Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends**

Your journey comes to a close in Milan Malpensa this morning. (B)

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Suggested Tours:

- France Magnifique
- Discover Switzerland
- Exploring the Alpine Countries
- Shades of Ireland

CALL FOR DETAILS

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Journey through southern Italy and experience its rich scenery, art, culture, food and wine.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins
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Day 3: Rome
This morning you may join an optional tour to the magnificent treasures of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. Later we set out on a panoramic tour of Classical Rome featuring the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine, followed by an in-depth guided visit of the spectacular Colosseum. Then, contemporary Rome is highlighted through the legendary Piazza Navona. (B)

Day 4: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast
Journey to the Amalfi Coast. En route, make a stop at the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino which is perched on a mountaintop south of Rome. Discover its rich history while exploring the monastery’s ornate chapel, peaceful courtyards and fascinating museum. (B, D)

Day 5: Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Amalfi - Minori - Amalfi Coast
Begin your day exploring the popular and charming seaside resort town of Sorrento. This afternoon, travel to the delightful town of Amalfi where you have time to explore. Next, continue to Minori where you will have

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Discover the amazing mountaintop monastery of Montecassino.
• Tour a buffalo milk mozzarella factory.
• Visit the fascinating National Archaeological Museum in Naples.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Take a panoramic tour of Classical Rome featuring an in-depth guided visit of the spectacular Colosseum.
• Visit the seaside resort town of Sorrento.
• Discover the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.
• Travel by boat to the spectacular island of Capri where a local guide shows you the sights.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• In Minori, sample some of the local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory.
• Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3 Hotel Imperial, Rome
Day 4 - 8 Hotel Raito, Vietri-sul Mare, or Hotel Graal, Amalfi Coast
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
During your stay at the Raito Hotel, Amalfi Coast, you may choose to enjoy a sea view by upgrading your accommodations to a Superior room. Call for details.
Day 9 A.Roma Lifestyle Hotel or The Duke Hotel, Rome
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Rome: Open your tour with more time in the "Eternal City" CALL FOR DETAILS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
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Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins
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**Day 6:** Amalfi Coast - Paestum - Amalfi Coast

After breakfast, discover one of Italy’s most surprising products during a tour of a local buffalo milk mozzarella factory. Your day continues with a visit to Paestum where a local guide will escort you through some of the best-preserved Greek temples outside of Greece. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 7:** Amalfi Coast - Capri - Amalfi Coast

Explore a Mediterranean paradise on the sparkling Bay of Naples when you embark from the port of Salerno and cruise to the wonderful Isle of Capri. Sail past hill towns along the Amalfi Coast, passing colourful homes, lush gardens and architectural marvels. On Capri, enjoy a locally guided tour via minibus and spend time admiring the town of Anacapri where you witness grand views of the island and the Bay of Naples. After free time to experience the charming island independently, ride the funicular back toward the Marina Grande to board your boat for the return trip. (B)

**Day 8:** Amalfi Coast - Pompeii - Winery - Amalfi Coast

Today, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Soak in the history of the preserved original buildings of a typical Roman town 2,000 years ago. A local guide will provide an in-depth tour of this remarkable archaeological site. Stop at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius to savour the famous Lacryma Christi wines and enjoy a typical Neapolitan lunch. (B, L)

**Day 9:** Amalfi Coast - Naples - Rome

Bid farewell to the Amalfi Coast and proceed to colourful and vibrant Naples. Enjoy a visit to the fascinating National Archaeological Museum, one of the finest in the world. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the completion of a marvellous visit to Italy. (B, D)

**Day 10:** Rome - Tour Ends

Your trip comes to a close, leaving you with a lifetime of memories. (B)

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This trip requires a passport. During your stay on the Amalfi Coast standard room accommodations at the Raito Hotel are limited and available on a first come, first served basis for departures utilizing that hotel. Upgrades to superior rooms with partial sea view are available at an additional cost. For departures utilizing the Graal Hotel, please note that while this hotel offers amazing coastal views, your daily driving times will increase by approximately 45 - 60 minutes each way.
Day 1: Overnight Flight  
Experience the romance of travel among the rolling hills of Tuscany and along the colourful coast of the Italian Riviera.

Day 2: Tuscany, Italy - Tuscan Estate - Tour Begins  
Welcome to Tuscany. Settle in for a relaxing 3-night stay at a traditional Tuscan estate. Your journey begins with an interactive pasta-making demonstration with the winery’s on-site chef. Then take your seat for an authentic Tuscan dinner expertly paired with their wines. (D)

Day 3: Tuscan Estate - Florence - Tuscan Estate  
How will you experience the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance?” The choice is yours! Perhaps you’ll join a local Florentine guide to see the city’s iconic sites: view the remarkable Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John, the Piazza della Signoria and Piazza Santa Croce. OR you may join your local guide and see Florence’s lesser-known treasures – the Piazza Santa Maria Novella, the bustling San Lorenzo Market, and visit the Orsanmichele Church; see San Lorenzo Church and admire historic Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence. Later, delight in leisure time to relax or discover this dynamic city on your own. (B)

Day 4: Tuscan Estate - Siena - Tuscan Winery - Tuscan Estate  
A scenic journey through Tuscany’s graceful low-lying hills brings you to the lovely medieval city of Siena. Delight in its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena with its small specialty shops and outdoor cafés. Then it’s on to experience two of Italy’s great regions on a single journey that takes you from a Tuscan estate to the cliffs of Cinque Terre.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Explore the cliff-side villages of the Cinque Terre with a local guide.  
- Experience a guided tour including a visit to the beautiful Cathedral of San Martino.  
- Marvel at the magnificent architecture of the Piazza Dei Miracoli.
- Spend 3 nights in a beautiful Tuscan estate.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Journey to Florence for a tour of the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance.”  
- Explore the medieval city of Siena.  
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!  
Be sure to arrange before trip departure

Day 3 | Join a Florentine guide and choose between seeing the city’s iconic sites or Florence’s lesser-known treasures.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Enjoy an authentic Tuscan dinner expertly paired with locally produced wines.
- Partake in an interactive pasta-making demonstration.
- Savour regional wines with every included dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 | Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4 | Hotel Paggeria Medicea, Tuscany
Days 5 – 7 | Grande Albergo Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 79 for details.

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one of the oldest wine estates in the Siena region. Sit down with a family member to hear about their wine and taste their creations along with other local products. Return to your countryside estate. Perhaps you’ll explore its Medici Villa. Tonight, a local musician will serenade you at dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Tuscan Estate - Lucca - Pisa - Italian Riviera
As you head towards Italy’s picturesque Riviera, make a stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Join a local guide for a tour showcasing the Cathedral of San Martino and the Piazza Napoleone. Next, spend time in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa. Discover the Piazza dei Miracoli, view the Duomo (Cathedral) and, of course, stand before its famous Leaning Tower. Continue on to the spectacular Italian Riviera and check in for your 3-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Italian Riviera
Spend the day exploring the colourful cliff-side villages of the Cinque Terre with a local guide. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. You’ll make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 7: Italian Riviera - Santa Margherita Ligure - Portofino - Italian Riviera
Travel to the seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. Board a boat to glamorous Portofino. Soak in the view of the town’s colourful harbour, dotted by fishing boats and yachts, set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. Return to Santa Margherita Ligure for free time to peruse its charming streets and boutiques. Tonight, cap off an unforgettable journey at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 8: Italian Riviera - Tour Ends
Today your journey comes to a close. (B)
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure, featuring the magic of Venice, Florence and Rome. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country.

Day 2: Venice, Italy - Tour Begins
Welcome to Venice, often called La Serenissima (the most serene) of cities. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Venice - Bologna - Florence
Travel the beautiful Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions to Bologna, Italy’s foodie capital. Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour highlighting the culinary

Day 4: Venice - Bologna - Florence
Explore enchanting Venice with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Your Venetian journey opens on Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark’s Square, the city’s lively hub. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour through the area highlighting St. Mark’s Basilica and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore the hidden spots of this charming city, perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride. The locals say the best way to get to know Venice is to ‘get lost’ here. (B)

Day 5: Venice - Bologna - Florence

Day 6: Venice - Bologna - Florence

Day 7: Venice - Bologna - Florence

Day 8: Venice - Bologna - Florence

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Visit the Academy Gallery to view Michelangelo’s extraordinary David.
- Join a local expert and explore the rich history of Rome’s Colosseum.
- Take in a glass-blowing demonstration on Venice’s Murano Island.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Come to know Venice, one of Italy’s most unique cities, with a local expert.
- Embark on a walking tour featuring Florence’s artistic and architectural gems.
- Join a local guide on your panoramic tour featuring Rome’s treasures.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and more during a Bologna food walking tour.
- Dine in true Italian-style with wine at every included dinner!

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1
Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3
Hotel Sant’Elena, Ca’ dei Conti Hotel, B4 Bellini Venezia or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

Days 4, 5
B4 Astoria Firenze, Florence

Days 6, 7
Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Venice: Take more time in the enchanting city of Venice.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

START EARLY

from romantic Venice to artful Florence and historic Rome,
discover why these cities are Italy’s most popular destinations.
side of this historic city. Explore one of Bologna’s oldest food markets and check out traditional food shops. Discover Bologna’s culture, architecture and history as you enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and more. Then sit down for lunch at one of Bologna’s traditional restaurants. Later we continue to Florence – the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance.” (B, L)

Day 5: Florence
Meet a local expert for an introduction to this city that is a work of art all its own. On a walking tour your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistry. You also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. Later, discover the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo’s magnificent sculpture of David. The remainder of the day is yours to continue exploring Florence’s cultural riches. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Florence - Rome
Today we journey to Rome. This afternoon, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome features such sights as the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs, burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. (B)

Day 7: Rome
Enjoy a full day at leisure to bask in Rome’s cultural treasures independently. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure at your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Rome - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)

ADD A DAY
Rome: Stay an extra night and explore more of the “Eternal City.”
CALL FOR DETAILS

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Triple Room Reduction (-) $30

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SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY
12 DAYS • 16 MEALS
FROM $3109

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Be amazed by the Greek Theatre in Taormina.
- Tour a vineyard and sample its wine.
- Travel to “Sassi di Matera,” an ancient town known for its cave dwellings.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Venture to the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.
- Experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.
- Marvel at the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(For more details, please call for details)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Savour a delicious regional dinner in a winery’s agriturismo restaurant.
- Sample some local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory.
- Wine is included with every meal.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3  Hotel Federico II Central Palace, Palermo
Days 4 – 6  Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos
Days 7, 8  Hilton Garden Inn, Matera
Days 9, 10  Towers Hotel Stabiae or Michelangelo Hotel, Sorrento
Day 11  A. Rome Lifestyle Hotel or Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
1  2  3  4  5
See page 189 for details.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Palermo: Take some time to bask in the food, wine and art of this charming city. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Explore the hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily. You’ll find breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and wonderful cuisine.

Day 2: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo
Come to know Palermo on a tour featuring its lovely

Day 4: Palermo - Agrigento - Giardini Naxos
Travel over the countryside’s rolling hills and past peaceful farmland toward the town of Agrigento. Stop to explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. Here you get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Continue on to Giardini

travel amid the ancient cultures and vibrant landscapes
found only in these distinctive regions of southern Italy.

SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY
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Day 5: Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos
Set off for beautiful Taormina, known for its charming atmosphere, historic monuments and flowering gardens. Join a local guide for a tour of the city. You will see Corso Umberto and the bountiful public gardens, and marvel at its well-preserved Greek Theatre. Enjoy some free time to independently explore this delightful town. (B)

Day 6: Giardini Naxos - Catania - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos
Journey to vibrant Catania where the choice is yours! Join a local guide to visit the cathedral and view other iconic sights of this historic Baroque city (UNESCO); then witness the daily spectacle of bartering for fresh fish and produce at the local market - OR - explore the Museo dello Sbarco (Allied Landing Museum); this moving museum is dedicated to the Allied troops who landed on the southern coast in 1943. Later, gather together to discover the impressive Mt. Etna Volcano National Park with a local expert and take in the spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. Return to Giardini Naxos for the evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Matera
Venture to Matera for a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni on Italy’s mainland. Pass through the beautiful and unspoiled region of Calabria and into the Basilicata region. Make a stop along the way at one of the area’s local wineries. Join an expert on a walk through the cellars and vineyards before sampling their wines at a tasting. Linger over dinner featuring regional cuisine in the winery’s own “agriturismo” restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Matera - Alberobello - Matera
Explore the “Sassi di Matera,” an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history of the site and reasons why it has recently caught the eye of many film producers. Continue to a local shop for a chance to sample some regional produce. Enjoy free time in Matera to browse the boutiques or taste the local cuisine before heading to the mystical town of Alberobello. Marvel at some of its most unusually built homes (UNESCO)—known as trulli—with distinct cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 9: Matera - Salerno - Sorrento Peninsula
Travel towards Campania and the Bay of Naples, one of the most breathtaking areas of Italy. Make a stop in Salerno to explore the historic city center at leisure. Take a moment to gaze at its impressive cathedral, considered to be the most beautiful medieval church in Italy. Arrive at the Sorrento Peninsula in the late afternoon. Sit back and take in the views of this magical place. (B, D)

Day 10: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive - Amalfi - Minori - Sorrento Peninsula
Savour time this morning in the lovely seaside resort town of Sorrento. Then, begin your adventure traversing the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. Make a stop in the charming town of Amalfi where you will have time to explore. Then it’s off to Minori. Take this opportunity to sample regional specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory. Later, sit down for a traditional Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop. Your evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Sorrento Peninsula - Pompeii - Rome
Drive along the Bay of Naples to the excavated ruins of Pompeii, nestled at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. A local guide will provide an in-depth view of this remarkable archaeological site. You will be immersed in history as you explore the preserved buildings of this 2000-year-old Roman town. Later, travel to Rome and celebrate the end of your journey with a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Stay Longer
Rome: The “Eternal City” is calling to you. Take a day to explore its historic treasures. Call for details.

Add a Day
Rome: Discover the city’s rich history and culture.

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COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Southern Italy & Sicily and create one grand experience. Suggested Tours: 1. Discover Croatia 2. Spain’s Classics

Call for details.

This trip requires a passport.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
You are on your way to Sicily. Experience the sights, sounds and charms of this sparkling Mediterranean island.

Day 2: Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins
Welcome to Palermo (UNESCO) — Sicily’s vibrant and welcoming capital. Bursting with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces, its history is waiting to be discovered. This evening, come to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo
Set out on a comprehensive panoramic tour of Palermo. See the historic squares of Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini with their exotic blend of Moorish, Norman and Baroque styles. After being introduced to the Palace of the Normans and La Martorana Church, explore the cathedral that houses the Imperial Crown of Constance of Aragon. Then, it’s off to the nearby town of Monreale. Its 12th-century cathedral dazzles from the moment you step inside. Return to Palermo for a stop at an open-air market to taste traditional Sicilian “street food.” Later today you are invited to a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you on a tour of her family’s home and joins you for an aperitif and hors d’oeuvres in one of the palace’s chambers. (B)

Day 4: Palermo - Corleone - Palermo
Head to the heart of Sicily. Find a warm welcome in the village of Corleone, the namesake of the family from the movie *The Godfather*. For decades the villagers have struggled with the connection to the Mafia and are fighting back. Join a local resident who will guide you through the CIDMA (International Documentary Center of the Mafia and the Anti-Mafia Movement). Hear tales of the Mafia’s brutal past, the plight of the Sicilian people and the struggle to eradicate the Mafia. Make your way back to Palermo for the evening. (B, D)

Day 5: Palermo - Cefalù - Sicilian Countryside - Palermo
Journey into the countryside. Stroll the medieval streets of Cefalù, a seaside town and home to one of Sicily’s most magnificent cathedrals. Then we are off to experience a
day on a family farm. Learn about the variety of products they create and observe how they make a Sicilian favourite – ricotta cheese! Watch a chef prepare other local specialties before sitting down for a hearty lunch featuring family recipes made from their products. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Palermo - Agrigento - Taormina

Epic history and stunning scenery lie ahead in the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), a place filled with ancient Greek ruins. Join an expert for a guided tour as you explore this once prominent Greek colony and the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Your journey continues past the Erei Mountains to Sicily’s stunning Ionian Coast. The coastal city of Taormina is your home for the next four nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Taormina

Today explore Taormina, "the jewel of Sicily." A local guide leads you on a tour of this picturesque city. See the well-preserved Greek theatre, the Duomo and the public gardens. Spend the afternoon on your own getting to know this city perched high above the sea. Dine at a sidewalk café, shop in the town’s boutiques, or you may choose to partake in an optional excursion that gets up-close to majestic Mount Etna. (B)

Day 8: Taormina

The choice is yours! You may choose to visit the hilltop village of Savoca, one of the settings for the classic film The Godfather. This settlement (founded in 134) remains remarkably well preserved; follow its quaint alleyways to the historic Bar Vitelli and the Chiesa di Santa Lucia, a 14th-century church; film buffs are sure to recognize these two landmarks. -OR- you may prefer visiting beautiful Castelmola. Resting on a mountaintop above the community of Taormina, this quaint village offers unparalleled views of Mount Etna, Taormina, the Bay of Giardini Naxos, and the Strait of Messina. (B)

Day 9: Taormina - Siracusa - Taormina

Reflect on the grandeur of ancient Greece while uncovering its archaeological treasures in historic Siracusa. An expert shares stories of its creation while leading you through the Archaeological Park of Neapolis which features an impressive collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. This evening, toast to Sicilian culture during your farewell dinner while serenaded by music from local musicians. (B, D)

Day 10: Taormina - Tour Ends

Your journey through Sicily comes to a close as you return home with many cherished memories. (B)

DATES & PRICES

Call for details.

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Splendid Sicilia and create one grand experience.

Suggested Tours: Rome & Amalfi Coast  Italian Vistas

This trip requires a passport. Air passengers will depart from Catania airport. All of our return transfers will depart from Taormina to Catania airport.
ITALY’S BELLA VITA
9 DAYS  •  11 MEALS
FROM $4729

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Journey through the olive groves and vineyards of the Chianti Rufina region.
- Take a private guided tour of Castello di Tabiano, a medieval castle in the hills of the Parma region.
- Relax as you cruise Lake Como during a boat tour that shows you the villas and vistas of this famous region.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Visit the Academy Museum in Florence, home to Michelangelo’s famous Statue of David.
- See Bellagio, a beautiful city set on Lake Como, known as the “Pearl of the Lake.”

IT’S YOUR CHOICE! (be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 4  |  Walk the historic medieval streets of Bologna on a guided tour or pedal around town on a bicycle tour.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Learn how to craft the delicious and famous Italian cocktail, the Spritz.
- Taste true Italian cuisine during a home-hosted cooking lesson and dinner in historic Bologna.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  |  Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3  |  Hotel Pierre, Florence
Days 4, 5  |  I Portici Hotel, Bologna
Day 6  |  Antico Borgo di Tabiano Castello, Parma Region
Days 7, 8  |  Hilton Lake Como, Como

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 96 for details.

START EARLY
Florence: See the city that birthed the Renaissance before your tour starts.
CALL FOR DETAILS

ADD A DAY
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Day 2: Florence, Italy - Tour Begins
Benvenuti a Firenze! You arrive in Florence – “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance,” home of the Medici, Gucci and Il Duomo. Mangiare and mingle at one of the city’s best local restaurants this evening and settle in for a true Italian experience – the aperitivo - when you learn to craft one of Italy’s most famous cocktails, the Spritz. (D)

Day 3: Florence
The streets and piazzes of Florence await you. A walking tour through Florentine history showcases four pillars of life in this city: art, architecture, food and fashion. Then it’s off to the Chianti Rufina region and the stunning Castello di Trebbio, a countryside retreat once owned by the wealthy Pazzi family. Feeling adventurous? Join your local expert on a Vespa tour* through Tuscany’s olive groves and vineyards. Or, stay back and explore the castle’s family-run vineyard on foot. A trip to one of Italy’s best wine regions wouldn’t be complete without a tasting, so against a pastel sunset, enjoy a tasting of the very best Italy’s wine region has to offer. (B)

Day 4: Florence - Bologna
This morning, join your fellow travelers for a visit to the Galleria dell’Accademia (Gallery of the Academy). An expertly-guided journey through the museum’s halls reveals perhaps the greatest collection of Renaissance art on Earth, not to mention Michelangelo’s marble masterpiece, the David. Afterward, depart Florence on a train to Bologna, capital of the Emilia-Romagna Region. Upon arrival, it’s your choice! Whether you decide to join an expert-guided walk of this medieval city-OR- pedal the city streets on a bicycle tour, you will be immersed in the narrow lanes and winding alleys of this iconic market town. This evening, relax in the homey surroundings of a private apartment in Bologna’s historic center during a home-hosted cooking lesson. Learn the
secrets of making three traditional pasta recipes and enjoy the fruits of your labor over dinner, replete with locally-selected wines and the requisite espresso with dessert. (B, D)

**Day 5: Bologna**
The entire day is at your leisure to explore the region’s thriving capital city, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. Defined by its past but very much alive in the present, Bologna is an eclectic cultural city waiting to be explored. (B)

**Day 6: Bologna - Parma Region**
Bid arrivederci to Bologna and head north to Parma. Stop to experience the workings of a local cheese shop and sample the Parmigiano-Reggiano this region is famous for. Venture to the Castello di Tabiano, a medieval castle rising over rugged hills. Take time to explore the grounds on your own before embarking on a private tour. An expert guide leads you on an intimate sojourn through the castle’s elaborate stuccos, frescos, private rooms and grand reception. Gain insight to the castle’s rich history, including the role it played as one of the feudal period’s most vital defensive monuments. Overnight on the grounds of the castle this evening. (B, D)

**Day 7: Parma Region - Lake Como - Bellagio - Lake Como**
After a leisurely morning, depart for Lake Como, the world-famous resort area that’s charmed visitors for over a hundred years with its legendary villas, monuments and Alpine vistas. At the lake, depart for an afternoon cruise to Bellagio, affectionately known as the “Pearl of the Lake.” Learn the city’s rich history during an orientation tour; then spend time independently exploring the cobbled streets, Romanesque churches, and traditional Italian trattoria. Enjoy the evening at leisure as you take in the picturesque shoreline guarded by the towering drama of the Rhaetian Alps. (B)

**Day 8: Lake Como**
Relax amongst the natural beauty of Lake Como. For early risers, catch a sunrise funicular ride and watch the lake wake up. You may wish to join your guide to explore Como’s lakeside trails and frescoed hamlets on foot or remain at the hotel to enjoy the amenities. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers over a farewell dinner to say Addio Italia! (B, D)

**Day 9: Lake Como - Tour Ends**
Your tour ends today. (B)

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Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.

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. Air passengers will depart from Milan airport. All return transfers will depart from Lake Como for Milan airport. Due to tour scheduling flights must arrive prior to 3pm.*
**TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE**

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS
FROM $3589

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

**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**
(For use to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 9** Explore the 14th century Tower del Mangia at your own pace or join a local guide to explore a local neighborhood.

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**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.

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Day 1  Overnight Flight
Day 2  Hotel Kolbe, Rome
Days 3 – 6  Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, Umbria or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria
Days 7 – 10  UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**
See page 98 for details.

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**EXPLORATIONS**

**SMALL GROUP TOUR**
TRAVEL WITH NO MORE THAN 24 GUESTS

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**see another side of Italy on a cultural journey**

filled with local charms, regional delicacies and delicious wine.

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**START EARLY**

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Follow the less-travelled roads of Umbria and Tuscany. Along the way experience charming towns, regional delicacies and renowned Italian wines.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins
Welcome to Rome – Italy’s dynamic capital city. Say hello to your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Rome - Orvieto - Umbria
Travel to the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto. A local expert leads you on a walking tour amid the town’s treasures, including a visit to its prominent Gothic cathedral, home to a Signorelli fresco. Explore the many sides of Orvieto on your own. Perhaps pause for a leisurely lunch, sip on some white wine and become a part of the local scene. This is just the beginning. You’ll spend the next four nights immersed in country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town. (B, D)

Day 4: Umbria - Spoleto - Cooking Class - Umbria
Set off for a guided walking tour of historic Spoleto. See medieval palaces, the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta, and the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, an aqueduct dating back to the 13th century. Enjoy free time to peruse the town’s shops and cafés. Next, visit a country restaurant housed in a 16th-century farmhouse. This is the Italy few get to experience. Take a stroll through their herb garden (weather permitting) and see how they make their own cheese. Afterwards, join the chef for a hands-on Umbrian
Day 5: Umbria - Assisi - Home-Hosted Lunch - Umbria
Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide. Come to know its history as you stroll the medieval streets, pausing along the way to see its famed Basilica of St. Francis. Next, you are in for a treat when an Umbrian family welcomes you to their country home as they prepare you a delicious home-cooked meal. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

Day 6: Umbria - Montefalco - Winery - Bevagna
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 7: Umbria - Winery - Tuscany
It’s on to Tuscany! You’ll fall in love with the picturesque Renaissance landscape of hills and villages as you make your way through the Val d’Orcia region. Of course you’ll make a stop at a local winery to see the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. The winery’s chef creates an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced on-site. The winery’s chef creates an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced on-site. Later, make yourself creates an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced on-site. 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 8: Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany
Today it’s Florence, “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance.” Join a local guide for a walking tour of the city’s iconic sights. Return to another age as you view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, located in the religious center of the Piazza del Duomo and the Palazzo Vecchio. Catch a glimpse into the creative side of Florence when you meet a local artisan in his workshop to see how and where he refines his craft. Take some time to browse the shops and explore Florence on your own. (B)

Day 9: Tuscany - Siena - Monteriggioni - Tuscany
Travel to the city of Siena. During your locally guided walking tour, visit the historic piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race. Then, the choice is yours! Explore the 14th-century Torre (Tower) del Mangia, the 3rd tallest tower in Italy at your own pace or - 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 10: Tuscany - Volterra - San Gimignano - Tuscany
Roll along the country roads to Volterra, a former Etruscan city perched high above the countryside. Spend time at the Guarnacci Museum, one of the oldest public museums in Europe, founded in 1761. Then it’s on to an alabaster carving demonstration at a local workshop. Later, travel to San Gimignano, known as the “City of Beautiful Towers.” Look up to see the town’s fourteen medieval towers that date back to the 13th century. Enjoy a stroll along Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Cisterna. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. Partake in an interactive and fun presentation on wine by the restaurant’s sommelier. (B, D)

Day 11: Tuscany - Tour Ends
Your journey comes to a close in Montaione. (B)
ITALY’S TREASURES
12 DAYS • 17 MEALS
FROM $3999

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!
[Itinary needs to appear before trip departures]

Day 6 | Discover the city of Lucca on foot or by bicycle. Visit the Cathedral of San Martino, the Piazza Napoleone and the Piazza dell’Anfiteatro.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Travel by boat to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori.
• Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by an expert chef.
• Attend a cocktail party in Stresa, and sample some local products.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 | Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3 | Regina Palace Hotel or Grand Hotel des Îles Borromées, Stresa
Days 4, 5 | Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Hotel Vis à Vis or Grande Albergo, Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera
Days 6 – 9 | Villa Lecchi, Tuscany
Days 10, 11 | Hotel Ca’ dei Conti or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 100 for details.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Stresa: Enjoy more time on the shores of beautiful Lake Maggiore.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out on your overnight flight to Italy!

Day 2: Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins
Begin in Stresa, on the shore of Lago Maggiore. Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party, tasting some local specialties. A boat transports you to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands. (D)

Day 3: Stresa
Today, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains where you’ll stop at a local farm to sample their artisanally produced cheeses paired with the region’s delicious wines. The remainder of your day in Stresa is at leisure. Perhaps you will investigate the piazzas, flower-lined cobbledstone streets and lakeside promenades; or, relax on an optional cruise on this scenic lake and take in the breathtaking surroundings. (B)

Day 4: Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera
Depart the Italian Lakes region for Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast. Stop at Lake Orta and take a boat to Isola di San Giulio. Walk the grounds of this charming island with its working convent. Experience the outdoor cafés and shops of this lakeside resort. Continue on to the Italian Riviera. (B, D)

Day 5: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre
Spend your day discovering the 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 adventure. (B)

Day 6: Italian Riviera - Lucca - Tuscan Villa
Drive to the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Then, it’s your choice! You decide how you want to discover Lucca: on foot or by bicycle. Either way, you’ll visit the Cathedral of San
Martino, the Piazza Napoleone and the Piazza dell’Anfiteatro. Then, set off to get a taste of the region by sampling some seasonal, local delicacies at specialty food shops. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa and begin a relaxing 4-night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Florence
Get to know Florence with a walking tour of the city’s treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, and the Piazza della Signoria. Visit the Museo della Casa Fiorentina Antica, housed in the 14th-century Palazzo Davanzati. Explore independently before returning to your villa. (B)

Day 8: Siena
Travel to Siena for an expert-led walking tour. Visit the town’s dramatic cathedral, a stunning example of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. Stroll through narrow medieval streets as you experience life in this historic cultural center. Return to your villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuscan Countryside
Visit a winery in the heart of Tuscany that showcases the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by the winery’s own chef. Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch expertly paired with wines produced on-site. Return to the villa for some leisure time. At dinner, continue your sampling of Tuscan cuisine in one of Tuscany’s traditional restaurants. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice
Depart for Venice. En route, stop in Bologna where you take a guided walking tour of the center virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. Here you’ll sample local delicacies at specialty food shops. Later, arrive in romantic Venice for your 2-night stay. (B)

Day 11: Venice
Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration. Return to St. Mark’s Square for a locally guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark’s Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, and a visit to the Doge’s Palace. Tonight, partake in a celebratory farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Venice - Tour Ends
Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

ADD A DAY
Venice: Complete your tour with another enchanting night in this one-of-a-kind city. CALL FOR DETAILS

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RATES ARE LAND ONLY, PER PERSON AND IN CANADIAN DOLLARS. CALL ABOUT ADDITIONAL DATES.

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

This trip requires a passport. Our air guests will arrive into Milan airport and depart out of Venice airport. All of our departure transfers will depart from Venice city center to the Venice airport.

ADD A DAY

VENICE: Complete your tour with another enchanting night in this one-of-a-kind city. CALL FOR DETAILS

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Italy’s Treasures and create one grand experience. Suggested Tours: Rome & the Amalfi Coast French Impressions CALL FOR DETAILS
**SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY**

9 DAYS • 10 MEALS
FROM $1779

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**
- Visit the Academy Gallery and Michelangelo’s famous statue of “David.”
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans’ last lines of defense during WWII.
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers.

**MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**
- Stay in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme for seven nights!
- Journey to Florence for a tour of the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance.”
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.
- See the Ponte del Diavolo (Devil’s Bridge) in Borgo a Mozzano.

**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**
(As per tour manager before trip departs)

**DAY 6 |** Explore Siena’s Gothic Cathedral at your own pace or join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighborhood).

**CULINARY INCLUSIONS**
- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting in the Chianti region.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavourful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.
- Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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See page 399 for details.

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**LET TUSCANY BECOME A PART OF YOUR LIFE.**

Relax as you enjoy its sprawling vineyards, charming medieval hill towns and enchanting cities.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight**
Rolling landscapes, savoury wines, delicious food and stunning architecture...this can only be Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy’s most charming towns.

**Day 2: Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins**
Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

**Day 3: Florence**
A cultural tour in the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance” showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city’s priceless treasures including a visit to the Academy Gallery – housing Michelangelo’s monumental statue of David. At the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistry dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your day to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. (B)

**Day 4: Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line**
Set out on a guided visit to Lucca, Tuscany’s best-kept secret. Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, medieval streets flanked by towers, and delightful squares are just some of Lucca’s charms. Visit the medieval Basilica di San Frediano. Its otherwise simple façade is adorned with a colourful 13th-century mosaic. Enjoy some time to explore at your own pace. Next, set off for Borgo a Mozzano to see the remarkable Ponte del Diavolo (Devil’s Bridge). Continue on to the Gothic Line. Built by the Germans, it was one of their last lines of defense during WWII. You will visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers. (B)

**Day 5: Pisa**
Explore the many historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or “Field of Miracles” (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy...
during your stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. You probably won’t be able to resist taking a picture that makes it appear as if you are holding this iconic structure up. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in all of Italy. This impressive building of Romanesque and Gothic architecture is known for its perfect acoustics. This evening we travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class featuring a bounty of local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Then sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labour during dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Siena
Welcome to Siena. Discover this charming town with a local guide. Embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets. Take in stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo along the way. Then, it’s your choice! Explore Siena’s beautiful Gothic Cathedral at your own pace – OR – join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighborhood). Next we make our way to a Tuscan winery and meet the people behind some of Chianti’s finest wines. Learn from experts as you savour a selection of the local varieties. You’ll also learn about the art of winemaking and the process of making olive oil. (B)

Day 8: Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano
Begin the day with breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills as we make our way to a cheese farm. Learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Afterwards, travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking the vineyards of Tuscany. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savoury wines in the magical Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

Day 9: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends
Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)
SPOTLIGHT ON ROME
7 DAYS • 8 MEALS
FROM $1719

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Enjoy a guided visit to the Vatican Museums.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Browse the medieval open-air Campo dei Fiori Market.
• Step into the past as you visit the Roman Colosseum.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
[Be sure to arrange before trip departure]
DAY 3 | You may choose to discover the beauty of Rome’s mosaics with a local guide or join a local expert for a walking tour of the city.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chef-led cooking class.
• Enjoy a special farewell dinner with music from local musicians.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Days 2–6: Hotel Dei Borgia, Rome
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

SPOTLIGHTS SINGLE HOTEL STAY

fall in love with Rome on a journey
that takes you through the deep and fascinating history of this city and its people.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Embark on your adventure through the art, history and culture of Rome, “The Eternal City.”

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Rome. You will be captivated by its old-world charm blending with its lively cosmopolitan energy. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Rome 🌟
Today the choice is yours! Discover the beauty of the sophisticated ancient art of mosaics with a local guide who leads you to some of Rome’s churches that are bursting with mosaic masterpieces; gaze at the amazing works of art in the Basilica di San Clemente, Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore and Basilica di Santa Prassede -OR- join a local expert for a walking tour of the city that culminates at the famous Fontana di Trevi – legend holds that if you toss a coin in the fountain, you’ll be certain to return to Rome. The remainder of the day is yours to uncover more of the city’s treasures on your own. (B)

Day 4: Rome
Today you’ll explore Rome’s culinary treasures. First, set off on a walking tour through the “Eternal City” to the

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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famed Campo dei Fiori Market. Shop side-by-side with the locals as you browse this medieval open-air market. Next, you’re off to discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chef-led cooking class. Learn how to prepare three types of pasta! Next, sit back and savour regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. (B, L)

**Day 5: Rome**
This morning you’ll come to know the history and traditions of ancient Rome. Imagine the energy of 80,000 spectators cheering during your visit to the Colosseum, once home to gladiatorial combat and wild animal fights dating back to the first century A.D. This afternoon, continue exploring Rome’s artistic treasures during a guided visit to the Vatican Museums. You will be in awe of the opulence at the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Basilica. (B)

**Day 6: Rome**
Your day is at leisure to relax, shop or explore the city your way. Perhaps you’ll visit one of Rome’s many remarkable museums including the Capitoline Museum or the Borghese Gallery. Or, you may decide to explore the Capuchin Crypt beneath the church of Santa Maria della Concezione, containing the skeletons of approximately 4,000 friars. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a special farewell dinner where you’ll be serenaded with music from local musicians. (B, D)

**Day 7: Rome - Tour Ends**
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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**Triple Room Reduction**
(-) $30

Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.

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

This trip requires a passport.
SHRINES OF ITALY
11 DAYS • 15 MEALS
FROM $2319

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Spend time at the renowned Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict.
• In Pompeii, visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary.
• Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi.
• See the Gargano Peninsula and explore the Grotto of St. Michael.
• Celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City.
• Stroll through the catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead.
• Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Day 2  Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome
Days 3, 4  Grand Hotel Dei Congressi Assisi, Assisi
Days 5, 6  Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo
Day 7  Hotel Scapolatiello, Cava de Tirreni or Holiday Inn Salerno, Cava de Tirreni
Days 8 – 10  Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

Day 3: Rome - Assisi
Travel north to Assisi and begin your tour at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause to reflect at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Later, have time at the Church of St. Clare, who founded the Order of Poor Clares and followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild his church. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi highlighting the huge 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis’ possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (B, D)

Day 4: Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion
Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full day optional excursion to Florence, the “Renaissance City,” where a local expert provides a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore - one of the largest in the Christian world, and the Baptistry doors. You also view the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy several hours at leisure in Florence before returning to Assisi. (B)

Day 5: Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo
Begin your day with a special visit to Monte Sant’ Angelo. Take in the breathtaking views of the Gargano Peninsula
and explore one of the most celebrated shrines of early Christianity – the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Many popes and saints have knelt and prayed at this grotto, seeking the protection of Saint Michael. Later, return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. This is followed by a tour of the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918, as well as Padre Pio’s tomb. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey toward God. (B, D)

Day 7: San Giovanni Rotondo - Abbey of Santissima Trinita - Campania
Journey through the picturesque landscape of the regions of Apulia and Campania to Cava de Tirreni. Be introduced to the Benedictine Abbey of Santissima Trinita, founded in the 11th century by a local saint. After a guided visit to the abbey you will have the option of celebrating Mass. (B, D)

Day 8: Campania- Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary- Abbey of Montecassino- Rome
Continue your travels to the town of Pompeii where you will visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, one of the most famous shrines of Christianity. Later, travel to Montecassino to discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D. This sacred place houses the relics of St. Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during the battles that took place here during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. End your day in Rome. (B)

Day 9: Rome - Papal Audience - Vatican Museum
This morning, attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Later, visit the Vatican Museum where you will view such historical treasures as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo’s restored mural of the Last Judgment. Then it’s on to the breathtaking St. Peter’s Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Known as the grandest of the world’s churches, St. Peter’s is unsurpassed in beauty. (B)

Day 10: Rome - Christian Rome City Tour
Begin your day at the Basilica St. Paul Outside the Walls; the remains of St. Paul are located under its main altar. You’ll celebrate Mass before making your way to the catacombs where early Christians fearing persecution hid and buried their dead. Continue on to visit the other major Roman basilicas, St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran, the former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (B)

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018

Double  Solo
February 20 $2729  $3239
March 6, 13, 20 $2959  $3539
March 27 $3029  $3649
April 3, 10, 17, 24 $3099  $3819

May 2018 – April 2019

Double  Solo
May 15 $2909  $3589
June 12 $2909  $3589
July 10 $2909  $3589
September 4, 11, 18, 25 $3049  $3719
October 2, 9, 16 $3049  $3719

November 6, 13, 20, 27 $2779  $3319
December 4* $2319  $2729
February 19* $2319  $2729
March 12 $2629  $3169
March 19 $2779  $3319
April 2, 23 $3049  $3719

Triple Room Reduction  (-) $30

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Combining Tours

Combine two tours into one adventure.

Suggested Tours:

1. Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona
2. Pilgrimage to Poland

Call for details.

This trip requires a passport.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland, a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins
Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city’s old section featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbour and Reykjavík’s oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a sumptuous Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík
Travel the stunning Golden Circle, a route encompassing many of Iceland’s most renowned natural wonders:

- Cruise on the ice-strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, gliding past icebergs.
- Travel to the Golden Circle, one of many of Iceland’s natural wonders.
- Journey to the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall.

Day 4: Snæfellsnes-Cave/Lava Field Tour-Breiðafjörður Cruise-Stykkishólmur
Experience the otherworldliness of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Take in the dramatic landscapes of black and white sand beaches, magnificent cliffs, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, soaring waterfalls, rocky coastlines.

Day 8: Embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula and take a dip in the Blue Lagoon or enjoy a whale watching adventure.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Learn about the 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Gain a local’s perspective of Reykjavík on a walking tour.
- Explore Skógar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Cruise on the ice-strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, gliding past icebergs.
- Travel to the Golden Circle, one of many of Iceland’s natural wonders.
- Journey to the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Try an Icelandic delicacy — cured “hákarl.”
- Savour Icelandic cuisine at a popular restaurant.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3: Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavík
Day 4: FossHotell, Stykkishólmar
Days 5 – 7: Hotel Katla Hofdabrekka, Vik
Day 8: Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavík

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Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice
9 Days • 13 Meals
From $3919
intimate fishing villages, and its remarkable Snæfellsjökull glacier. This afternoon it’s your choice! Select a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour and descend 100 feet below ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube where you’ll experience total darkness and see amazing rock pigments, lava formations, stalagmites and stalactites -OR- you may choose to walk the lava field and put your camera to work snapping photos of nature’s artwork of varying textures, colours and arrangements of this dramatic landscape. Next, continue on and pause at Kirkjufell, acclaimed to be the most photographed mountain in Iceland. Your day concludes with a nature cruise in Breiðafjörður Bay. Experience countless birds like puffins, cormorants, kittiwakes and the majestic white tailed eagle soaring amongst basalt rock columns. While cruising, try delicious fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. Seafood simply doesn’t come fresher than this! (B, D)

**Day 5:** Stykkishólmur - Vík
Embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark. See the fishing boat that their grandfather used; the tiny farmer’s church; and explore the museum to learn more about Iceland’s historic relationship with this trade. Before leaving, taste “hákari,” cured shark meat. Continue the adventure travelling Iceland’s south coast. Learn about geothermal renewable energy with a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. See the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Next, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, gannet and various types of seagulls. Later, see the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. (B, D)

**Day 6:** Vík - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Center - Skógar Museum - Vík
Make a picture stop at Waterfall Seljalandsfoss, one of the largest in Iceland, and descend 100 feet below ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube where you’ll experience total darkness and see amazing rock pigments, lava formations, stalagmites and stalactites. Visit Skógar Museum covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built houses. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Next, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, gannet and various types of seagulls. Later, see the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. (B, D)

**Day 7:** Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skálafell - Vík
Your day concludes with a nature cruise in Breiðafjörður Bay. Experience countless birds like puffins, cormorants, kittiwakes and the majestic white tailed eagle soaring amongst basalt rock columns. While cruising, try delicious fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. Seafood simply doesn’t come fresher than this! (B, D)

**Day 8:** Vík - Blue Lagoon or Whale Watching - Reykjavík
It’s your choice! Choose how to enjoy your last day in Iceland! Perhaps you’ll embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home to the Blue Lagoon; take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. -OR- maybe you’d prefer to further explore the wonders of Iceland’s waters during an informative whale watching adventure in the bay of Faxafjörður, have your camera ready for minke and humpback whale sightings, along with white-beaked dolphins and harbour porpoises in their natural habitat. Later, gather with your fellow travellers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

**Day 9:** Reykjavík - Tour Ends
Depart for home with many incredible Icelandic memories. (B)

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Reykjavík: Keep your Icelandic adventure going with another night in this vibrant capital. **Call for details**
ICELAND’S 
MAGICAL 
NORTHERN LIGHTS
7 DAYS • 10 MEALS
FROM $3249

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Explore the Skogar Folk Museum and come to understand Icelandic life.
- Stop at Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach with basalt formations.
- Embark on a search for the northern lights, a dazzling astronomical display.
- Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Search for nature’s dazzling display on a northern lights cruise.
- Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur.
- See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs.
- Travel the famous Golden Circle and take in Iceland’s natural beauty.
- See the beautiful Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland’s most famous waterfalls.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Enjoy gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular restaurant.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Day 2  Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik
Days 3 – 5  Hotel Katla, Hofdiabrekka, Vik
Day 6  Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis — one of nature’s most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.

Day 2: Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Reykjavik. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja Church, city hall, the harbour and Reykjavik’s oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise (weather dependent). Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis — or northern lights — one of nature’s wonders. When revealed you will be dazzled by the flickering display of light bursting with colour that unfolds before your eyes. (D)

Day 3: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Vik
Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland’s most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation’s most historic area. Icelanders gathered here in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world’s first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe’s most geologically significant landscapes — Thingvellir’s rugged rift valley — a UNESCO World Heritage site marking the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Next, see the beautiful...
Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Continue southeast to Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis – the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

**Day 4:** Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre - Skogar Museum - Vik

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a family's struggle to live during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano that brought European flights to a halt. Visit Skogar Folk Museum which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built homes. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky (dependent upon visibility ratings). (B, D)

**Day 5:** Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftefell National Park - Vik

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see some seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftefell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park. The largest national park in Europe, Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland’s highest mountains; an Alpine environment; and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe’s largest. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky (dependent upon visibility ratings). (B, D)

**Day 6:** Vik - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

**Day 7:** Reykjavik - Tour Ends

Depart for home with incredible memories. (B)

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**Combine Two Tours into One Adventure**

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

**Stay Longer**

**Add a Day**

**Stay Longer in Reykjavik:** Relax after your tour in this small capital that’s packed with big experiences.

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This trip requires a passport. The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
You are on your way to Iceland. From ethereal lava fields to thundering waterfalls to coastal villages, this tour reveals the island’s dramatic contrasts.

Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins
Your journey opens in Reykjavík. Step into Icelandic culture and explore the historic side of this capital city during a guided walking tour. As we make our way through the old section of the city, see the towering Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour and Reykjavík’s oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design center. Marvel at Reykjavík’s modern architecture, especially the Harpa concert hall and its famous glass façade. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a delectable Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (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 center. Learn how the Icelanders grow delicious pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of the island’s geothermal energy. Witness the Icelandic farm-to-table culinary culture. We have more in store as you discover the special breed of Icelandic horse during a brief show and stable visit on a family-run farm. (B)

Day 4: Reykjavík - Akureyri - Staðarbraut - Æðafossar - Húsavík
Experience the true beauty of the way up north. This
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 Skálafellsvatn. Aboard specialized zodiacs, get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see the humpback, minke, orca, fin or even the giant blue whales that frequent these waters. This afternoon enjoy some leisure time and meet the people who call this town home. (B)

Day 6: Húsavík - Lake Mývatn - Dettifoss - Asbyrgi Canyon - Húsavík

Day 7: Húsavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Stykkishólmur
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Lead your own dog sledding team.
• Overnight in a glass igloo amid the Lapland wilderness.
• Meet Santa Claus himself and the Lappish reindeer.
• Stay for two nights in a Finnish log cabin.
• Mush your way to breakfast in a Finnish sleigh.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Experience Lapland during a 3-night stay in the north of Finland.
• Tour Helsinki with a local expert.
• Set out on nightly northern lights searches in Lapland.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Savour Finnish cuisine in Helsinki's local restaurants.
• Enjoy warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1      Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3   Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki
Days 4 - 6  Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort-West Village, Kakslauttanen
            ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
            Upgrade your stay to a Kelo glass igloo for all 3 nights. CALL FOR DETAILS
Day 7      Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

START EARLY
Helsinki: Take another night before your tour begins to enjoy this vibrant capital.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins
Your adventure begins in Helsinki, a city with a vibrant architectural style that blends classicism and functionalism. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the city center. (D)

Day 3: Helsinki
Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. Visit Senate Square, the heart of Helsinki. Designed by famous architect Carl Ludvig Engel, it is home to the city's most iconic building, the Helsinki Cathedral. Continue your exploration on foot as you make your way through the historic streets of Tori Quarters, where the old city meets the new. Enjoy some free time in Market Square and discover the local 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 and catch a glimpse of 19th-century daily life in this charming town. A scenic drive along the Porvoo River brings you to the town's iconic red painted storage houses traditionally used to store delicacies from foreign lands. (B)

Day 4: Helsinki - Ivalo - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search
Board your flight to Lapland, Finland’s rugged northern region. Known for its unique culture, this mythical land offers up views of the northern lights, reindeer encounters, and Arctic treasures. This afternoon, explore the splendor of the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, where you will enjoy a 3-night stay. Enjoy the glass and snow igloos, an ice chapel, Finnish sauna and intricate native artwork. Spend the next two evenings in your personal
Finnish log cabin equipped with a private fireplace and sauna. Join your fellow travellers on a northern lights trek as you travel north towards Inari, making stops along the way for the best views of the northern lights. Stop to gaze at the sky above and be amazed at the dancing colours in the sky. (B, D)

Day 5: Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus’ Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights
Awake amidst the dramatic scenery. Experience the nature around you as you mush your way to breakfast in a Finnish sleigh. Learn the origins of Santa Claus during a meet and greet at his home (seasonal). The Christmas cheer is an undeniable component of the Lappish culture. This evening, prepare for an Arctic adventure exploring the remote areas of Kakslauttanen on a reindeer safari. A reindeer farmer introduces you to your companions, the Finnish reindeer! Sip a traditional Lappish drink of warm berry juice as you sleigh through the unspoiled wilderness. Cozy under the blankets, continue your search for the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 6: Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search
Begin an exquisite day in the Arctic as commander of your own dog sled team!

Cute, fast and born to lead, these huskies will show you the way through the snowcapped scenery. Become acquainted with the dogs, the commands and the equipment before embarking on your adventure. Enjoy your last night in Kakslauttanen in the heart of Lappish wilderness. If you choose to upgrade your accommodations, you may find the northern lights dancing over your private glass igloo. (B, D)

Day 7: Kakslauttanen - Helsinki
This morning say farewell to Lapland as you board your flight back to Helsinki. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore the city’s central squares, charming shops, and the latest Finnish trends. Finally, celebrate your journey during a farewell dinner in downtown Helsinki. Share your memories, photos and unforgettable Lappish experiences. (B, D)

Day 8: Helsinki - Tour Ends
Set out for home with many incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)

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ADD A DAY

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

DATES & PRICES

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Triple Room Reduction (-) $50
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Make a stop at the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum.
• Travel the breathtaking Bergen Railway through fjords and mountains.
• Journey the Flam Railway, named one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Cruise the stunning Nærøyfjord, the narrowest fjord in Europe.
• Explore Bryggen, Bergen's old Hanseatic wharf, and a UNESCO site.
• Unpack once for a truly unforgettable 6-night Norwegian cruise.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
[Be sure to arrange before trip departure]

Day 3: In Stockholm, embark on a tour showcasing the city’s greatest sites or explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Savour Swedish cuisine at the 17th-century Fem Sma Hus.
• Enjoy the freshest culinary products on board with most ingredients locally sourced.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3  Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Stockholm
Days 4, 5  Copenhagen Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen
Day 6  Hotel Bristol, Oslo
Day 7  Scandic Neptun, Bergen
Days 8 – 13  Hurtigruten Cruise
Day 14  Hotel Bristol, Oslo
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 119 for details.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out for Scandinavia, one of the world's most incredible regions. Explore the fascinating capital cities of Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo. See majestic mountains, fjords, fishing villages, historic towns, and experience a true milestone as your ship sails across the Arctic Circle to the very top of Europe.

Day 2: Stockholm, Sweden - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in captivating Stockholm, a perfect blend of old and new. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the old town at Fem Sma Hus. This stunning restaurant is comprised of five connected timber-framed houses from the 17th century and captures the flavour of a bygone era.

Day 3: Stockholm
This morning it’s your choice! Embark on a tour of Stockholm’s city sights, showcasing the city’s greatest vistas and fascinating attractions including the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament, concluding with a visit to Stockholm’s City Hall - OR - you may prefer to explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour with a stop at one of Sweden’s sweetest traditions, a candy cane-making factory, for a demonstration. Later, we make a stop at the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum to learn about its shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in one nautical mile. This ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbour. Perfectly preserved, it offers a rare glimpse into the amazing craftsmanship of the 17th century.

Day 4: Stockholm - Copenhagen, Denmark
Take a morning flight to delightful Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Later, join a local expert on an engaging city tour. View Denmark’s center of Parliament,

explore Scandinavia’s fascinating capital cities
of Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo and sail past majestic mountains, breathtaking fjords and charming fishing villages.
Day 5: Copenhagen
Today you may choose to spend your day at leisure in Copenhagen or perhaps join an optional excursion to Frederiksborg Castle, formerly the residence of the Danish royal family. (B)

Day 6: Copenhagen - Oslo, Norway
Fly to Norway, a land of intense natural beauty and famous for its deep fjords, steep mountain roads, Viking legends, and well-preserved historical sites. Upon arrival, your guided tour of regal Oslo features a visit to the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, and views of Karl Johan Street, the Royal Palace, City Hall and the new Opera building. Then it’s on to Vigelands Park where you will find the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland’s life’s work. (B)

Day 7: Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm Railway - Gudvangen - Voss - Bergen
Today you embark on the legendary “Norway in a Nutshell” tour! All aboard the Bergen Railway to experience Europe’s most scenic rail journey. Have your camera ready as this legendary tour takes you through Norway’s most breathtaking fjord and mountainous terrain on its way to Bergen. Switch trains in Myrdal and travel 12 miles on the famous Flåm Railway, a masterpiece of engineering, taking you 2,800 breathtaking feet in 55 minutes to the village of Flåm on Sognefjord, Norway’s longest (120 miles) and deepest (more than a mile). Next, cruise Nærøyfjord (UNESCO), the narrowest fjord in Europe with stunning views of waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. In Gudvangen, your journey continues by bus to Voss, board the train for Bergen, one of Norway’s oldest and most iconic cities. (B, D)

Day 8: Bergen - Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Board Ship
Join your fellow travellers on a leisurely paced walking tour of Bergen. Explore the picturesque, old Bryggen Wharf (UNESCO) with its tiny wooden houses and narrow streets. Mingle with the locals at the fish market located in the “heart” of the city. Then prepare for your memorable 6-night cruise – the “World’s Most Beautiful Voyage” – sailing along the stunning Norwegian coastline. This evening, board your Hurtigruten ship. Sit back and take in the treasure trove of landscapes, scenery, sights and sounds that surround you. (B, D)

Day 9: Board Ship

Day 10: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound
Today, enjoy some time in the historic city of Trondheim. Founded by Viking King Olav in A.D. 997, it was the location of the first capital of Norway and is still the city where new kings receive their ceremonial blessings. Later, continue toward the Land of the Midnight Sun, passing rugged coastlines en route to Rorvik which sits among 6,000 islands. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound
Today you become one of a select few as our cruise ship crosses the Arctic Circle on our way to Bodo. Gaze at the distant rugged peaks and to the infinite sky... keep an eye out for white-tailed sea eagles found in this region. Continue sailing, crossing the stunning Vestfjord and past the breathtaking Lofoten Islands before pausing briefly at the villages of Stamsund and Svolvaer. Later, sail on past the majestic Trollfjord. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound
Take in the serenity as we sail past a chain of islands on our way to the small town of Harstad. Stop here for a moment before continuing on to Tromso, capital of the Arctic. Find yourself immersed in beautiful fjords and mountains. Located 220 miles north of the Arctic Circle, Tromso is home to the world’s northernmost university, botanical garden and cathedral. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound
Your voyage continues along Norway’s northernmost region, pausing briefly along the way at sleepy villages and busy ports surrounded by breathtaking panoramas. Have some time in the peaceful town of Honningsvåg, the capital of North Cape, situated closer to the North Pole than it is to Oslo. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Kirkenes - Disembark Ship - Oslo
Early this morning we arrive in Kirkenes, home to the Sami people who have herded reindeer for centuries. Disembark your ship and fly back to Oslo. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip filled with the breathtaking scenery and cultural treasures of Scandinavia. (B, D)

Day 15: Oslo - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)
Day 1:
Overnight Flight
Set out to explore Scandinavia by land as you experience one of the world’s most incredible regions.

Day 2:
Copenhagen, Denmark - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. Take some time to venture out on your own and come to know this cosmopolitan capital, dubbed the “gastro capital of Scandinavia.” Tonight, meet your fellow travellers during a local dining experience highlighting the New Nordic Cuisine movement of Copenhagen. (D)

Day 3:
Copenhagen
Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. View Denmark’s center of Parliament, known as Christianborg; Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family; and the Royal Theater. This afternoon, enjoy a remarkable guided walk along Bergen’s harbourfront.

Day 4:
Copenhagen - Vaxjo, Sweden
Cross the famous Oresund Bridge into Sweden. Stop at the Ikea Museum to be immersed in the history of this signature furniture brand. Later, travel to Vaxjo – gateway to Sweden’s famous “glass kingdom,” home to the well-known brand Kosta Boda. Discover the genuine Swedish tradition of glassblowing at Sweden’s oldest operating glassworks factory, established in 1742. (B)

Day 5:
Vaxjo - Stockholm
Continue north to Sweden’s capital city of Stockholm. Once in Stockholm, it’s your choice! Explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour with a stop at one of Sweden’s sweetest traditions, a candy cane making factory, for a demonstration -OR- see the city on a panoramic coach tour that highlights the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament, as well as a
Day 6: Stockholm

Begin the day by exploring the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum and learn about its shocking maiden voyage when it sank in one nautical mile. This ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbour. Perfectly preserved, it offers a rare glimpse into the amazing craftsmanship of the 17th century. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Stockholm independently. Discover its strikingly colourful architecture and sample its innovative cuisine. Perhaps you will choose to join an optional excursion that offers a privately guided tour of Stockholm’s spectacular archipelago. (B)

Day 7: Stockholm - High Speed Train - Oslo, Norway

All aboard! Sit back, relax and enjoy as you travel through Sweden’s picturesque countryside aboard the innovative high-speed train. Cross the Norwegian border and arrive in Oslo, one of Europe’s fastest-growing cities, nestled between the Oslofjord and forested hills. Norway’s capital since 1814, Oslo is the center of Norwegian government and home to the royal family. You’ll find a vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with an abundance of world-class museums, restaurants and art. (B, D)

Day 8: Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking ships. Continue along Karl Johan Street and view the Royal Palace and city hall in quaint downtown Oslo. Next, visit Vigeland Park, home to the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland’s life’s work. Later this afternoon, enjoy some free time to relax or explore independently. (B)

Day 9: Oslo - Flam

Depart Norway’s capital and travel north to the majestic fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church. This intricate structure, built in 1180, is dedicated to the Apostle Andrew. Arrive in the quaint village of Flam, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. Embark on one of the world’s steepest train rides, the renowned Flam Railway. Ascend to 3,000 feet, passing mighty waterfalls, towering mountains and amazing valleys. Journey to the mountain plateau of Myrdal and cascade down to the fjord of Flam offering breathtaking views each way. (B, D)

Day 10: Flam - Loen

Travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier, considered to be one of the most beautiful glaciers in Norway. Climb the glacier in a traditional “troll” car before arriving in stunning Loen for a relaxing stay in the heart of Norway’s fjord region. (B, D)

Day 11: Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Spend the day enchanted by the inspiring landscape of the fjord region of Norway. Journey to Geiranger, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, taking in some of the most beautiful scenery in Norway along the way. Known as one of the most famous fjords in the world, Geirangerfjord is where you find Norway’s mighty waterfalls: the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil and the Suitor. Homesteads are a continued presence on the steep sides of the mountains, where farms have been kept for centuries. (B, D)

Day 12: Loen - Bergen

Take in Norway’s most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen, known as the gateway to the fjords. Bergen was founded with Viking roots and today is known for its old-world charm and scenic landscapes. (B)

Day 13: Bergen

Join your fellow travellers on a guided walking tour of Bergen. Stroll along the historic and iconic harbourfront, known as the Bryggen (UNESCO). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure and reunite with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood. (B, D)

Day 14: Bergen - Tour Ends

(B)

You have come so far

Complete your trip with a 3-Night Iceland Post-Tour Extension

Set out to explore a land and culture formed by fire and ice.

[See page 184 for details]

You have come so far.

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Suggested Tours:
- Imperial Cities
- Scenic Trains
- Exploring the Alpine Countries

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Triple Room Reduction: N/A

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Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district. In a traditional taverna, feast on local cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek entertainment. (D)

Day 3: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, it's your choice! Choose a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis or embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including the Temple of Hephaestus. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

Day 4: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock “towers” that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 5: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work.
Day 7: Olympia - Mycenae - Tolo
Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnesian to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

Day 8: Olympia - Mycenae - Tolo
Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Tolo. (B)

Day 9: Tolo - Athens - Mykonos
This morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you sail across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. (B, D)

Day 10: Mykonos
Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don’t miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B)

Day 11: Mykonos - Santorini
Sail to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. (B, D)

Day 12: Santorini - Oia - Santorini
Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the “Minoan Pompeii,” the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1550 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

Day 13: Santorini
Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira’s charming town center, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. (B)

Day 14: Santorini - Athens
Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Athens - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today. (B)
Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

11 Days • 20 Meals
From $3439

Cultural Experiences
- Stop at two monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks.
- See Mars Hill where Paul delivered his “Men of Athens” speech.
- Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums of Byzantine art.

Must-see Inclusions
- Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora.
- Join a local expert exploring the monuments of ancient Athens.
- See the Bema where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in Acts.

Culinary Inclusions
- Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna.

Accommodations
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Day 2: Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens
Days 3 - 5: Olympia, Celestyal Cruises
Days 6 - 7: Capsis Hotel, Thessaloniki
Day 8: Hotel Famissi, Kalamabaka
Day 9: Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova
Day 10: Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level
See page 189 for details.

Faith Spiritual Journey

Retrace the missionary journey of the Apostle Paul
prolific writer of the New Testament letters, as you enjoy a cruise of the Greek Islands of Mykonos, Patmos and Santorini.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countryside of Greece and Turkey.

Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins
Your tour begins in Athens, Greece’s lively capital. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in Athens’ historic district – the Plaka – a lively historic neighborhood nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Feast on local cuisine and enjoy fine wine in a traditional taverna while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (D)

Day 3: Athens - Piraeus (Embarkation) - Mykonos
Embark on a wonderful 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands, is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don’t miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece
Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry and where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul’s famous epistle. Visit the House of Mary, where she is said to have spent her last days. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races took place and gladiatorial combats were held. It is said that Paul himself fought here against wild beasts. Continue your cruise to Patmos, the “Jerusalem of the Aegean.” Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where
John the Evangelist, inspired by God, wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini
Arrive early this morning in Heraklion, Crete. Time is allowed for an optional excursion to Knossos, one of the most extraordinary archaeological sites in the western world and the center of the 4000 B.C. Minoan civilization. Explore the site and visit the world-famous Knossos Archaeological Museum. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the “Black Pearl of the Aegean.” Visit the breathtaking Oia Village, perched on the caldera rim. Then, enjoy free time to visit the clifftop village of Fira for one of the world’s most breathtaking panoramas. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Piraeus - Disembark Cruise Ship - Thessaloniki
After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Make a picture stop at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas and his courageous Spartans against the Persian army. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece’s second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity; it is where Paul visited and preached during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums in the world devoted to Byzantine art and civilization with an impressive collection of many Byzantine and early Christian frescoes, icons and artifacts. (B, D)

Day 7: Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki
Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient, Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

Day 8: Thessaloniki - Meteora - Kalambaka
Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley – the breadbasket of Greece – to spectacular Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with six historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

Day 9: Kalambaka - Delphi
Travel through scenic mountain terrain to Delphi, one of the most moving sites of the ancient world. Once considered the “navel of the world,” Delphi is nestled on the slopes of Mount Parnassus in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty. Pilgrims once came from all over the ancient world to consult its mysterious oracle. A guided tour takes you along the Sacred Way to see the Doric Temple and the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasuries, and the intriguing Archaeological Museum with its staggering collection of ancient artifacts including the 5th-century bronzed Charioteer. (B, D)

Day 10: Delphi - Corinth - Athens
Travel to Corinth where Paul wrote two epistles, lived and preached for two years. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul’s trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. In Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous “Men of Athens” speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a marvellous trip. (B, D)

Day 11: Athens - Tour Ends
You’ve explored the ancient land where Paul the Apostle made missionary journeys. You’ve seen the places to which he sent his famous epistles – Thessalonians, Philippians and Corinthians – and seen many of the places described in the Acts of the Apostles. Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Join us as we explore Israel, an ancient land rich in tradition and home to some of the world’s most important historic treasures.

Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins - Jaffa - Tel Aviv
Welcome to Tel Aviv, a bustling city on the Mediterranean coast. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the ancient port city of Jaffa. (D)

Day 3: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre - Tiberias
Today we follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Marvel at its Roman theater, aqueduct and fortress. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation site of Tel Megiddo, which dates back to the Bronze Age. Next, take in the breathtaking panorama of Haifa and the Baha’i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO World Heritage site). Step back in time in the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO). Your day comes to a close in Tiberias. (B, D)

Day 4: Tiberias - Cana - Nazareth - Tabgha - Capernaum - Sea of Galilee
Set off for Cana, considered to be the site of the First Miracle – where Jesus turned water into wine. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary’s Well. Continue to Mt. of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount; and Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Make a stop at the ancient fishing village of Capernaum before exploring the Galilee Boat Museum. See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago before boarding a boat for your ride on the Sea of Galilee. Get a taste of the local flavour during lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea
Peek into Roman times at Beit Shean’s well-preserved ancient theater. Continue along the Jordan River Valley...
to Jericho, considered to be the oldest city on earth. Journey to Qumran, the location of one of the most important archaeological finds of all time – the discovery of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Proceed to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Then it’s your choice! Stop in the AHAVA Visitors Center and learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea – OR – take the opportunity to “float” in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea… experience the natural buoyancy due to its high salt concentration and the benefits of its minerals to beauty and health. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, D)

Day 6: Dead Sea - Masada - Bethlehem - Jerusalem
Travel to the former palatial fortress of Masada (UNESCO). Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car to Herod’s Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue. A stop in the city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills, brings you to the Church of the Nativity – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. Tonight you arrive in one of the most captivating cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

Day 7: Jerusalem
Drive to Mount of Olives to take in the panoramic view of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. See the Church of Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane. Discover the Kidron Valley and the tombs of Mary, Absalom, Zachariah and James. Continue to St. Peter in Gallicantu and Mt. Zion to discover the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Marvel at the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, home to a selection of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Conclude your day at the Garden Tomb. (B)

Day 8: Old City, Jerusalem
Come to know the Holy City of Jerusalem on a walking tour of the old walled city (UNESCO). See the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock (outside view only), the Pool of Bethesda, and the Church of St. Anne. Next, walk the path of the Stations of the Cross as you traverse the Via Dolorosa, beginning at Pilate’s Judgment Hall and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Later, continue exploring the city independently or peruse the sights and sounds of the world-renowned Mahane Yehuda Market, known as the shuk (open-air market). (B, D)

Day 9: Jerusalem
Your day is at leisure to explore independently or simply relax. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at one of Jerusalem’s most popular restaurants. (B, D)

Day 10: Jerusalem - Tour Ends
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Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a center of the early Christians where Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to the new covenant (Acts 10) by St. Peter; and where Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 23). Stop in Acre, an ancient crusader city and UNESCO World Heritage site. In Nazareth, Jesus’ boyhood home (Matthew 2:23), visit the Church of the Annunciation and the place where Joseph’s home and workshop were as well as the site of the fresh water spring used by the Holy Family. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord’s first miracle. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 4: Sea of Galilee-Capernaum-Golan Heights-Caesarea Philippi-Tiberias
Cross the waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica of the boat in which Jesus would have sailed. Travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the “Sermon on the Mount” (Matthew 5-7). Nearby Tabgha is the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the five thousand. Visit the Church of the Fish and the Loaves (Luke 9:10-17). In Capernaum, Jesus performed many miracles and it was the center of Jesus’ ministry in Galilee. Visit the synagogue that stands on the site where Jesus taught and reflect on his teaching and preaching of the gospel of the kingdom (Matthew 4:13, 23). Visit the Chapel of the Primacy where Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21) on three occasions. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz, in the Golan Heights. Visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus travelled with His disciples and near where Peter made his great confession to Jesus, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). Your
Day ends at the River Jordan at the Yardenit Baptismal site. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tiberias - Tel Megiddo - Bethlehem - Jerusalem
Visit Tel Megiddo (Armageddon), the site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah. In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus (Luke 2), enter the Church of the Nativity, the oldest continuously functioning church in the world. View the cave where Jesus was born. Stop at Shepherds’ Field, where the angels appeared on that first Christmas night, spreading good tidings of great joy for all the people. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

Day 6: Jerusalem - Mount Zion - Ein Karem
Your time in Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives. Afterwards, visit the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Christ taught the Lord’s Prayer; its name refers to the “Our Father” prayer. Continue to the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Nearby is the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ’s betrayal by Judas. Travel to Mount Zion and stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper (Mark 14). Then, continue to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist and the place to which Mary travelled to share her good news with Elizabeth. (B, D)

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Day 4: Tiberias - Sea of Galilee - Tabgha - Capernaum - Tiberias
This morning enjoy a special treat when you take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where many of the apostles were fishermen and where Our Lord preached. Travel to nearby Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes, built to commemorate the miraculous feeding of five thousand. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes for a stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter where Our Lord appeared to the apostles after His resurrection. In Capernaum, visit the church built over the ruins of St. Peter’s house. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement known as a kibbutz. Finally, visit Yardenit, the Jordan River baptismal site. (B, L, D)

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Day 8: Jerusalem - Western Wall
Enter the old city through St. Stephen’s Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic, and see the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Walk through the Muslim, Christian and Jewish quarters to the Western Wall of the Temple. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Next, visit the Church of the Dormition (commemorating Our Lady’s Assumption) and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. In Jerusalem, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

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Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins
Begin your journey in Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past.

Day 3: Cairo - Giza - Sakkara - Memphis - Cairo
This morning we travel to nearby Giza where we’ll meet a local archaeologist who will lead us on a visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the oldest and largest monuments in the world. This afternoon, travel south to Sakkara. Explore the site of ancient Memphis, home to a nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and stand before the oldest of all pyramids, the Step Pyramid. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile. (B, D)

Day 4: Cairo - Luxor
Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun himself. Later, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Luxor. (B)

Day 5: Luxor
Travel thousands of years into the past. Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes. Explore its remarkable sights – the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II. (B)

Day 6: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship
We return to the West Bank this morning and head to the tombs in the Valley of Nobles and the well-preserved temple complex of Medinet Habu. This afternoon, board your cruise ship and begin your adventure on the Nile River. This evening, enjoy the sound and light show at the Karnak Temple. (B, L, D)
Day 7: Luxor - Esna - Edfu
This morning, explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2000 B.C. Then we begin our sail down the Nile towards Esna on your way to Edfu. This evening, dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Edfu - Kom Ombo
Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo – your stop for the evening. Following dinner, enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Kom Ombo - Aswan
Set sail to Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the Philae Temple. Relocated and preserved by a special UNESCO project, this structure remains an architectural wonder. Later, enjoy a free afternoon to explore Aswan. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Abu Simbel Optional Tour
Disembark the ship this morning in Aswan. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. The choice is yours! You may choose to board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island for a short stroll through the botanical garden. - OR - perhaps you would prefer to experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a fascinating museum. (B, D)

Day 11: Aswan - Cairo
Return to Cairo. After our flight, the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Cairo
Venture to the Citadel, a medieval fortification resting on a hill overlooking the city. It’s the perfect place to take in grand views. Learn about the city’s rich history on a walking tour of Old Cairo before enjoying some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalili. Perhaps you’ll stop for a traditional cup of tea. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Cairo - Tour Ends
Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. (B)

You have come so far
Complete your trip with 3 nights in Jordan and see the stone city of Petra and marvel at the immense Wadi Rum.

Stay Longer
Cairo: Take another night to explore more of Egypt’s mysteries.

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ADD A DAY
Cairo: Take another night to explore more of Egypt’s mysteries.

Suggested Tours:
— Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana
— Iconic Israel

This trip requires a passport and visa. Passport numbers are required in advance. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately $28 USD. If you have purchased either international air and/or transfers through us, your visa will be provided upon arrival at no additional cost. If you purchase your own air and transfers, you must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

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journey through the heart of Europe

and discover storybook castles and glittering palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out to explore three distinct Alpine cultures set amid incredible landscapes.

Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine in the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (D)

Day 3: Vienna
Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. You will visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen’s Cathedral. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

Day 4: Vienna - Salzburg
After a short journey through the countryside, embark upon a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe’s most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the “City of Music” Salzburg. Tonight, transport back in time during a Mozart Dinner Concert in the elegant Baroque Hall of the centuries-old St. Peter’s Restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Salzburg
Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart’s birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

Day 6: Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau
Welcome to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later in the day, arrive at your home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the
Passion Play. This evening, enjoy a magical dinner and a visit by a local performer from the village. (B, D)

**Day 7: Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau**
Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck, located in Tyrolean Austria. Walk through the charming pedestrian streets and see such landmarks as The Golden Roof on a locally guided tour. As you wind through the narrow cobblestone lanes, it is easy to understand why this city was the center of European culture and politics during the 14th century. (B)

**Day 8: Oberammergau - Black Forest**
Today fairytales become reality during a picture stop of Bavaria’s most famous castle, King Ludwig’s Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. (B, D)

**Day 9: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland**
Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

**Day 10: Zermatt**
All of Zermatt is at your fingertips. It’s your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour OR experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

**Day 11: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne**
Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake,” the city of Lucerne. (B)

**Day 12: Lucerne**
Set out on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque place, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B)

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

**Add a Day**
Lucerne: Spend more time in the peaceful city on the shores of Lake Lucerne. CALL FOR DETAILS

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**Combine Two Tours into One Adventure**
Book another tour with Exploring the Alpine Countries and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tours:** Spectacular Scandinavia CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from the Zurich, Switzerland airport. All of our transfers will depart Lucerne for Zurich. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Cruise Lake Como on a traditional open-air commuter ferry.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of Lucerne, St. Moritz and Como.
- Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world’s most scenic railways.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Enjoy stunning Alpine views on the GoldenPass panoramic train.
- Soak up the mountain air with two nights in the Alpine village of Zermatt.
- Explore the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake,” Lucerne.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Before you arrive in Zermatt, you may want to visit the Zermatt Matterhorn Museum)

DAY 5 | Tour Zermatt’s best-known landmarks with a local expert or enjoy a visit to the Zermatt Matterhorn Museum.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Savour a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- Relish a traditional dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Italy’s Lago Maggiore.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3: Ameron Flora or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne
Days 4, 5: Hotel Alex, Hotel Pollux or Ambassador Hotel, Zermatt
Days 6, 7: Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
Days 8, 9: Zacchera Hotels, Lago Maggiore

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views while aboard railways and lake cruises, and enjoy cultural experiences in charming villages in the heart of Europe.

Day 2: Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins
Arrive in Lucerne and take some free time to explore this lakeside town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the city. (D)

Day 3: Lucerne
Today, explore this “Swiss Paradise on the Lake.” Enjoy an Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour that follows the ancient pathways of the city. See the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison; the watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate the heroic soldiers who were protecting King Louis XVI in 1792. (B)

Day 4: Lucerne - GoldenPass Train - Montreux - Zermatt
This morning, travel to Gstaad and climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train to enjoy breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time in this legendary town on the shores of Lake Geneva. Then, continue on to the pedestrian village of Zermatt. (B, D)

Day 5: Zermatt
Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It’s your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour -OR- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

experience the enchanting cultures of Switzerland and Italy as you journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque towns aboard Europe’s legendary railways.
Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz
Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it’s a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz for your 2-night stay. (B, L)

Day 7: St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - St. Moritz
Embark on a journey through the Bernina Pass while travelling along one of the most scenic railway lines in the world en route to Tirano, Italy. Take in striking views of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your adventure, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Upon your return to St. Moritz you can relax at your hotel or make use of your included St. Moritz lift pass and take the cable car to the top of Mt. Diavolezza where you can enjoy stunning views of Piz Bernina. (B)

Day 8: St. Moritz - Lake Como, Italy - Lago Maggiore
Today we make our way back to Italy with a drive to Lake Como. A ferry ride across the waters of Lake Como introduces you to its stunning beauty. Drive along the picturesque shores to the town of Como. You will have free time to explore this famous resort before continuing to Lago Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters against the backdrop of the Alps. (B)

Day 9: Lago Maggiore
Travel to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm where you will learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Then, sample their delicious creations and learn how to pair them with the region’s local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Our evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we board a lake boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. There we savour a traditional farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Lago Maggiore - Tour Ends
Your thrilling Alpine journey ends today in Lago Maggiore. (B)

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COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains and create one grand experience. Suggested Tours: Reflections of Italy, Norwegian Coastal Voyage & Scandinavian Capitals

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and transfer to Lucerne; and will depart from Lago Maggiore, Italy and transfer to Milan airport. All of our transfers will depart from/to these airports. Due to tour scheduling, flights on Day 2 should arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out to discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria.

Day 2: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

Day 3: Bern
Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town’s skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently or perhaps brave Europe’s steepest funicular ride up Gurten Mountain. (B)

Day 4: Château de Chillon - Montreux - Train Ride - Gstaad - Bern
Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. This princely residence faces the lake and puts forth the image of an imposing fortress from the mountains. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. (B)

Day 5: Bern - Lucerne - Bern
Set out for Lucerne, the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake.” Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of the city. Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight we dine at one of Bern’s great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 6: In Innsbruck choose between two leisurely walking tours. Focus on the city’s history and popular attractions or explore its unique architecture.

Day 7: Innsbruck
Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter’s Restaurant, Austria’s oldest.

Enjoy travelling through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience three enchanting Alpine cultures.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.
• Witness the musical tradition of Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show.
• Come to know local life with 4 nights in Bern and Innsbruck.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Walk the halls of the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon, located on the shores of Lake Geneva.
• Spend a day exploring Salzburg’s historic past and charming old town.
• Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne’s Altstadt (Old Town).

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
[Be sure to arrange before trip departure]

Day 6: In Innsbruck choose between two leisurely walking tours. Focus on the city’s history and popular attractions or explore its unique architecture.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Savour a dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue.
• Enjoy traditional cuisine in one of Bern’s great restaurants.
• Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter’s Restaurant, Austria’s oldest.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5: Hotel Bern or Hotel Baeren, Bern
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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 193 for details.
Day 6: Bern - Innsbruck, Austria

On route to Innsbruck we make our way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, it's your choice! Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" -OR- you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

Day 7: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. There, enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*); the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart); and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)

Day 8: Innsbruck

Savour a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a locally well-known musical family. (B)

Day 9: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Oberammergau - Innsbruck

Today fairy tales come to life with a picture stop at Bavaria's famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Visit Wies Church (UNESCO) before heading to the picturesque village of Oberammergau. Enjoy a brief tour and learn more about this charming place, famous for its Passion Play. Performed every ten years to fulfill a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the plague in 1633, the Passion Play has grown into an international event. Tonight you are treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck’s most famous traditional restaurants. (B, D)

Day 10: Innsbruck - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)

ADD A DAY: Innsbruck: Relax after your trip or explore more of this beautiful city. CALL FOR DETAILS

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Book another tour with Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour**: "Magnificent Cities of Central & Eastern Europe" CALL FOR DETAILS

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SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS
10 DAYS • 12 MEALS
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Discover Neuchatel’s historic quarter, and see the unique architecture of the Belle Époque period.
• Explore the vineyards of Swiss wine country on foot, and sample the vineyard’s delicious offerings.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Visit the charming and picturesque village of Zermatt and marvel at views of the Matterhorn.
• Enjoy a wine tasting nestled among the vines of a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Lavaux vineyards.
• Soak in the stunning grandeur of the Alps and the Swiss Riviera, views that will take your breath away.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Choose before trip departure)

Day 8 | Choose to return to Vevey via rail and enjoy leisure time or continue through the miles of Lavaux vineyard to the medieval village of Saint-Saphorin.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 | Overnight Flight
Days 2-4 | Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac, Neuchâtel
Days 5, 6 | Unique Hotel Post or Hotel Alex, Zermatt
Days 7-9 | Astra Hotel Vevey, Vevey
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 160 for details.

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NEW TOUR
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TOUR
TRAVEL WITH NO MORE THAN 19 GUESTS

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: Overnight Flight
You’re on your way to a world wedged between Germany, Austria, France and Italy – the country of four languages that’s one of the most heralded destinations in Europe. Your journey through Switzerland will be entirely by train, offering an up close and personal rendezvous with the best the country has to offer, from the Alps to the historic villages of the Swiss Riviera. Get ready to experience the culture, history and lifestyle of Switzerland firsthand.

Day 2: Neuchatel, Switzerland - Tour Begins
Willkommen! Bienvenue! Board a Swiss Rail train to Neuchatel, where Gothic landmarks and sandstone grandeur beckon you to discover the abounding history of this medieval waterfront city. A reception of cocktails and canapes welcomes you to the first stop on your tour: the centuries-old cloister of the Collégiale, a church and chateau perched atop Neuchatel’s highest point. Retire this evening in your lakefront room with incredible views of Lake Neuchatel.

Day 3: Neuchatel - Auvernier - Neuchatel
Good morning, Neuchatel a la Belle Époque! Set out on a walking tour and discover the treasures of Neuchatel’s historic quarter with its unique architecture from the Belle Époque period. Next, it’s on to the village of 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 4: Neuchatel
Enjoy a day of leisure in Neuchatel. You may use your Swiss Travel Pass to explore the surrounding areas or gain admission to museums. Or, just relax and stroll this charming place. Perhaps you will choose to join your guide for an optional e-biking excursion on Switzerland’s Absinthe Trail to Maison de l’Absinthe to learn the history of production and enjoy a private tasting and cooking experience. This evening we gather to unwind over dinner at a local brasserie and sample local favourites such as boeuf tartare and fromage. (B, D)
**Day 5: 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 6: Zermatt**
Zermatt's modern holiday amenities steeped in traditional Alpine roots make this pedestrian city a truly peak experience. Today is yours to explore all this village has to offer. Consider using your Swiss Travel Pass to ascend the Gornergrat Railway to take in breathtaking views of the famed Matterhorn. (B)

**Day 7: Zermatt - Vevey**
Say goodbye to Zermatt and head to the north shore of Lake Geneva to Vevey, one of the "Pearls of the Swiss Riviera," with awe-inspiring views of the Alpine panorama. While the city’s promenades and majestic hotels are classic reminders of the Belle Epoque, its modernity is characterized by its art and music festivals, and the ever-present memory of Charlie Chaplin, who spent the last quarter of his life as a resident. Enjoy a walking tour before paying a visit to Läderach. Switzerland is world-famous for its chocolate, and Läderach chocolate is Swiss perfection. Participate in an immersive tasting workshop that reveals a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the artistry behind the handmade Swiss chocolate. (B, L)

**Day 8: Vevey - Lavaux - Vevey**
A relaxed morning in Vevey preludes your journey to the terraced vineyards of Lavaux. Begin with lunch at a family-owned restaurant before visiting our friends, Jacques and Aurelia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Traipse the Lavaux vineyards (UNESCO) on foot before enjoying another tasting of the region’s finest varieties. Next, it’s your choice! Return to Vevey via rail and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure -OR- continue your exploration through the miles of Lavaux vineyards to Saint-Saphorin, a medieval village dating back to Roman times, located on the banks of Lake Geneva. (B, L)

**Day 9: Vevey**
Enjoy a full day at leisure. Check out everything Vevey has to offer. Don’t forget to take advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass to explore any one of the city’s museums, among them the Swiss Camera Museum, Charlie Chaplin Museum, or the Nestle Foundation’s Nest. Or use your Pass to board a ferry to discover Montreux and Chillon. Join us this evening for a farewell dinner at one of Vevey’s best local restaurants. (B, D)

**Day 10: Vevey - Tour Ends**
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Join us and explore Croatia and the countries of the Adriatic. This is a “must see” region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery.

Day 2: Opatija, Croatia - Tour Begins
Your tour begins in the seaside resort of Opatija. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome reception.

Day 3: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula - Opatija
Opatija, known as “Croatia’s Riviera,” was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Hapsburg Monarchs. Start the day exploring the town with a local guide. Later, discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Pay a visit to a local distillery where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Discover Motovun, a beautiful example of a small Croatian town. In late afternoon, sample culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula during dinner at a farm to table restaurant, complete with regional wines. (B, D)

Day 4: Opatija - Plitvice Lakes
After breakfast, travel to Croatia’s most beautiful national park, Plitvice Lakes. This UNESCO World Heritage site promises inspiring scenery as you travel among its 16 terraced lakes and dense forests. A series of waterfalls and free flowing cascades connects each lake to the other. Complete the experience with a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder. (B, D)

Day 5: Plitvice Lakes - Dubrovnik
This morning, continue south through the heart of Croatia, towards the medieval city of Dubrovnik. Along the way, enjoy magnificent views of the sparkling blue waters of the Adriatic Sea. (B, D)

Day 6: Dubrovnik
Join a local guide on a tour of “Old Dubrovnik,” a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe’s oldest pharmacy lies, and see the famous Rector’s Palace. Experience the wonder of 16 cascading lakes at Croatia’s Plitvice Lakes National Park.

Day 7: Split - Diocletian’s Palace
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Day 12: Split - Diocletian’s Palace
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Visit Dubrovnik’s Franciscan Monastery, where Europe’s oldest pharmacy lies.
- Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian’s Palace.
- Experience old-world charm with a Pletna boat ride to the picturesque island in the center of Lake Bled.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Spend three nights in Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic.”
- Experience Opatija, “Croatia’s Riviera,” a retreat for Habsburg Monarchs.
- Experience the wonder of 16 cascading lakes at Croatia’s Plitvice Lakes National Park.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
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Day 6 Join a local expert for a private cruise and a visit to Lokrum Island or explore more of Dubrovnik with a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Enjoy a visit and dinner with a local family in the Konavle region outside Dubrovnik.
- Sample farm-to-table delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula with a dinner at a local restaurant.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3 Hotel Bristol, Opatija
Day 4 Jezero Hotel, Plitvice
Days 5 – 7 Valamar Lacroma Resort, Dubrovnik
Day 8 Hotel Atrium, Split
Days 9, 10 Hotel Lav, Grand Hotel Union or Austria Trend Hotel, Ljubljana
Day 11 Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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culturally-rich Konavle region to Cilipi for dinner at a family-owned local restaurant. While visiting with the family you’ll learn about life in the Croatian heartland and sample regional wines. At dinner, servers introduce you to a culinary feast, prepared in the way of their ancestors. (B, D)

**Day 7: Dubrovnik**

Today is at leisure to relax or independently explore Dubrovnik’s breathtaking Old Town with its marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings. Or, you may choose to purchase our optional excursion to Montenegro...if so, leave in the morning to cross the border to Montenegro’s Bay of Kotor (or “the Boka”); once known as Europe’s southernmost fjord, it is actually a ria (a long, narrow inlet); your guide will introduce you to the history of the region and share stories of the many cultures and empires that have left their mark here. (B)

**Day 8: Dubrovnik – Split**

Savour stunning sea views as you travel up the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop into the aquamarine Adriatic Sea. Enjoy a stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside. You will have time to taste the local specialties and perhaps walk through the village square. Upon arrival in Split, set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian’s Palace, one of the most significant late-Roman historical monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage site. In addition, see the peristyle of the palace and the Temple of Jupiter. (B)

**Day 9: Split - Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Your adventure continues as you travel up the coast, into Slovenia, and on to today’s destination – the quaint capital of Ljubljana. During the drive, take in the spectacular scenery. Arriving in Ljubljana, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to relax and explore the city. (B, D)

**Day 10: Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Ljubljana**

This morning meet a local expert who will introduce you to this lovely town nestled along the banks of the river. Your tour includes the impressive City Hall and a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas. After free time for lunch, drive a short distance to tranquil Lake Bled. Experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a Pletna boat to the picturesque island in the center of Lake Bled. Spend time exploring the 17th-century cathedral, St. Mary’s Church, and the "wishing bell." Enjoy some time to stroll the quiet paths of this lakeside community at your own pace. (B)

**Day 11: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia**

Today we travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, and embark on a fascinating tour. Continue your exploration your way with free time this afternoon. Tonight, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 12: Zagreb - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close in Zagreb this morning. (B)

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This trip requires a passport. Due to itinerary scheduling, arrival flights must arrive into Zagreb airport by 4:00 p.m. in order to transfer to your overnight accommodations in Opatija. Travel time from Zagreb to Opatija is approximately 2 hours. Based on return flight options, an early morning departure from the hotel may be required on the last day.
Set out on a grand cultural adventure through the Imperial Cities of Central Europe. Along the way, enjoy traditional entertainment and a scenic cruise on the Danube River.

Day 2:
Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Behold ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3:
Prague

Feel the magic. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, visit Lobkowicz Palace, the only privately owned building in the sprawling Prague Castle complex, and home to the largest and finest art collections in the Czech Republic.

After a delightful lunch, gather in the palace's elegant Baroque concert hall for a mid-day Classical music concert featuring the likes of Mozart, Bach, Dvořák and Smetana. Later, proceed to the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. (B, L)

Day 4:
Prague

The day is yours to discover Prague on your own. Shop for Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many museums, such as the Lapidarium, home to 11th-century stone sculptures. Stroll to the Old Town square, home to the famous Orloj, which functions as a clock, calendar and primitive planetarium. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Prague’s Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum and Europe’s oldest surviving Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. This evening, it’s your choice. Enjoy traditional Czech culture at one of Prague’s popular restaurants OR tip a pint while dining at one of Eastern Europe’s oldest breweries. (B, D)

Day 5:
Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Take a scenic ride through the countryside as we travel from Prague to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov to explore the well-preserved

bask in the splendour of Europe’s regal cities

of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Complete the experience with a cruise on the legendary Danube.

START EARLY

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MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

• Embark on a Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley.
• Enjoy a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov.
• Tour majestic Prague Castle.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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streets lined with Baroque architecture before continuing on to Vienna. Tonight’s dinner is a real treat: a meal showcasing regional wine and the impressive local cuisine of the Grinzing region. (B, D)

Day 6: Vienna
This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna’s center. Behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. Tonight, return to Schoenbrunn Palace for an unforgettable Classical music performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B)

Day 7: Vienna - Danube River - Melk - Vienna
Travel along the banks of the Danube, immortalized by Strauss, to the medieval town of Durnstein. Embark on a scenic Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley. Later, visit the 11th-century Melk Abbey, famous for its production and collection of manuscripts. A leisurely ride back to Vienna leads to a free evening to enjoy the city. (B)

Day 8: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary
This morning we journey to Bratislava, former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. Get to know the city’s 4000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Continue to Budapest, the “Queen of the Danube,” truly one of the world’s most beautiful cities. Upon arrival we drive through this majestic capital on our way to the hotel. Take some time to relax or explore before gathering for tonight’s dinner in the city. (B, D)

Day 9: Budapest
Capture the true spirit of Budapest. Join a local expert and discover the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill. Next, be enamored by the Fisherman’s Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument which memorializes the 1000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

Day 10: Budapest - Visegrad - Budapest
Begin your day with a visit to a school in Budapest where you will get a glimpse into the daily life of the locals while meeting the young students. In the afternoon, venture outside the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Travel back in time with a visit to a 14th-century castle where knights with colourful costumes and authentic weaponry recreate the days of chivalry. Then, enjoy a special Renaissance-style dinner at the castle restaurant and re-enact the days of medieval times. Revel in this evening of wine and music. (B, D)

Day 11: Budapest - Tour Ends
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MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- The fairy-tale city of Prague reveals the remarkable Hradcany Castle.
- Come to know Vienna and its lavish Schoenbrunn Palace.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 3 | Take a historical Berlin city tour or join a “Cold War”-focused tour that includes a visit to the Berlin Wall Museum followed by a walk through the area that was once “Checkpoint Charlie.”

DAY 4 | In Prague, get to know traditional Czech culture during a folklore show or dine at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Dine at one of Vienna’s most beloved restaurants.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1
Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3
Intercontinental Hotel or Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz, Berlin

Days 4, 5
Hotel Grandium, Prague

Days 6, 7
Renaissance Wien Hotel, Vienna

Days 8, 9
Art’otel, Budapest

Days 10, 11
Holiday Inn City Center or Andel’s Hotel, Krakow

Days 12, 13
Westin, Warsaw

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out to experience the very best of Europe’s cultural capitals.

Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins
Arrive in Germany’s capital city of Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Berlin 🇩🇪
It’s your choice! Choose a city tour that introduces you to Berlin’s rich history: you’ll see Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendam and the Reichstag Building -OR- you may join a “Cold War”-focused tour that includes a visit to the Berlin Wall Museum followed by a walk through the area that was once “Checkpoint Charlie,” and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. This afternoon you have the opportunity to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Sans Souci Palace. (B)

Day 4: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic 🇨🇿
Depart Berlin for the “Golden City” of Prague. En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony, with time to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. This evening you choose your Prague dining experience.

- You may choose to get to know traditional Czech culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local drinks; as a special treat, meet the dancers and learn some of the moves yourself during a private dance lesson -OR- dine at one of Eastern Europe’s oldest breweries; take in the traditional ambiance as you dine while sipping on a pint; then tour the brewery to see the process of making this famous beer that has been brewed for 500 years. (B, D)
Day 5: Prague
Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Hradcany Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue with a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town, showcasing the Golden Lane, the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. The afternoon is yours to independently explore this great city. (B)

Day 6: Prague - Vienna, Austria
Leaving the Czech Republic, arrive in colourful Prague. The afternoon is yours to independently explore the city on your own. (B)

Day 7: Vienna
This morning, experience the city on a tour showcasing some of its architectural marvels, including the lavish Schoenbrunn Palace and the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you will visit one of the famous museums, sip a Viennese coffee at a local coffee house, or simply relax in this capital of Austria. Tonight you may choose to enjoy an optional Mozart concert and dinner in the city. (B, D)

Day 8: Vienna - Budapest, Hungary
Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque Hungarian countryside en route to historic Budapest. Upon arrival, a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman’s Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament and Gellert Hill. A special stop is made at Heroes’ Square, a unique monument to the many diverse leaders of Hungary. (B, D)

Day 9: Budapest
The beautiful city of Budapest is often referred to as “the Queen of the Danube.” Today is yours to discover this city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. Relax in the city or perhaps join an optional excursion to a traditional Hungarian horse farm where riders perform amazing feats, followed by a typical lunch in the “Puszta.” (B)

Day 10: Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland
Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop in the hidden village of Donovaly, nestled in the Low Tatras mountain range of Slovakia. Your home for the next two nights is the lively city of Krakow, which still offers an old-world charm. (B, D)

Day 11: Krakow
Discover Krakow’s historic Old Town on a city tour featuring stops at the Market Square, St. Mary’s Church, and the University; you’ll also view Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. The afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city on your own. (B)

Day 12: Krakow - Auschwitz - Warsaw
Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to witness the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Afterward, travel through the Polish countryside en route to Warsaw, the reconstructed and modern capital of this rejuvenated country. The evening is yours to relax or explore. Browse one of the city’s art galleries or fascinating museums, or simply relax at an outdoor café. (B)

Day 13: Warsaw
The moving history of Warsaw, both joyous and tragic, is yours to embrace as you embark on a locally guided tour of this capital city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 14: Warsaw - Tour Ends
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Day 15: Warsaw:
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COLLABORATE WITH ANYONE INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Magnificent Cities of Central & Eastern Europe and create a grand experience. Suggested Tour: Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. If you opted not to purchase our travel protection, you will be required to have proof of your own coverage for the minimum insurance requirement applicable at the time of your travel to that country.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Embark on a glorious holiday adventure that includes Europe’s finest Christmas markets.

Day 2: Black Forest, Germany - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in the Black Forest. Here you will relish the peacefulness of the surrounding forested mountains. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 3: Black Forest - Strasbourg, France - Black Forest
Travel the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest and country roads of the Alsace to the provincial capital of Strasbourg, France where centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, “Petite France,” featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. Mingle with the locals as you explore the Christmas market featuring local crafts and traditional food and drink before returning to Germany. (B)

Day 4: Black Forest – Würzburg
Depart the Black Forest for the quaint Franconia region of Germany. Stroll through the streets with your expert local guide and discover the city’s history. This ancient wine town is rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops, boasting the largest ceiling fresco in the world; and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. You will have time to browse for local specialties in the lively Christmas market. (B, D)

Day 5: Würzburg - Nuremberg - Würzburg
Start your day with a city tour of historic Nuremberg. Learn about old town’s 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city; the Imperial Castle; and the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Your see page 189 for details.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.
city tour concludes with a visit to the historic Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Germany dating back to 1628. Here you can spend time sipping Gluhwein and sampling roast sausages. Over 200 wooden stalls have given the Christmas market its name - "Little Town from Wood." You can find items like Nuremberg spicy gingerbread, fruit leaves, bakery goods, sweets, Christmas tree angels and toys. (B)

Day 6: Würzburg - Rothenburg - Oberammergau
We begin with a stop in lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. After some free time to explore the town, continue on to Oberammergau, a perfect example of a Bavarian Alpine village. Step back in time as you stroll the streets past old-world cottages and shops covered in colourful frescos. It is the ideal place to shop for cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and Hummel figurines. (B, D)

Day 7: Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau
 Traverse the Bavarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Then, it's your choice! Join a local guide for a walking tour to discover the city’s history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof - OR - embark on a walking tour focusing on Innsbruck’s unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop in the many specialty stores and the cozy Christmas market. (B)

Day 8: Oberammergau - Munich - Oberammergau
This morning, travel to Munich and be introduced to this exciting city with a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich’s historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Oberammergau where you will have time to stroll about the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. This evening, enjoy a magical farewell dinner featuring a visit by local entertainers from this village, famous for its Passion Play (B, D)

Day 8: Oberammergau - Tour Ends
Your tour ends. (B)

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. You may require an early morning departure from the hotel on the last day. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.
MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS
7 DAYS • 8 MEALS
FROM $1899

Day 1:
Overnight Flight
Discover the unique charm of Austria and Germany, alive with holiday cheer and adorned with bustling “Christkindlesmarkt” – festive Christmas markets.

Day 2:
Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins
Arrive in the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains — your home for the next five nights. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3:
Innsbruck - Seefeld - Innsbruck
Join a local guide to discover Innsbruck’s history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the “Golden Roof”. OR embark on a tour focusing on the city’s unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. This afternoon we venture into the mountains to the breathtaking Alpine village of Seefeld. Enjoy stunning views as you travel by train 3,600 feet above sea level to this charming Tyrolean town.

Day 4:
Innsbruck - Munich - Oberammergau - Munich
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 5:
Oberammergau - Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich
Day 6:
Munich - Depart
Day 7:
Free Day

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Travel options subject to change based on availability)

Day 3 | Join a local guide and discover Innsbruck’s attractions such as the “Golden Roof” or embark on a tour focusing on the city’s unique architectural structures.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter’s Restaurant, Austria’s oldest.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 6: Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 6: Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.
Day 4: Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Innsbruck
This morning you cross the border into Germany while en route to the exciting city of Munich. First you’ll be introduced to its history on a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Then, enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich’s historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Innsbruck where the remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck
Journey through the Austrian countryside to Salzburg, a city filled with beautiful gardens and wondrous architecture. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Mirabell Gardens, a filming location for The Sound of Music, and Mozart’s birthplace – the quaint Getreidegasse. Enjoy a free afternoon to mingle with the locals as you explore Salzburg’s Christmas markets featuring local crafts and traditional food & drink. Your day concludes with a delightful dinner at the centuries-old St. Peter’s Restaurant, located in the historic city center. (B, D)

Day 6: Innsbruck - Neuschwanstein, Germany - Oberammergau - Innsbruck
Begin your day with a stop to view Neuschwanstein Castle, the fairy-tale retreat of Ludwig II of Bavaria. Continue on your journey to Oberammergau, a picture-perfect Bavarian Alpine village. Step back in time as you stroll the streets past old-world cottages and shops covered in colourful frescos. Have some time to explore the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. Conclude your tour with a festive farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Innsbruck - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
This enchanting journey will take you to see the best of Germany as you travel to some of the country’s most iconic cities and through its stunning countryside.

Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Berlin, Germany’s capital. This city blends a deep history, modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Berlin
This morning, enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at “Checkpoint Charlie,” the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Sanssouci Palace. (B)

Day 4: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg
Travel to Hamburg, “the Venice of the North,” with winding canals and an impressive harbor that made it a center for trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site; join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B, D)

Day 5: Hamburg
Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the Port of Hamburg, dubbed “the gateway to the world.” Later, it’s your choice! Board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights -OR- embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg’s elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg’s red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your “singing and ukulele-playing local Beatles expert” and travel down memory lane. (B)
Day 6: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

Today’s first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of the quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and ending in the medieval Schnoor district. After free time for lunch, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the “Pied Piper of Hamelin” plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)

Day 7: Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel - Marburg

This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed “Rapunzel’s Castle” – Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty’s castle – Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before travelling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm Brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

Day 8: Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. You will enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you’ll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous “Night Watchman” walking tour of the medieval town. (B, D)

Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber

It’s your choice! Walk to a local bakery to make “schneeball” pastries – snowballs – the local’s favorite treat or – OR – tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later, we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration, and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you choose. (B)

Day 10: Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich

Leave Rothenburg behind and make your way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by “crazy” King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city independently. (B)

Day 11: Munich

Come to know the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a panoramic walking tour that highlights the world-famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz – a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. This afternoon, it’s your choice! Join a local guide and venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker; then ride to the top of the Olympic Tower to take in stunning views of the Munich cityscape – OR – embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the Dachau Memorial; a local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. The remainder of your day is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich’s most famous restaurants. (B, D)

Day 12: Munich - Tour Ends

This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)
**DISCOVERING POLAND**

**12 DAYS • 15 MEALS**

**FROM $2569**

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**
- Visit the Jasna Góra monastery to witness the world-famous Black Madonna.
- Explore the poignant history of Auschwitz.

**MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**
- Explore Warsaw including a stop at the remnants of its ghetto.
- Tour Wroclaw and see this ethnically diverse city up-close.
- Overnight in medieval Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**IT’S YOUR CHOICE!**
(For you to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 10** | Venture to the resort town of Sopot or enjoy a shopping excursion to learn about Polish amber.

**CULINARY INCLUSIONS**
- Immerse yourself in Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner.
- Learn how to make gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**
- **Day 1**: Overnight Flight
- **Days 2, 3**: Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw
- **Days 4, 5**: Holiday Inn Krakow City Center Hotel, Krakow
- **Days 6, 7**: Art Hotel, Wroclaw
- **Day 8**: Hotel Bulwaria, Torun
- **Days 9, 10**: Radisson Blu Hotel Old Town, Gdansk
- **Day 11**: Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**
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**Day 1: Overnight Flight**
Your journey through Poland, a land of amazing castles, poignant history and welcoming culture, begins with an overnight flight.

**Day 2: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins**
Welcome to Warsaw! The city has a blend of old-world charm and a modern energy. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a welcome dinner. (B)

**Day 3: Warsaw**
Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at what remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. The afternoon is at leisure to take in the alleyways, visit a quaint café in Warsaw’s Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

**Day 4: Warsaw - Czestochowa - Krakow**
Travel south to Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its well-preserved town center. En route, stop in Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland, where each year over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects to the famous Black Madonna. Housed in the Jasna Góra monastery, journey inside for an up-close look at this miraculous image. Arriving in Krakow, enjoy some free time to get acquainted with the city. This evening you are introduced to traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner, complete with wine and beer. (B, D)

**Day 5: Krakow**
Join a local expert as we explore the city on a panoramic tour that includes Market Square, St. Mary’s Church and the university. You will also see the famous Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. The rest of your day is at leisure. Perhaps you’ll stroll the quaint side streets of Krakow’s famous Old Town, have coffee in one of the largest squares in Europe, or walk along the river for views of the new sections of the city. You may also visit the Schindler Museum or join your fellow travelers on an optional excursion. (B)
Day 6: Krakow - Auschwitz - Wroclaw
Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Later this afternoon, arrive in the ancient city of Wroclaw. Tonight, join your travelling companions for some locally-brewed beer and a traditional “home-style” dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 7: Wroclaw
A morning tour of Wroclaw brings you up close and personal to this large and ethnically diverse city. It could be the only location where you can find a Stare Miasto (Old Town) with a Synagogue, a Lutheran church, a Roman Catholic church and an Eastern Orthodox church standing near each other. The remainder of the day is at leisure to savour Wroclaw’s idyllic parks and captivating culture. (B)

Day 8: Wroclaw - Torun
Today you travel to the town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site and birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer. Torun remains one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe and is one of the “Seven Wonders of Poland.” On arrival, walk past Copernicus’s house before stepping back into history while baking and sampling your very own gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe. (B)

Day 9: Torun - Gdansk
This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of this unspoiled town. Next, travel to the port city of Gdansk. Make a stop at the Gdansk Shipyards, site of the creation of the anti-Communist Solidarity movement in 1980 that helped liberate Poland from Soviet rule. (B, D)

Day 10: Gdansk - Choice on Tour
This morning, join a local expert for an introduction to this remarkable city; get to know its deep history during your tour which highlights City Hall and St. Mary’s Church. Later, the choice is yours. Join your Tour Manager on an excursion to the seaside resort town of Sopot -OR- remain in Gdansk and join a local guide on an educational shopping excursion during which you’ll learn about Polish amber at a demonstration, followed by the opportunity to purchase the stone. The evening is at leisure. Perhaps you will take a stroll through a beautiful square, shop for local handicrafts, or soak in the seaside atmosphere. (B)

Day 11: Gdansk - Malbork Castle - Warsaw
Your journey through Poland comes full circle with your return to Warsaw. En route, stop in the town of Malbork, home to Malbork Castle, the largest castle in the world. A guided tour of this 700-year-old structure introduces you to the world of the Knights of the Teutonic Order. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating a fantastic journey. (B, D)

Day 12: Warsaw - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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ON THE TRAIL
OF MARTIN
LUTHER
11 DAYS • 14 MEALS
FROM $2659

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Tour the city of of Eisleben – site of Luther’s birth and death – including a visit inside the home where he was born.
• Join a church service in one of the Reformation-era churches in Wittenberg.
• Enjoy a tour and prayer service in the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt, where Luther lived and studied.
• Delight in a musical performance inside the Bachhaus Eisenach.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Travel to Worms where Luther refused to recant and the Imperial Diet (Assembly) declared him an “outlaw.”
• Visit the Gutenberg Museum and see a copy of the famed Gutenberg Bible.
• Discover St. Thomas Church where Martin Luther preached and Johann Sebastian Bach was a cantor.
• Visit Wartburg Castle, the place where Luther translated the New Testament into German while in hiding.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Discover the tastes of the region with a tour of a local brewery, including a tasting, followed by dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3  Hilton Mainz City, Mainz
Days 4, 5  H+ Hotel or InterCity Hotel, Erfurt
Days 6, 7  Swissotel, Dresden
Days 8, 9  Luther Hotel or Best Western Stadtpalais, Wittenberg
Day 10  Crowne Plaza Berlin - Potsdamer Platz, Berlin
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

ON THE TRAIL
OF MARTIN
LUTHER
11 DAYS • 14 MEALS
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FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF MARTIN LUTHER
and connect with the places he lived, studied, worked and preached.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Embark on an inspirational journey through Germany that follows the epic trail blazed by Martin Luther.

Day 2: Mainz, Germany - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in the enchanting city of Mainz, a medieval town located on the banks of the Rhine River. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Mainz - Worms - Mainz
Begin your day with a visit to the Gutenberg Museum where you can see a copy of Gutenberg's masterpiece, the 42-line Bible. Enjoy free time to explore the town before travelling to Worms. It was in Worms that the Imperial Diet (Assembly) passed judgment on Luther after his refusal to recant. Come to know the sites significant to Luther’s story during a guided walking tour of the city. Take a moment at the Cathedral where Luther presented his case; see Trinity Church; and visit monuments dedicated to Luther and other important Reformation figures. (B)

Day 4: Mainz - Erfurt
Today you travel to Erfurt which Martin Luther himself referred to as the “City of Towers,” no doubt due to its numerous steeples. Arriving in Erfurt, embark on a walking tour of the city, passing over Merchants’ Bridge on your way to the Augustinian monastery. Enjoy a tour of the monastery, where Luther lived and studied as a monk from 1505 to 1512. After your tour you are invited to a prayer service in St. Augustine’s church inside the monastery. (B, D)

Day 5: Erfurt - Eisenach - Wartburg Castle - Erfurt
This morning we travel to Eisenach to explore another central town in Luther’s life. Your tour of the area begins with a visit to the Gutenberg Museum where you can see a copy of Gutenberg’s masterpiece, the 42-line Bible. Enjoy free time to explore the town before travelling to Worms. It was in Worms that the Imperial Diet (Assembly) passed judgment on Luther after his refusal to recant. Come to know the sites significant to Luther’s story during a guided walking tour of the city. Take a moment at the Cathedral where Luther presented his case; see Trinity Church; and visit monuments dedicated to Luther and other important Reformation figures. (B)

Day 6: Erfurt - Eisleben - Dresden
Begin your day with a visit to Eisleben, the site of Luther’s birth and death. Delve into his life as we visit
the museum inside the home where he was born; St. Peter and Paul Church where he was baptized; and St. Andrews Church where he performed his final sermons. Next, continue on to Dresden, your home for the next two nights. This evening, get a true taste of the region when dining in a local cellar restaurant. (B, D)

Day 7: Dresden
This morning, join a local guide for a tour of this historical city. See the old town square, the royal residence castle and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady). Enjoy ample time to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. (B)

Day 8: Dresden - Leipzig - Wittenberg
This morning, travel to Leipzig, a city touched by musical greatness. Discover the city’s interesting history during a guided tour featuring St. Thomas Church where the boys’ choir has been performing for over 800 years. Martin Luther preached here and its former cantor was the famed composer – Johann Sebastian Bach. Next, travel to Wittenberg where you will have an afternoon service inside one of the local churches remaining from the time of the Reformation. Tonight, discover the tastes of the region with a tour of a local brewery including a tasting, followed by dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Wittenberg
Set out on a guided tour of Wittenberg. Your first stop is the former Wittenberg University where Luther served as a professor of theology. Next, explore his family home on the grounds; today it is a fascinating museum housing his writings and other artifacts from the Reformation. Travel back in time as you discover its seemingly untouched rooms used by Luther. Continue to the oldest structure in the city, St. Mary’s Church, where Luther preached, was married, and where his children were baptized. See the Castle Church, the location where the famous 95 Theses were posted, launching the Reformation. Have time to explore or to reflect at Luther’s tomb. Next, you are in for a special treat! Join a local family in their home to sip coffee and discuss life in Germany, both today and during Communist times. (B)

Day 10: Wittenberg - Berlin
Depart this morning for Berlin. Embark on a comprehensive tour featuring Brandenburg Gate, Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schöneberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm and the Reichstag Building. Finally, pass through the area that was once “Checkpoint Charlie,” and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Berlin - Tour Ends
Your journey comes to a close. Depart with new perspectives, a strengthened faith and treasured memories. (B)

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Frankfurt. All of our transfers will depart from Frankfurt to Maric.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Embark on an inspirational journey through Poland and discover this country’s deep history and religious wonders.

Day 2: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins
You will come to know the city of Warsaw with its blend of Old World charm and deep history. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Warsaw
Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at what remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. Pause to celebrate mass at 3/9 Zytnia Street Church, home to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, where Saint Faustina entered the convent. The remainder of the day is free to take in the side streets and quaint cafés in the Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

Day 4: Warsaw - Niepokalanów - Czestochowa
Journey to Niepokalanów to discover one of the largest Franciscan monasteries in the world (founded by Saint Maximillian Kolbe). Continue south to Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland. Begin your visit by celebrating mass. Then, journey inside the Jasna Góra Monastery to get up close to the famous Black Madonna. Saint Pope John Paul II visited this miraculous image many times during his papacy. (B, D)

Day 5: Czestochowa - Wadowice - Krakow
Get a glimpse into the formative years of the beloved Saint Pope John Paul II with a visit to Wadowice, the town...
where he was born and raised. Step into the past when you see the church where he was baptized. In 1992, the pope gave the church the status of Basilica Minor. Continue to Krakow and explore the city on a tour with a local expert that includes a visit to the Market Square. Pause for a prayer at St. Mary’s Church...be amazed by its famous wooden altarpiece created by Wit Stwosz (Veit Stoss), one of the best sculptors of the Middle Ages. You will also see the impressive Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. (B, D)

**Day 6: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow**

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors – as well as the resilience – of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Return to Krakow to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy where the tomb of Saint Faustina is located. Spend time in worship and contemplation on the site of the monastery of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where Saint Faustina lived and died. (B, D)

**Day 7: Krakow - Zakopane - Krakow**

Travel to Zakopane, Poland’s most popular resort. With its stunning scenery, it is the perfect place to get up close to nature. The area has countless nature trails where Saint Pope John Paul II would spend time strolling in prayer and reflection. Make a stop to see the charming wooden Jaszczyrowka Chapel and sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, built in thanksgiving after Saint Pope John Paul II’s life was saved in 1981. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a folklore show and dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 8: Krakow - Warsaw**

Your journey through Poland comes full circle with your return to Warsaw. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating a fantastic journey. (B, D)

**Day 9: Warsaw - Tour Ends**

Your journey comes to a close. Depart with new perspectives, a strengthened faith and treasured memories. (B)

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Savour springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that highlights the blooming Dutch tulip fields.

Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Ship - Tour Begins
Your journey opens in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old thriving capital of the Netherlands. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your beautiful vessel offers the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and outstanding service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar where you will meet your fellow travellers before a lovely welcome dinner. Enjoy an overnight stay on the ship in Amsterdam. (D)

Day 3: Amsterdam - Volendam - Cruising
After breakfast, view some of Amsterdam’s most important sites and diverse architecture while on a city tour. You will also get to see the city from the water during a delightful canal cruise. Midday, visit the little fishing town of Volendam where you can still find fishermen dressed in traditional caps and baggy-legged trousers. A visit to a local cheese farm illustrates the process of how cheese from the area is made and also allows you the opportunity to sample some of the delicious results! During dinner, the ship resumes its cruise to the IJssel Sea. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Arnhem
Late this morning we arrive in Arnhem, location of the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. This afternoon, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Middelburg - Cruising
Today your ship docks in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province Zeeland. It is known as “the monumental city” because over 1,100 monuments dot its landscape. This afternoon you may take an optional excursion to the Deltaworks Project located at Neeltje Jans. This is an
amazing example of how the Dutch have truly tamed the environment in which they live. Your excursion continues with a stop in the lovely town of Veere, a prosperous trading port in the Middle Ages due to the wool trade with Scotland; today it is a favorite spot for visitors. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ghent, Belgium - Bruges
Welcome to the Imperial city of Ghent. Lined with typical patrician houses in its city center, Ghent conveys the splendour of by-gone days. Perhaps you will join an optional sightseeing tour that includes St. Bavo Cathedral with its world-famous painting of the altar of the citizens of Ghent and the “Belfried” with its bell tower. This afternoon, allow yourself to be transported back to another time during a leisurely paced walking tour of Bruges, one of Europe’s most perfectly preserved medieval cities. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Antwerp
Today the ship docks in Antwerp, Belgium’s second-largest city, which boasts beautiful Gothic and Baroque architecture and lively cafés. Join a local expert exploring the city’s historical sites including the “Liebfrauenkirche,” Belgium’s largest Gothic church; the legendary Brabo Fountain; and the Rubens House, home of the prolific painter. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping and independent exploration. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain’s Gala Dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Kinderdijk - Utrecht - Amsterdam
Stop in Kinderdijk (UNESCO World Heritage site) to experience Holland’s largest concentration of windmills, many still operating, and to get a revealing glimpse into Holland’s age-old battle with the sea. After lunch, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, spanning more than 70 acres within a beautiful park of tranquil ponds and shaded paths. With more than seven million tulips and other flowers on exhibit, Keukenhof is a kaleidoscope of colour in bloom. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner and a typical Dutch folklore show celebrating the end of an unforgettable river cruise through Holland and Belgium. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Amsterdam - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Sail past breathtaking scenery, pausing along the way in quaint villages and lively cities on a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your tour opens with an overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship
Unlock the secrets of Budapest and embark on a 7-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline followed by a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

Day 3: Budapest
Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman’s Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria
Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's Palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Vienna
Join a local expert exploring Vienna’s Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna’s Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna’s famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. (B, L, D)
Day 6: Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley
View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Linz - Passau, Germany
This morning, enjoy an included walking tour of the charming riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which is set at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan’s Cathedral, home to Europe’s largest church organ. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain’s Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Regensburg
A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany’s grand medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town. Tonight, partake in a delightful Bavarian evening onboard. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Passau - Disembark Ship - Munich - Ettal
Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. After some free time, continue on to the quaint village of Ettal, known for its grand 14th-century Benedictine monastery. (B, D)

Day 10: Ettal - Linderhof Palace - Oberammergau - Ettal
Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace. This artistic “Royal Villa” was the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete in his lifetime. Behind its Baroque façade you will find a world rich in Rococo ornamentation, with many sculptural elements that showcase an incomparable artistry. Later, spend time exploring Oberammergau, renowned for wood carvings and the Passion Play which takes place every ten years. (B, D)

Day 11: Ettal - Tour Ends
Today your tour comes to an end. (B)

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Day 1  Overnight Flight
Day 2  Mercure Hotel Würzburg am Mainufer, Würzburg or Panorama Hotel, Schweinfurt
Days 3 – 8  MS Amadeus Princess or Elegant

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Würzburg or Schweinfurt, Germany - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in historic Bavaria, in a town along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy the remainder of the day to relax and soak in the charms of Franconia. Meet your fellow travellers at tonight’s welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Würzburg/Schweinfurt - Rothenburg - Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship
This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, known as “the jewel of the Main River.” Würzburg is an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the Prince-Bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Enjoy free time to explore the town’s hidden treasures and its charming Christmas market, plus the chance to meet the locals during a Christmas ornament-making demonstration. Late afternoon you arrive in Nuremberg to meet your cruise ship. Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This beautiful vessel offers the newest technology; a panoramic deck terrace café; panorama salon and bar; excellent cuisine including unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks with all dinners; and outstanding service. This evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard. (B, D)

Day 4: Nuremberg
A local expert provides an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg’s Christmas market, Germany’s most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628. Nuremberg is a toy-making center and you will have the opportunity to shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers and sample its famous Lebkuchen (gingerbread). Later, your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Regensburg
A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany’s best-preserved medieval cities with...
Day 6: Passau
Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, St. Stephen’s Cathedral - home to Europe’s largest church organ – and the charming Christmas market. Then, enjoy free time to explore the town on your own. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Wachau Valley, Austria - Emmersdorf - Durnstein - Vienna
View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery before joining an excursion to the nearby town of Durnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe’s largest Baroque monasteries. Next, enjoy a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. You arrive in Vienna, Austria’s beautiful capital city, in the early evening. After dinner you may choose to join an optional excursion in the imperial city to experience the magic of Vienna by night and visit Vienna’s most famous Christmas market, located in front of the “Rathaus” (City Hall). (B, L, D)

Day 9: Vienna - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends
After breakfast you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. (B)
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Join us for an exciting tour featuring Strasbourg and the romantic Rhine Valley. This journey brings you through one of the most historic and dramatic regions in all of Europe.

Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Ship - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Amsterdam where you will board your cruise ship for a 7-night cruise along the Rhine River. Your ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a "welcome aboard" dinner. (D)

Day 3: Amsterdam
Join a local expert for a city tour of Amsterdam including a cruise along the city’s centuries-old canal system. Board your canal boat and cruise by charming cafés and famous 18th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Cologne, Germany
As you glide down the river this morning, pass through the picturesque German landscape dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city’s Old Town with its narrow, cobbled streets. Admire the Cologne Cathedral, as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Moselle River - Cochem
Set sail on the Moselle River to Cochem where you will join a guided tour through this lovely town and Reichsburg Castle. The castle is set on a precipitous rock high above the town and offers breathtaking views of the Moselle Valley. End your tour of Cochem with an introduction by a local winemaker to one of Cochem’s wine cellars where you will taste regional Mosel wines. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Koblenz - Rüdesheim
Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year-old city on a walking tour. See such sights as the town’s
Day 6: Cochem, Germany
The river takes you to Cochem, a lovely little town on the Mosel River. Take a stroll through the old quarter, which was badly damaged during World War II and then rebuilt, as well as the Schaengel Fountain at the town hall. Your next stop is Rüdesheim. Set out on a tour of the city and its famous Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett (or Mechanical Music Museum) where you will be treated to the music of barrel organs and medieval mechanical instruments. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Mannheim - Speyer
The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Or, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the town of Heidelberg. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany’s oldest cities, and step back in time on a walking tour to explore such places as the Old Gate and the Jewish baths. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain’s Gala Dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Strasbourg, France
Your journey takes you to Strasbourg, a provincial capital of France that blends centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences together, creating a unique character. Discover the history of the city on a guided tour of the old quarter, “Petite France,” featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Highlights also include Place de la République and Place d’Austerlitz. You will have free time to explore this perfectly preserved town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Disembark - Basel, Switzerland - Colmar, France - Black Forest, Germany - Zurich, Switzerland
Today is filled with exploration! Disembark your ship in Basel, Switzerland and travel to the Alsace wine region to spend time in beautiful Colmar. Step back in time with a local guide on a walking tour of the Old Town highlighting its many architectural landmarks. Enjoy some free time to explore this charming city on your own. Next, drive to Titisee, a German resort town nestled alongside its picturesque lake hidden deep in the Black Forest. Savour some leisure time to browse the shops for the region’s famous cuckoo clocks. You’ll have an opportunity to meet a local artisan who demonstrates how these cuckoo clocks are made with traditional techniques. Then, enjoy a dinner of Black Forest regional specialties before arriving at your Zurich airport area hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 10: Zurich Airport Area - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)
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**Planned tour itinerary**

**DAY 1** Overnight Flight

**DAY 2** Stresa, Italy (Lago Maggiore) - Tour Begins Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. (D)

**DAY 3** Stresa Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

**DAY 4** Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. (B, D)

**DAY 5** Zermatt Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert; or, enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 6** Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. (B)

**DAY 7** St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof. (B)

**DAY 8** Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from The Sound of Music. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant. (B, D)

**DAY 9** Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich for a walking tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

**DAY 10** Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 11** Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

**DAY 12** Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

**Tour highlights include**

- Journey aboard the famous Glacier Express Train
- Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
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Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1 Overnight Flight

DAY 2 Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins
Welcome to Austria! Your tour opens in enchanting Innsbruck. Here, modern architecture stands beside 800-year-old buildings with the Austrian Alps creating a postcard perfect backdrop. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 3 Innsbruck
Join a local guide for a panoramic city tour featuring Maria Theresien Strasse; the famous Golden Roof, built in 1500 by Archduke Friedrich IV; and the Hofburg, once the seat of Habsburg princes. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore Innsbruck independently. (B)

DAY 4 Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck
Set off for the beautiful Bavarian Alps of Germany and find storybook settings comprised of charming villages and enchanting castles. Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Before returning to Innsbruck, make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. (B, L)

DAY 5 Innsbruck - Swarovski Crystal Worlds - Salzburg
Visit Swarovski Crystal Worlds, a fairy tale world of shimmering crystal amid the mystical mountains of Tyrol. Spend time exploring a multi-sensory experience of crystal in all its facets including a magical menagerie of art installations, a museum and a theme park. Later, travel through the Austrian countryside to the musical city of Salzburg. Enjoy a coffee at a local café while soaking in the charming atmosphere. (B)

DAY 6 Salzburg
Immerse yourself in Salzburg’s rich history. Begin your day with a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens, famously featured during the song “Do Re Mi” from The Sound of Music; and Getreidegasse – a busy street in the Old Town section of Salzburg that also happens to be the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you’ll visit the city’s amazing historic area, browse its wonderful shops, or enjoy a coffee at a local café while soaking in the charming atmosphere. (B)

DAY 7 Salzburg
Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to explore Salzburg’s palaces, parks, museums, churches and natural charms. You may want to take the funicular to the 16th century Hohensalzburg Fortress high above the rooftops of the historical district; tour Leopoldskron Palace, an original shooting location from The Sound of Music; or visit the 17th century medieval bishops’ Residenz Palace, home to some 180 rooms and courtyards where the prince archbishops of Salzburg held court. (B)

DAY 8 Oberammergau, Germany - Passion Play
Travel to the picturesque village of Oberammergau. This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 Oberammergau - Munich
This morning we journey to the Bavarian capital of Munich – idyllically situated at the foot of the Alps. A locally guided panoramic tour showcases its unique blend of folkloric ambience and modern sophistication. Visit Olympic Park, site of the 1972 Olympic Games and a stunning example of modern architecture. Next, marvel at the Baroque-influenced architecture of the city as you visit the Marienplatz – the heart of Munich and the most scenic square of the Old Town. Here, behold the Rathaus-Glockenspiel – an ornate clock comprised of 43 bells and 32 life-sized figures that depict medieval jousting and dancing – reflecting different pieces of Bavaria’s history. Enjoy leisure time to explore Munich’s lovely historic center, visit one of its many museums or discover more of the city’s beauty on your own before gathering for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

DAY 10 Munich - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today in Munich. (B)

Tour highlights include
✓ Visit Linderhof Palace
✓ Discover the musical city of Salzburg
✓ Explore Munich, the Bavarian capital
✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau

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Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1 Overnight Flight

DAY 2 Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland and a UNESCO World Heritage site nestled in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

DAY 3 Bern Explore Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the Gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town’s skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you will take the funicular ride up Gurten Mountain which affords beautiful views of Bern. (B)

DAY 4 Bern - Château de Chillon - Montreux - Gstaad - Bern Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. This princely residence faces the lake but puts forth the image of an imposing fortress from the mountains. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. This evening’s dinner is included at one of Bern’s great restaurants. (B, D)

DAY 5 Bern - Lucerne - Innsbruck, Austria Set out for Lucerne, the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake.” Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, and discover the hidden treasures of the city. Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. En route to Innsbruck we make our way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. (B)

DAY 6 Innsbruck This morning, it’s your choice! Choose one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city’s history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof; or, you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck’s unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

DAY 7 Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in The Sound of Music); the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart); and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg’s fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter’s Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)

DAY 8 Innsbruck - Oberammergau, Germany - Passion Play Cross the border into Bavaria, Germany to the quaint village of Oberammergau. This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break of the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich Begin your day with a visit to Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation, with many sculptural elements showing workmanship of an incomparable artistic quality. Next, enjoy free time to explore medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle before gathering for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

DAY 10 Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Tour highlights include

✓ Travel to Bavaria and view the famous Neuschwanstein Castle
✓ Ride the GoldenPass panoramic train from Montreux to Gstaad
✓ Experience the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau
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**Planned tour itinerary**

**DAY 1** Overnight Flight

**DAY 2** Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. Enjoy regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (D)

**DAY 3** Vienna Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Vienna showcasing its architectural marvels. Visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen’s Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time to independently explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

**DAY 4** Vienna - Salzburg After a short journey through the countryside, enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe’s most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedicite Melk Abbey before continuing to the musical city of Salzburg. Tonight, sit down for a Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter’s Restaurant. (B, D)

**DAY 5** Salzburg Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart’s birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

**DAY 6** Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau Today we travel to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later we arrive at our home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. (B, D)

**DAY 7** Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

**DAY 8** Oberammergau - Black Forest Today fairy tales become reality at a picture stop of Bavaria’s most famous castle, King Ludwig’s Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the stunning Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. (B, D)

**DAY 9** Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

**DAY 10** Zermatt Today Zermatt is at your fingertips. It’s your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour. Or, experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 11** Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is Lucerne, the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake.” (B)

**DAY 12** Lucerne This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

**DAY 13** Lucerne - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. (B)

**Tour highlights include**

- Embark on a cruise along the Danube River
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Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1 Overnight Flight

DAY 2 Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 3 Berlin This morning enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichtstag building and a stop at “Checkpoint Charlie,” the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. (B)

DAY 4 Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg Your destination is Hamburg with its winding canals and impressive harbour that have made it a center of trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B, D)

DAY 5 Hamburg Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis Church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the port of Hamburg - dubbed the “gateway to the world.” Later, it's your choice! Board a harbour boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights - OR - embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg’s elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your “singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert” and travel down memory lane. (B)

DAY 6 Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and the medieval Schnoor district. Later, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the “Pied Piper of Hamelin” plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)

DAY 7 Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel - Marburg This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed “Rapunzel’s Castle” – Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswalde, home to Sleeping Beauty’s castle – Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before travelling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

DAY 8 Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you’ll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colourfully costumed local expert for the famous “Night Watchman” walking tour of this medieval town. (B, D)

DAY 9 Rothenburg ob der Tauber It’s your choice! Join in a walk to a local bakery to make “schneeball” pastries – snowballs – a favourite treat of the locals! OR - tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 10 Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the “crazy” King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to the quaint, picturesque village of Oberammergau. (B, D)

DAY 11 Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

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DAY 13 Munich - Tour Ends This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)
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DAY 1 Overnight Flight

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship - Tour Begins Unpack for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise. Your vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest’s stunning night skyline. Cap the night off with a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

DAY 3 Budapest Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary’s lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman’s Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria Tour Slovakia’s remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city’s most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin’s Cathedral, Michael’s Gate, and the Archbishop’s Palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria’s capital. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 Vienna Join a local expert exploring Vienna’s Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen’s Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna’s Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna’s famous pastries. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 Emmerndorf - Wachau Valley View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmerndorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 Linz - Passau, Germany This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which rests at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan’s Cathedral, home to Europe’s largest church organ. Tonight you are invited to attend the Captain’s Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 Passau - Disembark Ship - Munich - Oberammergau Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafes. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

DAY 9 Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany’s most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

DAY 11 Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Tour highlights include

✓ Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city
✓ Discover Slovakia’s remarkable capital, Bratislava
✓ Board a cruise to view Budapest’s stunning night skyline
✓ Explore Vienna’s Imperial architecture

Pricing Conditions: *per person, double, land only

visit collette.com/passionplay or visit your local travel agent.
MILAN 2-night post tour

ADD TO: Italian Vistas (pg. 82)

Day 13: Stresa - Milan
Transfer to Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion. Milan is filled with historic architecture including the Duomo, its magnificent Gothic cathedral. Upon arrival, receive your sightseeing bus ticket valid for 48 hours...hop-on and hop-off the red open-top double-decker buses and explore this bustling city at your own pace.

Day 14: Milan
Continue your independent exploration of Milan at your leisure. You may choose to visit the Sforza Castle, Sant’Ambrogio Cathedral, Parco delle Basiliche or the Duomo, Milan’s most famous landmark. (B)

Day 15: Milan - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: A minimum of 3 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. This extension is not hosted or guided.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Doria Grand Hotel, Milan

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

ICELAND 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Spectacular Scandinavia (pg. 118)

Ext. Day 1: Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland
Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Enjoy free time to explore the city’s old section that features Hallgrímskirkja church, City Hall, the harbor, and Reykjavik’s oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design center.

Ext. Day 2: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik
Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland’s most renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation’s most historic area. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe’s most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir’s rugged rift valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavik and have time to explore the city on your own. (B)

Ext. Day 3: Reykjavik
Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

Ext. Day 4: Reykjavik - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services for the Golden Circle. A minimum of 2 guests is required for this extension to operate. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please require at time of reservations. Additional air segment purchase required.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Hotel Reykjavik Centrum, Reykjavik

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

MADEIRA ISLAND 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Sunny Portugal (pg. 74)

Day 10: Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira - Monte - Botanical Garden
Fly to Madeira Island, the "pearl of the Atlantic." Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking Funchal. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its vast collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Next, enjoy a leisurely paced tour of Funchal’s charming plazas, colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and local market.

Day 11: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - Cabo Girão - São Vicente - Porto Moniz
Visit Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with a wonderful bay. Continue along mountain roads, passing banana plantations and vineyards, en route to Cabo Girão, the world’s second highest cliff. São Vicente, a charming agricultural town, offers dramatic views. Explore the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz. (B)

Day 12: Funchal - Ribeiro Frio - Santana
Wind through the mountains to Poiso to visit the island’s third highest point — Pico do Anheiro. Then it’s your choice! At Ribeiro Frio (Cold River), you may choose to explore a fascinating trout farm and the surrounding natural beauty - OR - perhaps you will choose to join an exhilarating “levada walk” and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains. Later, continue to Santana. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop for a first-hand look at this delicate craft. This is followed by a tasting of world-famous Madeira wine. Enjoy a traditional dinner known as espetada. (B, D)

Day 13: Funchal - Lisbon
Return to Lisbon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 14: Lisbon - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: The levada walk is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Additional air segment purchase required.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Days 1-3: Pestana Casino Park, Funchal
Day 4: Turim Marques, Lisbon

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.
PRAGUE 2-night post tour

ADD TO: Christmas on the Danube (pg. 162)

Day 9: Vienna, Austria - Prague, Czech Republic
This morning you say goodbye to your cruise ship as you board your vehicle for a drive through the lovely European countryside. Your destination is Prague, the cultural capital of Bohemia. Upon arriving in Prague, you will be met by a local representative who will help orientate you to your hotel and the surrounding city sights.

Day 10: Prague
Begin the day with a panoramic tour as you drive through the city and arrive at the amazing Hradcany Castle where you will stroll down the Golden Lane. Afterwards, enjoy your visit to the beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral as well as the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. Then, your local guide will introduce you to the magical Christmas markets where you may sample sausages, sip mulled wine, and shop or ornaments. (B)

Day 11: Prague - Tour Ends (B)
Please Note: Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Please Note: All services are provided by a local representative. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Your extension may require an additional air segment purchase. For any extension requiring a flight in order to operate, or departing from a gateway different than the base tour, please inquire for rate at time of booking.

JORDAN 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Treasures of Egypt (pg. 130)

Day 13: Cairo - Amman, Jordan - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Petra
Fly to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Travel to the city of Madaba, the “City of Mosaics.” Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. Also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay.

Day 14: Petra
Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B, D)

Day 15: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman
This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, Lawrence of Arabia. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum’s stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, return to Amman, known as the “White City” because of the white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

Day 16: Amman - Tour Ends (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS
Hotel Yasmin, Prague

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

JORDAN 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Iconic Israel (pg. 124), Israel: A Journey of Faith (pg. 126), Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (pg. 128)

Ext. Day 1: Jerusalem - Border Crossing - Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra
This morning you travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border into Jordan. Travel the Desert Highway to the city of Madaba, the “City of Mosaics.” Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay.

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Ext. Day 3: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman
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Ext. Day 4: Amman - Jerash - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Tel Aviv, Israel
Travel the quiet valley among the mountains of Gilead to the city of Jerash – the “Pompeii of the East.” Step back in time as you tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk through columned streets, Nippa temples, public squares and plazas. Later, travel to the Jordan Valley Border Crossing, and continue to Tel Aviv. (B)

Ext. Day 5: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS
Days 1, 2: Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra
Day 3: Le Meridien Amman, Amman
Day 4: Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 189 for details.

*Canadian 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 inquire for rate at time of booking.
Day 10: Saint-Rémy - Avignon - Nice
After a short transfer to Avignon, head to beautiful Nice on the iconic French Riviera via TGV high-speed train*. This afternoon, explore the highlights of Nice with a hop-on hop-off pass.

Day 11: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice
This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colorful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Then you're off to discover Place Massena and the lively seashore 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 Èze. Enjoy a visit to the Fragonard perfumery to take in the scents of Southern France. (B)

Day 12: Nice - Tour Ends
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Please Note: This extension is independent; guests will not be accompanied by our representative. *No porterage will be provided on the TGV train from Avignon to Nice; guests will be responsible for their own luggage. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

2 MEALS - $945 - $1080*
2 Breakfasts

ACCOMMODATIONS
Hotel Splendid, Nice

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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See page 189 for details.

Amadeus
Princess or Elegant

ONBOARD FACILITIES
• Panorama Restaurant
• Panorama Bar & Lounge
• Amadeus Club with Internet Station
• Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, small Fun Pool, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
• Wellness Tub (Vital-Club)
• Fitness Room
• Hair Salon, Massage Room
• Gift Shop
• Laundry Service
• Complimentary onboard bicycles
• Wi-Fi available

TECHNICAL DATA
Built: 2006 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 5.85 m/19.2 feet • Length: 110 m/ 361 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Draft: 1.30 m/ 4.4 feet • Staterooms/ Suites: 78/2 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 160 • Crew members: approx. 40

Cruise Ship Deck Plans
Amadeus Silver III

ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

TECHNICAL DATA

Built: 2016 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 6 m/19.8 feet • Length: 135 m/ 443 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Staterooms/Suites: 72/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 168 • Crew members: approx. 46

Amadeus Queen

ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

TECHNICAL DATA

Being built: operating as of April 1, 2018 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 6 m/19.8 feet • Length: 135 m/ 443 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Draft: 1.45 m/ 5ft. • Staterooms/Suites: 69/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 162 • Crew members: approx. 46
Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodations
What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than Canadian standard accommodations. A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but not necessarily two separate beds. A twin bedroom has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilized.

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedroom and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee that there will be three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

Can my children travel on tour? Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

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

When can I check into my hotel? Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

Air
Can Collette book our airline reservations? Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette’s air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines. Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some airlines charge a fee for seats which will be at the guests’ expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered, the guests must contact the airline directly to arrange seat assignments.

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

Is there a lot of walking on tour? We pride ourselves on bringing travellers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Review each tour’s “Tour Activity Level” and “Tour Pacing” (pg 189) for details.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be 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 that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

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

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

Documentation
Do I need a passport? Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside Canada. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has seven months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client. In South Africa, children are required to have a passport as well as additional documentation to travel with you into and out of the country. Please consult the South African Embassy for the current specific requirements related to your travel dates.

Extending Your Stay
Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays, offered on select tours. Extensions may be “hosted” rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will provide all included services and be available on-call during the duration of the extension. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that your Tour Manager will not be available during this time.

Extras
What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

Late Bookings
Do you accept late bookings? Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.

On-Tour Experience
Where do I meet my Tour Manager? Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The Tour Manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel’s address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior to 15 days of the tour departure. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to prepping options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full,
your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

**What do these symbols mean?**

- **Leisure Stay tours** are designed to allow for multiple-night stays at each hotel. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.
- **Cruise-Land tours** combine the best of both land and sea. These tours feature all the qualities of our traditional escorted tours, including a Tour Manager, and also include an ocean vessel and a portion on land.
- **River Cruise tours** feature small, intimate vessels for a more personal experience as you travel through a variety of beautiful waterways that are inaccessible to larger cruise ships, and sometimes include a portion on land.

**Revisions/Changes**

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel a tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you have secured your own air.

Can I make changes to my reservation? Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of $25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date, tour itinerary or passenger name, within the guidelines of the cancellation policy, will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply. Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

**Tour Pacing**

How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour? Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination’s sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the “Accommodations” section on each tour page and on the tour map. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. These describe the number of activities included in each day. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day. The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

**Level 1:** At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

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

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

**Level 4:** To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

**Level 5:** This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counsellors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counsellors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

**Transfers**

Are airport and hotel transfers available? Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase arrival and departure transfers from Collette. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays? All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service? It’s your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of the airport.* Please confirm at time of booking. Not valid on group travel.

*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route. Other restrictions apply, call for details.

**The Collette Passport Club**

What is the Collette Passport Club? Formerly known as Travel Loyalty by Collette (TLC), Collette has relaunched a new, more inclusive loyalty program called the Collette Passport Club. For guests who are already enrolled in TLC no action is required. New guests who complete a trip that departs on or after 9/4/17 will automatically be enrolled in the program. Collette Passport Club members receive a $150 travel credit for each trip they take* along with various other benefits.

*Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. $100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.
The choice is yours. 3 great air options.

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.

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¹This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of most major Canadian gateways and purchase an air-inclusive tour. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. ²These transfers 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 of $100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. ³Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. ⁴Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase air; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. ¹Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. ²Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.
Reservation Information

Land Rates
Land rates are on a per person, double occupancy unless otherwise noted. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. Government taxes and fees are additional. For current prices, please see our website at www.gocollette.com. Land rates are guaranteed at the time that the deposit is received by Collette.

The land price includes those land based items delineated as included in the package itinerary and does not include any other items such as air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end of trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

Payments

Land Package Deposit
- A $250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruises only and Oberammergau reservations, a non-refundable $500 deposit is required. An additional $1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional $1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

Air Inclusive Package Deposit
- A $500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable $750 deposit is required. An additional $1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional $1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

Instant Purchase Air
- If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus a $500 deposit, all of which is non-refundable

If you have selected Instant Purchase Air for your travel, you must have your airfare ticket in your hands at the time you make your land only deposit. If you do not, your land only deposit will not be acceptable.

Should you decide to purchase our Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of this Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver which protects you from penalties in the event you have to cancel your entire tour package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details).

Final Payment

Unless otherwise noted, the balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. Payment may be made by charging to clients’ Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx?co=CAD

TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:
Collette: 1-800-468-5955
reservations@gocollette.com

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:
Collette, 40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3
Attr: Accounts Receivable

Revision Fees

Upon receipt of your itinerary, you must review it and report any discrepancies to Collette immediately in order to avoid any supplier incurred penalties. A handling fee of $25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of the departure date will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

Cancellation Charges

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates will result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If canceled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

- More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 60 - 16 days prior to departure: 30% of total price
- 15 - 1 day prior to departure: 50% of total price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of total price

Exceptions:
- Ocean Cruises: More than 90 days prior to departure, the nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price
- River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China
- More than 90 days prior to departure, the nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 85% of total price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

Galapagos & Antarctica:
- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 - 90 days prior to departure: 60% of total price
- 90 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total 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

Airfare

For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted exclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post-days and extensions). If you have selected Instant Purchase nonrefundable air, you are required to pay the full air cost in addition to the $250 deposit at time of booking (all of which is nonrefundable). If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, the Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare may be covered, if you cancel your trip for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable; you may only be charged for a fee up to $300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months: specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges. Therefore, any such fees or airport-to-hotel transfers are not refundable under any circumstances.

Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

Currency

Unless specified otherwise, all statements of or references to dollar amounts in these terms and conditions are to lawful money of Canada.

Proof of Citizenship: Passports & Visas

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. Clients/passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate/embassy for entry requirements, including whether you need to obtain a visa before entering your destination country and, if you do you need to get a visa, its cost and timing. Please remember that the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visas for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

Travel Conditions

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

Door to Door Transfer Service

Return door to door transfers are offered up to 100 kilometers from most major Canadian gateways with the purchase of an air-inclusive tour.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time your booking is made. Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.
To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom.

Holiday and Museum Closures

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

Motorcoach Washrooms

Most motorcoaches on our tours are equipped with washrooms except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours. These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

Seat Rotation

Seats are rotated onboard the coach for all Collette tours under the direction of the tour manager. So that we do not show partiality among passengers, exceptions cannot be made.

Maps and Photos

Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary and the conditions you experience may be different than depicted in the photograph(s).

Baggage Disclaimer

Although every effort is made to handle passengers’ luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through airline/airport, 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. Collette is not responsible for submitting your insurance claim.

There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. Be sure to ask your travel professional about such restrictions before departing for your tour.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines impose additional charges if you choose to check baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline’s checked baggage policies. Please be advised there is a $25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, including for tours designated as “guaranteed departures”.

If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette’s control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary or on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit. All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier’s overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 189 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

GENERAL DISCLAIMER

Collette monitors security situations around the world as well as government travel advisories. Conditions may require Collette to change or even cancel trips. You accept the risks involved in travel, both foreign and domestic, and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions. Guests may be required to review and sign a participation agreement prior to engaging in certain activities on the trip.

Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively “Collette”), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. You agree to be bound by the conditions of carriage for all transportation providers. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, agents, shareholders, officers, successors and assigns (collectively “Collette”), from all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims or liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which is occasioned by any negligent acts or omissions of Collette arising out of any goods or services provided for this or these trips. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. Other risks may arise such as, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encountering. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to change to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the Tour Manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. If you are traveling with children, you are solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times.

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. In addition, any comments that you submit as a review or your social media posts may be used for Collette’s promotional purposes.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Collette reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without notice.

Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these organizations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member. Full details are available from these organizations or Collette. Collette is pleased to provide this additional protection to our clients.
Collette’s Travel Protection Plan
(for Canadian citizens or residents only*)

Following is an outline of the Non-Insurance Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver, Insurance Benefits and non-insurance assistance services that make up the Travel Protection Plan.

Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Tours Canada, Ltd: The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee to Collette at the time of booking guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposits), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets that you purchase from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, this Part A Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for any such nonrefundable airline tickets in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket may be covered by Collette’s Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

The Part A Waiver portion of Collette’s Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. The Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

Collette’s Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual’s 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. However, the Part B Benefits referenced below include a single supplement benefit of $1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

The Travel Protection Plan fee is nonrefundable and valid for each applicant (paying client) only. Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot and will not be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Tours Canada, Ltd. and its own employees, directors and officers.

Where to Present Part A Claims:
To request a refund under the Part A Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette
ATTN: Customer Service Department, 40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3
If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

PART A – Provided By Collette
Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee &Unused Services Waiver up to Trip Cost

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation.

Part B Insurance Benefits provided by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation (*NOT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF QUEBEC): On tour, travel protection benefits may 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 a medical evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT

PART B – Benefits Provided by the Insurance Company Listed Below

Accidental Death & Dismemberment $25,000
Trip Interruption $1,000
Missed Connection $1,000
Trip Cancellation Amount Purchased*
Travel Delay (Up to $150 Per Day) $1,500
Single Supplement $1,000
Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Accident & Sickness $1,000,000**
Medical Expense, Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation
Baggage/Travel Documents $2,000
Baggage Delay (Up to $150 Per Day) $750

*This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (Non-Refundable) Air Tickets and any single supplement penalties you are assessed if your Family Member or Travelling Companion has his/her Trip cancelled and does not cover any other land, air or water arrangements.

**The Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance benefits of this plan are subject to a maximum benefit limit of $10,000 for those persons who at the time of a covered injury or sickness do not have valid hospital and medical insurance under a Government Health Insurance Plan of a Province or Territory of Canada.

PART B Exclusions & Limitations

Benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service; 4. riding, driving or participating in races, or speed or endurance contests; 5. mountaineering (including the ascent of mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition; 7. participating in skydiving, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 130 feet or if you are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being intoxicated, as specifically defined in the policy, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless administered on the advice of a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth, normal pregnancy (except complications of pregnancy) or voluntary induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; 14. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Policy. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 15. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized; 16. any rehabilitation or convalescent care; 17. treatment, services or expenses related to or resulting from travel in a specific country, region or city for which Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada has issued a formal Travel Warning, before your departure date, advising Canadians to avoid all travel to that specific country, region or city; or 18. Sickness or Injury resulting from a motor vehicle accident where You are entitled to receive benefits pursuant to any policy or legislative plan of motor vehicle insurance.

NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services
Global Xpi Medical Records Services

Please Note: Plan cost is based upon the cost of your trip. Benefits are described on a general basis only. The information in this brochure is only an outline of the coverage available, and is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy. Please refer to the policy wording for complete details. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by province/jurisdiction. You will receive a Description of Coverage and a Description of 24-Hour Emergency Assistance Services which describe the benefits and limitations in detail. To review full plan details online, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpCNP426C.


Payment for the plan is required at time of purchase and is non-refundable once purchased. Prices and coverage are subject to change. For full plan details online, please visit: www.tripmate.com/wpCNP426C (except for Cancel for Any Reason Waiver). This Part B travel insurance is underwritten by: Northbridge General Insurance Corporation; 105 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, ON M5H 1P9. Benefits are administered by Northbridge Claims Administration, c/o Active Care Management, Tel: 1-888.421.5378.

For specific questions regarding Travel Insurance or to report a claim, call the Claims Administrators: Northbridge Claims Administration at: 888.421.5378. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Collette’s Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost of the Travel Protection Plan includes a Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc., insurance benefits underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation, as well as non-insurance assistance services provided by One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Trip Mate.

Land Only Clients:
- $95 adult/$95 child for all North American escorted tours under 6 days
- $255 adult/$140 child for all North American escorted tours of 6 days or more
- $335 adult/$165 child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- $385 adult/$190 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- $450 adult/$225 child for Galapagos tours
- $500 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- $925 adult/$425 child for Antarctica tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan cost. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

Air-Inclusive Clients (Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)
- $1,400 adult/child for all North American tours under 6 days
- $2,925 adult/child for all North American tours of 6 days or more
- $3,555 adult/child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- $425 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- $500 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- $565 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- $975 adult/child for Antarctica tours

Collette’s Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket is covered by Collette’s Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to $300 plus any difference in airline for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

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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
cares

• for our employees  • for our community  • for the world

collette cares
Seek out the expert advice of your travel professional.

what's your reason FOR TRAVEL?

In 2018, Collette proudly celebrates its 100th year.

As we look back over the past century, where and how we travel has changed. But one thing remains the same - the reasons why we travel. We have come a long way, from simple bus tours to culturally immersive and inclusive explorations. But whether it's fulfilling a dream, celebrating a milestone, or simply broadening our horizons, our reasons for travel remain the same.

To learn more about our Centennial, visit Collette100.com

SAVE up to $300 per person

*Mention source code for savings. Offers can expire earlier due to space or inventory availability. Space is limited and savings are only available on select departures. Space is on a first come, first served basis. Offers are not valid on group or existing bookings or combinable with any other offer. Promotional pricing may remain in effect after the expiration date. Offer amounts vary by tour and departure date. Other restrictions may apply. Call or visit collette.com/offers for more details.

For reservations, contact your Travel Professional or call Collette at 800.468.5955

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