Explore the verdant Monteverde Cloud Forest in Costa Rica. Cruise across the emerald waters of Halong Bay in Vietnam. Picnic in the Australian Outback as the sun sets over the desert. Exotics tours aren’t just about the locations, they’re about the state of mind. Go to places where different cultures mingle and harmonize, and experience unique excursions in incredible locales.

You’ll have stories to tell when you return.

Whatever your reason for travel, we can help you start your journey to an exotic new land, right here.
see what’s INSIDE

Cover: Take in a bird’s-eye view of Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu at the Skyline Stratosfare Restaurant on our Exploring New Zealand tour (pages 92-95).
DEAR TRAVELLER,

Welcome to Collette’s 2018-2019 Exotics brochure.

These are the destinations that take you to worlds very different from your own. From the captivating River Ganges to the vast Outback, through the fascinating temples of Asia and onward to the breathtaking African plains, we share more of our amazing world with you.

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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TRAVEL STYLES

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

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

Cruise-Land tours combine the features of our land tours with an ocean or river cruise.

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

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

MORE EXPERTISE

Backed by nearly a century of experience, Collette (a family-owned and award-winning leader in travel) is proud to show you the world. Our passionate tour design team travels the globe, creating new experiences and staying ahead of the latest travel trends. Plus, with a professional Tour Manager at your service and local guides by your side you’ll never miss a thing.
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.
Jack Collette establishes Collette and runs a 21-day trip to Florida for $68.50.

NEW DESTINATIONS
NYC, Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard join the travel roster.

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.
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 109)

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 105)

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 105 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.
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.

Mark Godin
Tour Manager: 16 years of service
Asia
The best part about being a Tour Manager is what I can share with my guests: introducing them to a new restaurant or giving them cultural tips to interact with locals. I advise my travellers to always explore more in an exotic destination. Asia especially has a proven reputation for extending the highest level of hospitality to visitors.

“Out 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.

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.
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 your adventure.
See pg. 105

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. 106

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.

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.
Designing adventures

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

**SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA**
**FEATURING SWAZILAND**

*Connect with nature and culture in one unforgettable trip.*

With safari game drives, a lagoon cruise and a visit to one of the oldest ostrich farms, it’s easy to get up close and personal with African wildlife. And with several traditional experiences like a Boma dinner under the stars, you’ll walk away with a richer connection to South African culture.

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**TASTE OF VIETNAM**

*Enjoy a feast for the senses that will delight in every way.*

An ancient and mysterious world unfolds day by day in Vietnam. Cruise between islands along the Mekong Delta, discover the many flavors of local cuisine, and try your hand at making lanterns that symbolize happiness, luck, and wealth. You’ll walk away filled with the riches of authentic Vietnamese culture.

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**CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA**

*Explore the origins of the Incan Empire.*

In addition to must-see Machu Picchu, journey across Lake Titicaca, the birthplace of the Incan Empire, tour the historic Incan capital of Cuzco, see the floating islands of the Uros, and more! Day by day, the legacy of the Incan Empire unfolds before your eyes.

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**Nadine Paulo**

*Product Design Manager*

*Central & South America, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, France, Iceland & Scandinavia*

"I had been hearing from our guests they want to venture into the remote, untouched and simply genuine parts of a destination. My new tours will deliver and go beyond the must-sees and into a realm of immersion in the local culture."
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!

**COSTA RICA JUNGLE EXPLORATION**

Keep your head in the clouds and your heart aflutter as you stroll suspended hanging bridges above the lush jungle and visit one of the world’s largest butterfly gardens -OR- glide above the rainforest on an exhilarating zip line tour. The series of lines allows you to see the rainforest in an exciting new way. The choice is yours!

**TOURING MOROCCO**

How do you wish to see Morocco? Stroll among the gardens of Jardin Majorelle and visit the Berber Museum to take in the history, beauty and diversity of Morocco -OR- sit back and take a leisurely ride through the streets of Marrakech via horse-drawn carriage, observing the spectacular architecture and the city’s fast-paced energy from a relaxing vantage point.

**WINE EDUCATION IN CAPE TOWN**

After a wine tasting and lunch at a local vineyard, it’s your choice how you wish to learn more about the winelands of South Africa. Tour the vineyard’s wine cellar, learning about the different vintages and blends of the winery and the region -OR- embark on a scenic walk through the winelands along the Franschhoek River.

Look for the **It’s Your Choice** icon!
More on tour

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
more on tour

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.

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

- Rhonda M.

4 star & above

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

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

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.

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 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.

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.
CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA
14 DAYS • 26 MEALS
FROM $ 6699

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

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

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
(Prices subject to change without prior notification)

DAY 7 | In Cuzco, join a comprehensive tour by coach or embark on a walking tour with a local guide.
DAY 10 | Visit the Gold Museum, which houses an impressive collection of pre-Columbian precious metals or visit Casa Pedro Murillo, the 19th-century mansion that was once home to the martyr of Bolivian Independence.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Lima: Arrive early to discover a city steeped in history and culture.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins
Peru and Bolivia hold many surprises for those willing to make the journey. Let us show you what these countries have to offer. This adventure begins with a late arrival in Lima, the "City of Kings."

Day 2: Lima
Discover Lima’s fascinating history during a tour through the historic city center (UNESCO). Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs.

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas
Fly to Cuzco. From here we travel through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, once the agricultural center of their grand empire. Learn the

find yourself among archeological wonders
set amidst natural masterpieces including the majestic Andean Mountains and the largest Salt Flat in the world.

View the Government Center, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to the Archbishop's Palace where we have reserved the balcony exclusively for you to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, visit the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum’s collection features over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile and precious metal artifacts. Later, enjoy a sumptuous welcome dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)
centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. Stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Visit a local hacienda for a farm-to-table lunch along with a Paso horse show. The Peruvian Paso has been declared a Cultural Heritage of Peru and you are sure to be impressed by the regal performance. Settle in this evening at your hotel in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B, L)

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley
This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then we travel to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you’ll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally-renowned artist’s techniques. Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you visit a nearby Quechua community and interact with the locals. Get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted lunch of local specialties. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu
Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the “Lost City of the Incas.” Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu to further soak up its atmosphere. Attend an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco
During free time this morning you may take an optional tour to Machu Picchu to view the sunrise; or, explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own. Return via Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and visit the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a nonprofit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired craft beers and learn about the brewery’s efforts to support the community. Afterwards, continue to Cuzco. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco
The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. Then it’s your choice! Follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city from your hotel -OR- board your coach for a comprehensive tour of the city’s main sites. Both trips take you on a journey through this former Incan capital to experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and Plaza de Armas, and the central market. Later, gather together and travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. Enjoy a toast at sunset while overlooking the city. Return to Cuzco where you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavours along with a traditional folkloric performance. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno - Uros Floating Islands
This morning, fly to Puno. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Meet the people who call this place home and discover the history of this region as you explore the village center. Then, embark on an afternoon cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people.

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CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA
(CONTINUED)

14 DAYS • 26 MEALS
FROM $6699

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

Today your journey to Bolivia begins. Arrive at the lakeside town of Copacabana. Visit the Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Copacabana and see the statue of the patron saint of Bolivia, La Virgen de la Candelaria. Explore the main square and local market before boarding a catamaran cruise to the sacred and legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire, Isla del Sol (Sun Island). The Titicaca region, steeped in tradition and folklore, remains the center of Incan legends which you will experience first-hand upon arriving on the island. Climb the ancient Inca steps and see ruins dating back to the Inca period circa 15th century AD. Walk along agricultural terraces and take in the spectacular views of Lake Titicaca during your visit to the Inti Wata Cultural Complex. Experience a Shaman blessing on a cliff overlooking the lake. Your visit to Sun Island closes with an authentic sailing experience when you board a traditional Titikaka vessel for a panoramic viewing of the ruins of the Pilkokaina Inca Palace. You can even get hands-on and help to row back to your catamaran. This evening, arrive in La Paz, the highest altitude administrative capital city in the world. This special place is recognized as one of the seven urban wonders of the world. (B, L)

Day 10: La Paz

Situated at nearly 12,000 feet above sea level, La Paz is located in a valley at the foothills of the Andes mountain range. Begin your day with a visit to Moon Valley, a maze of canyons, giant spires and geological formations. It is said that Moon Valley was actually named by astronaut Neil Armstrong after he likened the area to the lunar landscape. Continue to the city center where you will see the main square, Plaza Murillo, surrounded by La Paz Cathedral, the Presidential Palace and the Congress building. Then it’s your choice! Visit the Gold Museum, with its impressive collection of pre-Columbian precious metals, some dating back 3,000 years -OR- visit Casa Pedro Murillo, the former home of the martyr of Bolivian Independence, and see the immense collection of artifacts, colonial art, furniture, and musical instruments. This afternoon take in the magnificent views of La Paz while on an exhilarating cable car ride high above the city. Venture into the famous Witches Market and mingle with the locals buying supplies for ritual ceremonies and offerings to the Pachamama (Mother Earth). Gather with your fellow travellers this evening for a cocktail reception before enjoying some traditional Bolivian cuisine. (B, D)

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**Day 11: La Paz - Uyuni**
Fly to Uyuni, the largest salt flat in the world. Upon arrival, you will be whisked away in 4x4 vehicles to tour the spectacular salt flat. Visit the Train Cemetery where the remains of 19th- and 20th-century steam locomotives have come to rest. Continue to the village of Colchani to meet a local artisanal salt factory owner and observe first-hand the traditional methods of salt extraction. At Incahuasi Island, situated in the middle of the salt flat, marvel at the hundreds of cacti, some dating back thousands of years. You are in for a treat when you enjoy a picnic lunch in the middle of the salt flats! Arrive for your 2-night stay in a one-of-a-kind hotel made completely of salt bricks. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy your unique accommodations or perhaps you will select an optional salt flats stargazing experience. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Uyuni**
Enjoy a relaxing morning before returning to explore the salt flats this afternoon. Arrive at the village of Chantani, located at the base of Tunupa Volcano, and visit the local museum and ancient burial ground. Your local guide and driver will assist in creating a memorable perspective photo shoot, a popular way of recording your time spent on the salt flats. Toast to the end of your visit to Uyuni with a sunset reception on the salt flats. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Uyuni - La Paz**
Fly back to La Paz and spend an afternoon at leisure. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner showcasing Bolivian fusion cuisine. (B, D)

**Day 14: La Paz - Tour Ends**
As your tour comes to a close, reflect on your amazing Andean adventure. (B)

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**Triple Room Reduction** (-) $100

Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport. Upon your arrival into Bolivia, you will receive an immigration card (bottom half of the arrival form) which immigration officers will stamp upon entry. Please keep this card in a safe place, as immigration officials will ask for it when you depart the country in order to apply the departure stamp. Passengers arranging their own transfers from Lima’s Jorge Chavez International Airport should use a secure taxi service to go into the city. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. In general, hotels outside of Lima are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators, which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour.

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ADD A DAY
Lima: Discover more of Lima's colonial heritage with an extra night.
CALL FOR DETAILS

START EARLY

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- Venture through the Andes to Machu Picchu in a domed train.
- Stand at the “Middle of the World” at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.

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IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(To ensure an optimal travel experience)
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EXPLORATIONS
SMALL GROUP TOUR
TRAVEL WITH NO MORE THAN 24 GUESTS

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Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador
This morning we fly to Quito, Ecuador, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the country’s stunning capital city. (B)

Day 9: Quito
At the start of your city tour, enjoy a special visit to a Children International community center, supported by the Collette Foundation. Meet some of the children benefiting from the nutritional support and healthy cooking education that is the focus of this group’s mission. Learn about Quito’s colonial center on a tour featuring the Presidential Palace and 17th-century Church of La Compañía. Savour lunch overlooking the Pululahua volcanic crater. On a one-of-a-kind experience, cross between hemispheres at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum at the “Middle of the World.” Spend the rest of the day at leisure discovering Quito’s way of life. (B, L)

Day 10: Quito - San Cristóbal Island, Galapagos - Embark Ship
Fly to beautiful San Cristóbal Island, gateway to your Galapagos eco-adventure. After enjoying lunch aboard the m/v Galapagos Legend, arrive at the Port Baquerizo Moreno for an up-close look at the endangered tortoises that call the San Cristóbal Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve home. After exploring the island, stargaze from the deck of your ship and toast the wonders of the Galapagos with tropical cocktails. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Española Island (Gardner Bay and Suarez Point)
Board your panga to visit Gardner Bay. Guarded by a colony of sea lions, the beach is home to Galapagos hawks and endemic finches. Swim and snorkel with the marine life, including manta rays and white-tipped sharks. Continue on and meander through the volcanic terrain of Suarez Point. During your nature walk, watch for hooded mocking birds, lava lizards, Sally Lightfoot crabs and blue-footed boobies. Venture to count Waved Albatross at the world’s largest colony. Finally, visit the spectacular Soplador (blowhole) where water shoots 75 feet into the air. (B, L, D)
Day 12: Floreana Island (Post Office Bay and Cormorant Point)
Land at storied Post Office Bay, named for a barrel left in 1793 by Captain James Colnett as a "post office" for passing sailors. Continue the tradition and leave a letter for a loved one. Snorkel, if you choose, with green sea turtles or set out to search for Darwin’s finches and yellow warblers. Sail to Cormorant Point and its divine green sand beach. Try to spot stingrays and reef sharks in the emerald waters. Learn about the ecosystem’s unusual plants. You may also observe graceful flamingos or spot a small colony of penguins. Seize another chance to snorkel and swim near playful sea lions! (B, L, D)

Day 13: Santa Cruz Island (Charles Darwin Research Station & Highlands)
Visit the famous Charles Darwin Research Station and see the giant tortoises from the station’s breeding program. Trek through the Santa Cruz highlands to Cerro Chato and find more giant tortoises. Take a break to savour some organic Galapagos coffee before we embark on a walk inside dormant lava tubes to gain insight on how these pristine islands formed. Enjoy time to explore Port Ayora town. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Carrion Point - Disembark Ship - Baltra Island - Quito
Gather panoramic views as you circumnavigate Carrion Point. Keep an eye out for marine iguanas, fur seals and crabs teetering along the rocky shore. Bid farewell to the Galapagos and fly back to the magnificent city of Quito. Fall in love with the lights of colonial Quito during a nighttime panoramic tour en route to your farewell dinner at one of the city’s most historic restaurants and sample some of Ecuador’s finest cuisine. (B, L, D)

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

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR
Complete your trip with 3 nights in Otavalo. Explore the rich cultural, scenic, scenic and picturesque villages of the Andes.
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This trip requires a passport. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to confirm flight arrangements to the Galapagos Islands. Rates include Galapagos National Park fees. Pricing is based on Standard Plus Outside cabins, located on the Sea Deck. Call for upgrade rates and availability for Junior Suites (Earth Deck) or Balcony Suites (Moon Deck). Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available at the time of booking, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. The internal flights on this program in Peru and Ecuador are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. In general, hotels in Peru (outside of Lima) are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. Passengers arranging their own transfers from Lima’s Jorge Chavez International Airport should use a secure taxi service to go into the city.

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Day 1: Overnight Flight

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Welcome to Buenos Aires. Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the “Paris of South America” is a mosaic of European-styled architecture and South American spirit. Meet your fellow travellers and enjoy a cocktail at your beautiful hotel located in the heart of the chic Recoleta neighborhood. Tonight, head to the Esquina Carlos Gardel Tango House, named after Argentina’s most famous tango maestro, and savour Argentine cuisine and wine before witnessing a stunning tango performance. (D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires
Start your day with a panoramic tour of lively Buenos Aires. Visit the Palermo district and Recoleta Cemetery, where Eva “Evita” Peron rests. Drive along the famous Avenida 9 de Julio; view the Teatro Colon opera house; the Metropolitan Cathedral, the former church of Pope Francis I; and the Presidential Palace - “La Casa Rosada” - at Plaza de Mayo. Explore San Telmo, the oldest neighbourhood of the city and the birthplace of tango. Then, it’s your choice! Continue on your city tour by bus -OR- embark on a bicycle tour with a local guide. Either way you will visit La Boca and the Puerto Madero neighbourhoods. The remainder of the day is yours to create your own adventure. Maybe you’ll stroll through San Martin Park or Calle de Florida, a shopper’s paradise; or take the optional Tigre Delta trip where you’ll pass by an array of historic mansions before boarding a cruise through the canals. (B)

Day 4: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires
This morning we cross the Argentine Pampas, the nation’s version of the “wild west.” Embark on a guided tour of the charming country village of San Antonio de Areco, the birthplace of gaucho traditions. Visit with some of the local artisans and silversmiths before heading to a typical estancia where you’ll dine on a hearty asado lunch – a traditional Argentine barbecue. While on the tour activity level • Start early: Buenos Aires: Have more time to enjoy the vibrant culture of this capital city.

Cultural Experiences
- Move to the passionate rhythms of tango during a stunning performance.
- Mingle with locals at one of Rio de Janeiro’s open-air markets.

Must-see Inclusions
- Visit Corcovado and the mighty Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro.
- Behold the Argentine and Brazilian sides of Iguazu Falls.
- Venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain.

It’s Your Choice!
• Day 3 | In Buenos Aires, experience the lively capital with a local guide either by bike or by bus.
• Day 4 | In San Antonio de Areco, go horseback riding through the countryside or take a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride.
• Day 9 | In Rio de Janeiro, get a behind-the-scenes look at Rio’s famous Carnival festival, or meet the locals with a visit to a favela.

Culinary Inclusions
- Dine on a traditional Argentinian barbecue (asado) at a countryside estancia.
- Learn how to craft caipirinhas - a Brazilian cocktail with sugar cane liquor and lime.
- Dine in a typical Brazilian churrascaria.

Accommodations
Day 1 - Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4: The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires
Days 5, 6: Mabu Termas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu
Days 7 – 9: Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level
See page 105 for details.
Day 5: Iguazu Falls - OR - through the countryside

-OR- take a scenic horseback ride through the countryside.
Enjoy the many amenities at your resort or you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls. (B)

Day 7: Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro

Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Magnificent views, beautiful beaches, flamboyant Carnival costumes, great cuisine and friendly people make Rio the cultural capital of Brazil. Venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain for breathtaking views. Check into your beachfront hotel in the exclusive Leblon neighborhood. Learn how to craft capinhas – Brazil’s famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime. Then, cap the night off at Rio Scenarium, a lavishly decorated restaurant and music venue in the historic Lapa district. Meet local Cariocas (the name for people from Rio de Janeiro) for a night of dinner, music and dancing. (B, D)

Day 8: Rio de Janeiro

Journey to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. Take in the panoramic vistas from Tijuca Forest National Park and 360-degree views around the city. Then spend time with locals at one of the city’s open-air markets. Break into small groups with market guides as you discover and taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. Your afternoon is at leisure. Relax by the beach at your resort or take a shuttle to Copacabana. Or, perhaps take an optional jeep ride through the Tijuca forest followed by a visit to historic Santa Teresa. (B)

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro

This morning, it’s your choice! Step behind-the-scenes at Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances during their year-round preparations for Rio’s biggest event - OR - join a local guide for a tour of a favela; learn about the unique contrasts and paradoxes of Brazilian society as you stroll through the community and visit a local home; relish some time for coffee, cake and discussion with the humble residents. This evening we gather to enjoy a panoramic city tour that includes a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral with architecture that was inspired by a Mayan pyramid. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium, which hosted the 2014 World Cup finals, before continuing on to the Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell feast in a typical Brazilian churrascaria. Indulge in wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

Day 10: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, transfer to the airport for your flight home. For guests with evening flights, you may choose an optional visit to the Botanical Gardens along with a cruise of Guanabara Bay, or perhaps a historic walking tour of the waterfront district. (B)

You have come so far...

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- Brazilian Amazon: Extend your trip with a 3-night extension.
- Salvador de Bahia: Extend your trip with a 3-night extension.

Stay longer...

Río de Janeiro: Enjoy more time to enjoy one of the world’s most dynamic cities.

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This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa for Brazil is required for this tour at your expense.

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• Savour a Brazilian churrascaria featuring an assortment of grilled meats.
• Enjoy a dinner featuring Peruvian cuisine and festive entertainment.

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Day 8: Cuzco - Santiago, Chile
Say farewell to this mystical land of the Incas and fly south to cosmopolitan Santiago, Chile’s vibrant capital city. (B)

Day 9: Santiago
This morning, embark on a walking tour of Santiago’s historic city center. View such sights as the La Moneda Presidential Palace, Plaza de Armas and Santiago’s Cathedral. Then venture out to Chile’s wine region and visit a local winery for lunch. Sample some of Chile’s famous cabernet and carmenere wine while a local expert teaches you about winemaking in this part of the world. Next, explore artwork and artifacts from Central and South America during your visit to the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Your evening is at leisure to further explore Santiago on your own. (B, L)

Day 10: Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales
Leave Santiago behind and fly to the region of Patagonia, the southern portion of Chile and Argentina that is filled with natural wonders. Arrive in Punta Arenas, built along the Strait of Magellan. Visit the old port village and Fort...
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Embark on a full-day cruise through the Chilean Fjords, visiting the breathtaking Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers. As you pass through the Seno Última Esperanza - “Channel of Last Hope” - behold the pristine beauty of Bernardo O’Higgins National Park, Chile’s largest natural reserve. This rugged landscape and unspoiled territory is a site you will never forget. (B, L)

Day 12: Puerto Natales - Torres Del Paine - Puerto Natales
Today you’ll venture into the UNESCO biosphere reserve – Torres Del Paine National Park. Take in the panoramas of jagged mountains and emerald-blue lakes. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls and the flora & fauna that are unique to the area. You are sure to be awed at every turn when exploring what is known as South America’s most incredible national park. (B)

Day 13: Puerto Natales - El Calafate, Argentina
Make your way from the Chilean side of Patagonia to El Calafate in Argentina, the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. En route, meet some local gauchos at a typical Patagonian estancia. Partake in a traditional lamb roast lunch and learn about the local culture. Then you are treated to a dog show and sheep shearing demonstration. Revel in the beauty of the landscape during your drive through the countryside before settling into your hotel, perfectly situated near downtown and featuring spectacular views of magnificent Lake Argentino. (B, L, D)

Day 14: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier
Discover the jewel of Argentina’s Patagonia – Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park. This UNESCO site forms part of the Patagonian Continental Ice Field and is one of the few glaciers in the world still advancing. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs as you listen to the sounds of crashing ice breaking off the massive glacier. (B, L)

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Start your day with a panoramic tour of lively Buenos
Day 17: Buenos Aires - Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay - Buenos Aires
Hop aboard the Colonia Express, a ferry that takes you across the Rio de La Plata to the charming village of Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay. This UNESCO site, dating back to 1680, is the only remaining Portuguese settlement in Uruguay. A local resident joins us for a ride through town to introduce you to its landmarks before leading you on a guided walk through the historic old town. Savour lunch featuring some local delicacies and Uruguayan wine before having free time to relax or explore independently. Later we return to Buenos Aires. (B, L)

Day 18: Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls, Brazil
Fly to Iguazu Falls - located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – hailed as the most beautiful waterfalls in the world and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil’s Throat. Discover unparalleled views of five waterfalls as they plummet into the Iguazu River. Cross to the Brazilian side and check into your resort. Cap off your day with a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

Day 19: Iguazu Falls
Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have fought to protect the beauty and raw power of these falls by making each side a national park. You will see firsthand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed "Poor Niagara!" The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the many amenities at your resort or you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls. (B)

Day 20: Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro
Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Magnificent views, beautiful beaches, flamboyant Carnival costumes, great cuisine and friendly people make Rio the cultural capital of Brazil. Venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain for breathtaking views. Check into your beachfront hotel in the exclusive Leblon neighbourhood. Learn how to craft caipirinhas – Brazil’s famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime. Then, cap the night off with a feast in a typical Brazilian churrascaria. Indulge in wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

Day 21: Rio de Janeiro
Journey to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. Take in the panoramic vistas from Tijuca Forest National Park. With 360-degree views around the city, you'll soon realize why this statue is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Then spend time with locals at one of the city's open-air markets. Break into small groups with market guides as you discover and taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. This afternoon, it's your choice! Step behind-the-scenes at Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances during their year-round preparations for Rio's biggest event - OR - join a local guide for a tour of a favela; learn about the unique contrasts and paradoxes of Brazilian society as you stroll through the community and visit a local home; relish some time for coffee, cake and discussion with the humble residents. The evening is yours to relax or explore independently. (B)

Day 22: Rio de Janeiro
Your morning is at leisure to explore fabulous Rio de Janeiro on your own. Relax by the beach at your resort or take a shuttle to Copacabana. Or, perhaps take an optional jeep ride through the Tijuca forest followed by a visit to historic Santa Teresa. This afternoon, witness the city of Rio that captivated the world during the 2016 Summer Olympics. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium, which hosted the 2014 World Cup finals, before continuing on to the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. Afterward, behold the renowned Metropolitan Cathedral with architecture that was inspired by a Mayan pyramid. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for an exciting farewell dinner at Rio Scenarium, a lavishly decorated restaurant and music venue in the historic Lapa district. Meet local Cariocas (the name for people from Rio de Janeiro) for a night of dinner, music and dancing. (B, D)

Day 23: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends
As your tour comes to a close, transfer to the airport for your flight home. For guests with evening flights, you may choose an optional visit to the famous Botanical Gardens along with a cruise of Guanabara Bay, or perhaps a historic walking tour of the waterfront district which underwent a fantastic transformation for the 2016 Olympics. (B)

Stay Longer

Rio de Janeiro: Enjoy more time to enjoy one of the world's most dynamic cities. Call for details.

Add a Day

You have come so far

Tour Extensions:

- Peruvian Amazon: Begin your trip with a 3-night extension. Explore the wonders of the Amazon with a naturalist guide by your side. See page 98 for details.
- Brazilian Amazon: Complete your trip with a 3-night extension. Stand in awe of one of the world's seven natural wonders. See page 96 for details.
- Salvador de Bahia: Extend your trip with a 3-night extension. Witness colonial architecture, a charming fishing village and a folklore performance. See page 97 for details.

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Triple Room Reduction (-) $200

Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport and visa. Visa for Brazil (approximate visa cost is $160 USD) is required for this tour at your expense. This tour may require a certificate of Yellow Fever inoculation when applying for your Brazilian visa especially if you have traveled to Peru or Brazil. These fees are at your own expense. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. The internal flights on this tour are not included in the land price. All air, including internal air, can be purchased through us. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. In general, hotels outside of Lima are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators, which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour.
Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins
Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the “Lost City of the Incas.” Arrive late this evening in Lima, the “City of Kings.”

Day 2: Lima
Discover Lima’s fascinating history during a tour of the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it’s on to your exclusive visit in the Archbishop’s Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner featuring Peruvian dishes and drinks; you will quickly discover why Peru has been named the world’s top food travel destination four years in a row. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas
Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural center of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Settle in this evening at your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours...perhaps you’ll take this opportunity to discover your hotel’s planetarium to gaze at the stars. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the Inca
This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. Admire the art at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it’s on to your exclusive visit in the Archbishop’s Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner featuring Peruvian dishes and drinks; you will quickly discover why Peru has been named the world’s top food travel destination four years in a row. (B, D)

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Day 7: Call for Details
In Cuzco, follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city or board your coach for a comprehensive tour of the city’s main sites.

Cultural Experiences
• Learn centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
• Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
• Discover the artist’s techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.

Must-See Inclusions
• Venture through the Andes in a domed train to Machu Picchu.
• Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu.
• Discover Lima’s fascinating history during a tour of the city center.

Culinary Inclusions
• Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
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Casa Andina Premium, Sacred Valley
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Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7
Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9
Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level
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Lima: Discover more of Lima’s colonial heritage with an extra night.

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Day 7: Cuzco

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

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno

This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. Have time to meet the locals and discover the history of this region as you explore the village center before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Uros Floating Islands - Las Chullpas de Sillustani - Lake Titicaca

The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the center of Incan legends. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Experience walking on the spongy surface made from compacted beds of totora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, mingle with some local residents during an authentic home-hosted lunch where you’ll taste regional specialties and engage in lively conversation. In the afternoon, visit the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani – an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. Participate in a local home visit to gain insight into daily life. (B, L)

Day 10: Puno - Lima - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival we head to the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artifacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a sumptuous farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. Then we depart for Lima’s airport and your connecting flight home. (B, D)

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

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

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

With leisure time this morning you may take an optional tour to return to Machu Picchu and view the sunrise or explore the local markets in Agua Calientes on your own. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley. Visit the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a nonprofit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired craft beers and learn about their drive to support their community before continuing to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial influences. (B)
Day 1: Overnight Flight
In association with Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic, we proudly offer an active, immersive expedition adventure exploring Antarctica in an authentic expedition style. See more of the legendary landscapes and habitats – encounter iconic penguins, leopard seals, and marine mammals; kayak among icebergs and zodiac cruise past resting leopard seals; and hike on the continent with the best ice team on Earth. Through the efforts of an undersea specialist, you will also experience the seldom-seen Antarctic undersea. Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

Day 2: Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins
Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the “Paris of South America.” Enjoy lunch while cruising the Beagle Channel. Later, embark the National Geographic Explorer, an authentic expedition ship uniquely equipped with an ice-strengthened hull and advanced navigation equipment for polar expeditions. With just 81 cabins and a maximum capacity of 148 passengers, the spacious and modern Explorer offers a roster of tools for exploration and a variety of public rooms that offer astounding views of the passing landscape, including a dramatic window-lined library and plentiful observation decks, plus one perched at the very top of the ship and the forward facing chart room, offering a 24-hour beverage station. In the ship’s spacious lounge you will have informative presentations and a nightly recap of the day’s activities. Shipboard services also include a state-of-the-art fitness center, laundry, and public-area Wi-Fi. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship - At Sea
This morning we fly over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Enjoy lunch while cruising the Beagle Channel. Later, embark the National Geographic Explorer, an authentic expedition ship uniquely equipped with an ice-strengthened hull and advanced navigation equipment for polar expeditions.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 105 for details.

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT
14 DAYS • 33 MEALS
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Get the chance to see incredible Antarctic wildlife like seals, whales, and penguins.
• Enjoy nearly 24 hours of sunlight as you relax on the ship’s observation decks.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Visit the “Paris of South America,” Buenos Aires, and tour this wonderful city.
• Set out on a fully equipped polar expedition ship, and cruise the waters of Antarctica.
• Like many previous explorers, cross Drake’s Passage, a milestone for any adventurer.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Day 2  Alvear Art Hotel or similar, Buenos Aires
Days 3 - 12  National Geographic Explorer
Day 13  Alvear Art Hotel or similar, Buenos Aires
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Savour your meals like never before – aboard an expedition ship, admiring the stunning scenery of one of the most wild and magnificent places on earth.

Day 4: Drake Passage - At Sea
Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named for the explorer Sir Francis Drake. Lying between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable - a milestone in any adventurer’s personal travel history. Warmer waters of the north meet the colder, denser waters of the south.

join us on the expedition of a lifetime with an experienced crew of naturalists, seasoned Antarctic explorers, and National Geographic experts.
here in the Antarctica Convergence, making the area rich in marine life. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Antarctica
The next six days are filled with discovering Antarctica, the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent is like nowhere else on the planet. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Antarctica
The voyage keeps a flexible schedule (daily activities are contingent on weather conditions) to take advantage of the unexpected. With nearly 24 hours of daylight, make the most of your days with daily explorations. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Antarctica
You may take a Zodiac foray amid towering icebergs under a bright sun, walk along the shoreline amid a huge penguin colony, hike to a summit for a breathtaking view, or kayak along a cliff-side rookery in search of blue-eyed shags. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Antarctica
Today you could have the thrill of watching the ship crunch through the packed ice or step ashore to the cries of thousands of Gentoo penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Antarctica
Learn from the experts how to identify different penguin species and get photo tips from a National Geographic photographer while watching those same penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Antarctica
Onboard, the undersea specialist may present video from that day’s dive with rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface. The expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more and experience more. (B, L, D)

Day 11: At Sea
Leave Antarctica and sail back to Ushuaia, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. The ship’s spotters will keep an eye out for marine life, albatross and seabirds that cross over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent is like nowhere else on the planet. (B, L, D)

Day 12: At Sea
You may want to enjoy a wellness treatment, spend time in the gym, catch up on the book you haven’t had a minute to read, or participate in on board discussions reflecting on all you have seen and learned. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Ushuaia - Disembark Ship - Fly to Buenos Aires
After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia with time for independent exploration before proceeding to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 14: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today. (B)

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This trip requires a passport. The Ushuaia airport departure tax is included in the cost of your tour. Park fees and permits are included in the base price of the tour. Pricing is based on Inside Cabin Category 1. Please call for rates for other cabin categories. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line. Special clothing is required for the shore landings; please refer to your pre-departure documents for important details. Transfers to/from the boat are by small Zodiac inflatable boats. Landings are either “dry” or “wet” and you might have to wade ashore in shallow water. In some cases, the terrain can be somewhat strenuous. In accordance with IAATO and Lindblad Expeditions, all guests traveling to Antarctica must complete a confidential medical declaration form, signed by a doctor, stating that they are fit to travel. This form will be sent to guests well in advance. The form must be completely filled out and returned to our office 100 days prior to your tour’s departure. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

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Canadians planning to visit Argentina must pay a US$78 reciprocity fee online prior to their arrival. The fee is payable on the Dirección Nacional de Migraciones website. A printed receipt must be shown to your airline/bus company upon check-in or boarding and submitted to immigration authorities upon arrival. Failure to pay the reciprocity fee in advance has resulted in travelers being refused entry into Argentina, and, in some cases, a return to their port of origin. The fee is valid for multiple entries until one month prior to the expiry of your passport. Make sure you keep more than one copy of the receipt for your entries. This trip is operated by Lindblad Expeditions and will have Lindblad representatives accompanying you throughout the program until your final night in Buenos Aires. This program is not Collette exclusive and a Collette tour manager will not be accompanying you. Internal flights are not included in the tour cost. All air, including internal air, must be booked through us.
COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE
12 DAYS • 23 MEALS
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Join an expert guide to learn about the local culture and ecosystem.
- Visit the world’s first green turtle research station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Explore Arenal during an extended 3-night stay.

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(For dates to arrange before trip departure)

Day 7: Embark on one of Costa Rica’s most thrilling zip lining experiences or enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park.

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

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 105 for details.

discovers the national parks and rainforests of Costa Rica,
one of the world’s most popular eco-destinations.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins
Discover the fascinating ecosystems of Tortuguero National Park, Arenal Volcano and Manuel Antonio National Park.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park
Today brings dormant volcanos and crater lakes as we journey through Braulio Carrillo National Park en route to the Caribbean lowlands. Along the way, take in mountain vistas and Caribbean-style villages. Later, discover the wonders of Tortuguero National Park’s rainforest as you cruise the rivers and canals with an expert guide. Enjoy a 2-night stay at an eco-lodge surrounded by lush tropical forest and an array of wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings during a visit to the world’s first green turtle research station. Here, dedicated scientists are working to protect the turtle’s nesting habitat and eggs. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park
Get your camera ready. Set out on an early morning bird-watching excursion that explores the myriad of local and migratory birds that flock to this area. Next, embark on a nature cruise through the park – keep an eye out for howler monkeys, sloths, toucans and caimans. Tortuguero National Park, a study in biology, protects over 350 species of birds and mammals. Savour time to seek out green macaws and some of Costa Rica’s endangered animals, including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and even manatees. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí
Take to the water again and embark on a leisurely boat ride to the mainland as we travel to the Sarapiquí region, one of the world’s most important research regions for tropical rainforests. Visit an organic pineapple plantation...
Day 5: Sarapiquí - Arenal Volcano
Begin the day engulfed in nature with an early morning bird watching tour along the natural forest trails and nearby stream. Later, behold the spectacular views of Arenal Volcano and absorb the tranquility of your surroundings as you begin a 3-night stay at your resort featuring panoramic views of the volcano. (B, D)

Day 6: Arenal Volcano
Enjoy a day at leisure. This morning you may take an optional river safari down the Peñas Blancas River. For the more adventurous, an exhilarating white water rafting expedition on the San Blas River is also available. Or, simply explore the resort or relax in the soothing waters of one of the region's hot springs. This evening, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking demonstration; then savour the local flavours of Costa Rica during a traditional dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Arenal Volcano
This morning, experience the rainforest from the treetops on a guided walking tour along Arenal's hanging bridges. Then, the choice is yours! Embark on one of Costa Rica's most thrilling zipline experiences and take in one-of-a-kind views of the Arenal rainforest - OR - enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park; cross lava fields and pause to enjoy spectacular views of the volcano. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal Volcano
Day a hammock and take in the nature around you. Enjoy the sun to hike through the deep green forest or simply relax in the tranquility of your surroundings as you begin. (B, D)

Day 9: Arenal Volcano
Head to the Pacific Coast today. Along the way, stop for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion. Hop aboard a safari boat to explore the remarkable mangrove ecosystem of the Rio Grande of Tarcoles, home to one of the world's largest wild crocodile populations. View waterfowl, iguanas, and over fifty varieties of native birds, including the very rare scarlet macaw. Later we continue to the world-renowned Manuel Antonio National Park to check into our resort just outside the park. Soak up the sweeping views and take in the sunset overlooking the park and the Pacific Ocean before dining this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park
Wake up to a cool breeze and spectacular views. The day is yours to relax and enjoy the surrounding beauty. You can enjoy the luxurious amenities of your resort, walk the nearby nature trails that lead to dramatic views of the Pacific, or head to the nearby white sand beaches. (B)

Day 11: Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose
This morning we explore spectacular Manuel Antonio National Park, known for its pristine beaches and primary forest. Spend your time walking the forest trails in search of the three-toed sloth, agoutis, squirrel monkeys and iguanas; or take a swim in the inviting blue waters. Then, say goodbye to the coast and continue to San Jose and toast to the natural richness that is Costa Rica at a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. Head for home with many amazing memories. (B)

Day 13: San Jose - Tour Ends
Enjoy a day at leisure in this exciting capital city. (B)

STAY LONGER
San Jose: Enjoy more time to explore this exciting capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS

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This trip requires a passport. Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately $32 USD per person.
Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in the colourful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

Day 2: San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste
Welcome to the Central Valley. We start with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B, D)

Day 3: Guanacaste
Fun in the sun is in store. Spend a free day exploring the nearby town and beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of the resort’s lovely amenities. (B)

Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde
You won’t believe your eyes. It’s off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem. Along the way you are sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal! (B, D)
Day 5: Monteverde

It's your choice! Explore one of the world’s largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced “Hanging Bridges” walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest’s lush ecosystem —OR— you may take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip-line tours in Costa Rica. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica. (B, D)

Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal

Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery. Learn about indigenous trees and Monteverde’s reforestation efforts. Cross through the beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for another 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. (B, D)

Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal

What’s next? Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a panga (covered canoe). These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, we return to Arenal for the chance to relax during an optional spa visit. (B)

Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose

Today we get a little whimsical as we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. We will see the bustling Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendor. This evening, it’s time to say farewell to paradise during a wonderful dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 9: San Jose - Tour Ends

Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure. (B)
Day 1: Gamboa, Panama - Tour Begins
Experience a land of contrasts. Remote rainforests, rich history, diverse wildlife and spectacular coastlines abound in Panama. Your tour opens at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort where you’ll enjoy your private balcony and hammock overlooking the beautiful surroundings. During your leisure time, feel free to use the complimentary bikes or kayaks to explore.

Day 2: Gamboa - Emberá Village - Gamboa
Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome breakfast. Then, board dugout canoes and set off on an excursion up the Chagres River to an Emberá indigenous village. As the “Keepers of the Rainforest,” the Emberá strive to preserve their heritage and take pride in sharing their traditional techniques of home building and handicrafts – such as basket weaving and tagua nut carving. Join in their dances and partake in a traditional lunch. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy your resort. This evening, you may choose to join your guide on a nature walk through the resort’s jungle forest and gardens for a chance to spot unique birds and other wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Gamboa - Panama Canal Cruise - Gamboa
Today we explore the canal! Board the Pacific Queen for a partial transit cruise through the Panama Canal. Enjoy lunch onboard and pass through two locks as you revel in a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see this incredible engineering feat firsthand. Learn all about its construction and operation from your onboard guides. Disembark at Flamenco Marina in Panama City. (B, L)

Day 4: Gamboa - Panama City - Anton Valley
Arrive at Miraflores Locks Visitor Center to view the Panama Canal and learn about its past, present and future as you watch ships traverse the lock system. Continue to Casco Viejo, the Old Quarter (UNESCO). Then, it’s your choice! Follow your guide for a short walking tour showcasing the Plaza de la Independencia and the National Theater or journey through this same neighbourhood with a local resident who will take you through the place he calls home, highlighting the incredible revitalization of this historic area.

Day 5: Anton Valley - Gamboa
Today is at leisure. Relax in your room or explore the resort. (B)

Day 6: Gamboa - Chitré - Gamboa
Arrive at Chitré for a nature walk through the resort’s jungle forest. (B)

Day 7: Gamboa - Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita
Today is at leisure. Relax in your room or explore the resort. (B)

Day 8: Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita - Gamboa
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IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(To be arranged before trip departure)

Day 4 | Follow your guide for a walking tour showcasing the Plaza de la Independencia and the National Theater or journey through this same neighbourhood with a local resident who will take you through the place he calls home, highlighting the incredible revitalization of this historic area.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Join your guide for a nature walk through the jungle forest.
- Discover the various arts of creating Panamanian hats, masks and dresses.
- Peruse a local handicraft market filled with crafts made by indigenous artisans.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Enjoy three nights in a river view room — with a balcony and hammock!
- Travel by dugout canoe to an Emberá village to learn about indigenous culture.
- Traverse the Panama Canal through two locks aboard the Pacific Queen.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Sample fresh Panamanian ceviche at the Mercado de Mariscos.
- Taste the sweet sugarcane juice called “guarapa” at a sugar mill.
- Immense yourself in the local culture at dinner featuring a folklore and dance show.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 – 3
Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Gamboa

Days 4, 5
Los Mandarinos Hotel, Anton Valley

Days 6, 7
Cubita Boutique Resort and Spa, Chiré

Day 8
Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
Upgrade your room to an Ocean View Suite. CALL FOR DETAILS.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 56 for details.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Gamboa: Treat yourself to the tranquility of the rainforest with an additional night.
CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: Gamboa, Panama - Tour Begins
Day 2: Gamboa - Emberá Village - Gamboa
Day 3: Gamboa - Panama Canal Cruise - Gamboa
Day 4: Gamboa - Panama City - Anton Valley
Day 5: Anton Valley - Gamboa
Day 6: Gamboa - Chitré - Gamboa
Day 7: Gamboa - Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita
Day 8: Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita - Gamboa

between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans lies Panama, a country where bustling cities surround Spanish ruins, and rainforests cradle luxury resorts.
Discover Panama

**Day 5:**

Anton Valley - Chitré

Delve into history and biodiversity. This morning, visit a frog conservation center that protects critically endangered species, including the emblematic Panamanian Golden Frog, said to bring good luck to anyone who sees it. Then we explore a nonprofit orchid nursery which dedicates itself to conserving regional orchids. We follow that with a visit to the Butterfly Haven exhibit; stroll through the nursery which dedicates itself to conserving critically endangered species, morceau which dedicates itself to conserving critically endangered species, and then visit El Chorro Macho waterfall. Embark on a moderate hike along the rainforest trails, crossing several bridges before arriving at the impressive waterfall. You may even take a swim in the natural pool. The evening is yours to continue exploring this charming mountain community. (B)  

**Day 6:**

Anton Valley - Chitré

Step into the heartland of Panama as you visit a village of artists. Interact with makers of the famous Panama hat and see firsthand how these wearable works of art come to life. Next, meet the legendary cigar rollers of Panama. Head north to Chitré. Established in 1558, it is one of the first Spanish settlements in Panama. Tonight, immerse yourself in the local culture during dinner. Learn about the various Panamanian drums and how they are incorporated into song and dance during a folkloric dance performance. (B, D)

**Day 7:**

Chitré

Spend the day meeting the people of Chitré, the “folklore capital” of Panama. Talk to a famous local artist whose whimsical masks are used in traditional Panamanian parades. Next, pause to experience the region’s pre-Columbian and colonial times at the local museum. Then it’s off to spend time with Panamanian women who have dedicated their lives to making the handwoven pollera dress. Your day continues with a visit to one of Panama’s famous rum producers. Explore the historic hacienda to discover the life of the founder, a Spanish immigrant who brought jobs and prestige to the region with the development of the distillery. Learn the art of making rum, as well as the local drink seco, also distilled from sugarcane. If you like, you may take an oxcart ride through the sugarcane fields. Enjoy an authentic lunch and finally sample the product for yourself during a tasting session. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at your hotel. Tonight you have the option of experiencing an authentic home-hosted meal in a local family’s home; take this opportunity to learn about their lives, culture and food. (B, L)

**Day 8:**

Chitré - Playa Bonita

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**Day 9:**

Playa Bonita - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. (B)

**Stay Longer**

**ADD A DAY**

Playa Bonita: Stay another night along the beautiful shore and sandy beaches. Call for details.

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

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**Combine Two Tours into One Adventure**

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**Suggested Tour:** Tropical Costa Rica

**Call for Details**

This trip requires a passport. Panama charges an international airport departure tax of approximately $60 USD, the cost of this may be included in your air ticket. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in Atlanta, Georgia or Miami, Florida (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of booking. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

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

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

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

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 Overnight Flight
Day 2 Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Day 3 Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri
Days 4, 5 Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
Day 6 The Ark Hotel, Nyeri
Days 7, 8 Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
Days 9, 10 Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara
Day 11 Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Days 12, 13 Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 105 for details.

EXPLORATIONS
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scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife surround you
as you traverse the African plains on an intimate safari adventure.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Get ready for an amazing safari adventure as you explore Kenya’s wildlife and stunning natural vistas.

Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins
Arrive in Nairobi for an overnight stay at the Sarova Stanley Hotel, the city's first luxury hotel.

Day 3: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park
Today we set off for the mountainous region of Aberdare National Park. This ecologically diverse area boasts lush valleys and peaks reaching 14,000 feet. Arrive at your hotel situated on the slope of Mweiga Hill overlooking the park. Keep an eye out for the giraffes that welcome you to the lodge. The afternoon is yours enjoy the amenities of the lodge; perhaps you'll take a nature walk or enjoy a round of golf! (B, L, D)

Day 4: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba National Reserve
We begin our journey at the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves, home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife including the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra, two species only found north of the Equator. Arrive at Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. After lunch, it's on to Buffalo Springs for a game drive to begin your search for the “Big 5.” Tonight, learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu – an ethnic group related to the Masai. (B, L, D)
Day 7: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru
Drive past the mountains via the spectacular Nyahururu waterfalls. Then, make a photo stop at the Equator. Arrive at the floor of the Great Rift Valley and continue your search for the “Big 5” during your time at Lake Nakuru. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Nakuru
A taste of Africa. After your morning game drive, savour a traditional breakfast in the bush. Then, enjoy some time to relax and enjoy the amenities at the lodge. Your exciting afternoon game drive returns to the lodge before sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve
This morning we travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Masai Mara – an extension of the great Serengeti Plain – is considered the most stunning game viewing spot in all of Kenya: lions, giraffes, zebras, elephants and other wildlife reside here. Your tent provides all the deluxe amenities of a lodge, complete with the adventure of the wild. Visit a Masai village prior to your game drive. Tonight, enjoy a traditional bush dinner featuring a Masai dance performance. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara
Further enjoy the Masai Mara with both morning and afternoon game drives. Pause along the way to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch. Return to your hotel to catch the sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Masai Mara - Nairobi
After breakfast, return to Nairobi and travel to Karen, on the outskirts of Nairobi, and visit the farmouse of Karen Blixen, author of Out of Africa. Experience the local wildlife firsthand as you have the opportunity to feed the endangered Rothschild giraffes from a raised platform at the Giraffe Sanctuary. (B, L)

Day 12: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park
This morning we depart Nairobi for Amboseli National Park, famous for its open plains where lions and elephants roam. The breathtaking snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy an afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Amboseli
Further explore Amboseli with two game drives – your final chance to see the "Big 5." (B, L, D)

Day 14: Amboseli - Nairobi - Tour Ends
Return to Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to your departure for home. (B)

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

Day 6: Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park
Return to Aberdare for an unforgettable experience in a treetop lodge. This national park received its name from Lord Aberdare, one of the founding members of the Royal Geographical Society. Your lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of wildlife all night long. Get an up-close look at the wildlife from the four viewing decks that provide an unmatched opportunity for game viewing from the comfort of the lodge. Sit back and let the animals come to you! (B, L, D)

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival.

Day 2: Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins
Your journey begins in Sandton, a city established in 1969. Famous for its rich veins of gold and other valuable minerals, it is now the bustling cosmopolitan center of greater Johannesburg.

Day 3: Sandton - Soweto - Sandton
Today you visit the Apartheid Museum which commemorates the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa. A guided tour of Soweto — South West Township — showcases luxurious mansions and informal settlements as you learn about the historical significance of the area. Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern. This afternoon, have some time to ponder history at Liliesleaf, the location of Nelson Mandela’s arrest and the former center and place of refuge of the liberation movement. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park
Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Scenic wonders surround you as you pass through the Blyde River Canyon, made mostly of red sandstone and known as one of Africa’s greatest natural wonders. Along this magnificent route you will also see Bourke’s Luck Potholes, the dramatic natural cylinders shaped by millions of years of natural erosion caused by fast-flowing sand-filled waters. This evening, enjoy a traditional Boma dinner under the stars where you may sample some local game meat! (B, D)

Day 11: In Franschhoek, tour a local wine cellar or embark on a stroll through the winelands.

Day 12: Day at leisure. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees in Knysna.

Day 13: Overland Flight

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**
- Visit one of the oldest working ostrich farms in Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of South Africa, and learn about these fascinating animals.
- Experience a thrilling cable car ride rising more than 3,000 feet.
- Learn the local beat with a lesson on the djembe drums.

**MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**
- Search for the “Big 5” on an open-air safari game drive!
- Marvel at the breathtaking Drakensberg Mountains.
- Behold the luxurious mansions of Soweto — South West Township.

**IT’S YOUR CHOICE!**
(To earn 10,000 bonus miles before trip departure)

**CULINARY INCLUSIONS**
- Join locals for lunch at a Shebeen, or house tavern.
- Experience an unforgettable African “Boma” dinner.
- Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees in Knysna.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Day 1
- Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3
- Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton

Days 4, 5
- Protea Kruger Gate or Premier Winkler, Kruger National Park

Days 6 – 8
- Log Inn, Knysna

Days 9 – 12
- The Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**
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Day 5: Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive
Have your camera ready for an unforgettable day of adventure and excitement! Enjoy a full day open-air-vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in search of the “Big 5” – elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino – and provides insight into these fascinating animals along the way. Watch carefully – you may also see a graceful impala, dazzling zebra or gorgeous giraffe. Relax with a picnic lunch surrounded by giraffe in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kruger National Park - Johannesburg - George
Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route, to enjoy a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 7: Knysna
Today we visit nearby Featherbed Nature Reserve. Begin with a lagoon cruise out to the famous Knysna Heads which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel deep into the forest. Discover the entrance to the lagoon. Enjoy a full day’s sightseeing around the lagoon and in the picturesque town of Knysna. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Knysna - Outdshoorn - Knysna
This morning’s township tour will highlight the diversity of this community, followed by a touching experience as you visit a school. Learn about the efforts of the Collette Foundation and the local community to conquer the challenges of educating the children of the region. Travel to Outshoorn, the ostrich capital of South Africa. Enjoy a guided tour of one of the oldest working ostrich farms in the area, after which you can catch a glimpse of ostriches big and small while on a tractor safari through the Lucemue fields. An outdoor barbecue lunch adds to an amazing day. Upon your return to Knysna, enjoy some time to independently explore the waterfront area. (B, L)

Day 9: Knysna - Cape Town
Before leaving the Garden Route, enjoy a visit to the Aloe Ferox region where you will enjoy an aloe-tapping demonstration and a stroll in the indigenous gardens. Later this afternoon, arrive in the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town. (B)

Day 10: Cape Town
Enjoy a panoramic tour of lovely Cape Town, celebrated for its architecture that fuses the traditions of the French, German and Dutch. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car as it whisked you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named Table Mountain. The views of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion’s Head will leave you breathless. Return to the city via Table Bay passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets. Make a special stop at the Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

Day 11: Cape Town - Franschhoek - Cape Town
Journey to the beautiful winelands region, known for its colourful mountains and endless vineyards. Visit a local winery for a wine tasting, followed by lunch overlooking the vineyards. After lunch, IT’S YOUR CHOICE! Take a tour of the wine cellar and learn about the different vintages and blends created at the winery OR embark on a scenic walk through the winelands along the Franschoek River. (B, L)

Day 12: Cape Town
Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulders Beach. This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums and a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience! (B, D)

Day 13: Cape Town - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today in Cape Town. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY
Cape Town: Delight in another night to explore this vibrant coastal city. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 8: Knysna - Oudtshoorn - Knysna
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Tour Extensions:

• Dubai: Begin your trip with 3 nights in Dubai. Visit one of the world’s most exciting, must-see destinations.
• Victoria Falls: Complete your trip with a 3-night extension. Stand in awe of one of the world’s seven natural wonders.

See page 100 for details.

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You have come so far

This trip requires a passport and visa. You must have at least 2 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamp issued for South Africa. The 2 pages for South Africa MUST be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. If you choose to continue on with the Victoria Falls extension, you must have at least 2 additional blank pages remaining in your passport. If you have questions please see your travel professional. We will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation. Our air passengers will arrive on Day 2 into Johannesburg. All of our transfers on Day 2 will be from Johannesburg to Sandton. For guests traveling via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stay can be arranged for a cost upon request. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details.
**Day 1:** Overnight Flight
One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival.

**Day 2:** Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins
Your journey begins in Sandton, a city established in 1969. Famous for its rich veins of gold and other valuable minerals, it is now the bustling cosmopolitan center of greater Johannesburg.

**Day 3:** Sandton - Soweto - Sandton
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**Day 4:** Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park
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**Day 5:** Add a Day
Sandon: Add an extra night in this dynamic section of Johannesburg.

**Day 6:** Mountain Inn, Mbabane
**Day 7 - 8:** Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkuze
**Day 9 - 11:** Log Inn, Knysna
**Day 12 - 14:** Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern. This afternoon, have some time to ponder history at Liliesleaf, the location of Nelson Mandela’s arrest and the former center and place of refuge of the liberation movement. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

**START EARLY**

**MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**
- Watch for unique wildlife on a full day safari in Mkuze Game Reserve.
- Immerse yourself amongst locals at the Mbabane Market.
- Behold the luxurious mansions of Soweto — South West Township.

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**
- Watch local residents create beautiful blown glass pieces at Ngwenya Glass in Mbabane.
- Experience a thrilling cable car ride rising more than 3,000 feet.
- Learn the local beat with a lesson on the djembe drums.

**CULINARY INCLUSIONS**
- Join locals for lunch at a Shebeen, or house tavern.
- Experience an unforgettable African “Boma” dinner.
- Enjoy a picnic lunch in the Mkuze Game Reserve.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**
- Days 2, 3: Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
- Days 4, 5: Protea Hotel Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park
- Day 6: Mountain Inn, Mbabane
- Days 7, 8: Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkuze
- Days 9 - 11: Log Inn, Knysna
- Days 12 - 14: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

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**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**
See page 105 for details.

**NEW TOUR**

**SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA FEATURING SWAZILAND**
15 DAYS • 25 MEALS
FROM $3999

**BREATHTAKING MOUNTAIN SCENERY, WINDING COASTLINES,**
remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat comprise this incredible experience.

**Mkuze wildlife**
Day 5: Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive
Have your camera ready for an unforgettable day of adventure and excitement! Enjoy a full day open-air-vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in search of the “Big 5” – elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino – and provides insight into these fascinating animals along the way. Watch carefully – you may also see a graceful impala, dazzling zebra or gorgeous giraffe. Relax with a picnic lunch surrounded by giraffe in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kruger National Park - Mbabane, Swaziland
Journey to the Kingdom of Swaziland, an independent nation landlocked by South Africa and Mozambique. Small and peaceful, Swaziland boasts some of the most beautiful mountain scenery in Southern Africa. Visit Ngwenya Glass, a success story for Swaziland and the environment, employing local residents to create spectacular glassworks made from 100% recycled glass. Watch the artisans blow their glass and create beautiful pieces before your eyes. (B)

Day 7: Mbabane - Mkuze, South Africa
This morning, immerse yourself in the local Swazi culture during a visit to the Mbabane Market. This bustling market is home to vendors selling items from local crafts, textiles and handmade masks to herbs, fruits and vegetables. Return to South Africa this afternoon as you cross into the KwaZulu-Natal region. The land of the Zulu people is iconic to the traditions of South Africa. (B, D)

Day 8: Mkuze Game Reserve - Safari Game Drive
Depart early this morning for a full-day safari game drive in Mkuze Game Reserve. Keep your eyes peeled for wildebeest, eland, kudu and several other species in this diverse landscape, especially around the waterholes. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the reserve before continuing on your game drive. The reserve is home to over 420 species of birds. Return to the hotel for time to relax before dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Mkuze - Durban - George - Knysna
Travel to Durban and board your flight to George. As the plane descends towards the Garden Route, you can begin to appreciate the coastal beauty of South Africa. Upon arrival, you’ll be transferred to Knysna, the town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route, and travel deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient aloe trees – so called because of their white latex sap – before your return cruise.

Day 10: Knysna
Today we visit nearby Featherbed Nature Reserve. Begin with a lagoon cruise out to the famous Knysna Heads which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees – so called because of their white latex sap – before your return cruise.

This afternoon, visit Plettenberg Bay, a tranquil and charming town originally known as “Bahia Formosa” (or “Beautiful Bay”) Enjoy views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons. Later we return to Knysna. (B, L, D)

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Day 12: Knysna - Stellenbosch - Cape Town
Before leaving the Garden Route, enjoy a visit to the Aloe Ferox region where you will enjoy an aloë-tapping demonstration and a stroll in the indigenous gardens. Continue to the beautiful winelands region, known for its colourful mountains and endless vineyards, where you will enjoy a wine tasting at a vineyard. Later this afternoon, arrive in the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town. (B)

Day 13: Cape Town
Enjoy a panoramic tour of this lovely city. Cape Town celebrates its noted architecture that fuses the traditions of the French, German and Dutch. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car as it whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named – and flat-topped – Table Mountain. The views of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion’s Head will leave you breathless. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets. Make a special stop at the Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

Day 14: Cape Town
Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulders Beach. This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums and a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience! (B, D)

Day 15: Cape Town - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today in Cape Town. (B)
EXPLORING
SOUTH AFRICA,
VICTORIA FALLS
& BOTSWANA
14 DAYS • 23 MEALS
FROM $6419

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

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

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

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

DAY 13 | In Chobe National Park, search for wildlife on a game drive by land or embark on a safari cruise.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 | Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4 | Commodore Hotel, Cape Town
Days 5, 6 | Spier Hotel or Devon Valley Hotel, Stellenbosch
Days 7, 8 | Hanglip Mountain Lodge, Entabeni
Day 9 | Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
Days 10, 11 | Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls
Days 12, 13 | Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 105 for details.

START EARLY
ADD A DAY
Cape Town: Take an extra day in this beautiful harbourside city.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Epic scenery, winding coastlines and remarkable cultural diversity come together in an incredible adventure.

Day 2: Cape Town, South Africa - Tour Begins
Welcome to the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town. Its architecture fuses French, German and Dutch traditions which sets the stage for a thrilling cultural journey.

Day 3: Cape Town
Step aboard a cable car that whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet atop Table Mountain. Gaze at the astounding view of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion’s Head. Return to the city via Table Bay passing through the Moorish Malay Quarter on your panoramic tour, pausing along the way at Milnerton Lighthouse. Spend the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. You may choose to explore charming Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, known for its shopping and entertainment venues. Be sure to stop by the local craft market for some hidden gems. This evening, savour a true African dining experience as you become familiar with a traditional African hand-washing ceremony before sampling local delicacies. (B, D)

Day 4: Cape Town
Travel out to Cape Point on the southwestern tip of Africa. En route, marvel at the coastal scenery and pleasant towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Listen to the tales behind the numerous ship wrecks which attest to the treacherous nature of these waters. Come to know the Cape of Good Hope and take a tram to the top of the mountain. Enjoy a leisurely hike down before continuing on to Boulders Beach to see the penguins who call it home. Later this evening, make some new South African friends during a home-hosted dinner. Sit down with a local family and learn about their daily life. Perhaps you’ll share stories from your own experiences. (B, D)
Day 5: Cape Town - Stellenbosch
After a leisurely morning, a short drive brings you to the beautiful winelands of the Western Cape. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. This evening, learn about the varieties of wines South Africa is known for during a wine tasting; then savour a delicious dinner created with locally-sourced ingredients. (B, D)

Day 6: Stellenbosch - Hermanus - Stellenbosch
Enjoy a leisurely drive over the Sir Lowry Pass to the quaint seaside village of Hermanus. A walking tour will acquaint you with the village. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the shops and art galleries before returning to Stellenbosch. Alternatively, you may choose to stay in Stellenbosch and explore the winelands region independently or just relax in the beautiful setting. (B)

Day 7: Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Entabeni Conservancy
Fly to the city of Johannesburg. Upon arrival, head to the Entabeni Conservancy. Gather for an afternoon game drive. Have your cameras ready as you search for the “Big Five” (lion, African elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and rhino). As the sun sets, get out of your 4x4 and gaze over the land as the sun drops behind the mountains and enjoy a traditional African sundowner. (B, D)

Day 8: Entabeni Conservancy
Rise before the sun and set out on a game drive. Enjoy coffee and tea in the bush before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Later, learn to follow the clues left by wildlife during a track identification walk with a ranger. After you have worked up an appetite, take time for a leisurely lunch in the gardens. Late afternoon, continue your search for the “Big Five” during another exciting game drive. Keep an eye out for the big cats preparing to hunt. Return to the lodge for dinner under the stars. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Entabeni Conservancy - Johannesburg
Carry on your quest for the “Big Five” before breakfast. Later, journey to the vibrant city of Johannesburg. Enjoy some leisure time in Sandton this afternoon. (B)

Day 10: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Spend some time at a local village learning more about the regional culture. Embark on a walking tour of the stunning Victoria Falls. Later you may enjoy a sundowner poolside and the spectacular African sunset while the animals gather at the watering hole. Tonight’s dinner is a fun and interactive experience with traditional dancers and drummers. (B, D)

Day 11: Victoria Falls
This morning explore a local craft market. Later you will meet African elephants and have the opportunity to interact with them before you enjoy some free time at the lodge. Reflect on your surroundings as you relax while overlooking the wildlife watering hole. This evening you may wish to partake in an optional sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. (B)

Day 12: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana
Watch for bushbuck (African antelope) as well as birdlife during a nature walk with a local guide. Cross the border as you travel to Chobe, Botswana. An exciting safari cruise awaits. Spot wildlife along the water’s edge, find hippos swimming along the shores, and crocodiles backing in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Chobe National Park
This morning, venture into Chobe National Park on a one-of-a-kind game drive. After lunch, it’s your choice! Continue to search for wildlife by land on an afternoon game drive -OR- get a different perspective from the river on a safari cruise. Tonight’s dinner by the river is hosted by a chef who will teach you the art of cooking a traditional braai (barbecue) complete with some local favourites such as game meat. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Chobe - Johannesburg - Tour Ends
Fly to Johannesburg where your tour comes to a close. (B)

Suggested Tours:
- Treasures of Egypt
- The Plains of Africa
- Treasures of Egypt

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Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call for additional details.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view Egypt’s timeless wonders.

Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins
Begin your journey in Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past.

Day 3: Cairo - Giza - Sakkara - Memphis - Cairo
This morning we travel to nearby Giza where we’ll meet a local archaeologist who will lead us on a visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the oldest and largest monuments in the world. This afternoon, travel south to Sakkara. Explore the site of ancient Memphis, home to a nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and stand before the oldest of all pyramids, the Step Pyramid. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile. (B, D)

Day 4: Cairo - Luxor
Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun himself. Later, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Luxor. (B)

Day 5: Luxor
Travel thousands of years into the past. Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes. Explore its remarkable sights – the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II. (B)

Day 6: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship
We return to the West Bank this morning and head to the tombs in the Valley of Nobles and the well-preserved temple complex of Medinet Habu. This afternoon, board your cruise ship and begin your adventure on the Nile River. This evening, enjoy the sound and light show at the Karnak Temple. (B, L, D)

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.
- Dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party.
- Take in a sound and light show at Karnak Temple.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2000 B.C.
- Visit the pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world.
- Explore the Valley of the Kings.
- Discover the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Day 10) In Aswan, board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island or experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a fascinating museum.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.
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 Khalil. 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)

Dates & Prices
February – April 2018
Double $2909  Solo $3789
February 7, 21
March 7, 14
April 4, 18
$2839  $3719

October 2018 – April 2019
Double $2909  Solo $3859
October 24
November 7
$2839  $3789

Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian Dollars, and do not include flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

Combine Two Tours Into One Adventure
Book another tour with Treasures of Egypt and create one grand experience. Suggested Tours: Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

Stay Longer
Cairo: Take another night to explore more of Egypt’s mysteries.

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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 Oudaya Kasbah. Continue to the imperial city of Meknes (UNESCO). Lush rolling hills studded with ancient olive groves await you in this cultural city where you will see Bab El Mansour and Bab El Khamis. Arrive in Fes in time for dinner prepared by local women, known as “dadas.” Taste traditional Moroccan delights passed down from generation to generation. (B, D)

Day 4: Fes
Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour, including the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace. Set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to one of the world’s oldest universities. Amid the cobbled alleys of this ancient market you’ll see donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries, a
Day 5: Fes - Ifrane - Erfoud
Continue towards Erfoud. Along the way we pause in Ifrane for excellent views of the Middle Atlas Mountains and the surrounding villages. Overnight in a kasbah. (B, D)

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

Day 7: Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades
Enjoy amazing views of the sunrise as you return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter where you may sample some local 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- tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for an unforgettable farewell dinner in a palace. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends
A morning transfer brings you back to Casablanca to connect to your flight home. (B)

honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colours. (B)

Haddou - Marrakech
Day 5:
Fes - Ifrane - Erfoud

Day 6:
Erfoud - Rissani - Sahara Desert Expedition - Merzouga

Day 7:
Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades

Day 8:
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Marrakech

Day 10:
Marrakech

Day 11:
Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends

STAY LONGER
ADD A DAY
Casablanca: Explore more of this Moroccan port city.
CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES
February – April 2018 Double $3179 Solo $4129
March 15 Double $3179 Solo $4129
April 5 Double $3179 Solo $4129

November 7 Double $3589 Solo $4529
December 5 Double $3589 Solo $4529
January 9 Double $3589 Solo $4529
February 6, 13 Double $3589 Solo $4529
March 6, 27 Double $3589 Solo $4529
April 3, 24 Double $3589 Solo $4529

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October 2018 – April 2019 Double $3589 Solo $4529
February 3, 17, 24, 31 Double $3589 Solo $4529

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COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Colours of Morocco and create one grand experience.

Suggested Tour: Spain’s Costa del Sol & the Portuguese Riviera

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This trip requires a passport. Return flights from Casablanca should not be booked prior to 11:30 a.m. Due to flight schedules, a post-night may be required in Casablanca (at an additional cost).

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DUBAI, OMAN & ABU DHABI
13 DAYS • 20 MEALS
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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Overnight Flight

Day 2: Abu Dhabi, UAE - Tour Begins
Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates and one of the world's most modern cities. Explore at leisure as you settle into this lavish metropolis and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.

Day 3: Abu Dhabi
Prepare to be dazzled. This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates and one of the world’s most modern cities. Explore at leisure as you settle into this lavish metropolis and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.

Day 4: Abu Dhabi
Learn the importance of falcons to Arabian culture at the largest falcon hospital in the UAE. Explore its museum that takes you through the history of falconry and take advantage of this rare opportunity to see these majestic birds up close. Step into the examination room to perhaps witness a falcon checkup or a pedicure. You might even have a falcon sit on your arm! Next, travel to Masdar City, a sustainable eco-community relying on solar power and renewable energy. Ride aboard a driverless car to the city centre to enjoy a walking tour and learn about futuristic initiatives. The remainder of the afternoon is yours.

Day 5: Abu Dhabi - Muscat, Oman
Fly to Oman, a mystical land of contrasts with deep traditions and friendly people. Discover the port city of Muscat, the capital and heart of Oman. Your afternoon city tour reveals Old Muscat and the Corniche before arriving at Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar in Oman. Wander and browse the souq’s narrow lanes and colourful displays. Tonight, enjoy traditional Omani cuisine at a seaside home.

Day 6: Muscat
Explore the history of falconry and get up close to this majestic bird.

Day 7: NAHAYN
Delight in an exhilarating “dune bashing” by 4x4.

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Take a short camel ride during a visit with a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe.

Day 9: NAHAYN

Day 10: In Dubai, choose to sail on a dhow (traditional boat) along the Dubai Creek or explore Dubai Marina by metro where you can enjoy a leisurely walk along the water.

Day 11: Overnight Flight
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
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- Delight in an exhilarating “dune bashing” by 4x4.
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MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Ascend the Burj Khalifa, the world’s tallest building.
- Stand in awe of the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque.
- Explore Al Ain, an oasis town dotted with abundant groundwater springs.
- Discover Masdar City, a sustainable eco-community.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(As time and weather permits)

Day 10 | In Dubai, choose to sail on a dhow (traditional boat) along the Dubai Creek or explore Dubai Marina by metro where you can enjoy a leisurely walk along the water.

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

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 | Overnight Flight
Day 2 – 4 | Radisson Blu Yas Island, Abu Dhabi
Day 5 – 7 | Radisson Blu Hotel, Muscat
Day 8 | Hilton, Al Ain
Day 9 – 11 | Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel & Towers, Dubai

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 105 for details.
Day 6: Muscat - Wadi Bani Khalid - Wahiba Sands - Muscat
Buckle up today! Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for your journey to Wadi Bani Khalid. Pass through the striking Western Hajar Mountains with their colourful rock formations before arriving at the stunning wadi (valley). Stroll through the wadi and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue to the breathtaking desert dunes of Wahiba Sand, home to a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe that once crossed the dunes in search of water. Spend time at their camp and get to know their culture. Take a short camel ride followed by an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4, a favourite local activity. (B, L)

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

Day 8: Muscat - Al Ain, UAE
As we head back to the UAE we will stop en route to visit the Grand Mosque of Oman. Stand in awe of this remarkable sandstone structure that is home to the world's second-largest hand woven carpet and chandelier. Continue to Nakhal Fort which lies on a hill at the base of Mount Nakhal and was built 350 years ago to protect trade routes. Drive through a date plantation on the way to our next stop at Ain Thowarah, known for its hot springs. Crossing the border into the UAE, we will do as thousands of desert travellers have done before us and arrive at Al Ain...a lush oasis of palm trees, flowers and fountains. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Al Ain - Dubai
Get acquainted with Al Ain, "the garden city" of the UAE. With abundant groundwater springs, this "oasis town" was the perfect stopover on the caravan trail between the UAE to the Sultanate of Oman. Explore the museum to learn about the unique irrigation system – known as Falaj. Continue on to Hill Gardens and the city's archaeological sites where a village and a burial ground dating back to 2700 BC were discovered. This afternoon, arrive in the epic city of Dubai, known for its beautiful coasts and magnificent man-made wonders. (B, L)

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

Day 11: Dubai
We start our day with a visit to the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding, located in the oldest traditional Emirati neighbourhood, Bur Dubai. Walk among the neighbourhood's narrow sikkas (alleyways) and gaze at the beautiful wind towers that adorn the original residences along Dubai Creek. Visit the Dubai Museum and textile market before taking a ride across the dazzling Dubai Creek in a private "abra" (traditional water taxi). Witness the bustling waterfront as you pass by. Enjoy a walk through the famous gold souk where you learn firsthand why Dubai has earned its title as "The City of Gold" and enjoy the aroma of traditional spices as you walk through the spice market. Later this afternoon, ascend the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa. Enjoy magnificent views of the city from the tallest observatory in the world. Descend from the tower and join your fellow travellers for a dinner with views of Dubai's well-known fountain show. (B, D)

Day 12: Dubai
Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Dubai on your own. (B)

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

You have come so far!
Complete your trip with 3 nights in Jordan. Explore this ancient land – from the stone city of Petra to the sands of Wadi Rum. See page 101 for details.

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Day 12: Dubai
Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Dubai on your own. (B)

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

Stay longer:
Dubai: Explore more of the city's beautiful coasts and man-made wonders. Call for details.

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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 Bahá’í 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 of mankind's collective history in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the ruins of Jericho.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Savour dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Venture to the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C.
• See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago.
• Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
• Explore the oldest city on earth – the ancient ruins of Jericho.
• Enjoy the wonder of the Dead Sea.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
Choose to explore the AHAVA Visitors Center to learn about the Dead Sea cosmetics or "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1 Overnight Flight
Day 2 Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv
Days 3, 4 Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias
Day 5 Isrotel Ganim, Dead Sea
Days 6 - 9 Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 95 for details.
Day 5: Jericho, Qumran, Dead Sea

Travel 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

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

This trip requires a passport. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 10). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv’s Ben Gurion airport is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. It is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion airport approximately 3 hours prior to departure. Our air passengers will depart from Tel Aviv airport and all of our transfers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv airport.

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Iconic Israel and create one grand experience. Suggested Tours: ☐ Treasures of Egypt

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Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins
Welcome to Delhi, India’s capital city that sports a rich history spanning over 2,000 years.

Day 3: New Delhi
Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, India’s largest mosque. Explore Old Delhi’s narrow streets by rickshaw, the traditional mode of transportation. Next you’ll tour New Delhi, visiting Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world. Behold the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President’s residence. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Delhi - Udaipur
Fly to Udaipur, your gateway to Rajasthan, where chivalrous tales come to life at forts and palaces. Settle into your hotel, a carefully restored palace perched on a hill and overlooking the lake. (B, D)

Day 5: Udaipur
It’s your choice!
Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert — OR — enjoy a morning walking tour of Udaipur just as the city is waking up. Later, we visit the exquisite City Palace – its main entrance, Tripolia, was built in 1725. Stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honour, and learn about the lifestyle of the royal ladies who once strolled through these gardens. This evening, cruise along Lake Pichola and take in views of the Jag Mandir Palace and the City Palace. (B)

Day 6: Udaipur - Jaipur
Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the “Pink City” of Jaipur. After having lunch and checking into your hotel, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal,
Day 8: Ranthambore
Rise and shine early this morning for a game drive. Afterward, enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Visit the Ranthambore School of Art which recruits students from neighbouring villages and trains them to be self-sufficient artists. Next, visit Dastkar Ranthambore Project, founded in 1981 by six women united to protect India's traditional artisans. Dive into the local cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra
An early morning train brings you to Bharatpur. Disembark and continue your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past, where you will enjoy a relaxing lunch. (B, L)

Day 10: Agra - Bharatpur - Agra
Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, witnessing the first rays of sun glistening on the white marble — a truly memorable moment. The Taj Mahal took 22 years and 20,000 men to build. Built in the 17th century by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Later, visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. (B)

Day 11: Agra
Visit the Old City tour, which includes the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, and the Red Fort Museum. Enjoy a home-cooking demonstration followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho
Board your train for Jhansi and continue to Orchha for a relaxing lunch. Arrive in Khajuraho, your home for the evening. (B, L)

Day 13: Khajuraho - Varanasi
Visit the Chandel Temple complex and behold some of the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India. Fly to Varanasi, a simplistic and charming city with a universal mystique. Tonight, visit the Ghatas – the banks of the river – witnessing the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony. (B)

Day 14: Varanasi
Cruise along the River Ganges past various Ghats where people ritually cleanse themselves of their sins, hoping for salvation. A city tour of Varanasi includes the Benaras Hindu University and Bharat Mata Temple. Continue to Sarnath where Siddharth Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon on a quiet grove in the 6th century BC. A Hindu scholar discusses the philosophy of Hinduism with you. Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends
Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home. (B)

Day 7: Jaipur
Board a vintage jeep and ascend to the top of the majestic Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and India’s former seat of power. Visit a local school where the children are part of a midday program supported by the efforts of the Collette Foundation. Tap into local customs during lunch as you learn about turban and sari tying. Stroll through a flower market for a glimpse into the art of making garlands used in traditional Indian ceremonies. Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. Tonight, sit down for a home-hosted dinner and observe daily life inside the old city. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park
Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger’s efforts at conservation in India. Meet a naturalist who will discuss the wildlife of the country with you during a slideshow presentation. Embark on a game drive by canter (an open air vehicle). Watch for marsh crocodiles, hyenas, sloth bears and even tigers. (B, L, D)

**TOUR EXTENSIONS:**
- **Dubai:** Begin your trip with 3 nights in Dubai. Visit one of the world's most exciting, must-see destinations. **SEE PAGE 100 FOR DETAILS**
- **Nepal:** Complete your trip with a 4-night extension. Head to the Himalayas and the legendary city of Kathmandu. **SEE PAGE 101 FOR DETAILS**
- **South India:** Complete your trip with a 6-night extension. See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast. **SEE PAGE 102 FOR DETAILS**

**DATES & PRICES**

**February – April 2018 (featured itinerary – see note)**

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**September 2018 – April 2019 Double | Solo**

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**Triples Room Reduction | N/A** Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport and visa. A tourist e-visa is available to Canadian citizens entering India through Delhi. You can apply online for a tourist e-visa, at least 4 days prior to travelling, for visits not exceeding 30 days. Carry a printed copy of the email confirmation of your e-visa and have a formal visa affixed on your passport upon arrival at the airport. Alternatively, we recommend using CIBT's visa service to ensure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost for a single entry visa is $149 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Please contact CIBT or visit their website at www.cibtvisa.co.ca or check with your consulate for more information. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The Indian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately $10 CAD/$30 CAD respectively (total for the entire trip) for taking photos inside attractions. Your Tour Manager will collect these fees at the beginning of the tour and pay the government accordingly. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Delhi may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost). Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked to leave prior to 6:00 pm on the last day.

**COLETTE CARES**

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

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Discover the rare beauty and vibrant culture of India as you travel from lively Delhi to colourful Jaipur and on to the historic city of Agra.

Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins
Welcome to Delhi, India’s capital city. Made up of seven ancient cities, today it remains a cultural melting pot.

Day 3: New Delhi
Immerse yourself in India’s bustling capital during a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Discover the history of Jama Masjid, India’s largest mosque. Explore Old Delhi’s narrow streets by rickshaw, the traditional mode of transportation. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before having some leisure time to explore independently. Sit down to dinner tonight at the home of a local family and learn more about Indian culture and their traditions at home. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Delhi
Following breakfast, visit Humayun’s tomb, built by the widow of a great Mughal Emperor. Drive past the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President’s residence. Proceed to the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib. Originally a bungalow owned by Raja Jai Singh, this huge complex features a devotion center, a large pond for the holy dip, a missionary school, an art gallery, a charitable hospital, and a free kitchen – called Langar (community dining). Hear the holy hymns recited by the priests as you marvel at the beautiful gilded structure. At the community dining hall, get a behind-the-scenes look at the work that goes into feeding 10,000 people each day. (B, L)

Day 5: Delhi - Jaipur
Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the “Pink City” of Jaipur. Later, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, with its impressive façade of 953 windows. Then it’s on to the City Palace, the residence of the Royal family of Jaipur. Stroll through the gardens and courtyards and delight in the intricate decorative art and carved doorways. (B, L)

Day 6: Jaipur
Board a vintage jeep and ascend to the top of the...
Day 8: Jaipur
Travel to the quaint village of Samode, nestled among rugged hills that are dominated by its famous palace. Have time on your own to wander through this interesting village that exudes a rare nostalgic charm, explore its many treasures, and interact with the locals to learn about their daily lives. Then, gather for lunch at Samode Bagh, a private garden retreat of the Royal family. (B, L)

Day 8: Agra
Continue your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendors of the past. En route, stop in Abhaneri village to visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world. Built during the 8th and 9th centuries, this amazing feat of engineering has 1,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect symmetry that descend to the bottom of the well. (B, L)

Day 9: Agra
Behold one of the most impressive sites in the world – the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build in the 17th century, this wonder of the world was commissioned by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Maha. Then, after breakfast, discover Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site that dates back to the 11th century. Stand in awe of this sprawling fort that was built as a military structure but later transformed into a palace. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Agra - Choice on Tour - Delhi - Tour Ends

It’s your choice! Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert – OR – enjoy a morning walking tour of Agra just as the city is waking up. Return to Delhi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home. (B)

OTHER TOURS TO CONSIDER:
• South India: Complete your trip with a 6-night extension. See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast. See page 102 for details.

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STAY LONGER

Delhi: Enjoy more time to explore this exciting cultural melting pot. Call for details.

COLETTE CARES

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

DELHI ITINERARY

• Board your flight to Delhi. Touch down and head straight to your hotel to freshen up in time for dinner. Enjoy a traditional Indian dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L)

• Day 3: Delhi - Agra
Board your coach and head to Agra, the city that brought the world Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Red Fort of Agra and enjoy a local lunch at the Fort. Say goodbye to your tour guide and hotel staff and transfer to Agra. (B, L)

• Day 4: Agra
Ascend to the top of the breathtaking Agra Fort for a sweeping view of the city. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L)

• Day 5: Agra - Jaipur
Visit the Agra Fort known for the Red Fort and the gardens and Lake Fatehpur Sikri. In the evening, you will be transferred to Jaipur. (B, L)

• Day 6: Jaipur
Visit the Amber Fort and the city palace where Maharajas resided. In the evening, head to the city and enjoy a local Olive tree dinner. (B, L)

• Day 7: Jaipur
Spend your day in Jaipur exploring the city. After lunch, enjoy the tour of the famous city palace. Then, join your fellow travelers for a local dinner. (B, L)

• Day 8: Jaipur - Agra
Spend a day in Jaipur exploring the city. In the evening, transfer to Agra. (B)

• Day 9: Agra
Experience a day in Agra visiting the Taj Mahal at sunrise. In the evening, you will be transferred to Delhi. (B)

• Day 10: Delhi - Tour Ends
Board your flight back home. (B)

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

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(For extra activities before trip departures)
DAY 13 | Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll or bike ride through the village.

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

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4  New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 5 – 7  Royal Angkor, Siem Reap
Days 8 – 10  The Sanctuary Hotel, Luang Prabang
Days 11 – 13  The Movepick Hotel, Hanoi
Day 14  Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
Day 15  Pilgrimage Village, Hue
Days 16 – 18  Almanity Hoi An Resort and Spa, Hoi An
Day 19  New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TREASURES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA
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Explore an ancient and mysterious world
where each day paints a new picture of the rich cultures, lost civilizations and vibrant cities of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City
This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon you’ll get acquainted with the city’s colonial landmarks on a tour that features the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Reunification Palace, and the Binh Tay Market. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City
Explore the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural and cultural wonders, during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste are made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple. (B, L)

Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia
Fly to Cambodia and the village of Siem Reap, a town which brings together colonial and Chinese architecture. Today, this ancient place is home to chic hotels and a thriving culinary scene. (B, D)

Day 6: Siem Reap
Begin your day exploring the ancient ruins of Angkor Thom, known for its colossal stone-carved faces. Discover its famous Bayon temple, Baphoun; Phimeanakas, the Royal Palace, the Elephant Terrace and the Leper King Terrace. Next, explore the famous Angkor Wat, the world’s largest religious building and the symbol of Cambodia. Remain until evening for an opportunity to see a spectacular sunset over the monuments. Dinner this evening is accompanied by an Apsara show. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Siem Reap
Set out to see three impressive Hindu temples: the towering 12th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva; Banteay Srei Temple with its remarkably intricate carvings; and the well-preserved Banteay Samre Temple. This afternoon, spend time at a local monastery where you’ll meet the monks who reside there and participate in a private blessing ceremony. Then we continue to the
Day 8: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos
Your day begins at the JWOC Community Center where you’ll meet local school children. Then, fly to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. (B)

Day 9: Luang Prabang
This morning we are off to two of the most remarkable temples in Luang Prabang: Wat Sen or “Temple of 100,000 Treasures,” and Wat Visun. Continue through the countryside to the stunning Kuang Si waterfalls. Return to town in time to gaze over Luang Prabang from atop Mount Phousi. Later, immerse yourself in the Night Market to browse for items made by local residents. (B, D)

Day 10: Luang Prabang
Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River. Our first stop is to see the Wat Xieng Thong temple with its colourful Tree of Life mosaic. Continue on, pausing along the way to get to know the rural way of life in the small villages. Head for Wat Long Khoun – or the “Monastery of the Happy.” The next stop on our journey is at Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddhist. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Learn about locally made rice wine called “iao lao.” Discover local artisan creations including jute paper with stops in Ban Xang Khong and Ban Xiang Lek. (B, L)

Day 11: Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam
Wake before dawn and participate in the offering of alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks. Fly to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. (B)

Day 12: Hanoi
Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honor Ho Chi Minh. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast to Minh’s simple house on stilts, Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature. Enjoy lunch at a nonprofit restaurant that empowers underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi that takes you through its old quarter where you’ll see traditional Vietnamese architecture. End the day with a traditional water puppet performance. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi
Venture through the countryside to Ky Son Village. Come to know life here as you embark on either a stroll or a bike ride through the village. Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. Return to Hanoi for an evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Hanoi - Halong Bay
Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue
Wake as the fog lifts, revealing the morning light. Cruise through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city. (B)

Day 16: Hue - Hoi An
Travel to the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue’s Imperial past. Stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it’s on to the sprawling Imperial Citadel. After your cruise, continue through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on our way to Hoi An. Pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village before arriving in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Hoi An
Learn about the local cuisine at today’s cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after your class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and try your hand at lantern making. Enjoy a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before free time to explore. (B, L)

Day 18: Hoi An
Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicenter of religion and politics has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to explore. Then it's off to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs. Arrive in town and observe the local farmers tending to their crops and sample some local delicacies. Continue through the countryside to the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on our way to Hoi An. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast followed by a peaceful boat trip on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddies and stop in some of the villages. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City
Fly to Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable trip while savouring your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 20: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends
Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

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Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam, a beautiful country with a long and rich history.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. For centuries, the city has been the commercial hub of the region, creating a cultural melting pot.

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City
This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. After lunch at a local restaurant you’ll get acquainted with the city’s colonial landmarks on a tour that features the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Reunification Palace and the Old Market in District 1. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City
Today we explore the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural and historic wonders, during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy is made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple and explore the region’s rich architectural style. (B, L)

Day 5: Saigon - Hanoi
Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam’s capital. From the ancient past, through colonial rule to the modern day, this vibrant city...

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

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

IT’S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)
Day 7 | Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll or bike ride through the village.
Day 8 | Explore the floating fishing village by traditional row boat or by kayak!

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

ACCOMMODATIONS
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Day 8 | Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
Days 9, 10 | Pilgrimage Village, Hue
Days 11 – 13 | Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa, Hoi An
Day 14 | New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 105 for details.
Day 6: Hanoi
Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh, a revered figure in Vietnam. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast is Minh’s simple house that sits on stilts. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well-preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, founded in the early 11th century. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then, set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi that takes you through its Old Quarter. Catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and see the traditional Vietnamese architecture including the “long house.” (B, L)

Day 7: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi
Venture to the countryside to Ky Son village. It’s your choice! Come to know life here as you embark on a stroll -OR- a bike ride through the village. Next, learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. En route to Duong Lam village, meet villagers and see their unique historic homes and communal places of worship. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples, built by the locals in the 8th and 10th centuries to honour their kings. These colourful handmade creations are a part of the culture of the city and symbolize luck, happiness and wealth to the residents. Set out on a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Feel like you have stepped into the past as you stroll by the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the ancient merchant house, a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant riverside market. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before time at leisure to explore the old town. (B, L)

Day 8: Hanoi - Halong Bay
Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Marvel at the thousands of limestone islands that dot these waters. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. This afternoon it’s your choice! Explore the floating fishing village by traditional row boat -OR- by kayak! Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue
Wake as the fog gently lifts, revealing the impressive site and standing in stark contrast to Hue’s imperial past. Our first stop is at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it’s on to see the incredible mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc, the most elaborate royal tomb in the country. Continue on to explore the sprawling Imperial Citadel that originally encompassed 148 buildings before arriving at the Dong Ba Market to witness or partake in the timeless art of bartering. Later, savour the local flavours during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Hue
Travel along the coast and through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on your way to Hoi An. En route, pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village. Enjoy a visit to the Cham Museum in Da Hang which houses the finest collection of Cham artwork. Arrive in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Hue - Hoi An
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Day 12: Hoi An
Explore Hoi An during a morning tour. Learn about the local cuisine at today’s cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after your class. Then, visit one of Hoi An’s famous lantern workshops and try your hand at lantern making. These colourful handmade creations are a part of the culture of the city and symbolize luck, happiness and wealth to the residents. Set out on a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Feel like you have stepped into the past as you stroll by the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the ancient merchant house, a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant riverside market. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before time at leisure to explore the old town. (B, L)

Day 13: Hoi An
Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary (UNESCO), situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicenter of religion and politics dates back to the 4th century and has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to discover. Next, explore the local way of life at Tra Que Herb village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs, the only ones of their kind outside of Japan. Arrive in town and observe the farmers tending to their crops and sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath before returning to Hoi An. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 14: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City
Fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable adventure while savouring your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends
Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate cost for a one month single entry visa is $80 USD and must be obtained prior to departure. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out on a journey that takes you to Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Guilin and Shanghai. Your adventure also includes a 4-night cruise on the captivating Yangtze River.

Day 2: Beijing, China - Tour Begins
Arrive in the ancient capital of China. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Beijing
We begin our day with a stroll through iconic Tiananmen Square. Afterwards, set out to discover the Forbidden City, an awe-inspiring 15th-century complex of palaces, courtyards and gardens that was once the home of the Ming and Qing emperors. Enjoy special access to the Treasure Hall. Its three palaces have been turned into exhibition rooms that now contain an array of imperial treasures. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Beijing
Today’s destination is the Great Wall of China, one of the world’s most incredible wonders. Learn about the wall’s history before taking a memorable walk on the Juyongguan section, one of the most famous passes along this epic structure. After this bucket list event, visit a jade museum to learn about the jade-making process. Finally, return to the city, driving past the Olympic Village. (B, L)

Day 5: Beijing
Your day begins at the spiritual Temple of Heaven (a UNESCO World Heritage site), a complex of buildings that symbolizes the connection between the earth and heaven. Afterwards take a rickshaw ride through the hutongs, the traditional alleys of Beijing. Meet a local family and enjoy a dumpling-making class before a traditional calligraphy lesson. Then, share a simple meal and enjoy a fascinating acrobatics show.

Day 6: Shanghai
Today’s destination is Shanghai, China’s metropolitan capital. This modern city is one of the fastest growing in the world. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 7: Shanghai
Today’s destination is the Shanghai Bund, a historic waterfront area with awe-inspiring architectural mastery. Afterwards, join your group for an optional cruise through the Huangpu River past the striking Pudong skyline. (B, D)

Day 8: Shanghai
Your day begins with a visit to the Yuyuan Garden, a beautiful 500-year-old garden that reflects the history and culture of China. Afterwards, visit the Shanghai Museum, which features a wide range of Chinese art and artifacts. (B)

Day 9: Shanghai - Tour Ends
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
- Take your seat at an amazing acrobatics show
- All aboard the Maglev train – which reaches speeds over 260 miles per hour!

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Walk on the Juyongguan section of the Great Wall.
- Explore Old Town Shanghai and tranquil Yuyuan Garden.
- Enjoy a relaxing 4-night upstream cruise on the Yangtze River.
- Visit a Panda Breeding Sanctuary.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Savour traditional Chinese food including dumplings, noodles and Peking Duck.
- Meet a local family and enjoy a dumpling-making class.
- Partake in a traditional tea ceremony.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Day 2 – 5  Grand Gongda Jianguo Hotel, Beijing
Day 6, 7  Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel, Xian
Day 8 – 11  Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel, Shanghai
Day 12, 13  Tianfu Sunshine Hotel, Chengdu
Day 14 – 16  Lijiang Waterfall Hotel, Guilin
Days 17, 18  Jinjiang Huating Hotel & Towers, Shanghai

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 105 for details.

START EARLY
Beijing: Arrive early to enjoy China’s ancient capital city.

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Day 6: Beijing - Xian
Fly to the ancient city of Xian. Tonight, celebrate during a traditional Xian dumpling banquet. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Xian
Today, explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors. This vast clay army of 8,000 soldiers was created to guard China’s first emperor in the afterlife. You’ll be amazed at the detail – each statue has a different face. Next, visit the Xian Arts and Ceramic exhibition center to see life-sized models of the warriors being made. At lunch enjoy a Xian specialty – hand-pulled noodles. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B, L)

Day 8: Xian - Yichang - Board Cruise Ship
After a short flight to Yichang, board your ship for a 4-night cruise up the Yangtze River. Relax as this exciting leg of your journey begins. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Cruising - Three Gorges Dam - Xiling Gorge
Begin your day with a tai chi lesson on the sundeck as we sail towards the dramatic Xiling Gorge, the longest section of the Three Gorges. Discover the state-of-the-art site Three Gorges Dam, the world’s largest hydroelectric project. Tonight, enjoy the Captain’s welcome dinner and cabaret. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Cruising - Shennong Stream - Wu Gorge - Qutang Gorge
Take in the tranquil surroundings on a ride up the remote Shennong Stream in traditional pea boats. Upon returning to the ship, enjoy the majestic vistas as we sail through Wu Gorge, known for its 12 forest-covered peaks. This afternoon, continue on past the dramatic cliffs that surround the Qutang Gorge. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cruising - Shiboazhai
Arrive at Shiboazhai (Precious Stone Fortress). This imposing hill along the banks of the river is adorned with a 9-story red pagoda. You may climb the stairs to the top for a picture perfect view of the river and surrounding countryside. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Chongqing - Disembark Cruise Ship - Chengdu
We disembark this morning in the mountain city of Chongqing and travel to Chengdu, the capital of the Sichuan Province. Spend time on your own strolling through its ancient streets. Come to know the leisurely lifestyle and teahouse culture that make this city so captivating. Tonight, sample the fresh, bold flavors of the local Sichuan cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Chengdu
Your morning begins with a visit to the Panda Breeding Sanctuary. Learn how China’s national treasure is being brought back from the edge of extinction. Your guided tour allows you the rare opportunity to see the Giant Panda in its natural environment. The sanctuary is also home to the rare Red Panda. Enjoy an afternoon visit to the Du Fu Thatched Cottage, the former home to the poet known as the “Shakespeare of China.” End your day by exploring Jinli Ancient Street with its traditional-style buildings. (B, L)

Day 14: Chengdu - Guilin
Board a flight to Guilin to begin a 3-night stay. This evening, take a walking tour around Ronghu Lake and enjoy the stunning night skies. (B, L)

Day 15: Guilin
Enjoy a full-day visit to the Longji Rice Terraces. Known as the Dragon’s Backbone for its scalloped appearance, the terraces are actually rows and rows of stunningly colourful rice paddies. Walk through the fields and the nearby villages, meeting local residents along the way. (B, L)

Day 16: Guilin
Set out on a Li River cruise that takes you from Guilin to Yangshuo and past some amazing karst limestone scenery. Be sure to look out for comorant fishermen and water buffalo. Upon arrival in Yangshuo, visit West Street, home to a number of shops selling traditional paintings, calligraphy and more. There will be time at leisure to relax at one of many outdoor cafés. (B)

Day 17: Guilin - Shanghai
Welcome to Shanghai, the economic capital of the People’s Republic of China. This bustling city’s futuristic skyline will leave you speechless. Experience the modern side of China as you take the super-fast Maglev train into central Shanghai. Then explore the past as we visit a silk museum. This evening, take a cruise on the mighty Huangpu River. (B, L)

Day 18: Shanghai
Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Shanghai. Set out for the waterfront district, known as the Bund, which runs along the Huangpu River. Famous for its impressive colonial buildings, you’ll feel as though you have returned to 19th century Europe. Explore Old Town’s narrow streets and relax in the tranquil Yu Yuan Garden. Enjoy lunch at a celebrated local restaurant known for its xiao long bao soup dumplings. Then, visit the imposing Urban Planning Center, the nerve center of the city. Finally, celebrate your adventure during your farewell dinner before enjoying a marvellous acrobatics show. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Shanghai - Tour Ends
Your adventure comes to an end today. (B)

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**Triple Room Reduction** N/A

This trip requires a passport and visa. For your convenience Collette recommends using CIBT visa service to ensure accuracy and tidiness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost is $375 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Please contact CIBT or visit their website at www.cibtvisas.ca or check with your consulate for more information. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. It is the traveller’s responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. All document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveller. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. The internal flights are not included in the land price of the tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. All guests will be confirmed in balcony cabins during the cruise portion of the tour.
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- Meet the locals during various included experiences, including a tea ceremony.

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

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

ACCOMMODATIONS
Day 1  Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4  Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa, Tokyo
Day 5  Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone
Days 6, 7  Hida Plaza Hotel, Takayama
Days 8, 9  ANA Crowne Plaza, Kanazawa
Days 10 – 13  Westin Miyako, Kyoto

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 105 for details.

START EARLY
Tokyo: Arrive early to begin your adventure in the “Land of the Rising Sun.” CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Come to know Japanese culture — both ancient and modern. Discover its timeless temples, unimaginable natural beauty, and technological marvels.

Day 2: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins
Welcome to “the Land of the Rising Sun” Your tour opens in Tokyo where rich traditions and pop culture thrive side by side. This evening, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Tokyo
Excitement builds this morning as you explore the famous Ginza district where skyscrapers and neon lights meet high fashion. Traverse Shibuya Crossing, the busiest intersection in the world! Find peace and harmony at Meiji Shrine, which rests amid a forest in the shadow of the city. See the Imperial Palace, a fine example of traditional Japanese architecture. Next, it is time for a true taste of Japan; a sushi lunch in Tokyo’s famous fish market. (B, L)

Day 4: Tokyo
This morning join the locals to experience a tea ceremony in an authentic setting. Next have free time to explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade, the best place to find a souvenir of your trip. Later, travel to

discover the intriguing Japanese culture
and the country’s distinctive architecture and unparalleled natural beauty.
Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district. See its famous Senso-ji, a Buddhist temple dedicated to the Bodhisattva Kannon. Soak in the relaxed atmosphere and old-world Japanese architecture. Return to Tokyo by boat on a cruise down the Sumida River. (B, D)

**Day 5: Tokyo - Hakone**
Today we head to the lakeside resort of Hakone. Renowned for its hot springs and spas, this scenic town hugs the shores of Lake Ashi. With magnificent Mt. Fuji (UNESCO) rising in the distance, sit back, relax and soak up the incredible setting. Take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise featuring epic views of the mountain and stops at some of the lakeside towns. Tonight, gather for a leisurely stroll to the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B, D)

**Day 6: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama**
This breathtaking day begins in the Kawaguchi’s “Five Lakes” area. Climb aboard the Kachi Kachi Ropeway which ascends over 1,300 feet and affords you a glorious panorama of Mt. Fuji and the surrounding lakes. Next, stop in Matsumoto for a traditional Japanese lunch. Then it’s on to see Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" due to its striking black exterior. Later, step back in time in Takayama, a rural Edo period town nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan's last family-owned sake breweries. You are in for a treat as we sample some traditional rice wine. In the old city, a special Hida beef dinner is on tonight's menu. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Takayama**
Embrace the ancient culture of Takayama as you explore its historic district. Next, head to the bustling open-air markets that date back over 600 years. Catch a glimpse of the past at the 19th-century jinya government building. Explore the winding streets lined with charming traditional inns and houses. Your afternoon is free to explore however you like, including joining your local guide at a nearby nature park. (B)

**Day 8: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa**
Today we cross the mountainous Shokawa Valley on our way to Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Uncover the unique charm of this village with gasho-zukuri-style (resembling two hands joined in prayer) thatch-roofed houses. The adventure continues as we travel to the scenic town of Kanazawa. Once one of the country’s richest regions, gold leaf-making began here in the 16th century. Explore at your leisure and enjoy the timeless feel of this special place. Tonight we gather in town for dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9: Kanazawa**
Adventure awaits as we travel as the locals do - aboard a local transport. We will make our way through the Omicho market, the Samurai district, Higashi tea district, and Kenroku-En (Garden of Six Qualities), one of Japan’s most beautiful gardens. Then it is time for your hands-on gold leaf class. Dive deep into this ancient craft as you create your own bento box to take home. Once again you have a free afternoon to independently experience this dynamic culture. (B)

**Day 10: Kanazawa - Thunderbird Express Train - Kyoto**
Board an express train bound for Kyoto. This former Imperial capital of Japan (784 – 1868) is now one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the nation. Even as it has taken its place as an international city, it remains true to the past and is home to a staggering 2,000 temples and shrines. Next, head to the Gion (Geisha) district. Along its narrow lanes you will find teahouses and women in traditional dress. Dine tonight in the heart of the city at a traditional yakitori (grilled chicken) restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 11: Kyoto**
Explore Nijo Castle (UNESCO), home of the first Shogun. See elaborate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Travel to Kodai Yuzen-en Gallery for a lesson in the art of stenciling. Ascend the hillside to Kiyomizu temple and take in a wonderful view of the city. Then, it’s on to the Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Find yourself strolling along its spectacular rows of orange Torii (made famous in the movie Memoirs of a Geisha) as they weave through the forest and lead you to the inner shrine. (B)

**Day 12: Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto**
Relax or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Tonight, Japanese culture during a special farewell dinner that features a Geisha show. (B, D)

**Day 13: Kyoto**
Relax or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Tonight, Japanese culture during a special farewell dinner that features a Geisha show. (B, D)

**Day 14: Kyoto - Tour Ends**
Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)

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**Rates:** Land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call for additional dates:

- May 18, 2019 – April 19, 2020
- Double: $7969
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- September 15 – 22: $7969
- October 6, 13, 20, 27: $7969
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- February 23: $1759
- March 2, 9, 16, 23: $7969
- March 30: $8239
- April 6, 13, 20, 27: $7969

**Triple Room Reduction:** N/A

This trip requires a passport. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. Flights arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka.
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, an architectural wonder.
• Visit Hartley’s Croc Farm for a chance to get up-close and personal with crocodiles.
• Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a “Dreamtime Tour.”
• Watch a skilled New Zealand “strong eye” sheep-herding dog at a working farm.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
• Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef
• Explore Kata Tjuta and the base of Ayers Rock (Uluru).

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
It’s up to you to arrange before trip departure:
DAY 12 | Choose to experience the area on a 24-hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass or visit two attractions – the Sydney Tower Eye and Sea Life Sydney Aquarium.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
• Behold Ayers Rock at sunset while you sip champagne.
• Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
• A New Zealand family welcomes you in their home for dinner.
• Enjoy a tasting and tour at one of New Zealand’s famous wineries.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY
Cairns: Take more time in this sunny gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home
Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including its unparalleled beauty and captivating culture.

Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world’s most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO World Heritage site). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (D)

Day 4: Great Barrier Reef
Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational or as laid back as you like. Perhaps you will relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or maybe you are a bit more adventurous and will go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

Day 5: Cairns
The morning is yours to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax and soak up the tropical atmosphere. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable.

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experience that takes you above the rainforest canopy for a bird's-eye view of unspoiled natural beauty. This afternoon, visit Hartley's Croc Farm for a chance to get up-close with crocodiles in their natural habitat. Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. (B)

Day 6: Cairns - Melbourne
Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. (B, D)

Day 7: Melbourne
Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance, and the bustling “laneways” of Melbourne. Later you may participate in an optional tour to Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world’s largest colony of Little Penguins; protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes; at the interpretation center, you have a chance to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. (B)

Day 8: Melbourne - Alice Springs
It’s on to the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice Springs, the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. A special experience is in store this evening as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

Day 9: Alice Springs
Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a “Dreamtime Tour.” A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. This afternoon, discover a more modern side to Outback life when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. (B)

Day 10: Alice Springs - Uluru
Traverse the “Red Centre” as you drive to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. Learn about their geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colours of Uluru accompanied by a champagne toast. (B)

Day 11: Uluru - Sydney
Say farewell to the quiet of the rugged Outback and fly to Sydney, an energetic metropolis. Upon arrival in Sydney, enjoy dinner in the bustling Darling Harbour restaurant area. (B, D)

Day 12: Sydney
Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it’s time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney’s oldest district. Next, discover one of the world’s most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then you’re in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals

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during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. This afternoon the choice is yours! Experience the area at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass. Travel by high-speed boat to a variety of spots on Sydney Harbour. Visit the famous beach resorts of Manly and Watson’s Bay, historic Fort Denison or Taronga Zoo. Hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise—OR—choose to ascend the Sydney Tower Eye for incredible views and then explore the renowned Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. (B)

Day 13: Sydney
Deepen your exploration of Sydney’s many wonders with a day at leisure. Tonight, say your farewell to Australia by chatting with new friends and taking in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas the harbour has to offer including Sydney’s magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 14: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand
Leave Australia behind and fly to the historic city of Christchurch, New Zealand. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the “Garden City” is recreating itself during a sightseeing tour that highlights the city’s magnificent gardens and elegant park district. (B)

Day 15: Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier
Take in marvellous snow-capped peaks, rugged mountains, and beautiful river gorges as you cross the Southern Alps. You may choose to take the TranzAlpine train (optional) for a truly inspiring train ride through this glorious scenery. Arrive in the Franz Josef Glacier Region, which offers travellers a rare opportunity to experience a living glacial landscape in a temperate environment. (B, D)

Day 16: Franz Josef - Queenstown
Before departing Franz Josef, if the dynamic New Zealand weather cooperates, you may opt to see this beautiful glacier region from a bird’s-eye view during a flightseeing tour. En route to Queenstown, watch as the amazing landscape unfolds before your eyes as you pass through the rainforest, bordered by the Southern Alps and the twisting coastline. Cross jade green glacial rivers, view thundering waterfalls and enjoy dramatic changes in scenery. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of New Zealand’s prettiest towns. Tonight, ascend the mountainside on a cable car for dinner at the Skyline Restaurant. Enjoy sweeping views of the valley. (B, D)

Day 17: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown
Journey to Milford Sound. Soak in the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You’ll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound, you’ll see...
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Day 18: Queenstown
Enhance your free day with a variety of optional activities. Shop in the charming village center or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. Perhaps you will join the optional “Journey through Middle Earth” tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. Or...just relax! (B)

Day 19: Queenstown - Mt. Cook
Set off for the beautiful 19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown, a boomtown during the 1860s gold fever. Next, enjoy a tasting and tour at one of New Zealand’s famous wineries. Then, sample the freshness of the Central Otago region with a stop at a local fruit stand. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand’s most famous national park, Mt. Cook. Savour some free time in this Alpine paradise. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

Day 20: Mt. Cook - Christchurch
As you return to Christchurch this morning, pay a visit to a working farm. Watch a skilled New Zealand “strong eye” sheep herding dog at work, followed by a sheep shearing demonstration. Get to know these New Zealand farmers over morning tea. A special treat is in store for you tonight as you dine with a New Zealand family in their home. Meet and talk with a friendly Kiwi family who is delighted to share their culture, traditions and home with you. (B, D)

Day 21: Christchurch - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful vacation. (B)

Complete your trip with a 3-night stay in Fiji:
Set out for your corner of paradise. Take time after your adventure to relax and explore Fijian culture.
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Staying longer

Christchurch: Enjoy the chance to relax in the most English city outside of Britain. CALL FOR DETAILS

See page 103 for details.
Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home
Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) as you begin a comprehensive adventure through Australia and New Zealand.

Day 3:
Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world’s most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (D)

Day 4:
Great Barrier Reef
Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational or as laid back as you like. Perhaps you will relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or maybe you are a bit more adventurous and will go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may also opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

Day 5:
Cairns
Rise high on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable ride over the rainforest canopy. Embrace the opportunity to explore the forest floor up close with access to specially designed boardwalks. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy your tropical surroundings. (B)

Day 6:
Cairns - Uluru (Ayers Rock)
Fly to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. Tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta and the beautiful area surrounding the base of “The Rock.” Later, witness a stunning sunset over a glass of champagne as the Rock’s hues change dramatically with the setting sun. (B)
Day 7: Uluru - Alice Springs
Hop over the "Red Centre" on a short flight to Alice Springs. Tour the area and learn how people once communicated in the remote Outback at the Old Telegraph Station, dating back to the 1800s. Visit the School of the Air to find out more about the educational system of the Outback. There’s even a chance of witnessing a class in session! Become locally invested as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

Day 8: Alice Springs - Darwin - Kakadu National Park
Access the history and culture of the Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour." A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. You’ll even taste native cuisine. Later, board your flight to the city of Darwin on the northern edge of Australia and drive into the heart of Kakadu National Park. (B, D)

Day 9: Kakadu National Park
Soak in the natural beauty of the "Top End." Kakadu National Park is home to crocodiles, wallaroos and wallabies, monitors and lizards, and birds of every imaginable variety. Witness artwork dating back thousands of years as you view Nourlangie Rock. During an afternoon cruise, be on the lookout for crocodiles as they bask in the sun, as well as waterfowl such as jabiru, egrets, herons and eagles. (B, D)

Day 10: Kakadu National Park - Darwin - Melbourne
Transfer to Darwin for your flight to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. (B)

Day 11: Melbourne
Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance and bustling "laneways" of Melbourne. There is time at leisure to explore the city independently. Later, see koalas in their natural setting during a stop at a koala conservation center. Tonight, have the opportunity to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the region. (B)

Day 12: Melbourne - Hobart
A flight to Hobart, Tasmania brings you to Australia’s second oldest city. The rugged and pristine beauty of Tasmania provides the backdrop to your 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 13: Hobart
Brace yourself for the Tasmanian Devil! Visit the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Center and learn about this unique marsupial, its fight for survival, and the efforts in place to save it from extinction. Later, take a guided tour of the Port Arthur Historic Site, the best-preserved example of Australia’s original penal colonies and home to stabilized ruins and restored buildings dating back to 1833. En route, witness the spectacular coastal rock formations known as Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blow Hole. (B)

Day 14: Hobart - Sydney
Return to mainland Australia today and arrive in the bustling city of Sydney. This evening it’s Diner’s Choice as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

Day 15: Sydney
Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it’s time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney’s oldest district. Next, discover one of the world’s most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Next, you’re in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. This afternoon the choice is yours! Experience the area at your own pace with a 24 hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass...hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise -OR- you may choose to visit two of Sydney’s unique attractions...ascend the Sydney Tower Eye for incredible views before exploring the renowned Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. (B)

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Day 16: Sydney
Enjoy a day at leisure. This evening, say your farewell to Australia while taking in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour showcasing Sydney’s magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 17: Sydney - Queenstown, New Zealand
Fly to one of the world’s best-kept secrets – New Zealand! Arrive in gorgeous Queenstown. Dinner is at the famous Skyline restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. After dinner this evening the choice is yours! Take a seat at a cultural show, enjoy star gazing with a naturalist -OR- if you are feeling more adventurous, give the luge a try! (B, D)

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A free day in Queenstown offers limitless diversions set amidst breathtaking Alpine scenery. Shop in the charming village center or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. Or, perhaps you will join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. (B)

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Day 21: Mt. Cook - Christchurch
Travel to the historic city of Christchurch, the "Garden City". Enjoy some free time to explore. Stroll the city’s magnificent gardens or view cutting-edge examples of post-earthquake architecture in the central district. (B)
Day 22: Christchurch - Picton - Wellington
On your journey to Picton, admire the coastal views, scenic river valleys and vineyards. From there, sail across Cook Strait to experience what has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world." Your final destination is Wellington, New Zealand’s capital city. (B, D)

Day 23: Wellington
Come to know Wellington on a tour viewing the Beehive, New Zealand’s Parliament; historic St. Paul’s Church; and the Old Government Building – the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Explore the National Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongawera, a fascinating center dedicated to art, history and the Maori culture. (B)

Day 24: Wellington - Rotorua
Drive to Rotorua with its dramatic geothermal landscape. Over one-third of its population boasts Maori roots making it known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. You’ll feel right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for the night! This is sure to be an unforgettable experience as you make new friends, learn about the customs of the “Kiwis,” and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

Day 25: Rotorua
Discover Te Puia – New Zealand’s premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness how the Maori keep their culture alive by teaching the tribal youth traditional carving and weaving. Enjoy the chance to see the Kiwi bird and learn about the preservation efforts being made to remove this marvellous creature from the endangered species list. Next, meet the skilled carvers who work with pounamu, New Zealand greenstone, at a jade factory. At the Agrodome, see a sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. (B)

Day 26: Rotorua - Auckland
Travel through the majestic countryside of the North Island, arriving in New Zealand’s largest city, Auckland, “The City of Sails.” A panoramic city tour features the America’s Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street, the Auckland Harbour Bridge, and spectacular views from the harbourside. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a farewell dinner where you will toast the end of a wonderful trip! (B, D)

Day 27: Auckland - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close in Auckland. (B)

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Add a Day
Auckland: Reward yourself with another night to enjoy the “City of Sails.” Call for details

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This trip requires a passport and visa. Your home stay will take place in the greater Rotorua area. Your host family will pick you up at your hotel and return you to meet up with your group the following morning. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. If your preference is not made known, your stay in Rotorua will default to the home stay. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

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Day 5:
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Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center. Here you'll see traditional dances, learn how to play a didgeridoo or even throw a boomerang. Browse the renowned art gallery and interpretation center's artifact collection. At Hartley's Croc Farm, get up-close with crocodiles in their natural habitat! Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands, home to birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue. (B, D)

Day 6:
Cairns - Sydney
This morning, create your own adventure or simply relax and take in the tropical atmosphere. Later today, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B)

Day 7:
Sydney
Tour Sydney and discover where the original English colonists first settled in 1788. Other highlights include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and the fashionable suburb of Paddington. Discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on

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Sydney - Queenstown
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Day 14: Queenstown

A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village; partake in an optional, exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenston countryside showcasing many of the spots where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. This evening, take in the city of Queenston from above. A breathtaking gondola ride takes you to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant overlooking Queenston, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. (B, D)
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**CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**
- Visit Te Puia, New Zealand’s premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience.
- Come to know the history of Australia’s original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center.

**MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**
- See the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America’s Cup Village and more.
- Explore New Zealand’s most famous national park, Mount Cook.

**IT’S YOUR CHOICE!**
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**Day 7** | Ascend to the top of the Sydney Tower Eye and then visit the Sea Life Sydney Aquarium or explore the best spots of Sydney Harbour on a narrated cruise.

**CULINARY INCLUSIONS**
- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- A New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

| Days 1, 2 | Overnight Flight |
| Days 3 - 5 | Pacific Hotel, Cairns |
| Days 6 - 8 | Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour, Sydney |
| Day 9 | Rydges Hotel, Auckland |
| Days 10, 11 | Millennium Hotel, Rotorua |
| Days 12, 13 | Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch |
| Days 14 - 17 | Millennium Hotel, Queenstown |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**
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Day 9: Sydney - Auckland, New Zealand
Fly to one of the world's most sought after destinations due to its clear air, stunning scenery, and friendly culture – New Zealand. Arrive in Auckland, the “City of Sails.” Auckland has the highest Polynesian population in the world, imbuing its chic atmosphere with the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. The evening is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city. (B, D)

Day 10: Rotorua - Auckland
Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America’s Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Known as the Maori capital of New Zealand, over one-third of Rotorua’s population has Maori roots dating back over 1,000 years. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration where you learn about the warm-hearted Maoris and their lives before European colonists arrived in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. Enjoy an immersive experience featuring authentic Maori entertainment such as the poi dance and the famous “Haka” war challenge. (B, D)

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Day 12: Queenstown
A short flight brings you to the historic city of Queenstown. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city is recreating itself. Make yourself right at home at this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner. This is sure to be an unforgettable experience. Make new friends, talk about the customs of the “Kiwis,” and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

Day 13: Christchurch
Delight in some leisure time to explore Christchurch on your own. You may wish to visit the informative and interactive International Antarctic Centre to learn about the 7th continent, or simply relax and enjoy what the city has to offer. (B)

Day 14: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region - Queenstown
This morning, traverse the spectacular countryside and visit a Canterbury farmyard for a fantastic opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates; you may even catch a sheep shearing demonstration. Continuing to Queenstown, don't miss the chance to spot the highest peak in the Southern Alps, Mt. Cook, before a stop at a local fruit stand to gain an inside look at the produce of New Zealand. You will have free time in Queenstown to explore before dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 15: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Queenstown
Set off for the beautiful turn-of-the-century Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore independently and stroll its quaint, historic streets. Next, explore the Central Otago region where many of New Zealand’s best wines are grown and produced. During a stop at a local winery, visit their storage cave for a tasting of some of their famous wines. (B)

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Day 17: Queenstown
A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village; partake in an optional, exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join an optional “journey through Middle Earth” tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains showcasing many of the spots where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. This evening, take in the city of Queenstown from above. A breathtaking gondola ride takes you to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. (B, D)

Day 18: Queenstown - Tour Ends
Your adventure ends, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

Stay Longer
Queenstown: Relax after your tour in this most 'English' of cities.

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Add a Day

Queenstown: Relax after your tour in this most 'English' of cities.

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Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home
The adventure of a lifetime awaits. Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead as you set out to see Australia’s vibrant cities, coastal gems, captivating Outback, and so much more!

Day 3: Melbourne, Australia - Tour Begins
Arrive today in Melbourne, a Victorian city with an energetic modern vibe. You’re in for a treat tonight as you dine aboard the famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant, the first travelling tramcar restaurant in the world! (D)

Day 4: Melbourne
Get to know Melbourne on a tour that features the historic Fitzroy Gardens. Later, you may join an optional tour to Phillip Island, the home of the world’s largest colony of Little Penguins. Protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. At the interpretation center, you have a chance to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. (B)

Day 5: Melbourne - Adelaide - Barossa Valley
Fly to Adelaide and explore this lovely coastal city before proceeding to the Barossa Valley, Australia’s most famous wine region. Renowned among connoisseurs, the valley’s award-winning winemakers attract visitors from around the world. Tonight, enjoy a scenic dinner overlooking the vineyards. (B, D)

Day 6: Barossa Valley
Set out for the 19th-century Hutton Vale Farm, an 8th generation working farm and winery set on 2,000 acres of picturesque countryside. Caretakers John and Jan Angas will welcome you and share their family’s story that extends back to the founding of Australia. Tour the farm’s historic buildings, see their livestock and one of the many vineyards before partaking in some tea and homemade specialties. Perhaps you’ll give their sweet crisp Riesling a try. Next, travel to the Seppeltsfield winery for a private tour, followed by a tasting of their world-class wines. Quench your palate with varietals

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- Come to know the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a “Dreamtime Tour.”
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.
- Tour Kata Tjuta and the base of Uluru (Ayers Rock).

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS
- Hop aboard a catamaran to explore the Great Barrier Reef.
- Experience Australia’s most famous wine region, Barossa Valley.
- Tour Sydney, the birthplace of modern-day Australia.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)
DAY 16 | Travel to the stunning Blue Mountains of New South Wales or explore Sydney at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
- Enjoy a delightful dinner in the bush in the Australian Outback.
- Dine at the famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant.
- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Visit the Hutton Vale Farm, home to a winery set on 2,000 picturesque acres.

ACCOMMODATIONS
- Days 1, 2: Overnight Flight
- Days 3, 4: The Swanston Hotel Grand Mercure, Melbourne
- Days 5, 6: Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, Barossa Valley
- Days 7, 8: Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs
- Day 9: Desert Gardens, Uluru, Ayers Rock
- Days 10 – 13: Pacific Hotel, Cairns
- Days 14 – 17: Hyatt Regency Darling Harbour or The Tank Stream Hotel, Sydney

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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Australia’s iconic experiences

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ranging from fruit-forward Chardonnays to earthy Pinot Noirs. (B)

Day 7: Barossa Valley - Alice Springs
Welcome to the Outback. Your Alice Springs tour highlights the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill, with amazing panoramas of the area. Gain insight into the educational system in the Outback at the School of the Air; you may even see a class in session. Meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical organization comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, savour a memorable bush dinner set against the desert backdrop. (B, D)

Day 8: Alice Springs
Come to know the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour". A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. Take the rest of the day to explore this quintessential Outback town. (B)

Day 9: Uluru - Cairns
Traverse the "Red Centre" as you drive to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock). This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colours of Uluru while enjoying a champagne toast. (B)

Day 10: Uluru - Cairns
Set off in the cool of the morning for Kata Tjuta and the base of "The Rock" to learn about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Later, fly to Cairns – the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO World Heritage site). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B, D)

Day 11: Cairns
Board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable ride above the rainforest canopy. There are two stops where you may get off and experience the forest floor's diversity of plants, birds and animals from specially designed boardwalks. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the tropical surroundings. (B)

Day 12: Great Barrier Reef
Hop aboard a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the reef's fascinating underwater world. Relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or, for the more adventurous, go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to learn from life. You also have the opportunity to learn from a local guide about the coral and fish in their natural habitat! Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands, home to birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Then, take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying an authentic Aussie barbecue. (B, D)

Day 13: Cairns
This morning, explore the town at your own pace or simply relax. Later, set out for Hartley's Croc Farm. Get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat! Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands, home to birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Then, take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying an authentic Aussie barbecue. (B, D)

Day 14: Cairns - Sydney
After a leisurely morning, fly to Sydney, Australia's largest city, where British settlers first dropped anchor in 1788. This evening it's Diner's Choice as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

Day 15: Sydney
Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it's time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney's oldest district. Next, discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then you're in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. Later, uncover the wonders of Sydney during free time. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. (B)

Day 16: Choice of the Blue Mountains or Sydney by Sea
The choice is yours! Travel to the stunning Blue Mountains of New South Wales (UNESCO). Come to know its countless geological wonders – sandstone plateaus, rich valleys, river gorges and endless pristine wilderness. See the Three Sisters sandstone rock formations, the region's most notable attraction – or further experience Sydney at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass. Travel by high-speed boat to a variety of spots on Sydney Harbour. Visit the famous beach resorts of Manly and Watson's Bay, historic Fort Denison or Taronga Zoo. Hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise. (B)

Day 17: Sydney
Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you will explore more of Sydney's fascinating attractions, do some shopping or find yourself relaxing at a local café. This evening, say farewell to Sydney and take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 18: Sydney - Tour Ends
You depart for home with wonderful memories of this inspiring country. (B)

### Stay Longer

#### Sydney: There's always more to do in exciting Sydney. Reward yourself with one more day "Down Under."

## Combinations

### Combine Two Tours into One Adventure

Book another tour with Exploring Australia and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** Exploring New Zealand. **Call for details.**

This trip requires a passport and visa. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

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Australia - Drum Atweme creates a positive environment for at-risk Aboriginal girls through traditional music.

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### Combo Three Tours into One Adventure

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EXPLORING
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24 DAYS • 35 MEALS
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
• Get to know a local New Zealand family during dinner with the opportunity for an overnight home stay.
• Explore Te Puia, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience.
• Visit the Royal Albatross Centre.
• Stop at the Kauri Museum where you will come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree.

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• Cruise through the Bay of Islands’ famous Hole in the Rock.
• Relish a breathtaking cruise through Milford Sound fjord.
• Explore spectacular Mt. Cook National Park.
• Watch the Queenstown landscape unfold, passing through the rainforest bordered by the Southern Alps and twisting coastline.
• Spend two nights in the beautiful Bay of Islands.

the ultimate New Zealand adventure
an epic tour of the North and South Island. Modern cities, rugged coastline, fjords, glaciers, and Maori culture.

START EARLY
Auckland: Upon arrival you’ll be glad you have more time in this stunning “City of Sails.” CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home
Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

Day 3: Auckland, New Zealand - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Auckland, the “City of Sails,” consistently rated one of the best places in the world to live. Auckland’s Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 4: Auckland - Bay of Islands
Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America’s Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, depart Auckland and travel north to the Bay of Islands, your home for the next two nights. This sun-soaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life. Visit the Waitangi Treaty House where Maori and British leaders signed the 1840 treaty establishing New Zealand as a nation. (B, D)

Day 5: Bay of Islands
We begin the day with a cruise that features the bay’s famous Hole in the Rock and a stop off at picturesque Urupukapuka Island. Relax on the beach or walk to a higher elevation to enjoy 360° views. Look out at the Cape Brett Lighthouse which stands nearly 500 feet above sea level at the edge of the Cape Brett Peninsula. The rest of the day is yours to independently explore Paihia – the quaint town known as “the jewel of the Bay of Islands” (B)

Day 6: Bay of Islands - Matakana - Home Stay
Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind
and head to Matakohe in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum where you will come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that can live for 2,000 years. Discover how the early settlers used this abundant tree to build a life for themselves. Later, make yourself right at home when a New Zealand family welcomes you for the night! This is sure to be an unforgettable experience as you make new friends, learn about the customs of the “Kiwis” and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

Day 7: Rotorua
Today, find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. With over one-third of its population boasting Maori roots, this city is known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Te Puia, New Zealand’s premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs by teaching the tribal youth these traditional skills. Enjoy the chance to view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove this marvellous creature from the endangered species list. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration where you learn about the warm-hearted Maoris and their lives before European colonists arrived in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. Enjoy an immersive experience featuring authentic entertainment such as the poi dance and the famous “Haka” war challenge. (B, D)

Day 8: Rotorua - Napier
Journey into the Hawke’s Bay region. After arriving in the city of Napier, which boasts some of the greatest Art Deco architecture in the world, enjoy a guided tour and learn why Napier took on such an eclectic design style. This afternoon, take advantage of time at leisure to stroll the oceanfront promenade and simply soak up the atmosphere. (B)

Day 9: Napier - Wellington
Travel through the rolling countryside of the North Island. The rural vistas and the rugged Rimutaka Range slowly give way to Wellington, New Zealand’s capital city. (B, D)

Day 10: Wellington
This morning we embark on a walking tour of Wellington. See the Beehive, New Zealand’s Parliament; historic St. Paul’s Church; and the Old Government Building – the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Following the tour, visit the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating center dedicated to art, history and the Maori culture. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim, Marlborough
Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. This has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world." Arrive in Picton on the South Island where you will have free time for lunch. Next, drive along the coast to the picturesque village of Havelock where you will have free time to enjoy the quaint colonial buildings in a town that bills itself as the “green-lipped mussel capital of the world.” Upon arrival in Blenheim, relax at your hotel before heading to a local winery where you will see the vineyard, enjoy a tasting, and dine at the cellar door bistro. (B, D)

Day 12: Blenheim
The morning is yours to enjoy the town of Blenheim. Next, we continue our introduction to the world-famous wine region of Marlborough with a visit to another of the family-owned wineries in the region for a tasting and tour. The area is famous for its Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs, and late harvest Riesling wines, all of which you will taste today. (B)

Day 13: Blenheim - Punakaiki
Today we drive through the heart of the South Island and further along the rugged coast to Punakaiki. Stop and gaze in wonder at the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and blowholes. Here columns of water shoot skyward from rocks that resemble giant stacks of hotcakes. Upon arrival at your hotel you will have free time to explore the area before dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Punakaiki - Franz Josef Region
We continue our journey along the stunning coastline. Our destination is the glacially carved landscape of the Franz

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Josef Region. Along the way, make a stop in Hokitika to meet the skilled carvers who work with the West Coast pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade shop. (B, D)

Day 15: Franz Josef - Queenstown

Before departing Franz Josef – if the dynamic New Zealand weather cooperates – you may opt to see this beautiful glacier region from a bird’s-eye view during a flightseeing tour. En route to Queenstown, watch as the amazing landscape unfolds before your eyes as you pass through the rainforest, bordered by the Southern Alps and the twisting coastline. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of the country’s prettiest towns. Tonight is sure to be a highlight as you board the cable car for a ride up to the Skyline restaurant where you will enjoy dinner and fantastic views of Queenstown. After dinner this evening, the choice is yours! Take a seat at a cultural show; enjoy star gazing with a naturalist -OR- if you are feeling more adventurous, give the luge a try! (B, D)

Day 16: Queenstown

Set off for the beautiful 19th century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore its quaint, historic streets. The Central Otago region is where some of New Zealand’s best wines are grown and produced. During a stop at a local winery, visit the underground storage cave – the largest in New Zealand – for a tasting of their award-winning wine. Follow this unforgettable experience with lunch at the winery’s fabulous restaurant. Later, return to Queenstown and enjoy some leisure time. (B, L)

Day 17: Queenstown

A full day of leisure in Queenstown offers several options to enhance your dream trip. You may shop or people-watch in the village. Or, join the optional “Journey through Middle Earth” tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. (B)

Day 18: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Te Anau

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Day 19: Te Anau - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, on the southeast coast of New Zealand.
Day 20: Dunedin
This morning’s panoramic drive reveals Larnach Castle as well as Baldwin Street, the world’s steepest public road. Later you may choose to embark on an optional trip on the spectacular Taieri Gorge Railway; this line was begun in 1879 to serve the inland region of Otago and includes 10 tunnels and 35 bridges. (B)

Day 21: Dunedin - Mt. Cook Region
The Maori word for Mt. Cook is Aoraki, which means “cloud piercer”. Journey through New Zealand’s unspoiled wilderness and arrive at Mt. Cook National Park, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

Day 22: Mt. Cook - Christchurch
As you travel to Christchurch this morning, pause to pay a visit to a working farm. Watch a skilled New Zealand “strong eye” sheep herding dog at work, followed by a sheep shearing demonstration. Get to know these New Zealand farmers over a home-made morning tea. Later, enjoy some free time to explore Christchurch on your own. Stroll the city’s magnificent gardens or view cutting-edge examples of post-earthquake architecture in the central district. (B)

Day 23: Christchurch
This morning enjoy a short tour of Christchurch. Afterwards, you have free time to enjoy the sights on your own or perhaps join in an optional excursion. Tonight, visit the region’s earliest home, Riccarton House, and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 24: Christchurch - Tour Ends
Your adventure comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR
Complete your trip with a 3-night stay in Fiji:
Set out for your corner of paradise. Take time after your adventure to relax and explore Fijian culture.
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ADD A DAY
Christchurch: Enjoy a bit more of this “English” city tucked away in the South Pacific. CALL FOR DETAILS

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COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE
Book another tour with Exploring New Zealand and create one grand experience. Suggested Tour: ① Exploring Australia CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Your home stay will take place in the region of Rotorua. Your host family will pick you up and return you in the morning, when you will be transferred to your hotel. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. If your preference is not made known, your stay will default to the home stay.
OTAVALO  3-night pre tour
ADD TO: Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands (pg. 30)

Extension Day 1: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo
This morning, travel north across the colourful valleys of Guayllabamba. Make a stop at the Andean Instruments Museum in Peguche village. Continue on to meet local residents at lunch and enjoy indigenous music and dance. Then it’s off to Otavalo, home of beautifully coloured fabrics and a famous indigenous market. Learn how to make the Ecuadorian spiced drink canela and have the opportunity to sample this delicious beverage along with a tasty empanada. Tonight, savour a typical dinner in the charming hacienda restaurant.

Extension Day 2: Otavalo-Andes Mountain Train-Salinas-San Antonio de Ibarra-Otavalo
Today, travel to the region of Imbabura, known for towering volcanoes. Take an unforgettable train ride on the Andes Mountain Train past towering volcanoes and through spectacular Andes scenery. Arrive in Salinas and gather for lunch featuring regional specialties and Afro-Ecuadorian music and dance. Then, drive to San Antonio de Ibarra, a picturesque town famous for elaborate wood carvings and sculptures. Later, learn how to make helados de paila (fruit sorbet) prepared in great copper pans before sampling the treat for yourself. This evening, arrive back at your historic Andean hacienda. Dr, you may choose a home-cooked dinner and homestay in the Karaniki indigenous community of La Magdalena on the slopes of Cubiliche volcano. The Karaniki welcome visitors into charming guest houses so travellers can learn about their culture.

Extension Day 3: Otavalo - La Magdalena - Quito
Witness the extraordinary community tourism project at La Magdalena and discover how the Collette Foundation is helping to support its residents. Experience the shepherding and harvesting activities, taste the homemade cheeses and breads, and learn about their medicinal herbal teas. Next, venture to Condor Park, a rescue center for a variety of birds of prey, to learn about the protection of these birds. Then it’s off to La Compañía Hacienda, where you’ll visit greenhouses full of some of the most magnificent varieties of roses. Arrive in Quito and enjoy the city during your last night in Ecuador.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Hacienda Pinsaquí or La Magdalena, Otavalo
Mercure Grand Alameda, Quito

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
{1 2 3 4 5}
See page 105 for details.

BRAZILIAN AMAZON  3-night post tour
ADD TO: Highlights of South America (pg. 34), Complete South America (pg. 36)

Extension Day 1: Manaus - Amazon
This morning, fly from Rio de Janeiro to Manaus, the gateway to the Brazilian Amazon. Upon arrival, travel by boat to the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge. Located in the middle of the Amazon rainforest the ecotourism lodge rests on the banks of the Rio Trauma. Visit the Monkey Jungle Reserve, a rehabilitation center for rescued primates until they can be reintroduced to the forest. After dinner, set out on a canoe and do some caiman spotting.

Extension Day 2: Amazon
Learn about the Amazon’s diverse flora and fauna on a nature trek before visiting the Botanical Garden, an orchidarium housing 1,000 plants of 87 different species. Experience lunch at a traditional restaurant and visit the home of local Amazonian residents (Caboclos). Spend some time fishing, exploring the jungle nature trails or swimming at the private beach. Relax over dinner in the peaceful, tropical setting.

Extension Day 3: Amazon
Enjoy a full day tour of the “Meeting of the Waters,” where the yellow-grey Rio Solimoes meets the chocolate-coloured Rio Negro, forming the mighty Amazon. Through the lodge you may purchase an optional canoe ride and piranha fishing excursions. Feast on traditional local dishes (such as tambaqui and tucunare fish) and luscious exotic fresh fruits on your final evening in the jungle.

Extension Day 4: Amazon - Manaus - Tour Ends
Sip tropical fruit juices at breakfast before enjoying some leisure time. Head back to Manaus by boat and then on to your final destination.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Amazon Ecopark Lodge, Manaus

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
{1 2 3 4 5}
See page 105 for details.

The order of sightseeing may be altered due to weather conditions or flight schedules. This optional extension may require a certificate of Yellow Fever inoculation when applying for your Brazilian visa, especially if you have travelled to Peru prior to Brazil. A Yellow Fever inoculation is highly recommended when travelling to the Amazon. These fees are at your own expense. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The Brazilian Amazon and Salvador de Bahia extension operate concurrently. Only one extension may be booked. Additional air segment purchase required.
**SALVADOR DE BAHIA** 3-night post tour

**ADD TO:** Highlights of South America (pg. 34), Complete South America (pg. 36)

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**Extension Day 1:** Rio de Janeiro - Salvador de Bahia

Continue exploring Brazil in Salvador de Bahia, known for its Portuguese colonial architecture, Afro-Brazilian culture and tropical coastline. Tour the Pelourinho neighborhood (UNESCO), the historic heart of the city, with cobblestone pathways opening onto large squares, colorful buildings and Baroque churches. Visit the stunning São Francisco Church and Convent, featuring Baroque gilt woodwork. Later, enjoy a traditional Bahian meal. (L, D)

**Extension Day 2:** Salvador de Bahia - Praia do Forte - Salvador de Bahia

Travel along the Coconut Coast to Praia do Forte, the most charming fishing village of Bahia. You will see some of the most beautiful beaches in the area. Next, visit the ruins of Garcia D’Ávila Castle as well as the Projeto Tamar, a project to preserve sea turtles. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Praia do Forte before returning to your hotel. (B)

**Extension Day 3:** Salvador de Bahia

Embark on a panoramic city tour of Salvador highlighting the Barra Lighthouse, the Lower City (Cidade Baixa), and the traditional neighbourhood of Ribeira. Your tour includes a visit to the Bonfim Church. Explore the Mercado Modelo, the largest handicraft center in Bahia. Evenings in Bahia are a real spectacle. Cap off your last evening with a visit to one of the most traditional show houses in Salvador. Savour a wide variety of Bahian cuisine while watching a folkloric performance showcasing Afro-Bahian cultural expressions such as samba-de-rosa, maculelê, hauling of the fishnet, candomblé and capoeira. This is truly a fascinating show and the perfect end to your Salvador de Bahia visit. (B, D)

**Extension Day 4:** Salvador de Bahia - Tour Ends

Transfer to the airport as your tour ends today. (B)

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**6 MEALS - $2025 - $2160**

- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Fera Palace Hotel, Salvador

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

See page 105 for details.

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**SANTIAGO**

3-night pre tour

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**Extension Day 1:** Santiago - Overnight Flight

Welcome to Santiago de Chile. Take in the views of this cultural hub tucked inside the Andes Mountains and witness the vibrancy of one of South America’s most modern cities. Embark on a walking tour of the historic city center. View La Moneda Presidential Palace, Plaza de Armas, the Metropolitan Cathedral and many other Neoclassical buildings. Visit the Museo Chileno de Arte Pre-Colombino, a museum dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artwork and artifacts from Central and South America. Peruse the shops and interact with handicraft vendors on the Paso Ahumada pedestrian avenue. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers over sumptuous food and wine in the trendy neighbourhood of Bella Vista. (B)

**Extension Day 3:** Santiago - Viña del Mar - Valparaiso - Santiago

This morning, venture out to the coastal resort city of Viña del Mar, known for its gardens, beaches and high-rise buildings. You will also visit Valparaiso, a port city on Chile’s coast with charming and colourful cliff-top homes. (B, L)

**Extension Day 4:** Santiago - Casablanca - Santiago

Complete your Chilean experience with a visit to the wine region of Casablanca. Your visit includes touring local vineyards and tasting popular Chilean wine. Cap it all off with a sumptuous lunch overlooking the vineyards before returning to Santiago for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

**Extension Day 5:** Santiago - Depart for Buenos Aires, Argentina

Bid farewell to Santiago and transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. (B)

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**6 MEALS - $1485**

- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Santiago

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

See page 105 for details.

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PERUVIAN AMAZON  3-night pre or post tour

**ADD TO:** Complete South America (pre-tour - pg. 36), Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries (post-tour - pg. 40)

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<td>Fly from Lima to the Puerto Maldonado airport where you meet your naturalist guide. Board a canoe and transfer up the Madre de Dios River to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion Lodge. After a welcome lunch, take a walk through the Concepcion trails where you will learn about the rainforest’s composition, its uses, the human impact and its relevance to the world climate. At dusk, once again take to the water on a motorized canoe. Your evening excursion will teach you about the river’s ecosystem. Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals’ behaviour and the southern sky’s constellations. Then, you’ll enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande’s dining room. (B, L, D)</td>
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<td>After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a trek through Tambopata National Reserve. Arrive at pristine Lake Sandoval and board a dugout canoe. Glide along taking in your peaceful surroundings. Keep an eye out for the endangered giant river otter, blue and yellow macaw, red-tailed monkey, black caiman, and one of the world’s biggest freshwater scaled fish, the paiche. After lunch, the Inkaterra canopy walkway awaits. Begin at the Interpretation Center to learn about the project. Then ascend 98 feet in the air and cross a series of hanging bridges that connect the treetops, taking in the breathtaking panoramas and discovering the wildlife that surrounds you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique nocturnal sounds of the rainforest. Your day concludes with a wonderful dinner. (B, L, D)</td>
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<td>After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) where you may wait for your flight back to Lima. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop or visit one of Lima’s many fine museums. (B)</td>
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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

El Pardo Doubletree by Hilton, Lima
Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion, Peruvian Amazon

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

See page 105 for details.

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**TANZANIA  4-night post tour**

**ADD TO:** The Plains of Africa (pg. 50)

| Extension Day 1: Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu |
| Depart Amboseli for the border town of Arusha, Tanzania. After clearing border crossing formalities, enjoy lunch in Arusha. Then continue to your hotel in Karatu. (L, D) |
| **Extension Day 2:** Karatu - Serengeti National Park |
| After breakfast, depart for Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world and known to have the greatest concentration of Plains’ game anywhere. (B, L, D) |
| **Extension Day 3:** Serengeti National Park |
| Today you will enjoy a full day game drive in the park. (B, L, D) |
| **Extension Day 4:** Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area |
| After breakfast, begin your safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you continue your journey to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. (B, L, D) |
| **Extension Day 5:** Ngorongoro - Arusha - Tour Ends |
| Drive through Arusha on the way to the Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) for your departure flight home. (B) |

Park fees (approximately $350 CAD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable changes at time of request. A day room in Arusha is available for purchase before your departure for home. The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Nairobi has been deducted from the price of your extension. Clients leaving Kenya and continuing their travels to Tanzania (including Zanzibar), even if only for a transit, will need a Yellow Fever certificate to enter Tanzania. Soft side bag baggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Additional air segment purchase required.

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

See page 105 for details.
**JUNGLE ADVENTURE**  3-night post tour

ADD TO: Tropical Costa Rica (pg. 46)

**Extension Day 1: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park**
Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Explore the region’s wildlife by boat, viewing macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Enjoy a memorable 2-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and amazing wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings with a visit to the world’s first Green Turtle Research Station and discover how to protect the turtle’s nesting habitat and eggs. (L, D)

**Extension Day 2: Tortuguero National Park**
An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and carnivals, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. (B, L, D)

**Extension Day 3: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose**
Return to San Jose today for your last night in Costa Rica before your return home. (B, L)

**Extension Day 4: San Jose - Tour Ends** (B)

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero National Park
DoubltTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose

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**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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**NAIROBI with ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE**

1-night pre tour

ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 50)

**Extension Day 1: Overnight Flight**

**Extension Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Extension Begins**
Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Nairobi.

**Extension Day 3: Nairobi - Elephant Orphanage Visit**
This morning we visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, an internationally renowned orphanage located in Nairobi National Park. Learn about their efforts to protect and rehabilitate elephants who have been orphaned by poachers or have lost their habitat due to human population. You may even choose to foster your own elephant! After lunch, visit Kazuri, which means "small and beautiful" in Swahili. This workshop creates handmade and hand-painted jewelry, ceramic beads and pottery. Return to your hotel early this evening where you will join the remainder of your travelling companions. (B, L)

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Sarova Stanley, Nairobi

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**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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Optional Extensions

**VICTORIA FALLS 3-night post tour**

**ADD TO:** Spectacular South Africa (pg. 52), Spectacular South Africa featuring Swaziland (pg. 54)

**Extension Day 1:** Cape Town - Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Fly this morning to one of the world’s natural wonders, Victoria Falls, and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel, known as the “grand old lady of the falls.” Upon arrival, enjoy a tour of this historic hotel. Tonight, enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset.

**Extension Day 2:** Victoria Falls
After breakfast you have an opportunity to mingle with the residents of a local village. Next, interact with African elephants, up-close and in their natural environment. Following lunch with a local family, take a walking tour of Victoria Falls, truly one of the “Seven Wonders of the World.” Shop at a local curio market before returning to your hotel. (B, L)

**Extension Day 3:** Victoria Falls
Your day is free to explore independently. Or, take an optional full day excursion to Chobe National Park in Botswana. (B, D)

**Extension Day 4:** Victoria Falls - Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends
Fly back to Johannesburg to prepare for your international flight home. (B)

A mandatory tourist levy of $30 USD is required for all travellers upon arrival at the port of entry. This levy can be paid by cash or credit card. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The internal flight is not included in the land-cost of your tour. For this extension, you must have at least 2 additional blank pages remaining in your passport. Canadian citizens are required to purchase 2 single entry visas at a cost of $75 USD each. Passports must have a blank page for the visa to be placed. The visa may be purchased upon arrival, payable in cash only. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Additional air segment purchase required.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**
Victoria Falls Hotel

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**
1 2 3 4 5
See page 103 for details.

**5 MEALS - $1755**
3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

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**DUBAI 3-night pre tour**

**ADD TO:** Spectacular South Africa (pg. 52), Spectacular South Africa featuring Swaziland (pg. 54), Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (pg. 56), Mysteries of India (pg. 66), India’s Treasures (pg. 68)

**Extension Day 1:** Overnight Flight
Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Dubai.

**Extension Day 2:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Tour Begins
Arrive in Dubai, one of the world’s most exciting destinations. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city independently. As one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is considered the shopping capital of the Middle East. With its many world-famous man-made structures built in recent years, Dubai is a must-see destination.

**Extension Day 3:** Dubai
Dubai is a place that provides a new setting at every turn. Richly mixing the old and the new, it’s a city of ages that rises out of the desert and crowns the gulf coast with its presence. This afternoon your route takes you to a magnificent view of Dubai Creek, passing by the heritage area of Bastakiya, with its fascinating old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants. Visit the 180-year-old Al Fahid Fort which today houses the Dubai Museum. Continue your journey by abra – a traditional water taxi – across the creek. Stroll through the spice and gold souks, the colourful bazaar markets. On your way to Burj Al Arab – one of Dubai’s landmarks – make a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque. (B)

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

**Extension Day 5:** Dubai - Extension Ends
You will board your flight to begin your tour. (B)

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. For US, UK, Australia and Canadian citizens, no advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days. Simply disembark your flight at Dubai International Airport and proceed to Immigration where your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The flight from Dubai on the last day is not included in the land-only cost of your tour. Additional air segment purchase required.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**
Sheraton Dubai Creek, Dubai

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**
1 2 3 4 5
See page 103 for details.

**4 MEALS - $880**
3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner
JORDAN 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Treasures of Egypt (pg. 58), Dubai, Oman & Abu Dhabi (pg. 62)

Extension Day 1: 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.

Extension Day 2: Petra
Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B, D)

ACCOMMODATIONS
Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra
Le Meridien Amman, Amman

Tour Activity Level
1 2 3 4 5
See page 105 for details.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
1 2 3 4 5
See page 105 for details.

NEPAL 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 66), India’s Treasures (pg. 68)

Extension Day 1: Delhi
Overnight in Delhi before travelling to Nepal in the morning.

Extension Day 2: Kathmandu, Nepal
Board a flight to Kathmandu and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Patan city, the old Newar city. See the Patan Durbar Square, listed as a World Heritage site. The complex is the center of Patan's religious and social life. (B)

Extension Day 3: Kathmandu
Tour Kathmandu city and Swayambhunath Stupa, a famous monkey temple boasting the famous painted eyes of Buddha watching all who ascend the steps. Continue on to visit such sights as the 7th-century Durbar complex, Hanuman Dhoka, the temple of the living goddess; and Kathmandnap – a wooden temple built from a single tree. See the Shiva Paravati, Seto Bhairav and Kal Bhaira temples. Head to Swayambhunath, a Buddhist temple, and take in views of the entire Kathmandu valley. Tonight, enjoy a Nepali dinner and cultural dance performance at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: Kathmandu
Visit Pashupatinath Temple, the most important Hindu temple in Nepal. See Boudnath, one of the largest stupas in the world and a sacred place to Buddhist pilgrims from Tibet. Travel to Bhaktapur, a city of devotes, known for its incredible architecture and art. (B)

Extension Day 5: Kathmandu - Delhi - Tour Ends
Fly to Delhi where you may have leisure time at an airport hotel before transferring back to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
1 2 3 4 5
See page 105 for details.

The cost of the unused day(s) on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. A day room in Delhi is available for purchase before your departure flight home from Delhi Airport. If you choose to purchase the day room, you must obtain a multiple entry visa for India, prior to departure. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to inter-flight scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 7:00 p.m. on the last day. The approximate cost of a Nepal visa is $39 USD and obtainable on arrival. A passport photo is required for the visa in Nepal and costs approximately $5 USD. We recommend bringing a passport photo as well as small bills for these operations as additional charges are not included. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Additional air segment purchase required.

JORDAN 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Iconic Israel (pg. 64)

Extension 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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ACCOMMODATIONS
Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra
Le Meridien Amman, Amman

Tour Activity Level
1 2 3 4 5
See page 105 for details.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
1 2 3 4 5
See page 105 for details.

5 MEALS - $1485*
3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

JORDAN 4-night post tour

5 MEALS - $2025*
4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

5 MEALS - $1285*
4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Please Note: All services are provided by a local representative. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The internal flight to Amman is not included in the land price of your extension. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased directly from us. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Amman Airport upon arrival at an approximate cost of $57 USD, paid in local currency (Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the airport prior to leaving the visa desk. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Additional air segment purchase required.

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**SOUTH INDIA** 6-night post tour

**ADD TO:** Mysteries of India (pg. 66), India’s Treasures (pg. 68)

**Extension Day 1: Delhi**
Enjoy your overnight stay before departing for South India in the morning.

**Extension Day 2: Delhi - Cochin**
Take a flight to Cochin and transfer to your hotel. Visit the remarkable cardederviced Chinese fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Mattancherry Palace and the Church of St. Francis. Walk through the narrow cobbled streets of Jew Town, lined with antique and handicraft shops, to the Jewish Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth countries. Continue to the Ginger House – an old warehouse now converted into an antique showroom – where you will enjoy an included lunch. This evening you’ll take in the sights on a harbour cruise. (B, L)

**Extension Day 3: Cochin**
Tour the captivating port city of Cochin. View the remarkable cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, the remarkable cardederviced Chinese fishing nets. Visit the 16th-century Mattancherry Palace and the Church of St. Francis. Walk through the narrow cobbled streets of Jew Town, lined with antique and handicraft shops, to the Jewish Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth countries. Continue to the Ginger House – an old warehouse now converted into an antique showroom – where you will enjoy an included lunch. This evening you’ll take in the sights on a harbour cruise. (B, L)

**Extension Day 4: Cochin - Thekkady**
Begin your day with a visit to a plantation house in Kanjirapally to witness rubber tapping and enjoy lunch with the family. Continue to Thekkady, an unending chain of hills dotted with spice and tea plantations. Here, in the crisp, cool air of the Western Ghats, learn about the local agriculture during a guided visit to a spice garden led by its caretaker. (B, L)

**Extension Day 5: Thekkady - Kumarakom**
This morning, continue to Kumarakom, and enjoy some leisure time to explore. (B, D)

**Extension Day 6: Kumarakom**
Embark on a boat cruise from Alleppey to Kumarakom through the backwaters, a network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. Enjoy lunch on board. (B, L)

**Extension Day 7: Kumarakom - Cochin - Delhi - Tour Ends**
A morning drive returns you to Cochin. Stop at a small local village to witness daily activities. Fly to Delhi where you may have leisure time at an airport hotel before transferring to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. Maximum elevation is 4,400 feet. Day rooms are not included on the last day at Delhi airport on return from Cochin, but are available for purchase. An additional air segment purchase is required for this extension to operate. The flights from Delhi to Cochin are not included in the land-only cost of your tour. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 p.m. on the last day. Additional air segment purchase required.

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

See page 105 for details.

**ACCOUNTMENTS**

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

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**11 MEALS**
$1755 - $2025*

6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

**BANGKOK** 3-night post tour

**ADD TO:** Kingdoms of Southeast Asia (pg. 70), Taste of Vietnam (pg. 72)

**Extension Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City - Bangkok, Thailand**
Board a short flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs or just soak in the energy of the city.

**Extension Day 2: Bangkok**
Begin your day with a cruise on the Chao Phraya River. Drift past local houses and learn about daily life along the waterways. Stop at the iconic Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn. The boat trip ends at Chang pier. Explore the grounds of the Grand Palace and marvel at the grandeur of this royal residence. Stop at Wat Phra Kaew, home of the Emerald Buddha and Thailand’s most sacred temple. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward, visit the Golden Buddha, one of the world’s largest solid gold statues. Discover how it was once covered in plaster to conceal it from invaders. Continue with a visit to the Jim Thompson House, home of the American entrepreneur who revitalized the Thai silk industry before his mysterious disappearance. (B, L)

**Extension Day 3: Bangkok**
Visit the famous Damnoen Saduak floating market where hundreds of vendors sell fruits and vegetables from their boats. Next, visit Phra Pathom Chedi in Nakhon Pathom, purported to be the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

**Extension Day 4: Bangkok - Tour Ends**
Board your flight home. (B)

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. Additional air segment purchase required.

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

See page 105 for details.

**ACCOUNTMENTS**

Rembrandt Hotel, Bangkok

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**4 MEALS - $1015**
$1015 - $1295

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch
FIJI  3-night post tour

ADD TO: From the Outback to the Glaciers (pg. 78), The Complete South Pacific (pg. 82), South Pacific Wonders (pg. 86), South Pacific Wonders including New Zealand’s North Island (pg. 88), Exploring Australia (pg. 90), Exploring New Zealand (pg. 92)

Extension Day 1: Nadi, Fiji
Today you will arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant South Pacific culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world.

Extension Day 2: Fiji
Your day is free to explore everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, R)

Extension Day 3: Fiji
Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

Extension Day 4: Fiji - Tour Ends
Your time in Fiji comes to an end today. (B)

Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 2 nights and is slightly lower priced. 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 6 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Additional air segment purchase required.

4 MEALS - $810*  5 MEALS - $1350 - $1620*
3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner  4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch
Sofitel Fiji Resort  Dorsett Wanchai Hotel, Hong Kong Holiday Inn, Macau

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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See page 105 for details.

HONG KONG & MACAU  4-night post tour

ADD TO: Wonders of China (pg. 74)

Extension Day 1: Shanghai - Hong Kong
Fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong. Upon arrival you will be met by your local representative who will help you transfer to your hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure.

Extension Day 2: Hong Kong
This morning embark on a Hong Kong Island city tour. Start by travelling up Victoria Peak for panoramic views of Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong skyline. Continue exploring and browse the stalls at Stanley Market before seeing traditional fishing junks at the Aberdeen Fishing Village. The afternoon is at leisure. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Macau
Enjoy a day on your own to relax or explore the former Portuguese colony of Macau independently. (B)

Extension Day 5: Macau - Tour Ends
Transfer to the Macau pier by shuttle for your Ferry which takes you directly to Hong Kong International Airport. (B)

During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Additional air segment purchase required.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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See page 105 for details.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Dorsett Wanchai Hotel, Hong Kong Holiday Inn, Macau

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*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.
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 may not have 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 departure. The airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines. Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some charge a fee for seats which will be at the guests’ expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered, the guests must contact the airline directly to arrange seat assignments.

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

Is there a lot of walking on tour? We pride ourselves on bringing 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 105) 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 pre-purchasing 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 your tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel a tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you have secured your own air.

Can I make changes to my reservation? Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of $25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date, tour itinerary or passenger name, within the guidelines of the cancellation policy, will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply.

Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

Tour Pacing

How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour? Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination’s sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the “Accommodations” section on each tour page and on the tour map. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

Level 1: At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

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

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

Level 4: To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

Level 5: This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel 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. ⁵Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.
Reservation Information

Land Rates
Land rates are 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 wаllstaff, 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 $250 deposit, all of which is non-refundable.

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 B 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
Attn: 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: 35% 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
• 89 - 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 - 60 days prior to departure - 100% of total price

* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the client, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of these terms and conditions, you will be refunded 100%.

Airfare

For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted 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 changed for a fee up to $300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges. Therefore, any such fees or airport-to-hotel transfers are not refundable under any circumstances.

Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

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 yes you do 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 traveller 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 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 similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip.

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, 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, suppliers, 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, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. Other risks may arise such as, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encounters. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw the tour at any time, for any reason, including for acts of God, war, terrorism, or other causes beyond Collette’s control or for unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

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**Consumer Protection Plans**

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member. 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 nontransferable 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.

**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 view full plan details online, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C.


Payment for the plan(s) 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/wpCN426C (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 Antarctic tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan cost. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

Air-Inclusive Clients (Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)
- $140 adult/child for all North American tours under 6 days
- $295 adult/child for all North American tours of 6 days or more
- $355 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
- $450 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- $500 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- $975 adult/child for Antarctica tours

Collette’s Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% non-refundable. 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 airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

**Schedule of Benefits**

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*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 canceled 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.
Be the change

Take giving back one step further on an Impact Travel program, a new tour style. Blend sightseeing with giving back on these meaningful journeys. Explore the must-sees, take in the beauty of the destinations and take time to volunteer. Work alongside the local community toward sustainable changes and community betterment. **Share our passion for giving through travel.**
Doing our little part to improve the lives of communities around the world was so rewarding, we really feel this is just the beginning for us!

— Chris & Dottie Carey, Impact Tour travellers

Travel with heart

It’s travel that’s good (for the heart, mind...and world!) Experience another side of a destination. Get up close to the local cultures, give back to a community in need, or simply engage in our mission to improve the places that we visit through travel. Experience our global projects through various tours — and now travellers can take a deeper dive into giving back with our new Impact Travel tours.
South Africa awaits, greeting you with breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife. Embrace the opportunity to give back to this truly unique country while experiencing the best South Africa has to offer.

**DAY 1** Overnight Flight
**DAY 2** Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins
**DAY 3** Sandton - Soweto - Sandton
Today, visit the Apartheid Museum which commemorates the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa. A guided tour of Soweto – South West Township – showcases luxurious mansions and informal settlements as you learn about the historical significance of the area. Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern. This afternoon, take time to ponder history at Liliesleaf, the location of Nelson Mandela’s arrest and the former center and place of refuge of the liberation movement. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

**DAY 4** Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park
Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Scenic wonders surround you as you pass through the Blyde River Canyon, made mostly of red sandstone and known as one of Africa’s greatest natural wonders. Set against the triple mountain formation of the Three Rondovals, resembling traditional round houses of the indigenous people, the canyon is the third largest in the world. Along this magnificent route you will also see Bourke’s Luck Potholes, which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees before your return cruise to Knysna. This afternoon, travel to a village to present Hippo Water Rollers to villagers on behalf of the Collette Foundation. Hippo Water Rollers were created to make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water in more remote South African villages vastly easier and much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient.

**DAY 5** Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive
Have your camera ready for an unforgettable day of adventure and excitement! Enjoy a full day open-air vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in the search of the “Big 5” – elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino – and provides insight into these fascinating animals along the way. Watch carefully – you may also see a graceful impala, dazzling zebra or gorgeous giraffe. Relax with a picnic lunch surrounded by giraffes in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park. (B, L, D)

**DAY 6** Kruger National Park - Johannesburg - George - Knysna
Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route, for a 3-night stay. (B)

**DAY 7** Knysna
Embark on a tour of the Knysna Township, which highlights the diversity of this community. Then, spend your day at a school funded by The Knysna Education Trust. Learn how the children benefit from the trust and the Collette Foundation. Choose your volunteer activity today! Perhaps you would like to take part in a reading activity, assist with a lesson plan or help the children with an educational craft. In addition, you might choose to get your hands dirty by helping to paint a school mural to brighten up the classrooms, or assist in some maintenance in one of the vital eating gardens that the children of Knysna depend on daily. This evening, enjoy some time to independently explore. (B, L)

**DAY 8** Knysna
Today, visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve. Set off on a lagoon cruise to the famous Knysna Heads which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees before your return cruise to Knysna. This afternoon, travel to a village to present Hippo Water Rollers to villagers on behalf of the Collette Foundation. Hippo Water Rollers were created to make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water in more remote South African villages vastly easier and much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and make the labour-intensive task of collecting clean water much more efficient.

**DAY 9** Knysna - Cape Town
Before leaving the Garden Route, enjoy a visit to the Aloë Ferox region where you will enjoy an aloe-tapping demonstration and a stroll in the indigenous gardens. En route to Cape Town, stop at a wine farm to sample the local offerings of this famous wine producing region. Later, arrive in the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town. (B)

**DAY 10** Cape Town
Enjoy a panoramic tour of this lovely city. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car as it whiskers you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named – and flat-topped – Table Mountain.

**DAY 11** Cape Town
Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a special stop at the Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

**DAY 12** Cape Town - Stellenbosch - Cape Town
This morning, visit the Western Cape region of Stellenbosch to volunteer for the Pebbles Project that helps the local children and community. Help decorate classrooms and prepare and distribute lunch to the children. This afternoon, set out on a walking tour of Stellenbosch with a local expert. This evening, experience a unique farewell to South Africa as you enjoy a cultural lesson on the djembe drums and a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience! (B, D)

**DAY 13** Cape Town - Tour Ends
(B)

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**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- Choose your volunteer activity in the Knysna Township, at a school funded by the Knysna Education Trust.
- Present Hippo Rollers to villagers on behalf of the Collette Foundation.
- Volunteer in Stellenbosch for a program that helps the local children and community.
COSTA RICA IMPACT TOUR
JANUARY 24, 2019 • 9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

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Lush rainforests, stunning waterfalls, exotic wildlife, and endless coastlines welcome you to Costa Rica. On this special program, roll up your sleeves and give back to local communities, engage in the culture and soak up the “Pura Vida” lifestyle.

DAY 1 San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Costa Rica’s colourful capital city, San Jose.

DAY 2 San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste
Welcome to the Central Valley. Kick off your day with a tour of a local coffee plantation and gain insight into the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B, D)

DAY 3 Guanacaste - Huacas - Guanacaste
Today, embrace the opportunity to give back through our partnership with the CEPIA organization, a nonprofit that promotes culture, health and education for impoverished children and their families in the communities in Guanacaste. Take part in “Going Local”, a sustainable voluntourism endeavor created by the local youth that highlights the town of Huacas during a walking tour. This afternoon, participate in hands-on activities at CEPIA or help at the community center and learn about the Collette Foundation’s support of CEPIA. (B, L)

DAY 4 Guanacaste - Monteverde
After some leisure time in Guanacaste, it’s off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem. Along the way, you may encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal! (B, D)

DAY 5 Monteverde
It’s your choice! Explore one of the world’s largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds before joining an expert for a “Hanging Bridges” walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest’s lush ecosystem. Or you may take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the importance of conservation to the local flora and fauna. (B, D)

DAY 6 Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal
Learn about the importance of indigenous trees and actively take part in Monteverde’s reforestation efforts during a visit to a tree nursery. Cross through the beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for your 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. (B, D)

DAY 7 Arenal
This morning, roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact on the local community during some volunteer time. Projects may include beautification of schools or parks where the children learn and play. Later we return to Arenal for the chance to relax and take in the breathtaking views. (B)

DAY 8 Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose
Journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. See the bustling Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendour. This evening, say farewell to paradise during a wonderful dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

DAY 9 San Jose - Tour Ends
Today you depart for home with fond memories of your Costa Rica impact tour. (B)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:
- Volunteer in Guanacaste with CEPIA, an organization that works to promote health and education for youth and families from impoverished backgrounds.
- Enjoy a youth-led walking tour through Huacas that is part of a sustainable voluntourism program.
- Learn about Costa Rica’s conservation efforts.
- Give back in beautiful Arenal.
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
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

For reservations, contact your Travel Professional or call Collette at 800.468.5955.

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