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100 YEARS OF *innovation*



**SUMMER
TOURS**
MAY to OCTOBER



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 seven continents in style.

Our promise to you is that we will continue to innovate – 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 story starts with our travellers, who are at the heart of everything we do. We would not be celebrating this milestone without you. Thank you for taking this journey with us.



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City Palace, Jaipur



Mt. Fuji, Japan



COVER: Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Uyuni Salt Flats in Bolivia. It's a stunning photo op any time of year.
See it on: **Cultures of Peru & Bolivia**

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Travel with an average of 18 guests on these immersive small group tours.

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Enjoy the ease of unpacking once during a single-hotel stay in the world's most iconic cities.

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



always included...

- A professionally planned itinerary
- 4-star accommodation
- Private, chauffeur driven return airport transfers - up to 40km
- The services of a professional Tour Manager
- Expert local guides with insider knowledge
- Attraction entrance fees with preferential access
- Unparalleled sightseeing
- Enriching cultural experiences
- Comfortable on-tour transportation
- Hotel-to-hotel baggage handling

Plus, WIFI! Available on tour



MORE PEACE OF MIND

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

MORE EXPERTISE

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



COLLETTE GIVES YOU *more*

MORE FLEXIBILITY

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

MORE ON TOUR

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

more FLEXIBILITY

Personalise your adventure

Every traveller is different, so make your trip your own. We offer more ways to customise your tour. With features such as pre and post night stays, dine arounds and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure!



DINING EXPERIENCES

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



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.



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.

AIRFARES

Upgrade your air to travel in ultimate comfort and convenience. Treat yourself to a wealth of amenities that come with a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket. Land rested, refreshed, and ready for the world's wonders.
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PRE & POST NIGHTS

Collette can easily add a pre or post night stay to your existing itinerary along with tickets to your host city's best attractions. Enjoy the benefits of an early arrival and a streamlined booking process. Stay a little bit longer and see more of some of the world's best cities.

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.

TOUR EXTENSIONS

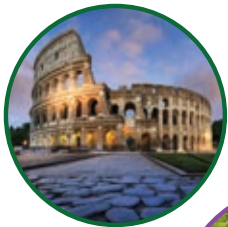
Our list of tour extensions reads like the logbook of a great adventure. These shorter excursions (which you can add before and after your tour) are the perfect way to add a few more memories.



more TRAVEL STYLES

Collette variety

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



CLASSIC *Collette's Flagship*

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



EXPLORATIONS *Immersive Small Group Touring*

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



SPOTLIGHTS *Single-Hotel Stays*

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



RIVER CRUISE *Exploring the Rivers of the World*

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



FAITH *Spiritual Journeys*

Collette's collection of religious tours has been created with our faith-based travellers in mind. Focused on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, these itineraries are designed utilising more modest accommodation 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.



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

From Only \$95 Per Person

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 85)



GUARANTEED TO GO

Book with Confidence

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

Enhanced!



The Collette Passport Club

Recognising 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 \$150 worth of credit every time they travel along with various other benefits.

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CHAUFFEUR DRIVE SERVICE



Begin and end your tour in *style* and *comfort*.

Private chauffeur driven airport transfers are **included on all Collette tours** for customers within 40km of an Australian international airport. For customers living between 41-70kms this service is available for a small surcharge. A uniformed driver in an executive car will collect you from your home and take you to your closest international departure terminal (see airports above). On your arrival back to Australia, your driver will be waiting for you at the arrivals terminal to take you home. Whether your entire holiday overseas is with Collette, or just a part of it, the Collette Chauffeur is there for you.

For more details or to see a video
visit gocollette.com/chauffeur

1

FROM YOUR OWN FRONT DOOR

Our chauffeur will collect your bags and take you to your executive car.

2

TRAVEL IN STYLE

You will be driven to international depatures in good time for your flight.

3



SEAMLESS

You are met at arrivals by a uniformed driver who will take your bags to the waiting executive car.

4

FRONT DOOR SERVICE

Arrival home. The final part of a memorable experience with Collette.

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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.



Tour Managers

UNMATCHED EXPERIENCE

Our Tour Managers pride themselves on building relationships all over the world — and it's these great relationships that allow us to pass value onto you. Our team of experts spend time crafting the perfect local experiences, and know the destinations better than anyone.



“This tour was excellent particularly because our Tour Manager was so experienced and spoke the language of the country we were visiting. Jovanka had a lot of information to give us about the areas we travelled through, both geographically and politically which added to our knowledge. She always made sure we were comfortable and well taken care of.”

- Catherine B., NSW



Sheikh Zayed Mosque



African Safari

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 more immersive experiences to create a richer portrait of the destination.

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Riad Yacout, Morocco



Centara Ceysands
Resort, Sri Lanka

Accommodation

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

4 star & above

Personally reviewed properties in strategically selected locations - these properties truly capture the destination.

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



Sarova Mara Camp



Vietnamese Cuisine



Peruvian Ceviche

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

- Rhonda M., QLD

Culinary Inclusions

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

more ON TOUR



Hanging Bridges

It's Your Choice

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

the freedom to explore



Zipline

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



Jardin Majorelle



Marrakech Carriage Ride

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 Cellar Tour



Franschhoek Walk

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!

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.

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CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA

14 DAYS · 26 MEALS
FROM \$8064



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.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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

DAY 10 | Visit the Gold Museum, which houses an 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.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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NEW TOUR



Uyuni Salt Flats

EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL WITH NO MORE
THAN 24 GUESTS

find yourself among archeological wonders

set amidst natural masterpieces including the majestic
Andean Mountains and the largest Salt Flat in the world.

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

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

Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre (UNESCO). Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Centre, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to the Archbishop's Palace where we have reserved the balcony exclusively for you to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, visit the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum's collection features over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile and precious metal artefacts. Later, enjoy a sumptuous welcome dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

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

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

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

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

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

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in

South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu to further soak up its atmosphere. Attend an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

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

Day 7: Cuzco

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

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno - Uros Floating Islands

This morning, fly to Puno, known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire. Meet the people who call this place home and discover the history of this region. Then, embark on an afternoon cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Walk on the spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds, meet the locals and learn about their lifestyle. Arrive at your lakeside hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

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

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

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

Day 10: La Paz

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

Day 11: La Paz - Uyuni

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

Day 12: Uyuni

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

Day 13: Uyuni - La Paz

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

Day 14: La Paz - Tour Ends

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



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

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

**PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR
DRIVE SERVICE INCLUDED**

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MACHU PICCHU & THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

15 DAYS • 29 MEALS
FROM \$11,584



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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Galapagos Islands

from the Galapagos Archipelago to the Sacred Valley of the Incas

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

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

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

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

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

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

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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 centre.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | 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.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** El Pardo DoubleTree by Hilton, Lima
Days 3, 4 Casa Andina Premium, Sacred Valley
Day 5 Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7 Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9 Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno
Day 10 El Pardo DoubleTree by Hilton, Lima

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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discover Peru's archeological treasures as you travel

through the soaring Andes to the spectacular
Incan city of Machu Picchu.

START EARLY	
ADD A DAY	Lima: Discover more of Lima's colonial heritage with an extra night. <small>CALL FOR DETAILS</small>

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Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Centre, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to your exclusive visit 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

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

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Machu Picchu

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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 Aguas Calientes on your own. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley. Visit the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a not-for-profit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired craft beers and learn about their drive to support their community before continuing to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial influences. (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-** 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 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 centre before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Uros Floating Islands - Las Chullpas de Sillustani - Lake Titicaca

The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the centre 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 tortora 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

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 artefacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a sumptuous farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

Day 11: Lima - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

Complete your trip with a Peruvian Amazon Extension: Explore the wonders of the Amazon with a naturalist guide by your side.

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DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
6, 13, 20 January	\$4989	\$6299	11, 25 August	\$4974	\$6344
3, 17, 24 February	\$4989	\$6299	1, 15, 22 September	\$4974	\$6344
3, 10, 17 March	\$4989	\$6299	6, 13, 20, 27 October	\$4974	\$6344
7, 21 April	\$4989	\$6299	3, 10 November	\$4974	\$6344
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			12, 19, 26 January	\$4974	\$6344
			2, 16, 23 February	\$4974	\$6344
			9, 16, 23, 30 March	\$4974	\$6344
			6, 27 April	\$4974	\$6344
			Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50		
			Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		



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This trip requires a passport. The internal flights on this program are included in the tour price. An ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) visa is required for all Australian passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. This visa may apply due to your airline scheduling. Most other passport holders will also require an ESTA visa to travel to or via the US. To check, visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> or contact CIBT at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette; alternatively check with your consulate for more information. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. 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. On Day 11, a late checkout may be available at your last hotel, but is not guaranteed. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from Lima airport. Airport transfers are available to purchase.



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ADD A DAY

Lima: Spend one more day exploring or resting before your journey home. **CALL FOR DETAILS**

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Move to the passionate rhythms of tango during a stunning performance.
- Step behind-the-scenes at Carnival or join a local guide on a tour of a *favela*.

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!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 2 | In Buenos Aires, experience the lively capital with a local guide either by bike **or** by bus.

DAY 3 | In San Antonio de Areco, go horseback riding through the countryside **or** take a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride.

DAY 8 | 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*.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires

Days 4, 5 Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu

Days 6 - 8 Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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embrace the captivating sights and sounds of Brazil and Argentina

from thundering Iguazu Falls to colourful Buenos Aires.

START EARLY

ADD
A DAY

Buenos Aires: Have more time to enjoy the vibrant culture of this capital city.
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Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins

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 reception at your beautiful hotel located in the heart of the chic Recoleta neighbourhood. 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 2: Buenos Aires

Start your day with a panoramic tour of lively Buenos

Aires. Visit the Palermo district and Recoleta Cemetery, where 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 3: 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



Rio de Janeiro

estancia where you'll dine on a hearty asado lunch – a traditional Argentine barbecue. While on the ranch, **it's your choice!** Go horseback riding through the countryside **-OR-** take a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride. Meet authentic gauchos who will share stories about what life is like in the countryside. You'll get the chance to relax on the estancia grounds before heading back to Buenos Aires for a free evening. Tonight you may choose an optional home-hosted wine pairing dinner at a local chef's home. (B, L)

Day 4: 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 5: 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 both fought to protect the beauty and raw power of the falls by making each side a national park. You will see first-hand 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 6: 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 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 7: Rio de Janeiro

Today is yours. Lounge by the pool sipping drinks, take in a one-of-a-kind show, browse the world-renowned shops, or try your luck in the casino. Simply visiting the different hotels can take you all over the world. Stop in at Mandalay Bay's Shark Reef aquarium; visit the Luxor to see the sphinxes and pyramid; take a bite out of the Big Apple at New York-New York; see the Eiffel Tower; "ooh" and "ahh" at the Mirage volcano; or take a gondola ride at the Venetian. (B, D)

Day 8: 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 9: 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

ADD A DAY

Rio de Janeiro: Enjoy more time to enjoy one of the world's most dynamic cities. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

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Santiago

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

Santiago de Chile: Begin your trip with a 3 nights in Santiago de Chile. Experience the vibrancy of this cultural hub tucked inside the Andes Mountains. [SEE PAGE 75 FOR DETAILS](#)

Brazilian Amazon: Extend your trip with a 3-night extension. Spend your days exploring the Amazon rainforest's incredible flora and fauna. [SEE PAGE 74 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 75 FOR DETAILS](#)

DATES & PRICES

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May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
7 May	\$4904	\$6074	Rates are land only, per person, and include the internal flights on tour. Call for additional dates.		
27 August	\$4904	\$6074			



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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Embrace the art of tango at a live performance.
- Embark on a full-day cruise through the breathtaking Chilean Fjords.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Spend an afternoon exploring the fabled ruins of Machu Picchu.
- Behold the majestic Torres Del Paine National Park.
- Venture to Argentina's famous Perito Moreno Glacier.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | Explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, with a local guide on a walking tour of the city **or**, board a coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites.

DAY 16 | In Buenos Aires, explore the city by bus **or** embark on a bicycle tour with a local guide.

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Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Centre; the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas; an abundance of colonial architecture; and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños.

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

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Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

With leisure time this morning you may return to Machu

Picchu on your own or explore the local markets. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial influences. Make a stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a not-for-profit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired beers and learn about their efforts to support their community. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

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

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 centre. 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 artefacts 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 Bulnes, a historical reconstruction based on the original fortified settlement. Take in the stunning scenery before heading to Puerto Natales, the stepping off point to Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. (B, D)

Day 11: Puerto Natales

Embark on a full-day cruise through the Chilean Fjords, visiting the breathtaking Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers. As you pass through the Seno Ultima 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

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



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** El Pardo DoubleTree by Hilton, Lima
- Days 3, 4** Casa Andina Premium, Sacred Valley
- Day 5** Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
- Days 6, 7** Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
- Days 8, 9** Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Santiago
- Days 10 - 12** Hotel Costaustralis, Puerto Natales
- Days 13, 14** Esplendor El Calafate Hotel, El Calafate
- Days 15 - 17** The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires
- Days 18, 19** Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu
- Days 20 - 22** Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro

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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)

Day 15: El Calafate - Buenos Aires

Board your flight to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the "Paris of South America." Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of

European-styled architecture and South American spirit. Tonight, head to Esquina Carlos Gardel, named after Argentina's most famous tango maestro, and savour Argentine cuisine and wine before witnessing a stunning tango performance. (B, D)

Day 16: Buenos Aires 🇲🇵

Start your day with a panoramic tour of lively Buenos Aires. Visit the Palermo district and Recoleta Cemetery, where 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. 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 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



Perito Moreno Glacier

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 the 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 realise 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

Your tour comes to a close today. 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)



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 76 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 74 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 75 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

January - March 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	8 November	\$12429	\$15729
11, 25 January	\$12304	\$15614	10, 24 January	\$12429	\$15729
15, 22 February	\$12304	\$15614	21, 28 February	\$12429	\$15729
1, 8 March	\$12304	\$15614	7 March	\$12429	\$15729

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

October 2018 - March 2019 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo
4, 18 October	\$12429	\$15729

Triple Room Reduction (-) \$200-\$280
Rates are land only, per person, and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport and visa. Visa for Brazil (approximate cost \$210 AUD) 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 travelled to Peru prior to Brazil. These fees are at your own expense. 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. Any additional document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveller. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or you may use CIBTvisa for your full visa service at: www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details. An ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) visa is required for all Australian passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. This visa may apply due to your airline scheduling. Most other passport holders will also require an ESTA visa to travel to or via the US, to check please go to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> or contact CIBT at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette, alternatively check with your consulate for more information. The internal flights on this tour are included in the land price. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire 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. International flights arrive into Lima and depart from Rio de Janeiro. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



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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!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

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

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

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

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí

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

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

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



Manuel Antonio National Park

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

Day 5: Sarapiquí

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

Day 6: Sarapiquí - Arenal Volcano

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

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

Day 7: Arenal Volcano

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

Day 8: Arenal Volcano

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

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

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

Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park

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

Day 11: Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose

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

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

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



Arenal Volcano

DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
4, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 January	\$3609	\$4849	4, 18 August	\$3469	\$4359
1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 February	\$3609	\$4849	8, 15 September	\$3469	\$4359
1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 March	\$3609	\$4849	6, 20 October	\$3469	\$4359
5, 8, 12, 15, 19 April	\$3609	\$4849	3, 6 November	\$3469	\$4359
			1, 4 December	\$3469	\$4359
			5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 January	\$3669	\$4629
			2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 February	\$3669	\$4629
			2, 5, 9, 16, 23, 26, 30 March	\$3669	\$4629
			2, 6, 27 April	\$3669	\$4629
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)					
12 May	\$3469	\$4359			
2 June	\$3469	\$4359			
14 July	\$3469	\$4359			
			Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$30	
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its whimsical topiary garden.
- Learn about Costa Rica's vegetation on a guided walk in the cloud forest.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano.
- Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat cruise.
- Set out on a cruise of Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest lake.
- Spend a free day exploring or simply relax by the pool at your resort.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 5 | Climb high into the trees for your choice of a "Hanging Bridges" tour **or** Zip Lining in the cloud forest.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica during your visit to a coffee plantation.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose
Days 2, 3 Esplendor Tamarindo, Guanacaste
Days 4, 5 El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest
Days 6, 7 Arenal Springs Resort or Mountain Paradise Hotel, Arenal
Day 8 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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ADD A DAY

San Jose: Enjoy an early start to your adventure in the colonial city of San Jose.
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Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Explore lush forests and stunning waterfalls...exotic wildlife and endless coastlines. 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 mesmerising 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 splendour. 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

Your tour ends today leaving you with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure. (B)



DATES & PRICES

January – April 2018		Twin	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019		Twin	Solo
<i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>				25 August		\$2509	\$3259
4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18 January	\$2639	\$3399	15, 22 September		\$2579	\$3399	
20, 22, 25, 27, 29 January	\$2639	\$3399	6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22 October		\$2579	\$3399	
1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15 February	\$2639	\$3399	1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12 November		\$2579	\$3399	
17, 19, 22, 24, 26 February	\$2639	\$3399	1, 29 December		\$2579	\$3399	
1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12 March	\$2639	\$3399	5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 January		\$2709	\$3599	
15, 17, 19, 22, 24 March	\$2639	\$3399	21, 24, 26, 28, 31 January		\$2709	\$3599	
2, 5, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 April	\$2569	\$3259	2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 February		\$2709	\$3599	
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				18, 21, 23, 25, 28 February		\$2709	\$3599
				2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 March		\$2709	\$3599
				21, 23, 25, 30 March		\$2709	\$3599
				1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 25, 27, 29 April		\$2639	\$3529
May 2018 – April 2019		Twin	Solo				
<i>(featured itinerary)</i>							
5, 12, 26 May	\$2509	\$3259	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30				
9, 16 June	\$2509	\$3259	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.				
21 July	\$2509	\$3259					



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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.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1–3 Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Gamboa
Days 4, 5 Los Mandarinos Hotel, Anton Valley
Days 6, 7 Cubitá Boutique Resort and Spa, Chitré
Day 8 Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita

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between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans lies Panama,

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and rainforests cradle luxury resorts.

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Gamboa: Treat yourself to the tranquility of the rainforest with an additional night.
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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 Centre 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 Theatre. **-OR-** for a more immersive experience, journey through this same neighbourhood



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with a local resident...hear the story of Casco Viejo's comeback from a member of the community who will take you through the place he calls home, highlighting the incredible revitalization of this historic area and its people. Visit the Mercado de Mariscos, a seafood market, and try fresh Panamanian ceviche. Drive a short distance on the famed Pan-American Highway before heading to Anton Valley, a community nestled inside the world's second largest volcanic crater. Afterwards, check in to your hotel at the base of the mountains that make up the crater. (B, D)

Day 5: Anton Valley

Delve into history and biodiversity. This morning, visit a frog conservation centre 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 not-for-profit orchid nursery which dedicates itself to conserving regional orchids. We follow that with a visit to the Butterfly Haven exhibit; stroll through the screened tropical displays that are home to over 250 live butterflies. Meet the locals at the handicraft market. Try your hand at negotiations (a local pastime) as you peruse items made by indigenous peoples, including the "mola" embroidery of the Kuna Yala. This afternoon, 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

Before departing Chitré, get to know a traditional way of cooking at a clay oven bakery and sample artisanal bread and sweets along with some sugarcane juice known as *guarapa*. Your journey continues to Playa Bonita, just outside of Panama City. Arrive midday to soak up the sun and ocean views from your beachfront property. After enjoying some fun and relaxation at your resort, bid farewell to Panama at a special dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Playa Bonita - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. (B)



DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
11, 18, 25 January	\$3059	\$4019	13 September	\$2919	\$3879
1, 15, 17, 22 February	\$3059	\$4019	4, 25 October	\$2919	\$3879
8, 15 March	\$3059	\$4019	1 November	\$2919	\$3879
5 April	\$3059	\$4019	6 December	\$2919	\$3879
19 April	\$2989	\$3809	17, 24, 31 January	\$3059	\$4009
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			7, 14, 21 February	\$3059	\$4009
			14, 21 March	\$3059	\$4009
			4 April	\$3059	\$4009
			25 April	\$2989	\$3949
May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30		
24 May	\$2779	\$3739	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
7 June	\$2779	\$3739			



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- Enjoy a dinner featuring Argentine cuisine and a tango performance!



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2** The Brick Hotel, Buenos Aires
- Day 3** Alto Andino Hotel, Ushuaia
- Days 4 - 14** MS *Midnatsol*
- Day 15** The Brick Hotel, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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mansions and former residences of Buenos Aires' aristocracy; then a cruise takes you among a network of homes built on stilts. (B)

Day 3: Buenos Aires - Ushuaia

This morning you fly to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, situated on the Patagonian peninsula overlooking the historic Beagle Channel. Explore the "Land of Fire" at Tierra del Fuego National Park. Walk the shores of Roca Lake, see evidence of the settlements of the now-extinct Yámana indigenous people, and visit Lapataia Bay where the Panamerican Highway ends. (B, D)

Day 4: Ushuaia - Embark Ship

The morning is yours to enjoy free time in this famous port town before boarding the MS *Midnatsol* expedition vessel. (B, D)

Day 5: The Drake Passage

Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named for the legendary Sir Francis Drake. Warmer waters of the north meet the colder, denser waters of the south here in the Antarctic Convergence, making the area rich in

Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins

Arrive this morning in Buenos Aires, the "Paris of South America" and home of the tango. Enjoy a Porteños tour, viewing the Teatro Colon opera house; Avenida 9 de Julio honouring Argentinean independence; the Recoleta Cemetery, where Eva "Evita" Perón rests in her tomb; the Presidential Palace; the Casa Rosada; and the San Telmo barrio lined with cobblestone streets. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers during your welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Buenos Aires

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



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marine life. Spot whales and sea birds as you begin this voyage of exploration. Experts provide presentations on history, biology and geology throughout your adventure. (B, L, D)

Day 6: The Drake Passage - Antarctica

Arrive in Antarctica – the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent is like nowhere else on the planet. Follow in the footsteps of the great explorers... the privilege of witnessing this fragile, remote environment is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Antarctica

The next eight days are filled with discovery! Weather conditions determine each sailing's final itinerary. Regardless, adventure awaits. First, cruise through the astounding glacier-lined Lemaire Channel – "Kodak Gap" – and enter the majestic Neumayer Channel with its imposing cliffs. Humpback, Killer and Minke whales – and icebergs – are common sights. PolarCirkel (rugged excursion) boats take you to incredible locations along the Antarctic Peninsula which could include:

- Half Moon Island, a small island in the South Shetland chain boasting mountainous views and a nesting place for Chinstrap penguins, Kelp gulls and Antarctic tern. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Antarctica

Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Whalers Bay, Deception Island, featuring an active volcanic caldera. Zodiac into Whalers Bay where ruins from a 20th-century whaling station rest ashore. The black volcanic sand and waters upon the beach are warmed by geothermal vents. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Antarctica

Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Neko Harbour, part of the Antarctic mainland nestled in the fjord-like Andvord Bay, where penguins plus Elephant and Weddel seals are often spotted. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Antarctica

Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Wilhelmina Bay, where mountains and high glaciers create dramatic scenery. View the 1915 wreck of the Norwegian ship, Guvernøren. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Antarctica

Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Yankee Harbour, on the South Shetland Islands, was once the base of operations for early sealers. Today it still provides a natural safe haven for sailors and explorers like you who come to see the large colony of Gentoo penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Antarctica

Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Cuverville Island, sitting on the scenic Errera Channel, offers up excitement before you even make landfall. Embark upon a thrilling passage through the channel amid dramatic icebergs. Once on shore you will be surrounded by throngs of nesting penguins.
- Almirante Brown Research Station in Paradise Harbour, where Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins nest. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Antarctica - The Drake Passage

Leave Antarctica, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. Participate in engaging lectures on Antarctica's wonders. (B, L, D)

Day 14: The Drake Passage

Spend another day crossing Drake Passage. Enjoy many interesting discussions that reflect on the unforgettable images and experiences of this amazing continent. (B, L, D)

Day 15: The Drake Passage - Ushuaia, Argentina - Disembark Ship - Buenos Aires

Disembark the ship in Ushuaia, transfer to the airport and return to Buenos Aires. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey as you enjoy a dinner featuring Argentine favorites and a tango performance! Admire the passion and artistry of the show, meet the dancers and even try some steps of your own. (B, D)

Day 16: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)



TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Iguazu Falls: Begin your trip with 3 nights in Iguazu Falls.** Soak up the breathtaking views of one of the most beautiful waterfalls in the world. SEE PAGE 75 FOR DETAILS
- **Easter Island: Complete your trip with a 3-night extension.** Spend your days exploring the most isolated inhabited island in the world. SEE PAGE 76 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	November 2018 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo
6 February	\$16949	\$27559	4, 26 November	\$14424	\$19634
Itinerary featured is for November 2018 - tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			Triple Room Reduction N/A Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates. See deck plan on page 72.		

This trip requires a passport. Port taxes and fees are included in the land only tour cost. An airport departure tax of approximately \$20 USD is to be paid at the Ushuaia airport in USD or local currency, and is not included in the land only tour cost. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Transfers to/from the boat are by small zodiac boats. Landings are either "dry" or "wet" and you might have to wade ashore in shallow water. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Special clothing is required for the shore landings; please refer to your pre-departure documents for important details. Passengers will receive a wind and waterproof jacket and will be lent 1 pair of rubber boots for use during landings. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 11:30 a.m. on the last day. In accordance with IAATO and Hurtigruten AS, all guests travelling 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, brought on board the ship, and personally delivered to the doctor upon embarkation. Boarding may be denied if this form is not presented at time of embarkation. 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. Pricing is based on Inside Cabin category. Call for upgrades to other categories. 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. Internal flights are included in the cost of your tour. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Buenos Aires. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

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Buenos Aires: The home of the tango invites you to spend another night. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



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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.



ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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Nairobi: Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime with an extra night to relax.
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Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

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

boasts lush valleys and peaks reaching 14,000 feet.

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

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

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



Leopard

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

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

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

Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park

Return to Aberdare for an unforgettable

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

Day 6: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru

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

Day 7: Lake Nakuru

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

Day 8: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

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

Day 9: Masai Mara

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

Day 10: Masai Mara - Nairobi

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

Day 11: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

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

Day 12: Amboseli

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

Day 13: Amboseli - Nairobi - Tour Ends

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

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Nairobi: Stay a bit longer to reflect on your amazing adventure in Kenya. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)



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TOUR EXTENSIONS:

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

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DATES & PRICES

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

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17 December 2018



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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!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 10 | In Franschhoek, tour a local wine cellar **or** embark on a stroll through the winelands.



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.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton

Days 3, 4 Protea Kruger Gate or Premier Winkler, Kruger National Park

Days 5 - 7 Log Inn, Knysna

Days 8 - 11 The Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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tap into South Africa's harmonious mix of cultures

cosmopolitan cities, magnificent wildlife and fertile wine country.

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ADD A DAY

Sandton: Add an extra night in this dynamic section of Johannesburg.
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Day 1: Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins

One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival. Breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat comprise this incredible experience. 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 centre of greater Johannesburg.

Day 2: Sandton - Soweto - Sandton

Today you visit the Apartheid Museum which documents 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 centre and place of refuge of the liberation movement. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park

Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. 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 Rondavels, 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, 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)



Cape Town

Day 4: 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 5: 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, to enjoy a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 6: 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 you return to Knysna. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Knysna - Oudtshoorn - 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 Oudtshoorn, 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 Lucerne fields. An outdoor barbecue lunch adds to an amazing day. Upon your return to Knysna, enjoy some time to independently explore the charming waterfront area. (B, L)

Day 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 Franschhoek River. (B, L)

Day 11: Cape Town

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Day 12: Cape Town - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Cape Town. (B)



Victoria Falls

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

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- **Victoria Falls: Complete your trip with a 3-night extension.**
Stand in awe of one of the world's seven natural wonders.

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DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	September 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
12, 19 January	\$4089	\$5059	5, 12, 19, 26 October	\$4354	\$5244
9, 16 February	\$4089	\$5059	2, 9, 30 November	\$4354	\$5244
2, 9, 16 March	\$4089	\$5059	11, 18 January	\$4424	\$5314
13, 27 April	\$4089	\$5059	1, 8, 15, 22 February	\$4424	\$5314
			8, 15, 22 March	\$4424	\$5314
			5, 26 April	\$4424	\$5314

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

September 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
5, 7, 14, 21 September	\$4224	\$5174	Rates are land only, per person and include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Watch local residents create beautiful blown glass pieces at Ngwenya Glass in Mbabane.
- Immerse yourself amongst locals at the Mbabane Market.
- Learn the local beat with a lesson on the djembe drums.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Watch for unique wildlife on a full day safari in Mkuze Game Reserve.
- Experience a thrilling cable car ride rising more than 3,000 feet.
- Behold the luxurious mansions of Soweto — South West Township.



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.



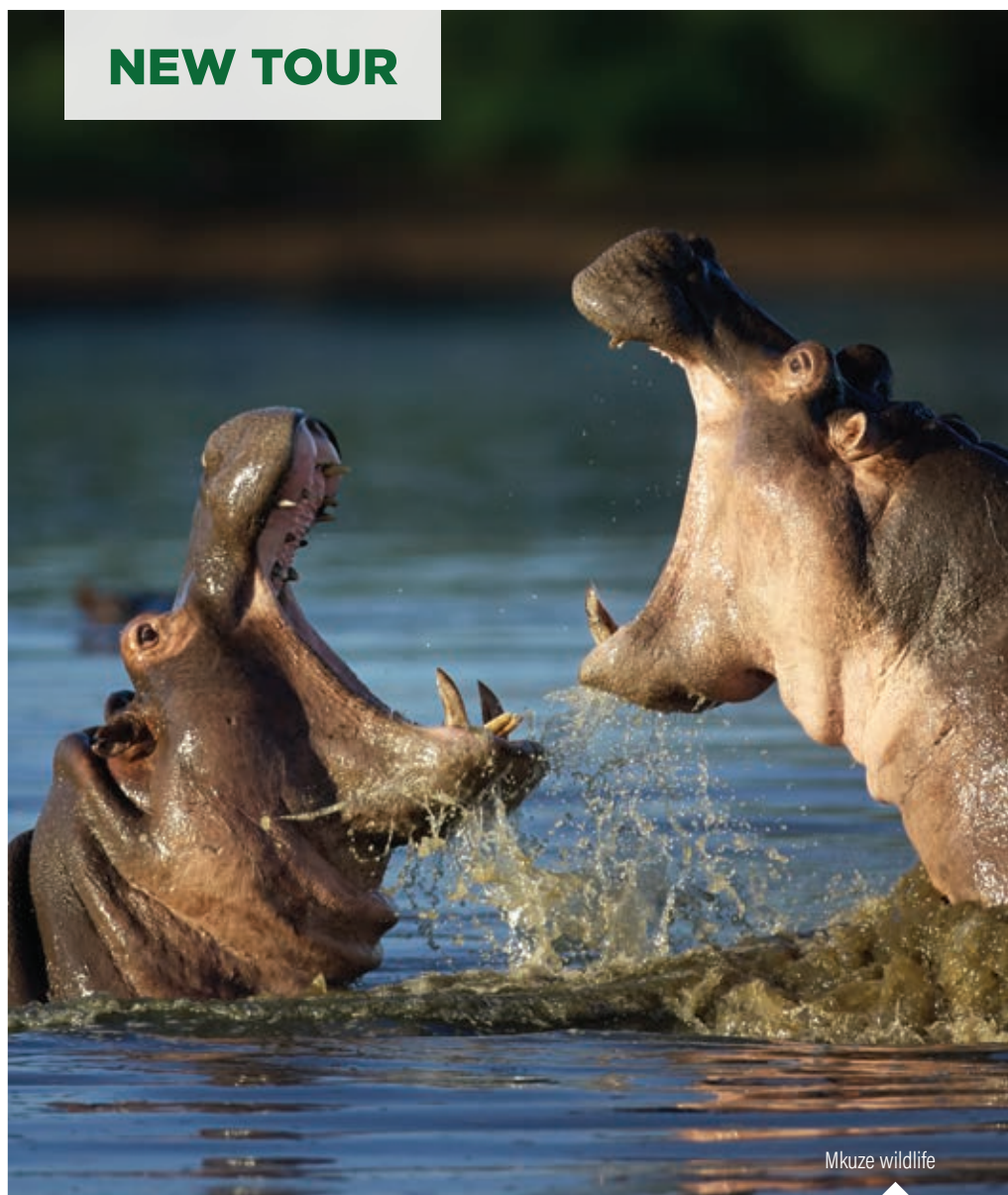
ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
Days 3, 4 Protea Hotel Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park
Day 5 Mountain Inn, Mbabane
Days 6, 7 Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkuze
Days 8 - 10 Log Inn, Knysna
Days 11 - 13 Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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NEW TOUR



Mkuze wildlife

brehtaking mountain scenery,
winding coastlines,

remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat
comprise this incredible experience.

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A DAY**

Sandton: Add an extra night in this dynamic section of Johannesburg.
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Day 1: Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins

One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival. Breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat comprise this incredible experience. 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 centre of greater Johannesburg.

Day 2: Sandton - Soweto - Sandton

Today you visit the Apartheid Museum which documents 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 centre and place of refuge of the liberation movement. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park

Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. 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, 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: Mkuze - Durban - George - Knysna

Travel to Durban and 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 9: 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)

Day 10: Knysna - Oudtshoorn - 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 Oudtshoorn, 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 Lucerne fields. An outdoor barbecue lunch adds to an amazing day. Upon your return to Knysna, enjoy some time to independently explore the charming waterfront area. (B, L)

Day 11: Knysna - Stellenbosch - 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. 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 12: 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)

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Day 14: Cape Town - Tour Ends

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DATES & PRICES

May - August 2018	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
18 May	\$4434	\$5394	Rates are land only, per person and include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	
22 June	\$4434	\$5394		
20 July	\$4564	\$5454		
17 August	\$4564	\$5454		

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South Africa - We partner with Knysna Education Trust on a nutritious meal program, and provide 30 schools with running water, classroom materials and more.

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

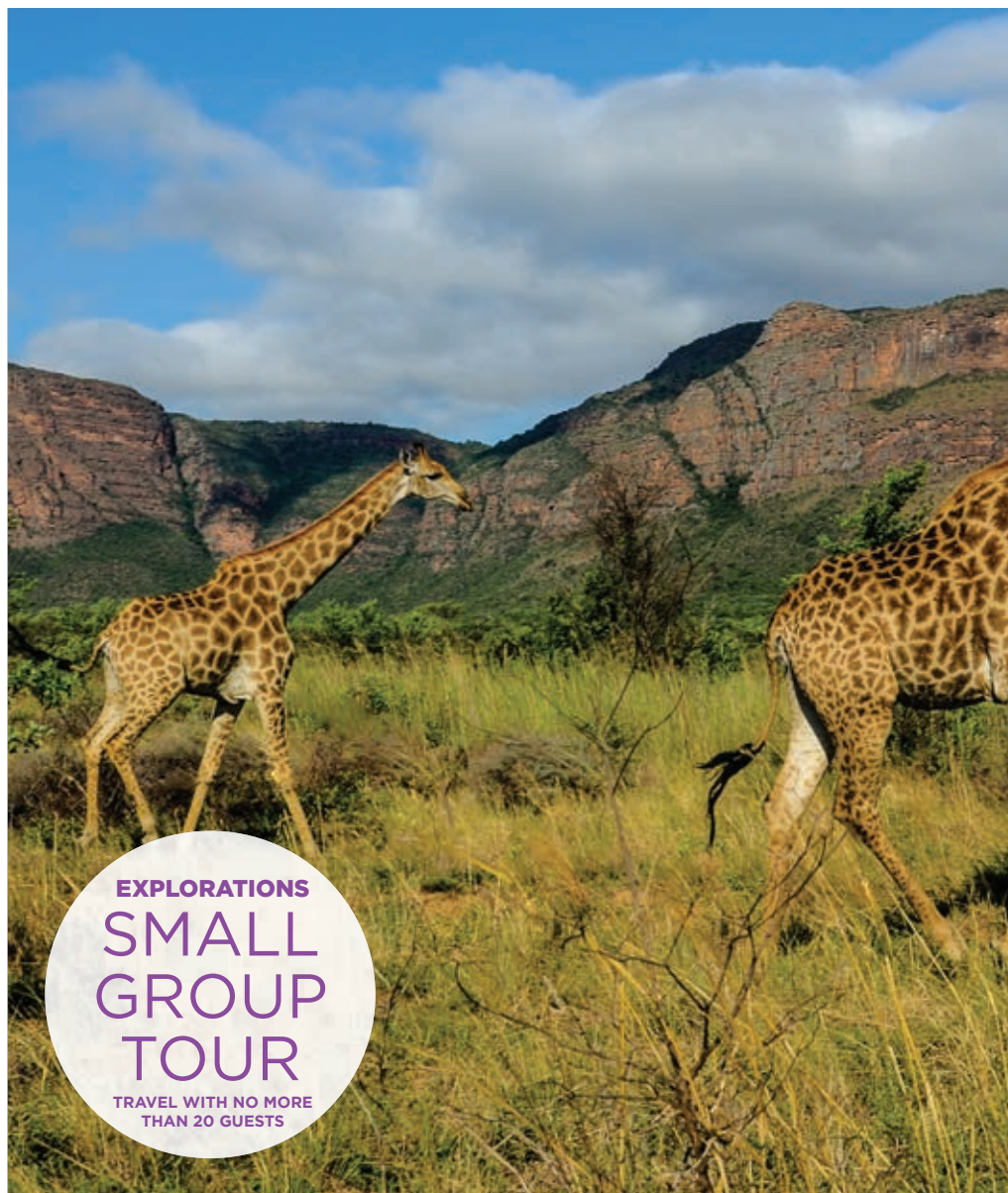


ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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epic scenery, abundant wildlife, winding coastlines and

remarkable cultural diversity come together in an incredible adventure.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

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

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Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: Cape Town

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

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

Day 3: Cape Town

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



Day 4: Cape Town - Stellenbosch

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

Day 5: Stellenbosch - Hermanus - Stellenbosch

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

Day 6: Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Entabeni Conservancy

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

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

Day 7: Entabeni Conservancy

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

Day 8: Entabeni Conservancy - Johannesburg

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

Day 9: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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

Day 10: Victoria Falls

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

Day 11: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

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

Day 12: Chobe National Park

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

Day 13: Chobe - Johannesburg - Tour Ends

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

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DATES & PRICES

January – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Twin	Solo
11, 18, 25 January	\$8179	\$9529	5, 12 July	\$8119	\$9699
8, 13, 15, 22, 25 February	\$8179	\$9529	9, 30 August	\$8119	\$9699
1, 8, 15 March	\$8179	\$9529	2, 6, 13, 20, 27 September	\$8259	\$9969
5, 19 April	\$8029	\$9379	4, 11, 14, 18, 25 October	\$8329	\$10179
12 April	\$8009	\$9389	1, 8 November	\$8329	\$10179
15, 26 April	\$7969	\$9339	10, 17, 20, 24 January	\$8329	\$10179
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			7, 14, 17, 21, 28 February	\$8329	\$10179
			7, 14, 21, 28 March	\$8329	\$10179
			4, 11, 18, 25 April	\$8189	\$9899
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
10, 31 May	\$8119	\$9699	Rates are land only, per person and include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
7, 21 June	\$8119	\$9699			



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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stroll the cobbled alleyways and ancient market of the Medina in Fes.
- Experience a Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Fes, one of the holiest Muslim cities in the world.
- Board a camel to your desert camp and overnight in the Sahara Desert.
- Jump into a 4x4 and make your way to a nomadic village.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 9 | Choose to visit the gardens of Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, **or** tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

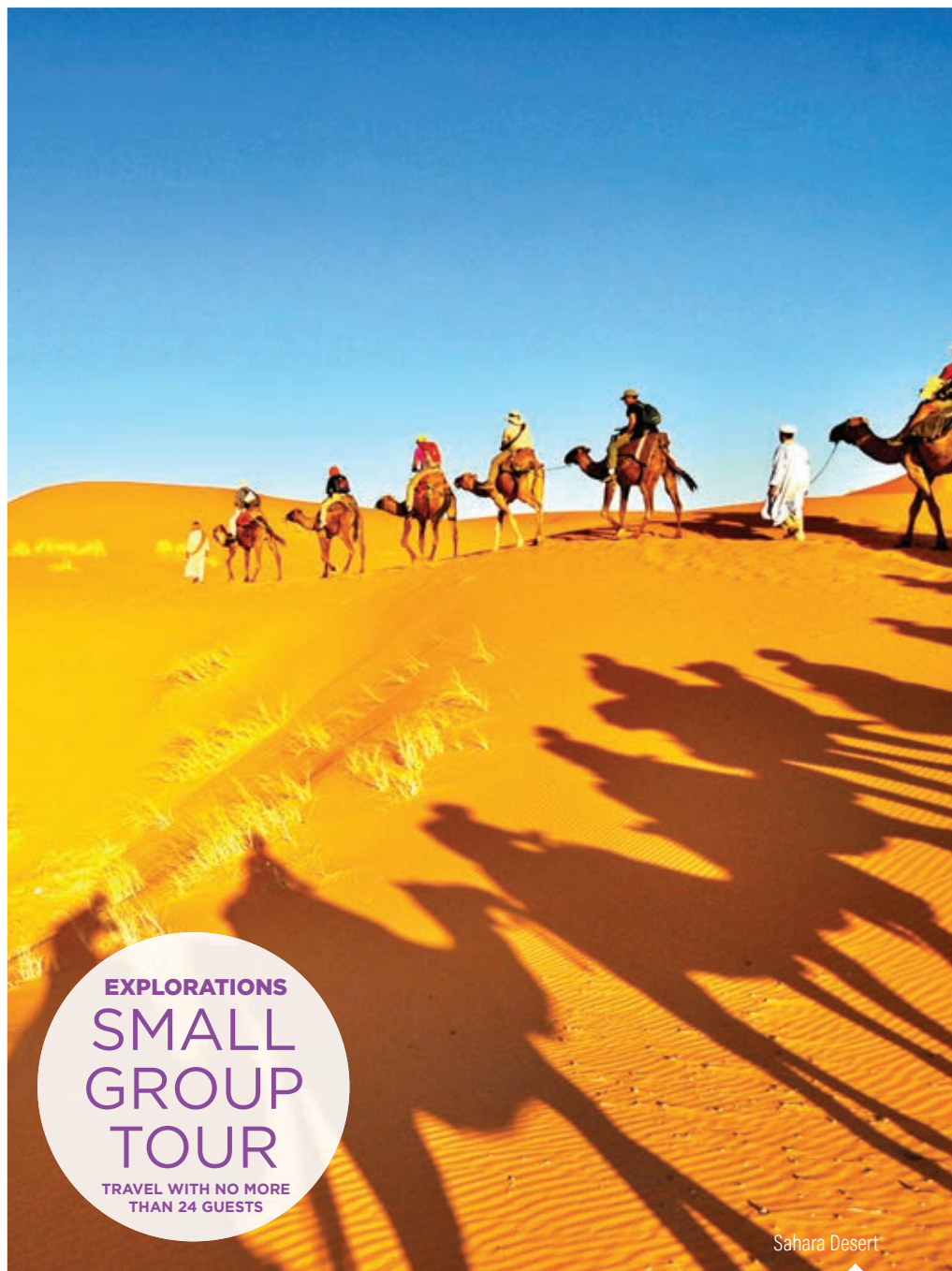


ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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take in the vibrant surroundings and dazzle your senses

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

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

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

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Day 1: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fes

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

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

Day 3: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour, including the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace. Set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to one of the world's oldest universities. Amid

the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market you'll see donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries, a honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colours. (B)

Day 4: Fes - Ifrane - Erfoud

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

Day 5: Erfoud - Rissani - Sahara Desert Expedition - Merzouga

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

Day 6: Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades

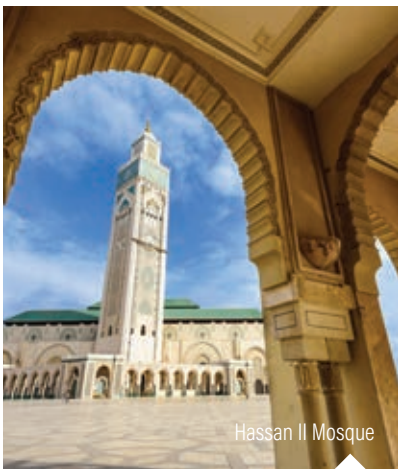
Enjoy amazing views of the sunrise as you return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter where you may sample some local favorites at a bakery. Arrive in vibrant Boumalne du Dades. Along its river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick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

Day 7: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

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

Day 8: Marrakech

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where today you'll find a sentry of nesting storks standing guard. Enter the royal Saadian Tombs, explore the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Tour the ancient city wall, passing by the Royal Palace. Savour lunch and tea in the home of a local family and get a true taste of Moroccan hospitality. Then, enter the 9th-century walled



Hassan II Mosque



Moroccan Bowls

Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. This evening enjoy time on your own to explore the city. Or, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion and dinner at Jemaa el Fna, Marrakech's main square. (B, L)

Day 9: Marrakech

This morning, select the ingredients for your culinary workshop that takes place at a local riad, a traditional Moroccan house. After lunch, experience another local custom at a henna workshop. Then **it's your choice!** Visit Jardin Majorelle, one of the most beautiful gardens in Morocco; enjoy a tour of the gardens and the Berber Museum - **OR** - tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for an unforgettable farewell dinner in a palace. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends

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



DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018
(different itinerary - see note)

26 January

\$3189

9 February

\$3189

16 March

\$3189

6 April

\$3169

Twin

\$4159

Solo

\$4159

October 2018 - April 2019
(featured itinerary)

4, 18, 25 October

\$3599

October 2018 - April 2019
(different itinerary - see note)

1, 8 November

\$3599

6 December

\$3599

10 January

\$3599

7, 14 February

\$3599

7, 28 March

\$3599

4, 25 April

\$3599

Twin

\$4559

Solo

\$4559

+

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

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Casablanca: Explore more of this Moroccan port city.
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.
- Dress up and join the fun during a traditional 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.
- Explore the Temple of Horus at Edfu.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 9 | 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.

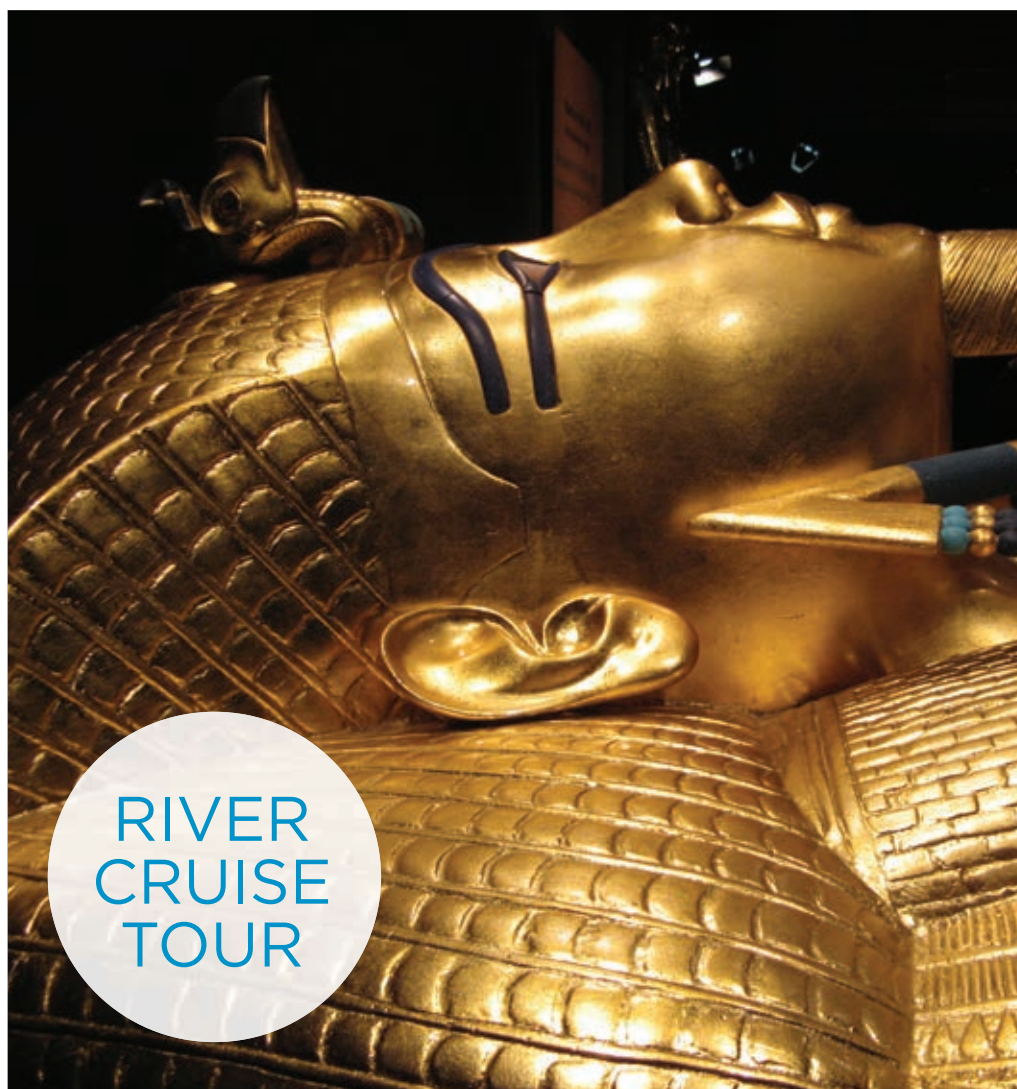


ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Fairmont Nile City Hotel, Cairo
Days 3, 4 Sonesta St. George Hotel, Luxor
Days 5-8 Movenpick *Royal Lily*
Day 9 Movenpick Hotel, Aswan
Days 10, 11 Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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travel to the ancient land of Egypt to discover the beauty

and legends of the Nile River and the wonders that line its shores.

START EARLY

**ADD
A DAY**

Cairo: Step into the sands of time a day early with another night in the capital.

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Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past. Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view Egypt's timeless wonders.

Day 2: Cairo - Giza - Sakkarra - Memphis - Cairo

Fulfil a lifelong dream! 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 Sakkarra. 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 3: 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 4: 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 Mennon. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II. (B)

Day 5: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship

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



Tutankhamun tomb

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

Complete your trip with 3 nights in Jordan and see the stone city of Petra and marvel at the immense Wadi Rum.

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Royal Lily

Day 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: Aswan - Cairo

Return to Cairo. After our flight, the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: 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 12: Cairo - Tour Ends

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. (B)

DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
11, 25 January	\$3544	\$4434	8 November	\$3539	\$4499
8, 22 February	\$3544	\$4434	6 December	\$3539	\$4499
8, 15 March	\$3544	\$4434	10 January	\$3539	\$4499
5, 19 April	\$3474	\$4374	7, 28 February	\$3539	\$4499
			7, 21 March	\$3539	\$4499
			4, 18 April	\$3469	\$4429
Itinerary featured is for October 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.					
October 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction N/A		
25 October	\$3469	\$4429	Rates are land only, per person, and include the internal flights on tour. Call for additional dates. See deck plan on page 70.		



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Suggested Tours: ① Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana
② Iconic Israel CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport and visa. Passport numbers are required in advance. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately \$35 AUD. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Cairo may arrive very early in the morning on Day 1. A pre night may be required (at an additional cost). Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. The internal flights on this program are included in the price of your tour. Our international air passengers will arrive and depart from Cairo. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Cairo: Take another night to explore more of Egypt's mysteries.

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DUBAI, OMAN & ABU DHABI

11 DAYS · 19 MEALS
FROM \$5689



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Radisson Blu Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

Days 4 - 6 Radisson Blu Hotel, Muscat

Day 7 Hilton, Al Ain

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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embark on an adventure to this captivating region

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

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

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

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Day 1: Abu Dhabi, UAE - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: Abu Dhabi

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

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

Day 3: Abu Dhabi

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

Day 4: Abu Dhabi - Muscat, Oman

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



Dubai

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

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

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

Day 6: Muscat - Nizwa - Jabrin - Muscat

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

Day 7: Muscat - Al Ain, UAE

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

Day 8: Al Ain - Dubai

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

Day 9: Dubai

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

Day 10: Dubai

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

Day 11: Dubai - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today. (B)



Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque

DATES & PRICES

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

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



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STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

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

ICONIC ISRAEL

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 4 | Choose to explore the AHAVA Visitors Center to learn about the Dead Sea cosmetics **or** "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savour dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv
Days 2, 3 Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias
Day 4 Isrotel Ganim, Dead Sea
Days 5 - 8 Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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discover the legendary stories

of mankind's collective history in Jerusalem, Bethlehem,
Nazareth and the ruins of Jericho

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Tel Aviv: Begin your exploration with more time on Israel's Mediterranean coast. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: 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 2: 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 theatre, aqueduct and fortress. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation site of Tel Megiddo, which dates back to the Bronze Age. Next, take in the breathtaking panorama of Haifa and the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO World Heritage site). Step back in time in the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO). Your day comes to a close in Tiberias. (B, D)

Day 3: 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 4: Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea

Peek into Roman times at Beit Shean's well-preserved ancient theatre. Continue along the Jordan River Valley to Jericho, considered to be the oldest city on earth. Journey to Qumran, the location of one of the most important archaeological finds of all time – the discovery of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Proceed to



Jerusalem



YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

Complete your trip with 4 nights in Jordan. Explore more of this ancient land – from the stone city of Petra to the sands of Wadi Rum.
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Masada

the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Then **it's your choice!** Stop in the AHAVA Visitors Centre 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 5: 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 6: 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 Galicantu 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Twin	Solo
8, 15 February*	\$3059	\$4089	1 November	\$3739	\$5039
8, 15 March	\$3539	\$4779	31 January*	\$3259	\$4289
12, 26 April	\$3609	\$4919	21 February*	\$3259	\$4289
19 April	\$3579	\$4879	28 February	\$3739	\$5039
			21, 28 March	\$3739	\$5039
			4, 11 April	\$3809	\$5179
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.					
May 2018 – April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30 - \$50		
10, 24 May	\$3739	\$5039	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
7, 21 June	\$3739	\$5039	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.		
30 August	\$3669	\$4969			
4, 18 October	\$3739	\$5039			



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Book another tour with Iconic Israel and create one grand experience.

Suggested Tours: ① Treasures of Egypt CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 9). 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 arrive into and depart from Tel Aviv airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



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CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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discover the intriguing Japanese culture

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

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

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

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

Day 3: Tokyo

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

Day 4: Tokyo - Hakone

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

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: Tokyo

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



Geisha in traditional dress

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

Day 5: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama

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

Day 6: Takayama

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

Day 7: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa

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

Day 8: Kanazawa

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

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

Day 9: Kanazawa - Thunderbird Express Train - Kyoto

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

Day 10: Kyoto

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

Day 11: Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto

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

Day 12: Kyoto

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

Day 13: Kyoto - Tour Ends

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



Mt. Fuji

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
25 February	\$6119	\$7899	2, 16, 23 September	\$8059	\$9839
4, 11, 18, 25 March	\$6399	\$8179	7, 14, 21, 28 October	\$8059	\$9839
4, 7, 8, 15, 22, 29 April	\$6809	\$8589	4, 11, 18 November	\$8059	\$9839
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			27 January	\$7649	\$9429
			24 February	\$7649	\$9429
			3, 10, 17, 24 March	\$8059	\$9839
			31 March	\$8329	\$10109
			7, 14 April	\$8329	\$10109
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Double	Solo	21, 28 April	\$8059	\$9839
20, 27 May	\$7849	\$9629	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
10 June	\$7849	\$9629	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
8 July	\$7849	\$9629			
5 August	\$7849	\$9629			

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



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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

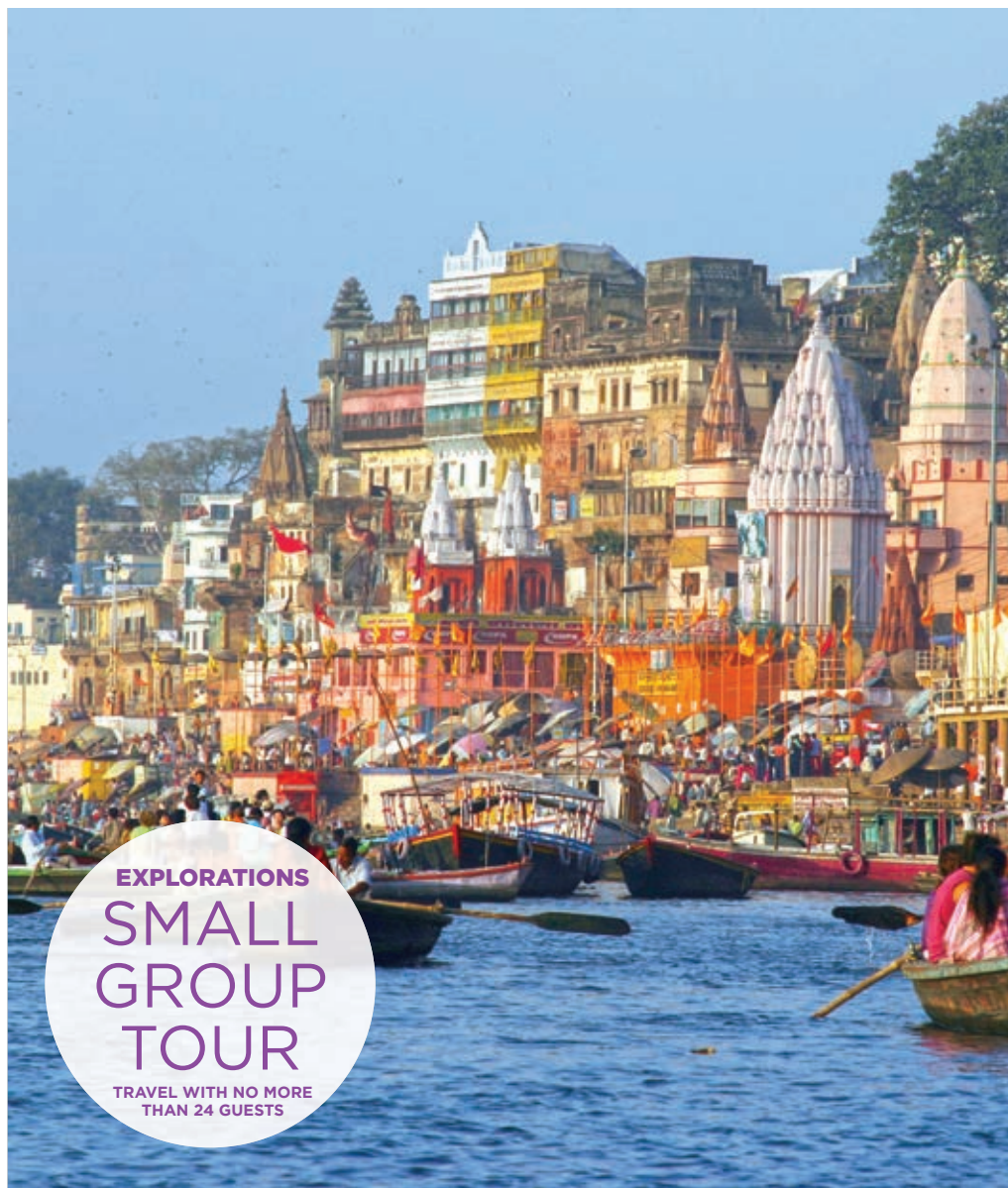


ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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EXPLORATIONS SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL WITH NO MORE
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unravel the mysteries of this vast and diverse country

through its natural wonders, magnificent palace and flavourful cuisine.

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ADD A DAY

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

Day 1: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: New Delhi

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

Day 3: Delhi - Udaipur

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

Day 4: Udaipur

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

Day 5: Udaipur - Jaipur

Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to



River Ganges

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

Day 6: Jaipur

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

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

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)

Day 8: Ranthambore

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

Day 9: Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra

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

Day 10: Agra

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

Day 11: Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho

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

Day 12: Khajuraho - Varanasi

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

Day 13: Varanasi

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

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

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

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Delhi: Enjoy more time to explore this exciting cultural melting pot.
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YOU HAVE COME SO FAR



TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- Nepal: Complete your trip with a 4-night extension.**
Head to the Himalayas and the legendary city of Kathmandu.
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- South India: Complete your trip with a 6-night extension.**
See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast.
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DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	September 2018 - April 2019 Twin	Solo
12, 19, 26 January	\$4994	\$6584	2, 9, 16, 30 November	\$4634 \$6004
9, 16, 23 February	\$4994	\$6584	11, 18, 25 January	\$4634 \$6004
2, 9 March	\$4994	\$6584	1, 8, 22 February	\$4634 \$6004
6, 20 April	\$4369	\$5539	8, 22 March	\$4634 \$6004
			29 March	\$4354 \$5724
			5, 26 April	\$4354 \$5724
Itinerary featured is for September 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				
September 2018 - April 2019 Twin	Solo	Rates are land only, per person, and include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
28 September	\$4634	\$6004	Triple Room Reduction	
5, 19, 26 October	\$4634	\$6004	N/A	

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



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COLLETTE CARES

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

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the stunning Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Discover the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib.
- Spend 3 nights in the vibrant "Pink City" of Jaipur.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Agra Fort, an impressive walled city that dates back to the 11th century.
- Visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 9 | 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.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Experience dinner with a local family in their home in Delhi.
- Enjoy lunch at Samode Bagh, a private garden retreat of the Royal family.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Vivanta by Taj, Dwarka, New Delhi

Days 4 - 6 Radisson Blu, Jaipur

Days 7, 8 Radisson Blu Taj East Gate, Agra

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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delve into the cultural mosaic that is India

experiencing the Golden Triangle's culinary and cultural wonders.

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ADD A DAY

Delhi: Arrive early to discover India's capital city.
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Day 1: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

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. Welcome to Delhi, India's capital city. Made up of seven ancient cities, today it remains a cultural melting pot.

Day 2: 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 transport. 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 3: 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 centre, 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 4: Delhi - Jaipur

Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. Later, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, 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 5: Jaipur

Board a vintage jeep and ascend to the top of the majestic Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and India's former seat of power. Visit a local school where the children are part of a midday program supported by the efforts of the Collette Foundation. Tap into local customs during lunch when you learn about turban and sari tying. Stroll through the colourful 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. This evening, take a step back in time as you dine at Sankotra Haveli, where eight generations of the Sankotra family have lived. Take in the old-world architecture and furnishings, and get to know the history of this special place. (B, L, D)

Day 6: 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 7: Jaipur - 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 3,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect symmetry that descend to the bottom of the well. (B, L)

Day 8: 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 9: 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. This concludes your tour in incredible India. Take with you many fond memories as you bid farewell to your fellow travellers. (B)

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TOUR EXTENSIONS:

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- **South India: Complete your trip with a 6-night extension.**
See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast.

DATES & PRICES

January – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	September 2018 – April 2019	Twin	Solo
11, 18 January	\$2569	\$4389	11 October	\$2579	\$3399
15 February	\$2569	\$4389	8, 29 November	\$2579	\$3399
8, 29 March	\$2569	\$4389	6 December	\$2579	\$3399
12 April	\$2299	\$3679	17, 24 January	\$2579	\$3399
			7, 21 February	\$2579	\$3399
			28 March	\$2579	\$3399
			4, 25 April	\$2299	\$2989
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.					
September 2018 – April 2019	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
<i>(featured itinerary)</i>			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		
27 September	\$2579	\$3399			

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EXPLORING SRI LANKA

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the wildlife sanctuary at Minneriya National Park.
- Cruise the tranquil Mahaweli River.
- Enjoy a cultural show – dancing, ceremonial drums and music.
- Learn about the art of Sri Lankan mask making.
- See the Royal Botanical Gardens, originally a garden for the Kings of Kandy.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Come to know the treasures of Colombo with a local guide.
- Visit the inspiring Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.
- Climb the impressive Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a former palace.
- Discover the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic.
- Spend a day discovering Galle, a fortified city settled by the Portuguese.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn about the various spices used in Sri Lankan cooking.
- Sample the famed local tea at the Pedro Tea Estate.
- Dine at a local restaurant and savour traditional Sri Lankan specialties.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo
Days 3, 4 Cinnamon Lodge Habarana, Sigiriya
Days 5, 6 Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy
Days 7, 8 Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya
Days 9 – 11 Centara Ceysands Resort, Bentota

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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stunning landscapes, rich culture and deep traditions

are yours to discover in enchanting Sri Lanka.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Colombo: Enjoy more time to explore when arriving early in the lively city of Colombo. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

Day 1: Colombo, Sri Lanka - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the bustling capital city of Colombo, a vibrant cosmopolitan city combining colonial roots and modern influences. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant featuring traditional Sri Lankan specialties. (D)

Day 2: Colombo

Today you will come to know the treasures of Colombo, the commercial hub of the country. Join a local guide who will lead you on a tour of this historical city that spans centuries and melds styles from the Portuguese, Dutch and British. See the central business district called the Fort, the colourful and lively Petta Bazaar, the sprawling Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple, and Independence Square, created in recognition of gaining their freedom in 1948. (B)

Day 3: Colombo - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - Sigiriya

Our first stop today is at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, which has been rescuing elephants since

1975. They care for abandoned and wounded elephants of all ages. Watch how the animals are now beginning to thrive as they interact with each other and their handlers during feeding time. Continue to the lush forests of Sigiriya and find yourself surrounded by tranquility at your luxury hotel. (B, D)

Day 4: Sigiriya - Rock Fortress - Minneriya National Park - Sigiriya

This morning we ascend an impressive granite peak to explore the ruins of the ancient city of Sigiriya - "fortress in the sky." Treasured by the locals, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a sprawling former palace and fortress with extensive gardens considered to be the oldest landscaped gardens in the world complete with fountains and lakes. Next, enjoy a picturesque lunch set among reed beds and paddy fields. This afternoon, proceed to Minneriya National Park. Explore this wildlife sanctuary, established in 1938, and witness herds of elephants bathing and grazing in their natural habitat. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Spice Market - Kandy

Travel to the fascinating ruins of the ancient city of Polonnaruwa (UNESCO). Spend time discovering this former capital city of Sri Lanka which was built in the 12th century when trade and agriculture flourished under the reign of King Parakramabahu. The king was ahead of his time developing an irrigation system that still supplies the water during dry season to local farms. Then it's on to the city of Matale, known for hosting merchants from around the world since ancient times. During a guided tour of a spice market, learn about the various spices and smell fragrant clove, cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg and many other spices used in Sri Lankan cooking. Continue to the picturesque, lakefront city of Kandy. This evening, enjoy a cultural show with traditional Sri Lankan dancing, ceremonial drums and music. (B, D)

Day 6: Kandy - Temple of the Tooth Relic - Mahaweli River Cruise

Explore Kandy, set on a plateau surrounded by the mountains of central Sri Lanka. Visit the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic, revered by Buddhists from around the world for being the place that holds the actual tooth of Buddha. Next, take a walk through the Royal Botanical Gardens, established in the 14th century as a garden for the Kings of Kandy. Today, the garden's 150 acres are home to more than 5,000 species of trees and plants, including an orchid house. This evening, delight in a sunset river cruise on the tranquil Mahaweli River followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 7: Kandy - Nuwara Eliya

Travel along the scenic road that leads you to the lush green landscape found near the town of Nuwara Eliya. Rolling hills and tea plantations surround this former colonial British retreat nicknamed "Little England." During a city tour, see the English country-style homes, the Gothic Holy Trinity Church

and the "pink post office" with its unique clock tower. (B, D)

Day 8: Nuwara Eliya - Tea Estate

Start your day at the Pedro Tea Estate located in Kandapola, just north of Nuwara Eliya. Join an expert for a guided tour of the estate and factory where they still pack tea using 19th century methods; savour a taste of their tea. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy your historic hotel. Perhaps you will stroll the lawns adorned with topiary and roses, play a game of billiards, or take advantage of the hotel's amenities. (B, D)

Day 9: Nuwara Eliya - Bentota

Our journey today takes us to Bentota, a coastal paradise brimming with sunshine and beautiful beaches. Arrive early this afternoon and have the remainder of the day at leisure to relax and take in the luxurious ambiance at your beachfront resort. (B, D)

Day 10: Bentota - Galle - Bentota

Spend the day discovering the city of Galle, a fortified city settled by the Portuguese in the 16th century that flourished in the 18th century under Dutch rule. The city reveals an interesting blend of cultures and styles. Explore Galle's Dutch Fort (UNESCO), the largest European fort in Asia. Then embark on a guided tour of the island's prominent landmarks where you will see the scenic harbour, the National Maritime Museum, St. Mary's Cathedral, and a Shiva temple. (B, D)

Day 11: Bentota - Ambalangoda - Bentota

Travel to Ambalangoda to learn about the art of Sri Lankan mask making and come to know the legends associated with them. Begin by spending time at a local museum and workshop to discover how these masks are created and how they are used in dramatic dance performances. Then, visit the Bandu Wijesooriya School of Dancing where an expert discusses the types of dances they perform and how the masks are used in performances. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Bentota - Colombo - Tour Ends (B)



Temple of the Tooth Relic

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Colombo: Spend an extra night discovering the treasures of the fascinating city of Colombo.

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DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
16, 30 January	\$5259	\$7609	Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	
13 February	\$5259	\$7609		
27 February	\$5129	\$7329		
6, 27 March	\$5129	\$7329		
10, 17 April	\$5129	\$7329		

Call or visit our website for information on tours after April 2018.

This trip requires a passport and visa. All foreign nationals intending travel to Sri Lanka are required to apply for online Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) by logging on to www.eta.gov.lk website. Flights arriving into Colombo on Day 1 should arrive prior to 4pm. Due to flight schedules a pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost). The walk to Sigiriya on Day 4 is considered to be very strenuous, over uneven terrain, and with minimal handrails available. You should be in excellent physical condition to participate. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from Colombo airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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explore an ancient and mysterious world

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START EARLY	
ADD A DAY	Ho Chi Minh City: Spend more time in this metropolis once known to the world as Saigon. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins
Journey to a region rich in culture and history. Take in three extraordinary countries: Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City
This morning, visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, tour the city's colonial landmarks including the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Reunification Palace. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City
Explore the Mekong Delta during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste are made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style. (B, L)

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia
Fly to Cambodia and arrive in Siem Reap, a city that is home to chic hotels and a thriving culinary scene. (B, D)

Day 5: Siem Reap
Begin your day exploring the ancient ruins of Angkor Thom, known for its colossal stone-carved faces. Discover its famous Bayon temple, Baphoun; Phimeanakas, the Royal Palace and more. Next, explore the famous Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building and the symbol of Cambodia. Stand before the stone carvings and bas-reliefs that adorn the complex, the magnificent remains of the Khmer Empire. Remain until evening for an opportunity to see a spectacular sunset over the monuments. Dinner this evening is accompanied by an Apsara show. (B, D)

Day 6: Siem Reap
Set out to see three impressive Hindu temples: the 11th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva; Banteay Srei Temple; and Banteay Samre Temple. This afternoon, meet monks at a local monastery and participate in a private blessing ceremony. Then we continue to the mystical Buddhist temple Ta Prohm, overgrown by the creeping jungle. (B, D)

Day 7: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos
Your day begins at the JWOC Community Centre where you'll meet local school children. Then we fly to Luang Prabang. (B)

Day 8: Luang Prabang

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

Day 9: Luang Prabang

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

Day 10: Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam

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

Day 11: Hanoi

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

Day 12: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi

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

Day 13: Hanoi - Halong Bay

Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Marvel at the thousands of limestone islands that dot these waters. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard; then go

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

Day 14: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

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

Day 15: Hue - Hoi An

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

Day 16: Hoi An

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

Day 17: Hoi An

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

Day 18: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

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

Day 19: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

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



DATES & PRICES					
January – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>		Twin	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	
9, 16, 23, 30 January		\$6024	\$7404	7, 28 August	
6, 13, 20, 27 February		\$6024	\$7404	4, 11, 18, 25 September	
6, 20, 27 March		\$6024	\$7404	2 October	
3, 17 April		\$6024	\$7404	23 October	
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				13, 27 November	
				15 January	
				19, 26 February	
				5, 19, 26 March	
May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>		Twin	Solo	9, 16 April	
8, 15 May		\$5594	\$7104	Triple Room Reduction	
12 June		\$5594	\$7104	N/A	
10 July		\$5594	\$7104	Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	

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



COLLETTE CARES

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



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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City
- Days 4 - 6** Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
- Day 7** Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
- Days 8, 9** Pilgrimage Village, Hue
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delve into an ancient and mysterious world

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

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

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

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

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City

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

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

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

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

Day 4: Saigon - Hanoi

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

Day 5: Hanoi

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

Day 6: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi

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

Day 7: Hanoi - Halong Bay

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

Day 8: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

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

Day 9: Hue

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

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

Day 10: Hue - Hoi An

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

Day 11: Hoi An

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

Day 12: Hoi An

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Day 13: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

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

Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

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



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January - April 2018 <small>(different itinerary - see note)</small>		Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	
12, 19, 26 January		\$4164	\$5124	24 August	
2, 9, 23 February		\$4164	\$5124	14, 28 September	
2, 16, 23 March		\$4164	\$5124	12, 19 October	
6, 13, 20 April		\$4164	\$5124	7 December	
<small>Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>		<small>May 2018 - April 2019 (featured itinerary)</small>		11, 18, 25 January	
				1 February	
				1, 8 March	
				5, 12, 19 April	
				Triple Room Reduction	
11, 25 May		\$3949	\$5319	N/A	
15 June		\$3949	\$5319	<small>Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</small>	
13 July		\$3949	\$5319		

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

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Travel aboard the Yangon Railway, a circular train that the locals use every day.
- Visit the Indein village and come to know the Pa-O people.
- Explore tranquil Inle Lake by private motorboat to discover its spectacular setting.
- Enjoy time in the traditional village of Amarapura.
- Take a carriage ride through the National Kandawgyi Gardens.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Discover the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar - Shwedagon Pagoda.
- Take in the sunset over the plains of Bagan from the terrace of a temple.
- Ascend the plateau to the charming former British hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin.
- Marvel at the amazing Ananda Temple, an architectural masterpiece.
- Travel across the Gokhteik Viaduct, built more than a century ago.
- Visit Kuthodaw Pagoda, known as "the world's largest book."



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy welcome and farewell dinners featuring regional cuisine.

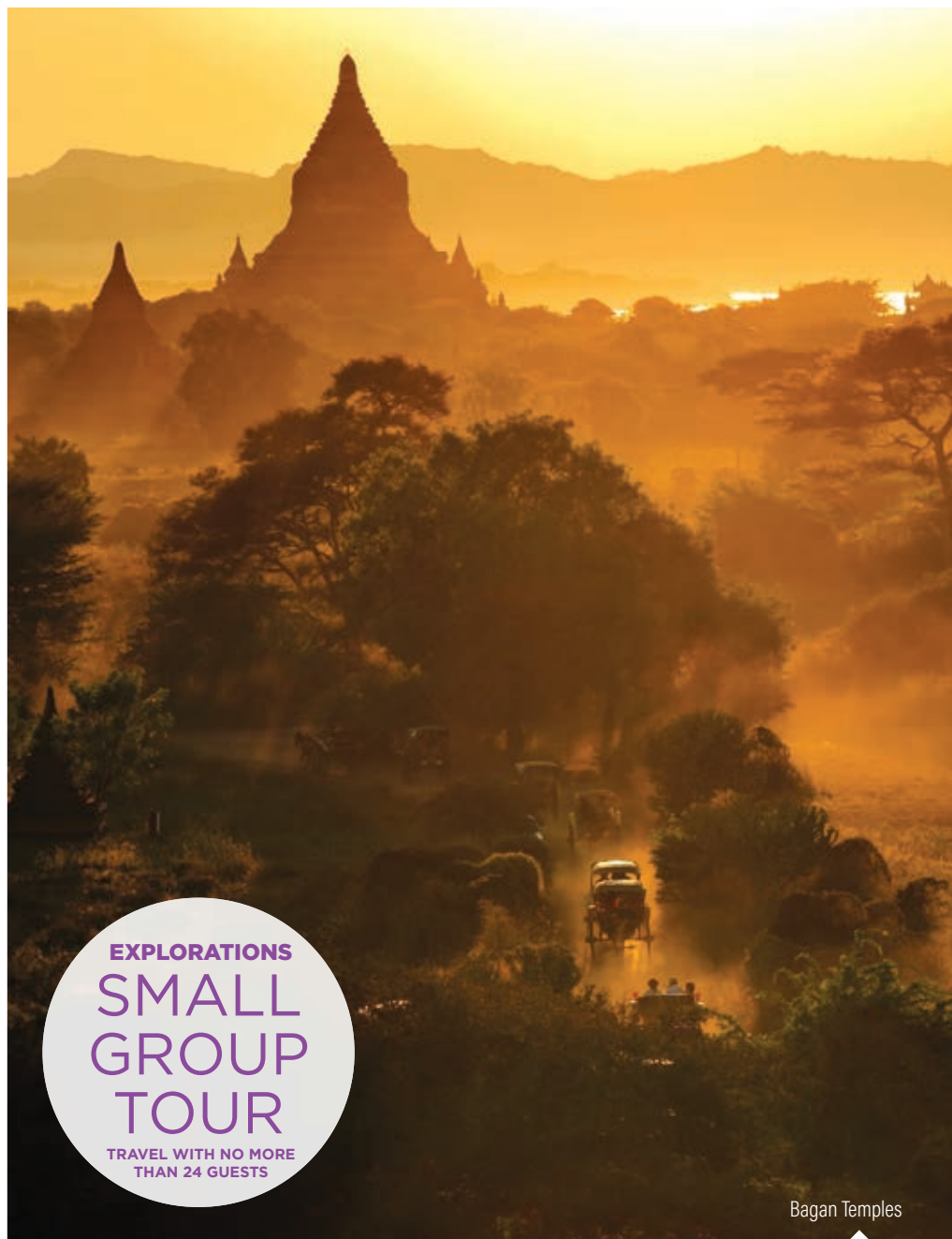


ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake, Yangon
Days 3 - 5 Inle Resort, Inle Lake
Day 6 Aureum Resort, Pyin Oo Lwin
Days 7, 8 Mandalay Hill Resort, Mandalay
Days 9 - 11 Hotel at Tharabar Gate, Bagan

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 83 for details.



Immerse yourself in this intriguing realm

that locals call the "Golden Land"

Day 1: Yangon, Myanmar - Tour Begins

Embark on a captivating tour through Myanmar and discover a region filled with thousands of years of history. Your tour opens in Yangon, formerly known as Rangoon, a quiet and colourful city. Its impressive colonial and spiritual heritage makes it one of the most fascinating cities in Southeast Asia.

Day 2: Yangon

We start the day with a stroll through the city centre and the colonial district. Stop at the impressive Mayor's Hall and beautiful Mahabandoola Park. Next, set out on the Yangon Railway, a circular train that the locals use every day. This slow travelling train gets you up-close to the vibrant lifestyle of the people who call this place home. Disembark at the Scott Market and enjoy time to explore. This afternoon, continue to Shwedagon

Pagoda, the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar. Although its origins are unclear, the local legend states that the structure was built 2,500 years ago, then renovated several times, finally taking shape in the 15th century. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Yangon - Heho - Pindaya - Inle Lake

A short morning flight brings you to Heho. From there we head to Pindaya Cave, home to more than 8,000 Buddha statues. Carved in wood, stone, marble and bronze, these works of art are a wonder to behold. Afterwards, visit Shan paper production cottages where handmade papers are produced from mulberry bark pulp that is sun-dried. You'll also see how the oiled paper umbrellas that are used by monks and nuns are made. Travel to Nyaung Shwe, stopping en route at the

Shwe Yan Pyay, an old wooden monastery.
(B, L, D)

Day 4: Inle Lake

Board your private motorboat to head out on tranquil Inle Lake and be surrounded by one of Myanmar's most spectacular panoramas. Inle Lake is the only place in the world where you can find people who propel their boats by "leg rowing." Pass villages built on stilts and inhabited by the local Intha people. Intha farmers grow flowers and vegetables in floating beds of water hyacinth and grasses, staked to the shallow lake bed with bamboo poles. Explore the local crafts of Inle Lake at the weaving village of Inpawkhone and visit floating villages and gardens. Later, visit the famous Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda. (B, L)

Day 5: Inle Lake - Indein - Inle Lake

Spend time at one of the lake's morning markets. This rotating market moves around the lake's villages in a five day rotation, frequented by the Pa-O, Danu and Intha locals who come to sell and trade their wares. Continue by boat to the Indein Pagoda Complex, an archaeological site with hundreds of Shan-style pagoda standing on a slope of the hill. Some of the pagodas date back to the 17th and 18th centuries. Then we take a short travel to Indein village to mingle with the Pa-O people and the villagers of Indein. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Inle Lake - Mandalay - Pyin Oo Lwin

Fly to Mandalay and ascend to the former British hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin (also known as Maymyo), filled with colonial-era buildings. There is an interesting mix of residents here including various ethnic tribes as well as many Nepalese and Hindu who migrated here during the British occupation. Explore the peaceful National Kandawgyi Botanical Gardens, reminiscent of Britain's great gardens. This horticultural wonder features 432 acres of botanical species from around the world. Feel like you have stepped back in time during a horse-drawn carriage ride through the park. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Pyin Oo Lwin - Gokhteik - Mandalay

Board a train for a journey across the Gokhteik Viaduct, built more than a century ago by the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and considered a masterpiece of steel trestle construction. Take in spectacular scenery as you travel over a nearly 100-foot-deep gorge in the Shan mountains. Then, return to Mandalay to relax or explore on your own. Later, visit Kuthodaw Pagoda. Known as "the world's largest book," it is surrounded by 729 marble slabs inscribed with Buddhist scriptures. Proceed to the Golden Palace Monastery, once part of the palace complex where King Mindon lived. (B, L)

Day 8: Mandalay - Mingun - Sagaing - Amarapura - Mandalay

Board your boat and travel on the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River bustling with longtail boats and bamboo rafts. Upon arrival on the western bank, visit the unfinished Mingun Pagoda. Built between 1790 and 1797, the pagoda was split by an earthquake

in 1838. Pause along the way to see the famous Mingun Bell, the world's largest intact bronze bell. Continue on to the stunning, pure-white Hsinbyume (Myatheintan) Pagoda and the Soon Oo Ponya Shin Pagoda where you will find some of the best panoramic views of the valleys and river. Visit Sagaing, a town at the foot of the Sagaing Hills, dotted with hundreds of pagodas, monasteries and nunneries quarters. Make a stop in the traditional village of Amarapura, a former capital of Myanmar. Behold the picturesque U Bein Bridge, a 200-year-old bridge constructed of 984 teak posts that were once part of the Inwa Palace...this is the world's longest teak span. When time permits, we'll venture to the glittering glass-studded temple atop Mandalay Hill to take in the evening glow and watch the sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Mandalay - Monywa - Pakokku - Bagan

Our first stop this morning is Monywa where you will visit Thanboddhay Pagoda complex, spectacular with its multicoloured spires and more than 580,000 Buddha images, all in seated or standing poses. Next, stop at Bodhi Tataung complex where massive golden Buddhas, reclining or standing, gaze serenely over the Chindwin Valley. Later we head to Pakokku and visit Ma-U village to learn about the incense stick industry. Cross the Ayeyarwady River by boat on our way to Bagan, the capital of Myanmar during the 11th - 13th centuries. Set on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River, Bagan is home to the largest area of Buddhist temples, pagodas, stupas and ruins in the world. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Bagan

Bagan's rulers constructed thousands of huge stupas and temples, many of which are still standing today on the banks of the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River. Gain insight into the city's rich history during a sightseeing tour featuring the colourful Nyaung Oo local market and stops at pagodas and temples along the way. Then, discover the amazing Ananda Temple, an architectural masterpiece and one of Bagan's most beautiful temples. Finish the day with a visit to one of the larger temples and pause to take in the unforgettable sunset, a truly magical experience. (B)

Day 11: Bagan - Mount Poppa - Bagan

Today, drive through the plains to Mount Poppa, an imposing sight of sheer rock topped with golden stupas from the monastery that sits on its peak. Along the way, a stop will be made at a toddy palm grove to see a skilful climber collecting sap from the top of a swaying tree. Here, learn about the palm sugar making cottage and taste this traditional sweet treat. Next, visit a local community to experience Myanmar village life. You'll also have the opportunity to see and perhaps make the 25-minute climb to the top of Poppa Taung Kalut, an imposing summit that looks like a tower shaped out of a volcanic eruption some 250,000 years ago. Next, visit Poppa Mountain Park to see Myanmar's traditional medicine plant garden. Tonight, say farewell to this magical region during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Bagan - Yangon - Tour Ends

Today you return to Yangon where your tour comes to a close. (B)



DATES & PRICES				
January - April 2018		Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction
12, 26 January		\$4544	\$6054	Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates. Call or visit our website for information on tours after April 2018.
2, 16 February		\$4544	\$6054	
9 February		\$4614	\$6124	
9, 16, 30 March		\$4544	\$6054	
6, 13, 27 April		\$4544	\$6054	

This trip requires a passport. A single-entry Myanmar visa is required at your own expense and must be obtained prior to departure. The cost is approximately \$50 USD. E-visa applications are to be submitted at <http://www.myanmarvisa.gov.mm> and is payable by MasterCard or Visa in USD only. Processing time is approximately 1 week and must be used within 3 months of issue date. The approval letter must be printed as it is required to board your international flight to Myanmar and submitted to immigration upon arrival. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on the governing authority. Please contact your consulate for further details. The internal flights on this program are included in the package price. Credit cards are starting to be accepted in Myanmar; however, the bank processing fees will be added to your total charges (approximately 4%). ATM machines are available in large cities only. It is recommended you travel with cash for your additional expenses. Our international air passengers will arrive and depart from Yangon airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

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- Visit a Panda Breeding Sanctuary.



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- 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.

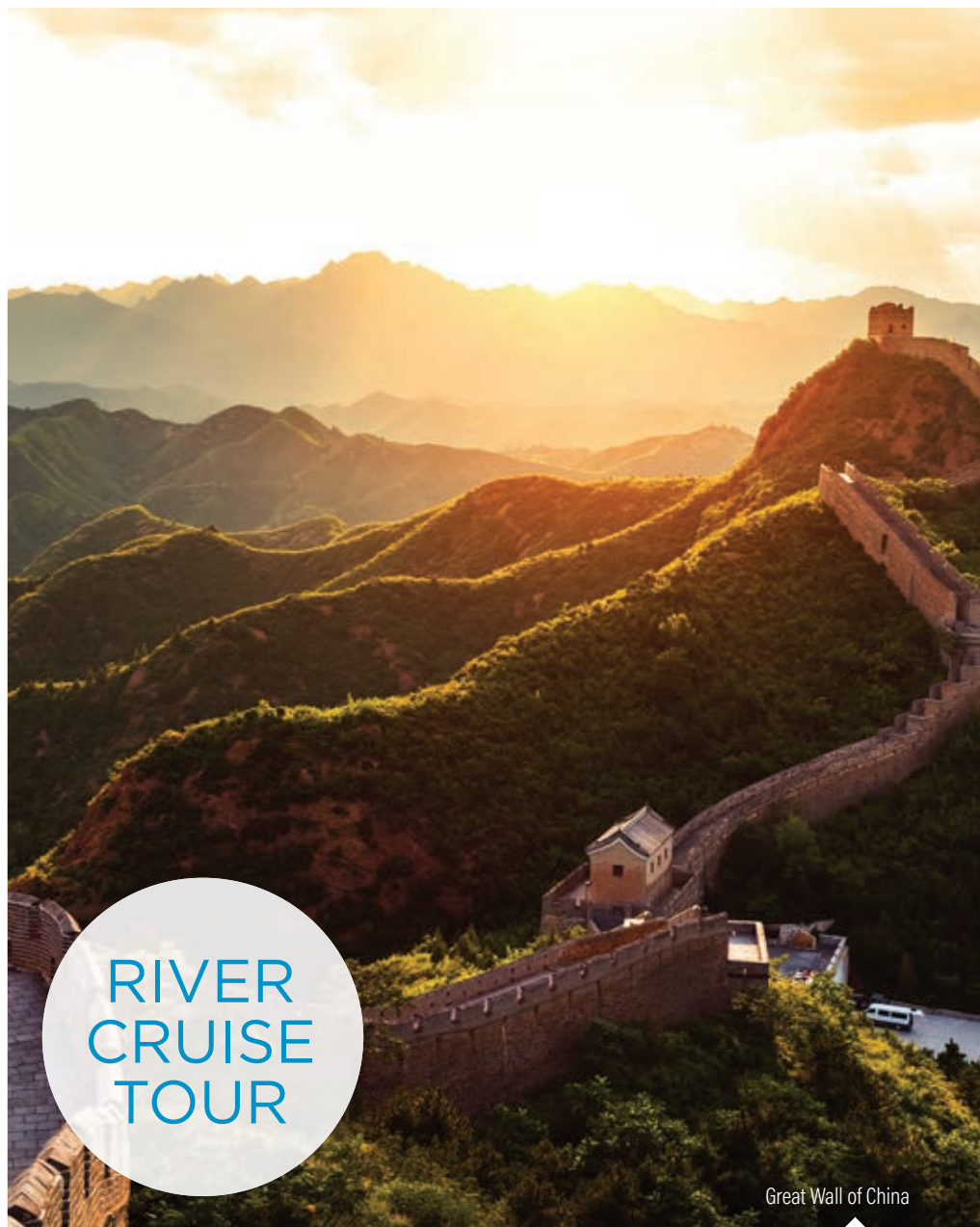


ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 – 4** Grand Gongda Jianguo Hotel, Beijing
- Days 5, 6** Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel, Xian
- Days 7 – 10** Victoria Cruises
- Days 11, 12** Tianfu Sunshine Hotel, Chengdu
- Days 13 – 15** Lijiang Waterfall Hotel, Guilin
- Days 16, 17** Jinjiang Huating Hotel & Towers, Shanghai

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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Great Wall of China

experience China's marvels, ancient and modern,

rural and cosmopolitan, on an epic journey that features
a scenic cruise along the Yangtze River.

START EARLY

**ADD
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Beijing: Arrive early to enjoy China's ancient capital city.

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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 3: 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 4: Beijing

Your day begins at the spiritual Temple of Heaven (a UNESCO World Heritage site), a complex of buildings

Day 1: Beijing, China - Tour Begins

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. Arrive in the ancient capital of China. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: 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

that symbolises 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 lunch with them. Later, take part in a traditional Chinese tea ceremony. Tonight, dine on delicious Peking Duck, a favourite of the emperors. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Beijing - Xian

Fly to the ancient city of Xian where the legendary Silk Road comes to an end. Tonight, celebrate during a traditional Xian dumpling banquet. (B, L, D)

Day 6: 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 centre to see life-sized models of the warriors being made. At lunch enjoy a Xian speciality – hand-pulled noodles. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B, L)

Day 7: 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 gets underway. (B, D)

Day 8: 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 9: 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 10: Cruising - Shibaozhai

Arrive at Shibaozhai (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 11: 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 flavours of the local Sichuan cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 12: 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 13: 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 14: Guilin

Enjoy a full-day visit to the Longji Rice Terraces. Known as the Dragon's Backbone for its scaly 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 15: 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 cormorant 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 the many outdoor cafés. (B)

Day 16: Guilin - Shanghai

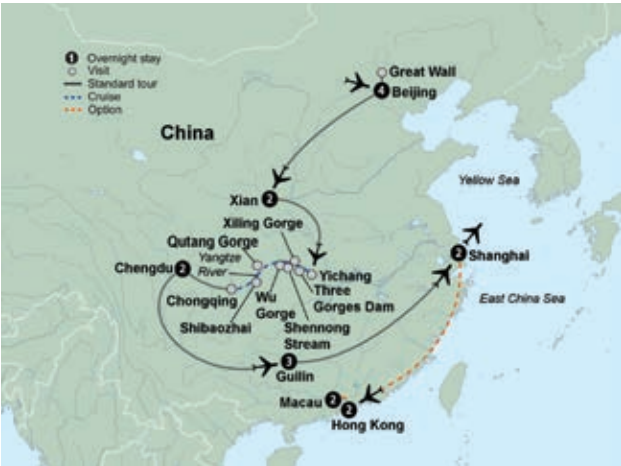
Welcome to Shanghai, the economic capital of the People's Republic of China. This bustling city's futuristic skyline will leave you speechless. Experience the modern side of China as you take the super-fast Maglev train into central Shanghai. Then explore the past as we visit a silk museum. This evening,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

Day 17: 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 Yuyuan Garden. Enjoy lunch at a celebrated local restaurant known for its xiao long bao soup dumplings. Then, visit the imposing Urban Planning Centre, the nerve centre of the city. Finally, celebrate your adventure during your farewell dinner before enjoying a marvellous acrobatics show. (B, L, D)

Day 18: Shanghai - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to an end today. (B)



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Complete your trip with a 4-night Hong Kong & Macau extension:
From Victoria Peak to the fishing villages of Aberdeen and the Macau Peninsula, experience a mix of cultural influences along China's south coast.

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DATES & PRICES				
April – November 2018	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
12 April	\$6279	\$8199	Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates. See deck plan on page 71.	
3, 17 May	\$6279	\$8199		
14 June	\$6279	\$8199		
6, 20, 27 September	\$6279	\$8199		
4, 11 October	\$6279	\$8199		
1 November	\$6279	\$8199		

This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost is \$130 AUD. This should be organised in advance from the Chinese Embassy in Australia. Rates are approximate and subject to change. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. The internal flights are included in the price of the tour. Our air passengers will arrive into Beijing and depart from Shanghai. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All guests will be confirmed in balcony cabins during the cruise portion of the tour.

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STAY LONGER

**ADD
A DAY**

Shanghai: Enjoy more time to explore this bustling waterfront city.

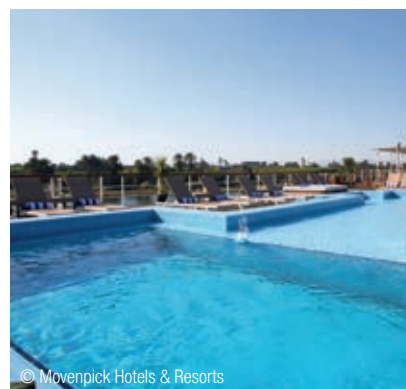
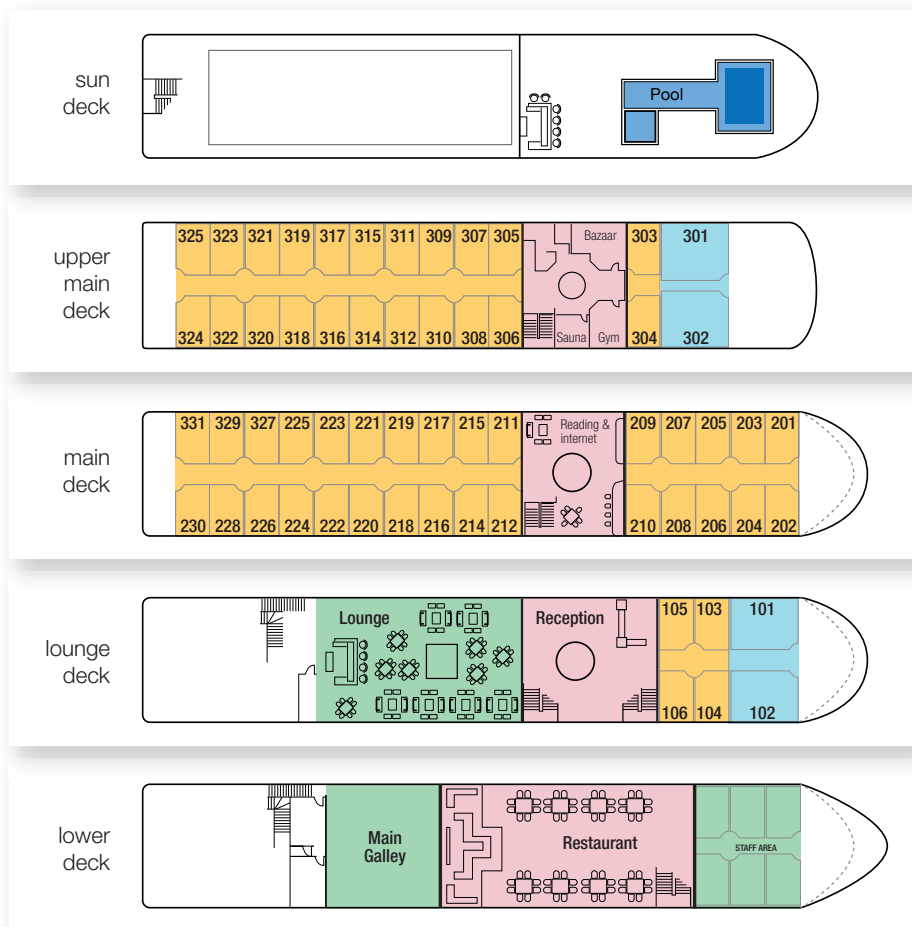
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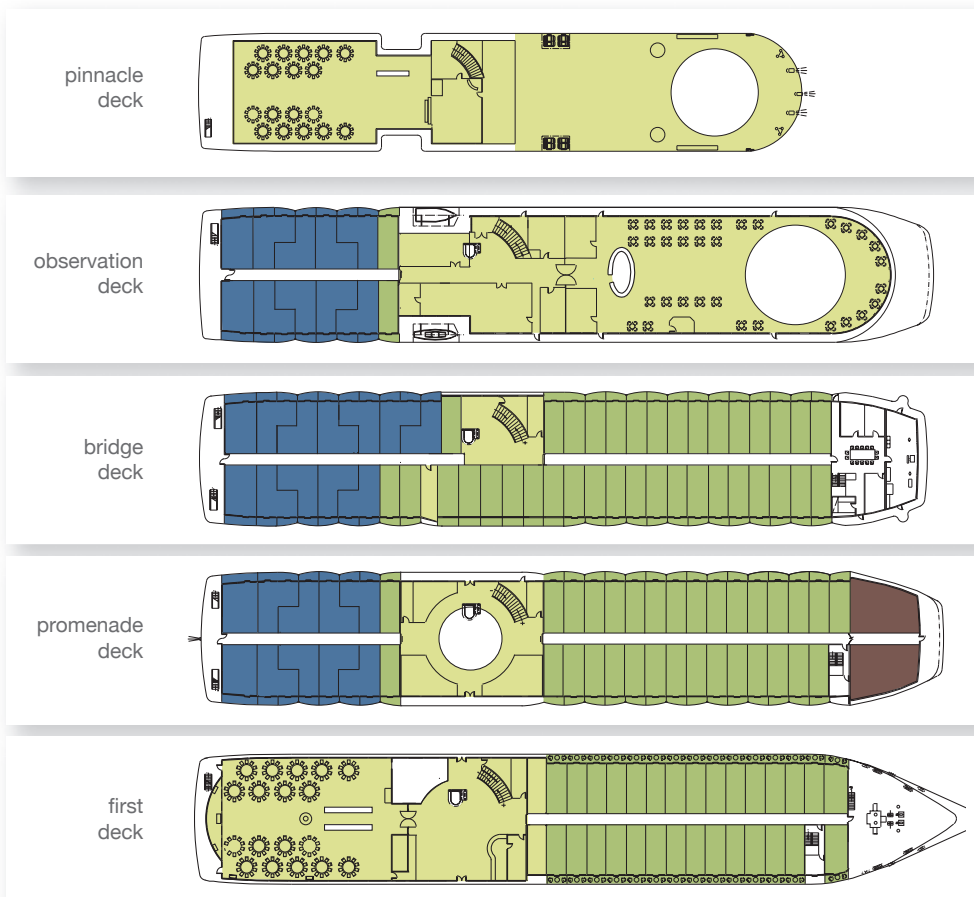
ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Lounge bar & dancing area with large panoramic view
- Pool & spacious sundeck
- Fully equipped gym
- Sauna & massage room
- Bedouin style seating & bridge tables
- Reading & internet corner
- Jewelry & gift Shop
- Mövenpick Ice Bar
- Laundry

ACCOMMODATION

52 Cabins (22 Square Metres) • 4 Royal Suites (42 Square Metres) • All cabins have panoramic windows facing the Nile • Luxurious furnishings, air-conditioning and the latest amenities • Individual temperature control • Private bath with bathtub & hairdryers in all cabins • Jacuzzi in all suites • Coloured TV & in-house music panel • In-house video channels & video player • Mini-bar stocked on request • Non-smoking cabins and internal phone





ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Four passenger decks
- Two restaurants
- The Yangtze Club lounge
- Dancing
- Karaoke
- Fitness center
- Onboard tai chi classes
- Full service spa and salon

ACCOMMODATION

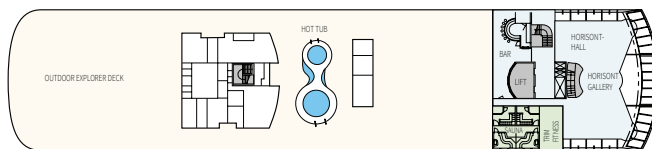
132 Cabins • 2 Shangri-La Suites • Generous cabin space • Floor-to-ceiling windows • Private balconies offering breathtaking views of the Yangtze • The latest technologies are available on board, including internet, fax machines, and international phone systems • Spacious bathrooms • Bathtubs in every cabin • Satellite TV.



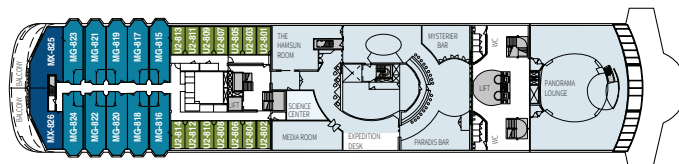
ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Expedition team
- Two-story panorama lounge
- Bars
- Wi-fi
- Café
- Library
- Restaurant
- Separate à la carte restaurant
- Playroom
- Shop
- Jacuzzis
- Fitness room and sauna
- Amfi theatre for educational lectures and conference facilities
- Lift
- Car deck

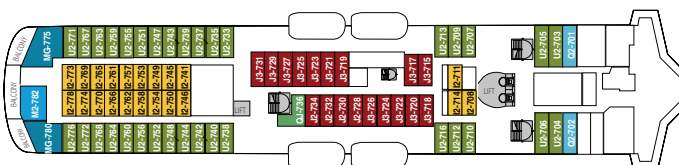
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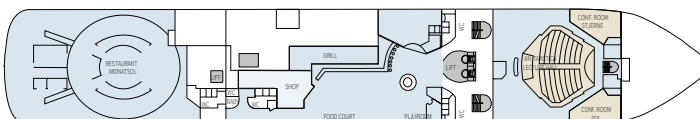
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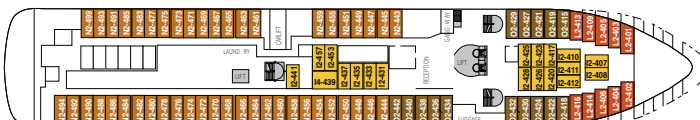
ACCOMMODATION

Expedition suites feature seating areas with TV, bathrooms with shower/WC, and complimentary cabin kits • Owners suites feature two rooms, seating area and dining table, TV, kettle, tea/coffee, stereo, internet access, mini-bar, and private balcony • Grand suites feature one or two rooms, seating area, TV, kettle, tea/coffee, stereo, internet access, mini-bar, private balcony or bay window • Suites feature one or two rooms, seating area, TV and mini-bar • Mini suites have double beds, TV, internet access and minibar

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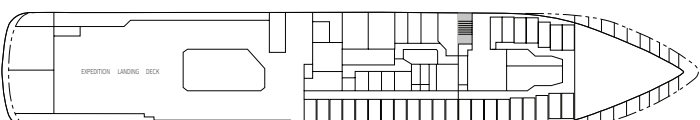
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Optional Extensions

OTAVALO 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands (pg. 20)

Extension Day 1: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo

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

for towering volcanoes. Take an unforgettable train ride on the Andes Mountain Train past towering volcanoes and through spectacular Andes scenery that includes valleys of fruit and sugar plantations. Arrive in Salinas and gather for lunch featuring regional specialties and Afro-Ecuadorian music and dance. Then, drive to San Antonio de Ibarra, a town famous for elaborate wood carvings and sculptures. Later, learn how to make helados de paila (fruit sorbet) prepared in great copper pans before sampling the treat for yourself. This evening, arrive back at your historic Andean hacienda. Or, you may choose a home-cooked dinner and homestay in the Karanki indigenous community of La Magdalena on the slopes of Cubilche volcano; the Karanki welcome visitors into charming guest houses so travellers can learn about their culture. (B, L, D)

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

Extension Day 4: Quito - Tour Ends

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

Extension Day 2: Otavalo-Andes Mountain

Train-Salinas-San Antonio de Ibarra-Otavalo
Today, travel to the region of Imbabura, known

Extension Day 3: Otavalo - La Magdalena - Quito

Witness the extraordinary community tourism project at La Magdalena and discover how



The optional homestay at La Magdalena must be pre-booked. Space is limited. Rooms are simple and have private bathrooms. Dinner is included with the homestay. Otherwise you may overnight at the Hacienda (with dinner included). Please make your decision known at the time of booking. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

\$1575 - \$1715*
8 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

BRAZILIAN AMAZON 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Highlights of South America (pg. 24), Complete South America (pg. 26)

Extension Day 1: Manaus - Amazon

This morning, fly from Rio de Janeiro to Manaus, gateway to the Brazilian Amazon. Upon arrival, travel by boat to the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge. Located in the middle of the Amazon rainforest, this ecotourism lodge rests on the banks of the Rio Trauma. Visit the Monkey Jungle Reserve, a rehabilitation centre for rescued primates until they can be reintroduced into the forest. After dinner, set out on a canoe with a local guide and do some caiman spotting. (L, D)

or swimming at the private beach. Relax over dinner in the peaceful, tropical setting. (B, L, D)

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 excursion. Feast on traditional local dishes (such as *tambaqui* and *tucunaré* fish) and exotic fresh fruits on your final evening in the jungle. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 2: Amazon

Learn about the Amazon's diverse flora and fauna on a nature travel before visiting the Botanical Garden, an orchidarium housing over 1,000 plants of 87 different species of orchids. Experience lunch at a traditional restaurant and visit the home of local Amazonian residents (caboclos). Spend some time fishing, exploring the jungle nature trails

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 transfer to the airport. (B)



The order of sightseeing may be altered due to weather conditions or flight schedules. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. The Brazilian Amazon and Salvador de Bahia extensions operate concurrently. Only one post extension may be booked. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. 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. Return airport transfers are included in the extension package price. Additional air segment purchase required.

\$1440* - 9 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches,
3 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

Amazon Ecopark Lodge, Manaus

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

SALVADOR DE BAHIA 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Highlights of South America (pg. 24), Complete South America (pg. 26)

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 neighbourhood (UNESCO), the historic heart of the city, with cobblestone pathways opening onto large squares, colourful 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 centre 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-rodá, 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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\$2055 - \$2190*
6 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

Fera Palace Hotel, Salvador

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

SANTIAGO 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Highlights of South America (pg. 24)

Extension Day 1: Santiago, Chile - Tour Begins

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 centre featuring 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 artefacts from Central and South America. Peruse the shops and interact with handicraft vendors on the Paseo Ahumada pedestrian avenue. Tonight, gather

with your fellow travellers over sumptuous food and wine in the trendy neighbourhood of Bella Vista. (D)

Extension Day 2: Santiago - Viña del Mar - Valparaíso - 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 Valparaíso, a port city on Chile's coast with charming and colourful cliff-top homes. (B, L)

Extension Day 3: 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 4: Santiago - Depart for Buenos Aires, Argentina

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



The order of sightseeing may be altered due to weather conditions or flight schedules. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. 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. Airport transfers are included in the land only price of your extension. Additional air segment purchase required.

\$1505* - 6 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch,
2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Santiago

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

IGUAZU FALLS 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Adventure to Antarctica (pg. 36)

Extension Day 1: Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil - Tour Begins

Arrive in 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. Enjoy leisure time at your resort before enjoying a traditional dinner featuring local flavours. (D)

Extension Day 2: Iguazu Falls, Brazil

Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have both fought to protect the

beauty and raw power of the falls by making each side a national park. You will see firsthand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed "Poor Niagara." This afternoon you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls. Or, just relax and enjoy the many amenities at your resort. (B)

Extension Day 3: Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil - Iguazu Falls, Argentina - Buenos Aires

Cross the border into Argentina. 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. After your half day tour of the Argentina side of the falls, transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Your hotel is conveniently located in the sophisticated Recoleta neighbourhood, close to pedestrian shopping avenues, sidewalk cafés and lively restaurants. (B)

Extension Day 4: Buenos Aires

Join your fellow passengers to begin your Antarctica adventure. (B)



This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodation is not available. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. This tour may require a certificate of Yellow Fever inoculation when applying for your Brazilian visa especially if you have travelled to Peru prior to Brazil. These fees are at your own expense. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Airport transfers are included in the land only price of your extension. Passport and visa for Brazil (approximate visa cost is 160 USD) are required for this tour at your own expense. Additional air segment purchase required.

\$1165*

4 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION

Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Iguazu Falls
The Brick Hotel, Buenos Aires

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

*Australian dollars, per person, land only, double occupancy. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Your extension may require an additional air segment purchase. For any extension requiring a flight in order to operate, or departing from a gateway different than the base tour, please enquire for rate at time of booking.

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Optional Extensions

PERUVIAN AMAZON 3-night pre or post tour

ADD TO: Complete South America (pre-tour - pg. 26), Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries (post-tour - pg. 22)

Extension Day 1: Lima

Arrive in Lima today. Relax at your hotel and get ready to begin your tour.

Extension Day 2: Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Peruvian Amazon Basin

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 Inkaterri 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 motorised canoe. Your evening excursion will teach you about the river's ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animal behaviour

and the southern sky's constellations. Then, enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 3: Lake Sandoval - Canopy Walkway - Anaconda Walk - Rainforest

After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a travel through Tambopata National Reserve. Arrive at the pristine Lake Sandoval and board a dugout canoe. Glide along and take in your peaceful surroundings. Watch for the endangered giant river otter, blue and yellow macaw, red howler monkey, black caiman, and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish, the paiche. After lunch, the Inkaterri canopy walkway awaits. Begin at the Inkaterri Canopy Walkway Interpretation Centre to learn about the project. Then ascend

98 feet in the air and cross a series of hanging bridges that connect the treetops...take in the breathtaking panoramas and discover the wildlife that surrounds you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique sounds of the rainforest at night. Your day concludes with a wonderful dinner. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 4: Puerto Maldonado - Lima - Extension Ends

After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at the Inkaterri 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)



Above description is for when this is a pre tour. Please contact us for what changes when this is the post tour. Travellers may leave any large luggage at their Lima hotel during the extension. The order of sights visited on this tour may be altered due to weather. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. When travelling in the Amazon you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. You will be travelling by small river boats to reach the lodge and by canoe during some excursions and should be reasonably fit in order to board comfortably. In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be walking on nature trails which may be muddy and over one mile in length. To experience the Amazon fully, we recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, passengers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour. The Hacienda Concepcion has fully screened cabanas, mosquito net protection and private bathrooms in each room. Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Airport transfers are included in the land only price of your extension. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$890*

7 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

EASTER ISLAND 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Adventure to Antarctica (pg. 36)

Extension Day 1: Buenos Aires - Easter Island, Chile

Fly to legendary Easter Island. "Isla de Pascua" or "Rapa Nui," as it is known in the local Polynesian language, is the most isolated inhabited island in the world. Steeped in lore and most famously home to the enigmatic Moai sculptures, this place is an archaeologist's dream. The Polynesian Rapanui people are believed to have arrived on the island in the 8th century. By the 19th century they had almost disappeared due to overpopulation and deforestation. Arrive at Hanga Roa, the only town on the island and home to fewer than 4,000 residents. Tonight, enjoy a Rapa Nui folklore show showcasing native dance, costumes and music. (D)

Extension Day 2: Easter Island

This morning, visit the Rano Kao volcano where you will discover a freshwater lake inside its deep crater. Continue to Orongo, at the base of the volcano, and learn about the Birdman Cult's unique ceremonies and rituals. See beautiful

petroglyphs of the "birdman," a figure central in Rapa Nui art and beliefs. At Ana Kai Tangata, a sea-cliff cave, see magnificent carved petroglyphs of prehistoric birds. Continue to the ceremonial platform of Ahu Vinapu and admire its architectural perfection. After lunch at leisure, depart for Ahu Akivi, a platform composed of seven Moai statues. These are the only Moai statues on the island that were positioned facing the sea. Continue to admire Ana Te Pahu, also known as the "Cave of the Bananas." The tour continues with a visit to the Puna Pau quarry where the Pukao were carved - Pukao are also known as the typical "hairstyle," or the hats, of the Moai statues. Learn more about the making, building and transport process of these colossal sculptures carved of volcanic rock before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Extension Day 3: Easter Island

Depart this morning along the Moai route where these colossal sculptures are scattered around the island. Visit several "Ahu" - or

ceremonial platforms - surrounded by Moais that lay face down on the ground. Then, visit Ahu Akahanga, where the first king of the island is believed to be buried. Continue on to Rano Raraku volcano, located near the southern coast and at the feet of Poike - the most spectacular crater of the zone - where the ancient natives sculpted these stone giants. Visit Ahu Tongariki, the largest Moai platform on the island with its 15 Moais. The place was destroyed in May 1960 by a tsunami and it has been restored thanks mainly to Japanese foundations. Arrive at Ahu Te Pito Kura, an enormous spherical rock, and see the Moai Paro, the largest statue on the island. Cap off the day with a visit to Anakena, one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Easter Island - Tour Ends

Bid farewell to magical Easter Island. (B)



A reciprocity fee to be paid on arrival if entering via the international airport is approximately 30 USD through 200 USD (possibly higher depending on nationality) is required. These fees are at your own expense. Please contact the Embassy or Consulate of Chile for up to date information on fees. Rates include the approx. 67 USD Rapa Nui National Park entrance fee. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. The included lunch is a boxed lunch. Triples are not available on this extension. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in Santiago (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation. Airport transfers are included in the land only price of your extension. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$1782*

5 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION

Taha Tai Hotel

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

JUNGLE ADVENTURE 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Tropical Costa Rica (pg. 32)

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

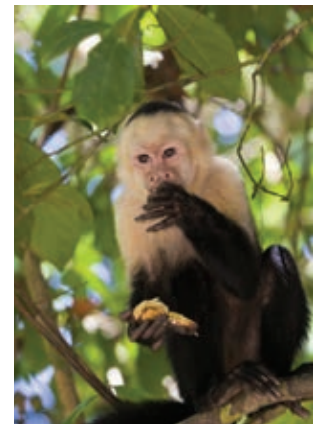
offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (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)

The transport to and from Tortuguero, as well as your guide in Tortuguero, are provided by the lodge where you will be staying in Tortuguero. These services and sightseeing as specified in your itinerary will be provided by the personnel of the lodge in Tortuguero. This price includes meals as outlined; roundtrip transport to Tortuguero; 2 nights at the Evergreen, Aninga or Pachira lodge, and 1 night in San Jose. Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Please make arrangements with the concierge's desk at the hotel in San Jose for luggage pick up and for storage until your return from Tortuguero. 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.

\$685 - \$755*

8 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

NAIROBI WITH ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE 1-night pre tour

ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 38)

Extension Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Extension Begins

Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Nairobi.

Extension Day 2: Nairobi - Elephant Orphanage Visit

This morning we visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, an internationally renowned orphanage located in Nairobi National

Park. Learn about their efforts to protect and rehabilitate elephants who have been orphaned by poachers or have lost their habitat due to human population. You may even choose to foster your own elephant! After lunch, visit Kazuri, which means "small and beautiful" in Swahili. This workshop creates handmade and hand-painted jewellery, ceramic beads and pottery. Return to your hotel early this

evening where you will join the remainder of your travelling companions. (B, L)

Single rooms are on request only and are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodation is not available on this extension. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Return airport transfers are included in the package price.



\$480* - 2 MEALS

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch

ACCOMMODATION

Sarova Stanley, Nairobi

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

TANZANIA 4-night post tour

ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 38)

Extension Day 1: Amboseli - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu

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

Extension Day 2: Karatu - Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, depart for Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world and known to have

the greatest concentration of Plains' game anywhere. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 3: Serengeti National Park

Today you will enjoy a full day game drive in the park. "Serengeti" comes from the Masai language meaning "extended place" and is the most complex and least disturbed ecosystem on Earth. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 4: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast, begin your safari in the

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

Extension Day 5: Ngorongoro - Arusha - Tour Ends

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



Park fees are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Nairobi has been deducted from the price of your extension. A day room in Arusha is available for purchase before your departure for home. Return airport transfers are included in the package price. Single rooms are on request only and are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodation is not available on this extension. Clients leaving Kenya and continuing their travels to Tanzania (including Zanzibar), even if only for a transit, will need a Yellow Fever certificate to enter Tanzania. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. It is recommended to obtain the visa before your departure however it can be purchased upon arrival. The approximate cost of a Tanzania visa, purchased at the border, is \$100 USD, payable in USD cash only. This requires a second blank page in your passport in addition to the required blank page for your Kenya visa. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

\$2535 - \$3355*

12 MEALS

4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

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Optional Extensions

VICTORIA FALLS 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Spectacular South Africa (pg. 40), Spectacular South Africa featuring Swaziland (pg. 42)

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

Today you board your international flight home. (B)

A mandatory tourism 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. Park fees (approximately \$50 AUD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodation is not available. A minimum of 6 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. Airport transfers are included in the land only price of your extension. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your doctor 2-3 weeks prior to departure. The internal flight is not included in the land cost of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Nationals of Australia are eligible to obtain a visa on arrival to Zimbabwe at any major entry point for a stay of up to 30 days. The fee is approx \$40 AUD for single entry and \$55 AUD for a double entry. You must hold sufficient funds to cover the stay and hold proof of onward travel to a third destination. (Other nationalities may also be eligible for a visa on arrival. Please enquire with your travel professional or call us.) **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$1780* - 5 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch,
1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION

Victoria Falls Hotel

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.



DUBAI 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Spectacular South Africa (pg. 40), Spectacular South Africa featuring Swaziland (pg. 42), Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (pg. 44)

Extension Day 1:

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

Extension Day 2: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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

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

Extension Day 3: Dubai

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

Extension Day 4: Dubai - Tour Ends

(B)



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

\$890* - 4 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION

Sheraton Dubai Creek, Dubai

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

JORDAN 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Treasures of Egypt (pg. 48)

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. Visit a local mosaic school to learn the history of this ancient art and how to create your very own mosaic piece. 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.

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. A treasure of the ancient world, Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 300 years. 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. This evening, experience the flavours of the region with a delightful dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Extension Day 3: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman

This morning we depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, return to Amman, known as the "White City" because of the white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: Amman - Tour Ends

Transfer to the 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 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Return airport transfers are included in the package price. The internal flight between Cairo and Amman is not included in the land price of your extension. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased directly from us. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Amman Airport upon arrival at an approximate cost of \$77 AUD, paid in local currency (40 Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the airport prior to arriving at the visa desk. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$1505*
5 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra
Le Meridien Amman, Amman

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

JORDAN 4-night post tour ADD TO: Iconic Israel (pg. 52)

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. Visit a local mosaic school to learn the history of this ancient art and how to create your very own mosaic piece. 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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Extension Day 4: Amman - Jerash - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Tel Aviv, Israel

Travel the quiet valley among the mountains of Gilead to the city of Jerash – the "Pompeii of the East." Step back in time as you tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk through columned streets, hilltop temples, public squares and plazas. Archaeologists uncovered evidence inside the city walls indicating Amman was occupied as far back as the Neolithic age over 6,500 years ago. Later, travel to the Jordan Valley Border Crossing, returning to Israel. Continue to Tel Aviv for your overnight stay. (B)

Extension Day 5: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends (B)



When using the shuttle buses at the border crossings, a \$3 USD fee per person, paid in local currency or USD, is collected on the bus by each driver. Israel exit fee is approximately \$32 USD per person, paid in local currency when crossing the border into Jordan. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Sheik Hussein (Jordan Valley) border crossing at an approximate cost of \$57 USD, paid in local currency (40 Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the border crossing. When returning to Israel, the Jordan exit fee is approximately \$15 USD per person, paid in local currency, subject to change without advance notice. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Return airport transfers are included in the extension package price. 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.

\$2055*
6 MEALS

4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra - Le Meridien Amman, Amman -
Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

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extend YOUR TOUR

Optional Extensions

SOUTH INDIA 6-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 56), India's Treasures (pg. 58)

Extension Day 1: Delhi

Overnight in Delhi before travelling to Cochin in the morning.

Extension Day 2: Delhi - Cochin

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

Extension Day 3: Cochin

Tour the captivating port city of Cochin, taking in the myriad styles that attest to Arab, Jewish and European influences. View the remarkable cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Mattancherry Palace and the Church of St. Francis – built by the Portuguese – where the famous explorer Vasco de Gama was originally buried. Walk through the narrow cobbled streets of Jew Town, lined with antique and handicraft shops, to the Jewish Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the commonwealth countries. Continue to the Ginger House – an old warehouse now

converted into an antique showroom – where you will enjoy an included lunch. This evening you'll take in the sights on a harbour cruise. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Cochin - Thekkady

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

Extension Day 5: Thekkady - Kumarakom

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

Extension Day 6: Kumarakom

Embark on a boat cruise from Alleppey to Kumarakom through the backwaters, a network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. Sit back and relax as you pass palm fringed canals,



lakes and villages and see the lifestyle of the local people along the way. Enjoy lunch on board. (B, L)

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

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

A morning drive returns you to Cochin. Stop

This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. Day rooms are not included on the last day at Delhi airport on return from Cochin, but are available for purchase. The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodation is not available. Maximum elevation is 4400 feet. The flights from Delhi to Cochin are not included in the land-only cost of your tour. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to tour scheduling, return international flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 p.m. on the last day. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$1780 - \$2055*

11 MEALS

6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

BANGKOK 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Kingdoms of Southeast Asia (pg. 62), Taste of Vietnam (pg. 64)

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

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

Extension Day 2: Bangkok

Begin your day with a cruise on the Chao Phraya River. Drift past local houses and learn

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

Extension Day 3: Bangkok

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

Extension Day 4: Bangkok - Tour Ends

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



During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Please enquire at time of booking. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$1030*

4 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

ACCOMMODATION

Rembrandt Hotel, Bangkok

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

HONG KONG & MACAU 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Wonders of China (pg. 68)

Extension Day 1: Shanghai - Hong Kong
Fly 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)

Extension Day 3: Hong Kong - Macau
Travel to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macau. Upon arrival, partake in a tour of the Macau Peninsula. Visit the ruins

of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, sections of the Old City Wall, and the Temple of A-Ma before heading to the Museum of Macau. Next, go up the Macau Tower, the tallest building in the region, before trying your luck at gambling at one of Macau's exciting casinos. Return to the pier where you will board the shuttle to your hotel. (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)



Triple and child accommodation is not available. 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. Airport transfers are included in the land only price of your extension. A visa is not required for Australian passport holders entering Hong Kong and Macau for less than 90 days. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

\$1370 - \$1645*

5 MEALS

4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

ACCOMMODATION

Dorsett Wanchai Hotel, Hong Kong
Holiday Inn, Macau

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

NEPAL 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 56), India's Treasures (pg. 58)

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

Extension Day 2: Delhi - Kathmandu, Nepal
Board a flight to Kathmandu and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Patan city, the old Newar city. See the Patan Durbar Square, a combination of palace buildings, artistic courtyards and pagoda-style temples. Listed as a World Heritage site, the complex is the centre of Patan's religious and social life. (B)

Extension Day 3: Kathmandu
Tour Kathmandu city and Swoyambhunath Stupa, a famous monkey temple boasting the famous painted eyes of Buddha watching all who ascend the steps. Continue on to visit such sights as the 17th-century Durbar complex; Hanuman Dhoka, the temple of the living goddess; and Kasthmandap - a wooden temple built from a single tree. See the Shiva Paravati, Seto Bhairav and Kal Bhaira temples. Head to Swoyambhunath,

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

Extension Day 4: Kathmandu
Visit Pashupatinath Temple, situated on the banks of the River Bagmati, and the most important Hindu temple in Nepal. See Boudnath, one of the largest stupas in the world and a sacred place to Buddhist pilgrims from Tibet. Embrace the bustle of the city when you see carpet manufacturers at work and prayers being held at the monasteries belonging to different sects of Tibetan Buddhism. Travel to Bhadgaon, a city of devotees, known for its incredible architecture and art. (B)

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



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

\$1300*

5 MEALS

4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION

Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, Delhi
Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 83 for details.

*Australian dollars, per person, land only, double occupancy. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Your extension may require an additional air segment purchase. For any extension requiring a flight in order to operate, or departing from a gateway different than the base tour, please enquire for rate at time of booking.

Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodation

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

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

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

Can my children travel on tour? Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour.

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

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

Air

Can Collette book our airline reservations? Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines.

Attractions & Sightseeing

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

Is there a lot of walking on tour? Our itineraries include many activities and some may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict coaches. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. See our "Tour Pacing" and "Tour Activity Level" section on page 83.

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

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

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

Documentation

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

Extending Your Stay

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

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

Extras

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include international air travel from Australia, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

Late Bookings

Do you accept late bookings? Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 60 days of departure date.

On-Tour Experience

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

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

Revisions / Changes

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you secured your own air.

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

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

Tour Pacing

How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour? Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodation" section on each tour page and on the tour map. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation.

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

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

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

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

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

activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our customer care agents to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this programme to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs.

Transfers

Are airport and hotel transfers available? Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost from \$120 per person, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays? All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

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

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

Travel Loyalty

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

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



Adding Flights to your Collette Tour

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

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



treat yourself & *enjoy*

Experience the added comfort and convenience when you upgrade your air. Features such as express check-in, airport lounge access, additional legroom and in-flight services enhance your international flight experience.

Whichever option you choose, you'll enjoy the ease and peace of mind that comes with booking your flights with Collette.

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

Reservation Information

1. Booking Conditions

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

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

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

2. Making A Booking And Paying For Your Holiday

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

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

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

3. Deposits & Balances

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

Land Package Deposit

- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

Flex Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$250 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan. Subject to airline terms and conditions.
- For Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$750 deposit is required. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$500 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

Instant Purchase Air

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

The balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises. Payment may be made by Direct Credit, bank account details on invoice, charging to clients' MasterCard, Visa, American Express, (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit.

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Groups phone: 1300 062 731 Email: AUGroups@collette.com

PLEASE SEND CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER PAYMENTS TO:

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

THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

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

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

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

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

4. Cutting Your Holiday Short

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

5. Changes By You

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

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

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

6. Cancellation Waiver

To assist you to avoid cancellation fees, we offer an optional cancellation waiver policy.

Payment of a per person waiver fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except for the waiver fee itself, in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the cancellation waiver fee does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

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

The cancellation waiver does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

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

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

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

Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Land Only Clients

- \$235 adult/\$140 child for all tours up to 11 days
 - \$285 adult/\$170 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
 - \$345 adult/\$205 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
 - \$375 adult/\$223 child for all tours up to 22-28 days
- (All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand)
- \$420 adult/\$288 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours

Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Air Inclusive Clients (Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$335 adult/\$215 child for all tours up to 11 days
 - \$385 adult/\$245 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
 - \$445 adult/\$277 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
 - \$475 adult/\$295 child for all tours up to 22-28 days
- (All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand)
- \$520 adult/\$360 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours

Air inclusive cancellation waiver can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare. Instant purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% non-refundable. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

Collette Waiver Only

Land Only

- \$95

Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

- \$195

For all cruises and the Canadian Rockies Train tours

Land Only

- \$290

Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

- \$390

On tour, travel protection benefits may be purchased and can provide coverage if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need medical assistance or evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason

7. If You Cancel

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

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates both result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full.

More than 60 days prior to departure: a non-refundable deposit will be retained

- 60 - 16 days prior to departure: 30% of land or cruise price
- 15 - 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

Exceptions:

Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 - 90 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 89 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

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

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

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

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

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

8. Alterations And Cancellations By Us

Occasionally, we may have to make changes to or cancel your holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 60 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure (as defined in Section 14) or failure by you to pay your final balance. Most changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest opportunity. Your rights vary depending on whether we make a 'minor' or 'major' change.

Examples of "minor changes" include the following when made before departure. Any change in the identity of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than

12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether.

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

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

9. Compensation For Major Changes & Cancellations

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

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

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

10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

11. Single Traveller Occupancy

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

12. Dealing With Complaints

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

If you feel that a complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you must write within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Collette, Level 3, 263 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, quoting your booking reference number. We will need to investigate your complaint. An acknowledgement shall be sent no later than 14 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. A detailed reply, or a reply containing a detailed explanation for any delay, shall be sent no later than 28 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. The final date for dealing in full with such correspondence shall be 56 days from the date of receipt of that correspondence. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this section may reduce or even extinguish any right which you may have to compensation.

13. Behaviour

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

14. Force Majeure

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

15. Liability

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

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

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

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

16. Prompt Assistance In Resort

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

17. Conditions Of Suppliers

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

18. Delays And Other Travel Information

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

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

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

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

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after

tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

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

19. Special Requests

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

20. Disabilities And Medical Problems

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

21. Advance Passenger Information

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

22. DFAT Advice

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

23. Law & Jurisdiction

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

24. Accuracy Of Prices & Information

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

25. Insurance

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

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

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

26. Baggage Disclaimer

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

27. Checked Baggage Charges

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

28. Holiday & Museum Closures

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

29. Motorcoach Washrooms

Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms (except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours). These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

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