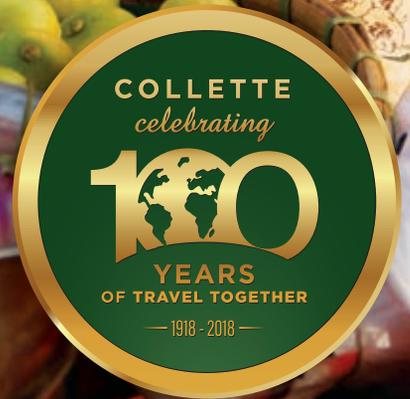


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# explorations

SMALL GROUP TOURING

2018 - 2019



# *Now* is the *Time*

## FOR A SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

As you flip through these pages, allow yourself to take a journey. Imagine becoming immersed in another culture with a small group of like-minded travellers. Perhaps you will find yourself indulging in the local food in Vietnam or standing in awe at Mother Nature's work in the Andes Mountains. Maybe you'll see a tortoise up close in the Galapagos Islands or dash through the snow in Yellowstone National Park. These are the things everyone dreams of and here you are, choosing your adventure.

*Welcome to the first step  
of your exploration!*





# *touring* UNBOUND...

## DEAR TRAVELLER,

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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





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# *always* included...

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



Camels in Desert

## **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 customization choices, every moment feels like your own personal adventure.

## **MORE ON TOUR**

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



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**SUMMER  
TOURS**  
MAY to OCTOBER



# 100 YEARS OF *innovation*

1918

## OUR STORY *begins*

Jack Collette establishes Collette and runs a 21-day trip to Florida for \$61.50

1930s

## NEW DESTINATIONS

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

1960s

## CHANGING THE STORY

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

# INNOVATING EVERY DAY

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

Our promise to you is that we will 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.

1970s

### SECOND GENERATION

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

1980s

### EXPANDING

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

1990s  
&  
2000s

### THIRD GENERATION

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



# *more* PEACE OF MIND

With you every step of the way

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

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

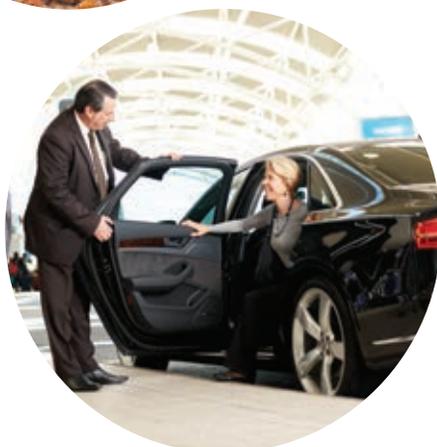


## **TRAVEL PROTECTION**

### *Peace of Mind*

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

(See page 81)



## **PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE**

### *Included Personal Touches*

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

(See page 77)



## **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.



## *loyalty program*

Members of Travel Loyalty by Collette earn a \$150 credit every time they travel. Save more as you get ready for your next adventure.

(See page 77 for more details.)

**THANK YOU!**



Venice, Italy

# *more* EXPERTISE

## Unmatched experience

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



### Heather Larsen

Tour Manager: 6 years of service

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

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

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

- Arthur M.

### TOUR DESIGN TEAM

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



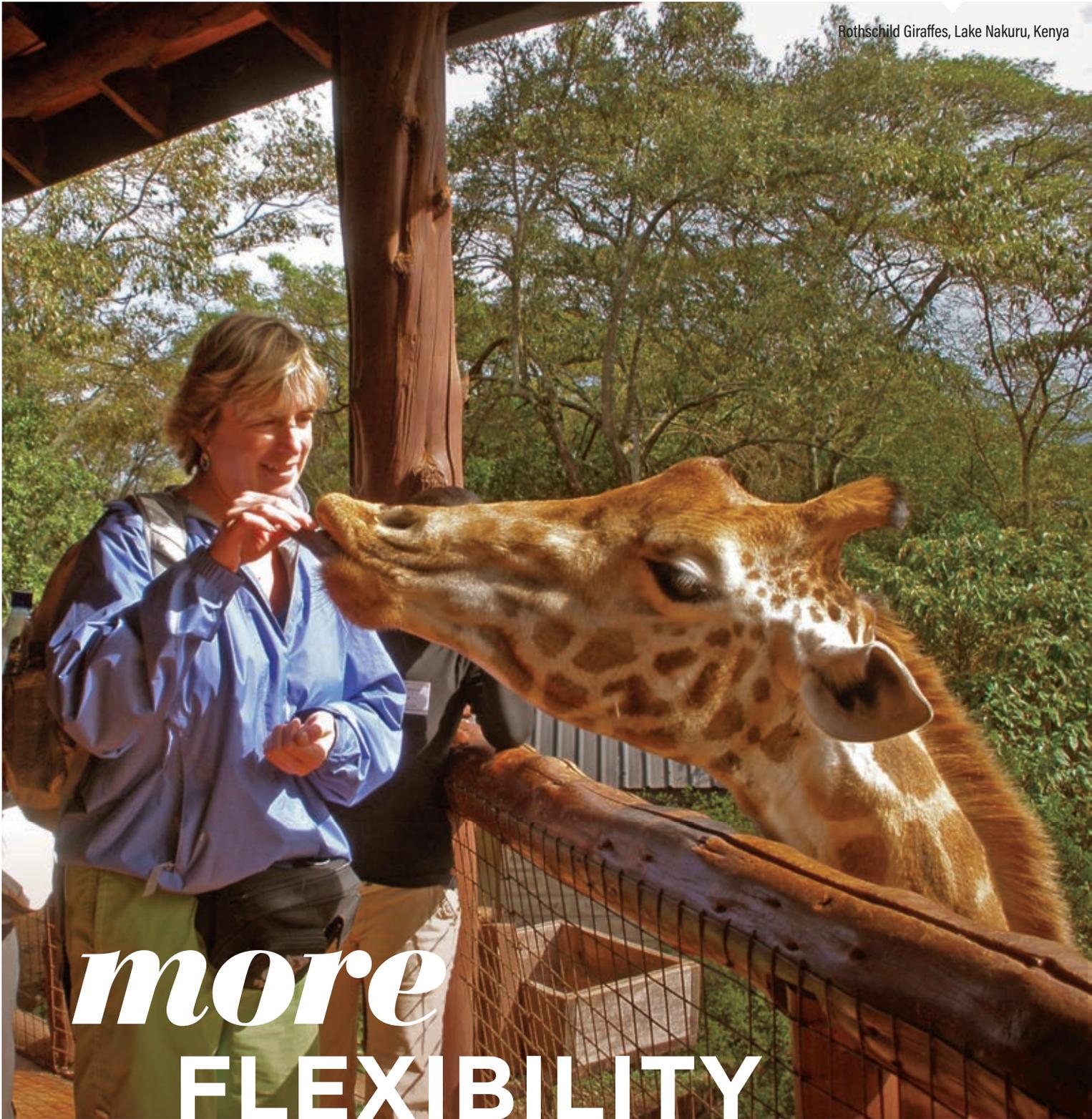
### TOUR MANAGERS

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



### LOCAL EXPERTS

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



# *more* FLEXIBILITY

## Personalize your adventure

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



### PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE

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

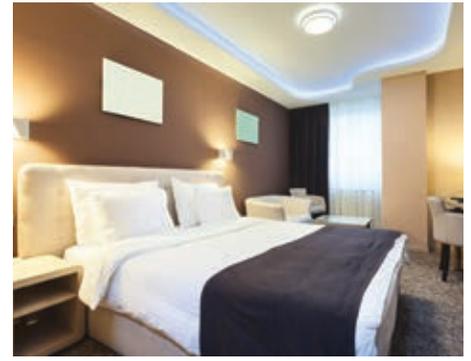
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### ELITE AIRFARE

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

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### PRE-NIGHTS

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



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE

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



### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

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



### DINING EXPERIENCES

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



### POST-NIGHTS

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



### TOUR EXTENSIONS

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



### GO BACK-TO-BACK

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

Call for details.



# *more* NEW TOURS

## Designing adventures

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

# *new* explorations tours for 2018



## **CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA**

*Immerse yourself in the fascinating cultures of these great destinations*

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

SEE PAGE 68



## **THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND**

*Let your childhood dreams come true.*

In addition to a stay in Helsinki, Finland's vibrant capital, head north to visit Santa Claus' home, experience a reindeer safari, spend a night in a glass igloo, and more! There is never a dull moment.

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© Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort,  
Lapland, Finland



## **ICELANDIC ADVENTURE**

*Where the mesmerizing scenery is bound to blow you away.*

Explore a range of landscapes on this immersive tour. Spend one day trekking one of Iceland's impressive glaciers, and the next relaxing in a geothermal bath. Natural wonders await your discovery around every corner.

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## ***Nadine Paulo***

**PRODUCT DESIGN MANAGER**

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

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

# *more* on tour

Taj Mahal, India



Galapagos Islands

## Must-sees

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



Masai Village

© Parks Canada/Dale Wilson



Henna Hands, Morocco



L'Anse Aux Meadows National Historic Site

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

- J.L. Welton

## Cultural experiences

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

# more on tour



Hanglip Mountain Lodge, South Africa

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

Experience staying in a glass igloo in Finland

## Accommodations

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

## *culinary adventures*



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



© Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Lapland, Finland

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

- Rhonda M.

## Culinary inclusions

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



# *more* ON TOUR

## It's Your Choice

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

# *the freedom* to explore

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

## **COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE**

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

Explore Killarney National Park



Walking Tour



Bicycle Riding



Hiking



Zip Lining

## **DISCOVER THE VILLAGE OF KY SON**

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

## **ADVENTUROUS COSTA RICA**

While in Costa Rica, **the choice is yours!** 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.

Traverse the Ring of Kerry



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



# *more* TRAVEL STYLES

## Collette variety

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

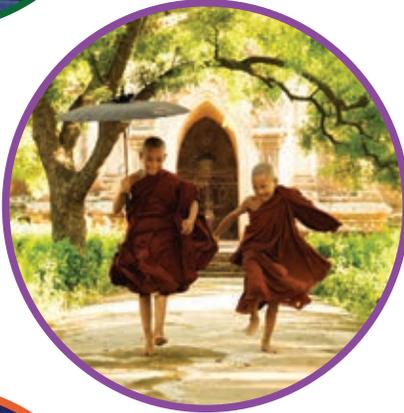
# find your *travel style*



## CLASSIC

### *Collette's Flagship*

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



## EXPLORATIONS

### *Immersive Small Group Touring*

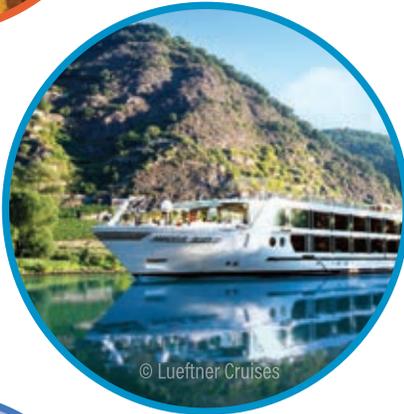
Smaller groups lead to bigger experiences. Explorations gives travellers access to the world in a new way, venturing off the beaten path for more adventure and immersive cultural connections. The small group size opens the door to magnificent sights, unique accommodations and exclusive culinary events.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



## SPOTLIGHTS

### *Single-hotel Stays*

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



## RIVER CRUISE

### *Taking the River Less Travelled*

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



## FAITH

### *Spiritual Journeys*

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

# ITALY'S TREASURES

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS  
FROM \$3999



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Spend two wonderful nights in romantic Venice.
- Get to know Florence with a tour of the city's treasures.
- Discover the beautiful Tuscan countryside.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Regina Palace Hotel or Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees, Stresa
- Days 4, 5** Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Hotel Vis à Vis or Grande Albergo, Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera
- Days 6 - 9** Villa Lecchi, Tuscany
- Days 10, 11** Hotel Ca' dei Conti or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



## the romance of Italy comes to life on this culinary and cultural adventure

that will take you from medieval masterpieces to lively markets.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Stresa:** Enjoy more time on the shores of beautiful Lake Maggiore.

CALL FOR DETAILS

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on your overnight flight to Italy!

### Day 2: Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins

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

### Day 3: Stresa

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

### Day 4: Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera

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

### Day 5: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre

Spend your day discovering the colourful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel by rail through the medieval villages of the Cinque Terre, perched on the edge of the sea. Traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards, arriving at this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages tucked between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Feel like you have stepped back in time. Spend an afternoon independently exploring this magical place. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you plan your adventure. (B)

### Day 6: Italian Riviera - Lucca - Tuscan Villa

Drive to the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Then, **it's your choice!** You decide how you want to discover Lucca: on foot **-OR-** by bicycle. Either way, you'll visit the Cathedral of San



Tuscan Countryside



Cinque Terre



Lake Orta

Martino, the Piazza Napoleone and the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. Then, set off to get a taste of the region by sampling some seasonal, local delicacies at specialty food shops. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa and begin a relaxing 4-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Florence

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

#### Day 8: Siena

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

#### Day 9: Tuscan Countryside

Visit a winery in the heart of Tuscany that showcases the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by the winery's own chef. Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch expertly paired with wines produced on-site.

Return to the villa for some leisure time. At dinner, continue your sampling of Tuscan cuisine in one of Tuscany's traditional restaurants. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

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

#### Day 11: Venice

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

#### Day 12: Venice - Tour Ends

Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

### DATES & PRICES

March - April 2018	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
March 10, 17	\$4939	\$5879	October 6, 13, 20	\$5409	\$6419
April 2, 7	\$5139	\$6149	October 27	\$5069	\$5609
April 14, 21	\$5269	\$6219	November 3	\$4869	\$5539
			December 3*	\$3999	\$4549
			February 9*	\$3999	\$4549
			March 9, 16	\$4799	\$5479
			April 1, 4, 22, 27	\$5409	\$6419

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 (-) \$50
May 5, 12, 19	\$5479	\$6619	Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.  *Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.
June 2, 9, 16, 23	\$5479	\$6619	
July 14, 28	\$5479	\$6619	
August 4, 20, 25	\$5479	\$6619	
September 1, 3, 8, 9, 10	\$5609	\$6689	
September 15, 17, 22, 24, 29	\$5609	\$6689	



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Italy's Treasures and create one grand experience.

**Suggested Tours:** ① Rome & the Amalfi Coast ② French Impressions

CALL FOR DETAILS

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

### STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Venice: Complete your tour with another enchanting night in this one-of-a-kind city. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

# TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

11 DAYS · 16 MEALS  
FROM \$3589



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Venture to the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto.
- Journey to Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- Explore historic Siena to see the piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Participate in a cooking class in a 16th-century Umbrian farmhouse.
- Experience a home-cooked meal at one of Umbria's country homes.
- Taste Umbria's most prized wine.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



Tuscan Winery

## see another side of Italy on a cultural journey

filled with local charms, regional delicacies and delicious wine.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Rome:** When in Rome... come early and enjoy more of what the "Eternal City" offers. [CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rome - Italy's dynamic capital city. Say hello to your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Rome - Orvieto - Umbria

Travel to the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto. A local expert

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

#### Day 4: Umbria - Spoleto - Cooking Class - Umbria

Set off for a guided walking tour of historic Spoleto. See medieval palaces, the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta, and the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, an aqueduct dating back to the 13th century. Enjoy free time to peruse the town's shops and cafés. Next, visit a country restaurant housed in a 16th-century farmhouse. This is the Italy few get to experience. Take a stroll through their herb garden (weather permitting) and see how they make their own cheese. Afterwards, join the chef for a hands-on Umbrian



Florence



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

**Day 5: Umbria - Assisi - Home-Hosted Lunch - Umbria**

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide. Come to know its history as you stroll the medieval streets, pausing along the way to see its famed Basilica of St. Francis. Next, you are in for a treat when an Umbrian family welcomes you to their country home as they prepare you a delicious home-cooked meal. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

**Day 6: Umbria - Montefalco - Winery - Bevagna - Olive Oil Farm - Umbria**

Head to the "Balcony of Umbria." The charming medieval town of Montefalco received this moniker because of its unobstructed views of the Umbrian countryside. Step back in time as you explore independently. Then, it's on to a local winery to sample some of this region's most prized wine, Sagrantino. Next, savour a lunch of authentic Umbrian dishes. Continue to Bevagna where we meet a local expert for a walking tour featuring Roman and medieval archaeological and architectural marvels. Cap off your day by learning about another locally made product - olive oil - at a family-run 'frantoio' (olive-presser). (B, L)

**Day 7: Umbria - Winery - Tuscany**

It's on to Tuscany! You'll fall in love with the picturesque Renaissance landscape of hills and villages as you make your way through the Val d'Orcia region. Of course you'll make a stop at a local winery to see the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. The winery's chef creates an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced on-site. Later, make yourself at home in your restored Tuscan palazzo. (B, L)

**Day 8: Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany**

Today it's Florence, "Cradle of the Italian

Renaissance." Join a local guide for a walking tour of the city's iconic sights. Return to another age as you view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, located in the religious center of the Piazza del Duomo and the Palazzo Vecchio. Catch a glimpse into the creative side of Florence when you meet a local artisan in his workshop to see how and where he refines his craft. Take some time to browse the shops and explore Florence on your own. (B)

**Day 9: Tuscany - Siena - Monteriggioni - Tuscany**

Travel to the city of Siena. During your locally guided walking tour, visit the historic piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race. Then, **the choice is yours!** Explore the 14th-century Torre (Tower) del Mangia, the 3rd tallest tower in Italy at your own pace - **OR** - join your guide to get to know local life in a Contrada (neighbourhood). Each of these small, close-knit communities is unique and has traditions all their own. Then it's off to the walled town of Monteriggioni. Stroll its quaint streets, seemingly frozen in time. Take an afternoon break and try some local snacks before heading back to your quiet Tuscan retreat. (B)

**Day 10: Tuscany - Volterra - San Gimignano - Tuscany**

Roll along the country roads to Volterra, a former Etruscan city perched high above the countryside. Spend time at the Guarnacci Museum, one of the oldest public museums in Europe, founded in 1761. Then it's on to an alabaster carving demonstration at a local workshop. Later, travel to San Gimignano, known as the "City of Beautiful Towers." Look up to see the town's fourteen medieval towers that date back to the 13th century. Enjoy a stroll along Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Cisterna. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. Partake in an interactive and fun presentation on wine by the restaurant's sommelier. (B, D)

**Day 11: Tuscany - Tour Ends**

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



Cooking Class

**DATES & PRICES**

March - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
March 17	\$3919	\$4459	July 14	\$4059	\$4599
April 14, 21	\$4129	\$4669	August 18	\$4059	\$4599
April 28	\$4189	\$4729	September 1, 8, 15, 22	\$4059	\$4599
			October 6, 13	\$4059	\$4599
			October 20	\$3919	\$4459
			November 3	\$3589	\$3989
			March 9, 16, 23, 30	\$3719	\$4259
			April 6, 9, 23	\$3919	\$4459
<small>Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>					
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50		
May 5, 19	\$3919	\$4459	Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.		
May 26	\$4059	\$4599			
June 16	\$4059	\$4599			

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# JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See the Medoc wine region, along the stunning Route des Chateaux.
- Spend time in the charming village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val.
- Walk alongside the famous Roman aqueduct Pont du Gard.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Join your local guide for a walking tour of Bordeaux, "The Sleeping Beauty."
- Walk through the fairy-tale village of Carcassonne with a local expert.
- Get an inside look at the town of Avignon with a local guide.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 8** | In Toulouse, head out on a walking tour with a local guide **or** a tour of the Airbus facility, maker of the world's largest passenger airliner.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy dinner of Provençal cuisine complete with a crème brulee demonstration.
- Savour the delicious wines of Bordeaux, St. Emilion, Medoc and Dordogne Valley.
- Stop to discover an iconic chateau winery, its vineyards, and renowned wine.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Mercure Tour Eiffel, Paris  
**Days 3, 4** Mercure Bordeaux Centre, Bordeaux  
**Days 5, 6** Château des Vigiers, Dordogne Valley  
**Days 7, 8** Grand Hotel de L'Opera, Toulouse  
**Day 9** Hotel de La Cite, Carcassone  
**Days 10 -12** Le Vallon de Valrugues, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



Carcassonne

## taste the food and wine

and come to know the local culture on a scenic journey through southern France.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

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

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us as we travel from the cultural hub of Paris to Bordeaux, the world's most renowned wine region, and on to colourful Provence.

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

Your tour opens today in Paris, the "City of Light." With your hotel just blocks from the Eiffel Tower, you are right in the center of the magic that is Parisian life. This evening, see some of Paris's most iconic sights at night while en route to a welcome dinner at a Parisian café. (D)

#### Day 3: Paris - Bordeaux

Take the high speed TGV train to the city of Bordeaux. Join your local guide as you discover this incredible city, often referred to as "La Belle Endormie" or "The

Sleeping Beauty," due to its charm that often gets overlooked by Paris and Provence. After walking through the heart of the city, visit the newly-opened "Cité du Vin" wine museum in Bordeaux, already referred to as the Guggenheim of wine. This sensory adventure takes you on a fascinating discovery of wine culture and history, ending with a glass of wine overlooking a 360-degree view of Bordeaux. Tonight, let the charm and romance of the city capture your heart as you meander through the narrow streets on your way to a "tucked away" local restaurant. Here a chef's tasting menu is carefully prepared with the day's freshest ingredients; this will be a culinary moment to remember. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Bordeaux - Médoc - Bordeaux

This morning, head to the Médoc wine region. Travel along the stunning "Route des Châteaux," viewing the historic wine estates of the region. Along the way, stop at one of these châteaux to learn about the growth and popularity of wine production in the region. Savour three delicious wines along with regional snacks on the winery grounds, and learn how the regional cuisine and terroir

play together to develop this perfect harmony. The afternoon is your last opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of Bordeaux - be sure to save time to stroll down the longest pedestrian street in Europe. (B)

### Day 5: Bordeaux - Saint-Émilion - Dordogne Valley

Travel to the prominent wine region of Saint-Émilion. Your guided tour takes you through this well-preserved medieval city's fascinating underground monuments and to the original settlement. You will also see the Trinity chapel, the catacombs, and the unique limestone monolithic church, the largest church of its kind in Europe. Continue on before stopping to discover an iconic chateau winery, its vineyards and renowned wine. Then, arrive for your 2-night stay on the grounds of a beautiful chateau in the Dordogne Valley. (B, D)

### Day 6: Dordogne Valley

Make your way to the charming local market in Eymet, one of Southern France's iconic "bastides" (fortified towns) built in the Middle Ages. Your travels continue to Issigeac, another bastide. Enjoy some leisure time to stroll through the ancient narrow streets and browse the shops. Later, discover a beautiful renaissance chateau, home to a wine co-operative. Enjoy the sweeping views of the valley and discover the clear differences of the wine in this region compared to those of Saint-Émilion and the Médoc. Arrive back at your chateau this evening to relax. (B)

### Day 7: Dordogne Valley - Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val - Albi - Toulouse

Bid farewell to the Dordogne Valley as you make your way to Toulouse, the pink city and home of the French aerospace industry. En route, spend time in the incredibly charming village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val, set in the middle of a beautiful gorge, and made famous by the hit movie *The Hundred-Foot Journey*. Join a local guide who will share stories as you walk the same narrow streets featured in the film. Then it's off to Albi, the UNESCO World Heritage site often referred to as "The Episcopal City." Enjoy a tour in the heart of the city including a visit to the largest brick cathedral in the world, and the museum dedicated to the famous artist, Toulouse-Lautrec. Settle into your perfectly located hotel in Toulouse, a former 17th-century convent overlooking the grand palace. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner where you'll learn about the regional cuisine of cassoulet, foie gras, and Gaillac wine, the oldest in France. (B, D)

### Day 8: Toulouse 🍷

This morning **it's your choice** and you get to choose how to experience Toulouse. Perhaps you'll head out on foot with a local guide to the city's open-air market, followed by a walking tour of some of the city's most beloved landmarks **-OR-** maybe you'd prefer to choose an exciting tour of the Airbus facility, maker of the world's largest passenger airliner, and the only major competitor to Boeing. The remainder of

the day is yours to relax and discover the city on your own. (B)

### Day 9: Toulouse - Carcassonne

Today we are off to the fairy-tale village of Carcassonne. A local expert will guide you through the old city. This storybook setting comes complete with drawbridges, towers and cobbled streets. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore independently. Spend the night surrounded by old-world ambiance and ultimate comfort in your iconic hotel situated along the walls of this picturesque village. (B)

### Day 10: Carcassonne - Pont du Gard - Avignon - Saint-Rémy

This morning you'll journey to Provence and the incredible village of Avignon. En route, marvel at the Pont du Gard, the greatest surviving stretch of aqueduct remaining from Roman times. Later, spend time learning the history of Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," and get an inside look at the town of Avignon with your local guide. Revel in the beauty as you visit the dramatic Palace of the Popes, a center of European religion for 70 years when the Popes moved there in 1309. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner at a local restaurant, complete with a crème brulee demonstration. (B, D)

### Day 11: Saint-Rémy

You may decide to discover the "Flavours of Provence." Today immerse yourself in the best of Provence on a journey to some of the sights that inspired artists such as Cézanne, Renoir, Van Gogh, Matisse and Picasso. Begin with a visit to the beautiful lavender fields in Gordes and learn about this special flower at the Lavender Museum. Then head to Aix-en-Provence to discover the city that inspired Cézanne and enjoy a visit to his workshop. After free time for lunch, take a drive to the Sainte-Victoire Mountain, often a muse of Cézanne, to view Château de Vauvenargues, one of Picasso's former residences and his final resting place. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and take in the many amenities of your luxurious hotel. (B)

### Day 12: Saint-Rémy - Les-Baux-du-Provence - Saint-Rémy

Let your senses take over during the famous Wednesday market. Sample the fresh delicacies of this authentic Provencal market filled with local residents. From there, travel the scenic roads through the Alpilles mountain range to the hilltop town of Les-Baux-de-Provence. As you navigate its winding medieval streets, you'll be captivated by its charm. At the imposing fortress, stand in awe of the recreated giant medieval catapults. Then, enter the caves at the nearby ancient quarries for a mesmerizing sound and light show featuring projections of magnificent works of art. Tonight, prepare your senses for your farewell farm-to-table dinner with wine at your award-winning hotel. (B, D)

### Day 13: Saint-Rémy - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



Saint Emilion Vineyards

## DATES & PRICES

April 2018	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
April 14, 21	\$6349	\$7839	Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.	

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

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from the Marseilles airport. All of our departure transfers will depart from your hotel in Saint-Rémy to the Marseilles airport.

# NORTHERN SPAIN & PORTUGAL

14 DAYS · 21 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stop at the Church of Santo Tome to see El Greco's masterpiece painting.
- Cross Vizcaya Bridge aboard a hanging gondola.
- See Leon's magnificent 13th-century cathedral.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Get acquainted with Toledo on a walking tour highlighting its Gothic cathedral.
- Visit the world-class Guggenheim Museum, a spectacular structure.
- Discover the sights and sounds of Porto's riverfront district on your tour.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 12 |** In Lisbon, choose your city tour: see it all by coach, **or** take a walking tour of Lisbon's historic Alfama District and explore the castle overlooking the city.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a tour and tasting at the spectacular winemaking facility of Bodegas Portia.
- Participate in a local favourite - a "txikiteo" (bar crawl) in Bilbao's Old Quarter.
- Learn the secrets of Portuguese cuisine during an interactive cooking class.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Parador de Toledo, Toledo  
**Day 4, 5** Hotel Palacio de los Blasones, Burgos  
**Day 6** Parador Hostel de San Marcos, León or Parador de Benavente, Benevente  
**Day 7** Parador Hostel dos Reis Católicos, Santiago de Compostela  
**Days 8 - 10** Pousada Mosteiro de Guimarães, Guimarães  
**Days 11 - 13** Pousada Palacio de Queluz, Queluz

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



Parador Hostel de San Marcos

## dive deep into the culture of northern Spain and Portugal

while staying in small, luxurious and historic hotels.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

From northern Spain to Portugal you will be immersed in spectacular scenery, famous works of art, unique cultures and delicious cuisine. Along the way, travel to medieval castles, quaint villages, captivating cities and golden beaches.

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

Welcome to Toledo, a national monument to Spain's history, and a treasure trove of El Greco's artwork. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Toledo

Get acquainted with Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site. A walking tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral, the medieval castle and towers, and Europe's oldest synagogue, the Santa Maria La Blanca Synagogue. Stop at the Church of Santo Tome to see El

Greco's masterpiece painting, *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*. Walk along the labyrinth of lanes winding through the medieval walled town and view the city's stunning Moorish, Mudéjar, Gothic and Renaissance architecture. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore on your own. (B)

### Day 4: Toledo - Ribera del Duero - Burgos

Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager teaches you a few key phrases of the native language. Travel to Ribera del Duero, one of Spain's foremost wine-producing regions. Make a stop for a tour and tasting of its famed red wine at the spectacular winemaking facility of Bodegas Portia. Continue on to historic Burgos. Discover the beautiful town center and the famous 13th-century Burgos Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site and masterpiece of Gothic architecture. (B, D)

**Day 5: Burgos - Bilbao - Guggenheim Museum - Old Quarter - Burgos**

Continue through the culturally and linguistically unique Basque country to Bilbao, recognized as a leader in architecture and contemporary art in Europe. Tour the Guggenheim Museum, a masterpiece of 20th century architecture designed by architect Frank Gehry. Next, enjoy the local favourite - a "txikiteo" (bar crawl) in Bilbao's colourful Old Quarter. Enjoy a light lunch of various "pintxos" - the Basque equivalent of the Spanish tapas - and drink the local cider. Later, an exciting experience awaits when you visit the Vizcaya Bridge (UNESCO). Opened in 1893, it's considered the engineering marvel of its time. Cross to the other side aboard the hanging gondola offering views of the extraordinary panorama of the estuary. (B, L)

**Day 6: Burgos - León**

Traverse the picturesque countryside to León, the ancient seat of the Reconquista during the Middle Ages. Upon arrival, join a local guide for a visit to the magnificent 13th-century cathedral, with its sculpture-covered façade and impressive stained glass windows. Continue on for a tour of the city featuring the Basilica of San Isidoro and the adjoining Royal Pantheon, the resting place of León's ancient kings. Pause to marvel at Casa de Botines, designed by the famous architect Gaudi. Then, settle into your parador accommodations. (B, D)

**Day 7: León - Santiago de Compostela**

Your travels continue to Santiago de Compostela, one of the most popular pilgrim destinations since the Middle Ages, and where the tomb of the Apostle St. James was miraculously discovered. Join a local expert for a leisurely paced walking tour that features the city's cathedral and Praça do Obradoiro, a monumental square of pure grandeur in granite, home to some of Europe's finest historical buildings. Arrive at your hotel, the impressive Parador Hostel dos Reis Catolicos, considered to be the oldest continuously operating hotel in the world and one of the most luxurious. (B, D)

**Day 8: Santiago de Compostela - Guimarães, Portugal**

Your morning is at leisure to relax or explore the city on your own before saying farewell to Spain. Cross the border into Portugal and travel to medieval Guimarães (UNESCO), the first capital of Portugal. (B, D)

**Day 9: Guimarães - Cooking Class**

Today you explore Guimarães. Your local guide will lead you on a tour featuring the 10th-century Guimarães Castle; the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, with 39 unusual brick chimneys; and the town's superbly restored buildings. Later in the day, learn the secrets of Portuguese cuisine during an interactive cooking class; this is followed by dinner featuring local food and wines. (B, D)

**Day 10: Guimarães - Porto - Guimarães**

Travel to the charismatic city of Porto (UNESCO). This ancient port is known for its striking contemporary monuments and Baroque carvings, and is the birthplace of the legendary Prince Henry the Navigator. Join a local expert to discover Porto's riverfront district. Make stops at Church of Sao Francisco to gaze at its spectacular golden adornments that line its walls and ceiling; and the Stock Exchange Palace to marvel at its exuberant interior. Along the way, see the 18th-century fortress-like Clerigos Tower; the impressive Dona Maria Pia Bridge, designed by Gustave Eiffel; and the medieval quarter with traditional boats floating by the riverbanks. Then, get a taste of the region at a local winery. Learn about the wine making process on a tour; then, sample its famous port wine. (B)

**Day 11: Guimarães - Vista Alegre Porcelain - Coimbra - Queluz**

Discover the traditional art of handmade Portuguese porcelain during a visit to Vista Alegre, in operation since 1824. Journey to Coimbra, home to one of the world's first universities, and explore the city with your guide. See the Baroque Library, lined with 300,000 books; the 12th-century Old Cathedral and the 16th-century aqueduct. Next we continue to Queluz. Feel like European royalty with a 3-night stay at the Baroque-style Pousada de Queluz. (B, D)

**Day 12: Queluz - Lisbon Panoramic City Tour or Alfama District Walking Tour**

This morning **you choose!** You may choose to join a panoramic Lisbon city tour (via coach) - **OR** - perhaps you'd prefer a walking tour of Lisbon's historic Alfama District. The Lisbon city tour features Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), Belem Tower (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and you'll cap it off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches. The Alfama District is Lisbon's most symbolic quarter. On this walking tour, step back in time and explore this residential neighbourhood. Stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets and tiny squares; and pass by beautiful churches and whitewashed houses; then, climb the hill to explore the castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. (B)

**Day 13: Queluz**

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to the Portuguese Riviera featuring picturesque Sintra (UNESCO); Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point on the European continent; and charming Cascais. Tonight, gather for a wonderful farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip to northern Spain and Portugal. (B, D)

**Day 14: Queluz - Tour Ends** (B)



**DATES & PRICES**

March - April 2018	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
March 13	\$5139	\$5949	Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.	
April 17, 24	\$5479	\$6419		

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

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from Lisbon, Portugal airport. All of our transfers will depart from Queluz to Lisbon airport (approximately a 20 minute drive). Our air guests will arrive into Madrid airport and will be transferred to Toledo (approximately 1 1/2 hour drive).

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.

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## experience a seldom-explored side of Ireland

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

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Day 3: Dublin - Choice on Tour

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



Inisheer, Aran Islands



Cooking Class



Killarney National Park



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

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

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

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

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

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

## DATES & PRICES

	Twin	Solo		Twin	Solo
<b>March - April 2018</b> <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>			<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b>		
March 18	\$3319	\$3859	July 15	\$3859	\$4459
April 8	\$3449	\$3989	August 19	\$3859	\$4459
April 22	\$3519	\$4059	September 2, 9, 23	\$3859	\$4459
			October 7	\$3589	\$4129
			October 14	\$3449	\$3989
			April 7	\$3449	\$3989
			April 28	\$3589	\$4129
			<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>		<b>(-) \$50</b>
			Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.		

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**COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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

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

**STAY LONGER**

**ADD A DAY**

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

CALL FOR DETAILS

# ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS  
FROM \$5269



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Snæfellsjökull glacier aboard an Icelandic snow cat.
- Relax in the mineral rich waters of the Blue Lagoon.
- Travel the beautiful Golden Circle route and explore Thingvellir National Park.
- Go whale watching in Skálfandi Bay with specialized zodiac boats.



## CHOICE ON TOUR

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 8 |** Take a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour or explore a coastal lava field featuring a myriad of natural textures and colours.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Reykjavík  
**Days 4 - 6** Raudaskrida Hotel & Guesthouse, Húsavík  
**Days 7, 8** Fosshotel Stykkishólmur, Stykkishólmur  
**Day 9** Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.

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## NEW TOUR



Godafoss Waterfall

## set out to discover Iceland's

adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

### START EARLY

**ADD  
A DAY**

**Reykjavik:** Reward yourself with an early arrival in Iceland's colorful cultural hub.

[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to Iceland. From ethereal lava fields to thundering waterfalls to coastal villages, this tour reveals the island's dramatic contrasts.

### Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in Reykjavík. Step into Icelandic culture and explore the historic side of this capital city during a guided walking tour. As we make our way through the old section of the city, see the towering Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbour and Reykjavík's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design center. Marvel at Reykjavík's modern architecture, especially the Harpa concert hall and its famous glass façade. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a delectable Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (D)

### Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle. This spectacular route takes you to many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Begin at Thingvellir National Park, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Here, at Thingvellir's rift valley, stand at the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (UNESCO), the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Next, lose yourself in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Stop at the famous thermal area of Geysir and see the fountain geyser known as Strokkur. Watch for its explosive vertical spout which can reach 90 feet. Then, visit the Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation center. Learn how the Icelanders grow delicious pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of the island's geothermal energy. Witness the Icelandic farm-to-table culinary culture. We have more in store as you discover the special breed of Icelandic horse during a brief show and stable visit on a family-run farm. (B)

### Day 4: Reykjavík - Akureyri - Staðarbraut - Æðafossar - Húsavík

Experience the true beauty of the way up north. This



Snæfellsjökull glacier

morning we fly to Akureyri. Upon arrival enjoy some leisure time to absorb the quaint culture of Iceland's second largest city. En route to Húsavík, we'll make a stop at Staðarbraut to see its fascinating collection of turf settlement homes. Continue to the Knútsstaðaborg Hollow, a rocky outcrop that Icelandic sheep can often be found upon. We will pause at Eider falls on the Laxá River, which claims the largest brown trout population on the island. Later, settle into your farmhouse in the Icelandic countryside. This family-owned property holds Iceland's first environmental gold certification. Savour the reflective stillness of its dreamlike surroundings during a 3-night stay. This evening, enjoy the true essence of farm-to-table as locally sourced ingredients are incorporated in your dining experience. (B, D)

**Day 5: Húsavík**

Take to the sea! This morning we venture into the town of Húsavík. Ancient tales say this was the first place in Iceland settled by the Norse. Your adventure starts with a visit to the town's whaling museum. Next, gear up in thermal wear because you'll be joining expert whale watchers on Skálfandi Bay. Aboard specialized zodiacs, get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see the humpback, minke, orca, fin or even the giant blue whales that frequent these waters. This afternoon enjoy some leisure time and meet the people who call this town home. (B)

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

Spend today exploring the magnificent Diamond Circle – the Golden Circle of the North – a scenic circuit that covers over 160 miles. Begin with a stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where Iceland was converted to Christianity in A.D. 1000. Next, marvel at Lake Mývatn, the Blue Lagoon of the north. Enjoy time exploring the warm, mineral-rich geothermal waters of this man-made lagoon. Continue on to the powerful Dettifoss waterfall, known to be one of the strongest waterfalls in all of Europe due to its volume. End the day at the horseshoe shaped Ásbyrgi Canyon. Hear the legend behind the canyon as you take in the view of this massive formation. This evening continue to experience the gifts of your surroundings during another farm-to-table inspired dinner. (B, D)

**Day 7: Húsavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Stykkishólmur**

Are you ready for a place unlike any other?

Today you experience the otherworldliness of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula during a scenic drive to Stykkishólmur. This afternoon enjoy leisure time in the quaint fishing village to explore the picturesque scenery and charming shops and museums. (B).

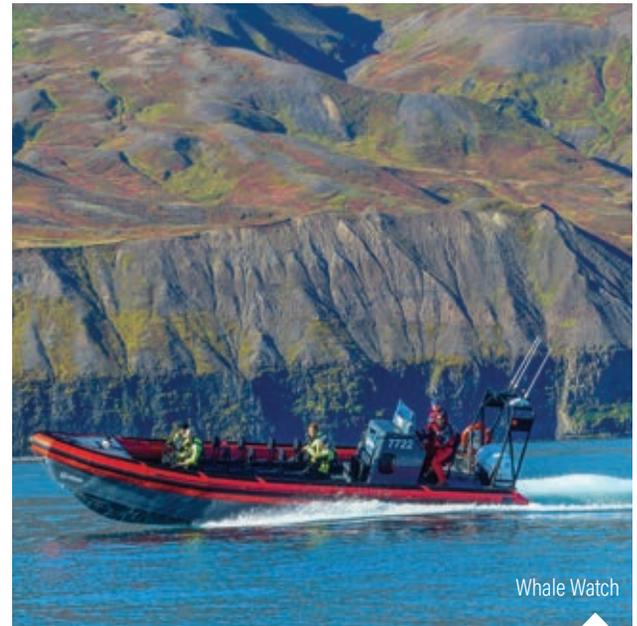
**Day 8: Stykkishólmur - Vatneshillir Cave or Lava Field Walk**

Today we continue our journey through the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Have your camera ready to capture the landscapes of black sand beaches, stunning cliffs, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, plunging waterfalls, rocky coastlines and tiny fishing villages. Board an Icelandic snow cat to ascend the captivating Snæfellsjökull glacier, said to be one of the world's seven great energy centers. Climb to over 4,800 feet and enjoy breathtaking views as you explore the glacier on foot. Then, **it's your choice!** Take a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour and head 100 feet below ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube where you'll experience total darkness and see amazing rock pigments, lava formations, stalagmites, stalactites and more **-OR-** perhaps you will choose a guided coastal lava field tour featuring a myriad of natural textures and colours. Later, we gather for a stop in the quaint fishing town of Grundarfjörður for a glimpse of coastal living. (B, D)

**Day 9: Stykkishólmur - Borgarnes - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík**

Our voyage continues as we head south on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark. See the fishing boat that was used by their grandfather; the tiny farmer's church; and explore the museum to learn more about Iceland's deep relationship with this trade. Before leaving, test your culinary courage and try hákarl (cured shark meat), a local specialty. Visit the Settlement Museum to dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage including the works of the famous Viking - and poet - Egill Skallagrímsson. Embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, best known as the home of the Blue Lagoon. You can't leave Iceland without taking a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of this geothermal wonder, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Spend the afternoon at leisure before coming together for an unforgettable farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring Icelandic-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

**Day 10: Reykjavík - Tour Ends**  
(B)



Whale Watch

DATES & PRICES					
May - September 2018	Twin	Solo	May - September 2018	Twin	Solo
May 1	\$5269	\$6219	September 18	\$5479	\$6419
May 8	\$5479	\$6419	September 25	\$5269	\$6219
May 15, 22	\$5609	\$6559	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$100</b>		
May 29	\$5999	\$7499	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
June 5, 12, 19, 26	\$5999	\$7499			
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	\$5999	\$7499			
August 7, 14, 21, 28	\$5999	\$7499			
September 4, 11	\$5609	\$6559			

This trip requires a passport. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m. The internal flight is not included in the land price of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS  
FROM \$5269



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Lead your own dog sled team.
- Overnight in a glass igloo amid the Lappish wilderness.
- Meet Santa Claus himself and the Lappish reindeer.
- Stay for two nights in a Finnish log cabin.
- Munch your way to breakfast in a Finnish sleigh.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki
- Days 4 - 6** Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort-West Village, Kakslauttanen  
**ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE**  
Upgrade your stay to a Kelo glass igloo for all 3 nights. CALL FOR DETAILS
- Day 7** Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



## NEW TOUR



## come to know Finnish culture in bustling Helsinki

and the quiet beauty of the remote Lapland.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

**Helsinki:** Take another night before your tour begins to enjoy this vibrant capital.

CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

#### Day 2: Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 3: Helsinki

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. Visit Senate Square, the heart of Helsinki. Designed by famous architect Carl Ludvig Engel, it is home to the city's most iconic building, the Helsinki Cathedral. Continue your exploration on foot as you make your way through the historic streets of Tori Quarters, where the old city meets

the new. Enjoy some free time in Market Square and discover the local flavours. Next, see Kaivopuisto Park, an ornate neighbourhood overlooking the sea that is home to beautiful embassies and villas. This afternoon, explore Helsinki on your own. Or, choose an optional excursion to Porvoo and catch a glimpse of 19th-century daily life in this charming town. A scenic drive along the Porvoo River brings you to the town's iconic red painted storage houses traditionally used to store delicacies from foreign lands. (B)

#### Day 4: Helsinki - Ivalo - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search

Board your flight to Lapland, Finland's rugged northern region. Known for its unique culture, this mythical land offers up views of the northern lights, reindeer encounters, and Arctic treasures. This afternoon, explore the splendor of the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, where you will enjoy a 3-night stay. Enjoy the glass and snow igloos, an ice chapel, Finnish sauna and intricate native artwork. Spend the next two evenings in your personal



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Husky Dog Sled



Reindeer sleigh ride © Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort/Valtteri Hirvonen

Finnish log cabin equipped with a private fireplace and sauna. Join your fellow travellers on a northern lights trek as you travel north towards Inari, making stops along the way for the best views of the northern lights. Stop to gaze at the sky above and be amazed at the dancing colours in the sky. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus' Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights

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

#### Day 6: Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search

Begin an exquisite day in the Arctic as commander of your own dog sled team!

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

#### Day 7: Kakslauttanen - Helsinki

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

#### Day 8: Helsinki - Tour Ends

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

### DATES & PRICES

October 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
October 25	\$5269	\$6489	April 4, 11	\$5269	\$6489
November 1, 8, 30	\$5269	\$6489			
December 6	\$5269	\$6489			
January 10, 12, 24, 31	\$5269	\$6489			
February 14, 28	\$5269	\$6489			
March 21	\$5269	\$6489			

**Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50**  
Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call for additional dates.



### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with The Northern Lights of Finland and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** 1 Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Interflights are not included in the land price of your tour and must be purchased through us. The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Outdoor activities and structures are weather dependent and may be unavailable or rescheduled. Outdoor activities in months of October, early November or April may vary depending on snowfall. Finnish log cabins (small cabins) are equipped with 1 double bed, 1 bunk bed, a dining space, two bathrooms (inclusive of sink, toilet and shower), private sauna and private fireplace. Glass igloos are equipped with only a private sink and toilet. A privacy curtain lines the base of the bedroom inside the igloo. Guests will have access to a public sauna house to use the shower on their last morning.

### STAY LONGER

ADD  
A DAY

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

CALL FOR DETAILS

# THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

14 DAYS · 33 MEALS  
FROM \$6154



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife surround you

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

### START EARLY

**ADD  
A DAY**

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

[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Get ready for an amazing safari adventure as you explore Kenya's wildlife and stunning natural vistas.

#### Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Arrive in Nairobi for an overnight stay at the Sarova Stanley Hotel, the city's first luxury hotel.

#### Day 3: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

Today we set off for the mountainous region of Aberdare National Park. This ecologically diverse area boasts lush valleys and peaks reaching 14,000 feet. Arrive at your

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

#### Day 4: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba National Reserve

We begin our journey at the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves, home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife including the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra, two species only found north of the Equator. Arrive at Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. After lunch, it's on to Buffalo Springs for a game drive to begin your search for the "Big 5." Tonight, learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu – an ethnic group related to the Masai. (B, L, D)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.





Leopard

the comfort of the lodge. Sit back and let the animals come to you! (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru**  
Drive past the mountains via the spectacular Nyahururu waterfalls. Then, make a photo stop at the Equator. Arrive at the floor of the Great Rift Valley and continue your search for the "Big 5" during your time at Lake Nakuru. (B, L, D)

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

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

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

**Day 11: Masai Mara - Nairobi**  
After breakfast, return to Nairobi and travel to Karen, on the outskirts of Nairobi, and visit the 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 12: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park**  
This morning we depart Nairobi for Amboseli National Park, famous for its open plains where lions and elephants roam. The breathtaking snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy an afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

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

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

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

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



Serengeti

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

**TOUR EXTENSIONS:**

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

SEE PAGE 73 FOR DETAILS

**DATES & PRICES**

January - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
January 25	\$7059	\$8809	August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$7704	\$10064
February 8, 22	\$7059	\$8809	September 6, 13, 20	\$7704	\$10064
March 8, 15	\$7059	\$8809	October 11, 14, 18, 25	\$7704	\$10064
April 5, 19	\$6109	\$6789	November 1, 4, 15	\$6964	\$8654
			♦ December 16	\$8314	\$10604
<i>Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</i>			January 17, 24	\$7094	\$8714
<b>May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i></b>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>	February 7, 14, 28	\$7094	\$8714
May 17, 24, 31	\$6154	\$6764	March 7	\$7094	\$8714
June 7, 10, 14, 21, 28	\$6154	\$6764	April 11, 18	\$6694	\$7364
July 5, 12, 19, 26	\$7704	\$10064	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	N/A	
			<i>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.</i>		

**The Best Christmas Ever!**

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



This trip requires a passport and visa. A Kenya visa is required for this tour and must be obtained in advance. To apply for your visa in advance, visit [www.ecitizen.go.ke](http://www.ecitizen.go.ke) to submit an application and register yourself as a visitor. You will need a scanned copy of your passport as well as a passport photo to apply for the visa. Please allow for ample time as it may take up to a week or more to process. Bring a printed copy of your visa to present upon arrival in Kenya. The current cost of the single entry visa through this website is \$50 USD; rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Should you wish to use an alternate visa service provider, additional processing fees may apply. Any guests partaking in the post-tour Tanzania extension will need to apply for a double-entry visa. Alternatively, Collette recommends using CIBT visa service to ensure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost for a single entry visa is \$140 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Please contact CIBT or visit their website at [www.cibtvissas.ca](http://www.cibtvissas.ca) or check with your consulate for more information. Park fees of \$775 CAD are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 p.m.

**STAY LONGER**

**ADD A DAY**

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

# EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

14 DAYS · 23 MEALS  
FROM \$6419



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 13** | 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.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



## 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.

[CALL FOR DETAILS](#)

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Epic scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife come together in an incredible experience.

#### Day 2: Cape Town, South Africa - Tour Begins

Welcome to the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town. Its architecture fuses French, German and Dutch traditions which sets the stage for a thrilling cultural journey.

#### Day 3: Cape Town

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

tour, pausing along the way at Milnerton Lighthouse. Spend the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. You may choose to explore charming Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, known for its shopping and entertainment venues. Be sure to stop by the local craft market for some hidden gems. This evening, savour a true African dining experience as you become familiar with a traditional African hand-washing ceremony before sampling local delicacies. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Cape Town

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



### Day 5: Cape Town - Stellenbosch

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

### Day 6: Stellenbosch - Hermanus - Stellenbosch

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

### Day 7: Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Entabeni Conservancy

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

### Day 8: Entabeni Conservancy

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

### Day 9: Entabeni Conservancy - Johannesburg

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

### Day 10: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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

### Day 11: Victoria Falls

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

### Day 12: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

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

### Day 13: Chobe National Park

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

### Day 14: Chobe - Johannesburg - Tour Ends

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



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## DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
January 10, 17, 24	\$6429	\$7779	August 8	\$6419	\$7969
February 7, 12, 14, 21, 24, 28	\$6429	\$7779	August 29	\$6549	\$8239
March 7, 14	\$6429	\$7779	September 1, 5, 12, 19, 26	\$6549	\$8239
April 4, 11, 14, 18, 25	\$6279	\$7629	October 3, 10, 13, 17, 24, 31	\$6619	\$8439
			November 7	\$6619	\$8439
			January 9, 16, 19, 23	\$6619	\$8439
			February 6, 13, 16, 20, 27	\$6619	\$8439
			March 6, 13, 20, 27	\$6619	\$8439
			April 3, 10, 17, 24	\$6479	\$8169
			Triple Room Reduction	N/A	

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

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

	Twin	Solo
May 9, 30	\$6419	\$7969
June 6, 20	\$6419	\$7969
July 4, 11	\$6419	\$7969

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



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**Suggested Tours:** ① The Plains of Africa ② Treasures of Egypt CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport and visa. You must have at least 4 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamp issued for South Africa as well as the visas for Zimbabwe and Botswana. The 2 pages for South Africa MUST be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. Canadian citizens are required to purchase two single entry visas at a cost of \$30 USD for each visa (total of \$60 USD). The visa may be purchased upon arrival, in cash only. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Park fees of \$130 CAD per person are included in the land price. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. A mandatory tourism levy of \$30 USD is required for all travellers upon arrival at the port of entry, paid by cash or credit card. Fees are subject to change. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Due to tour scheduling, return flights from Johannesburg should not be scheduled prior to 6:30 p.m. For guests transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request. The internal flights are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

# COLOURS OF MOROCCO

11 DAYS · 18 MEALS  
FROM \$3589



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 10** | Choose to visit the gardens of Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, **or** tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



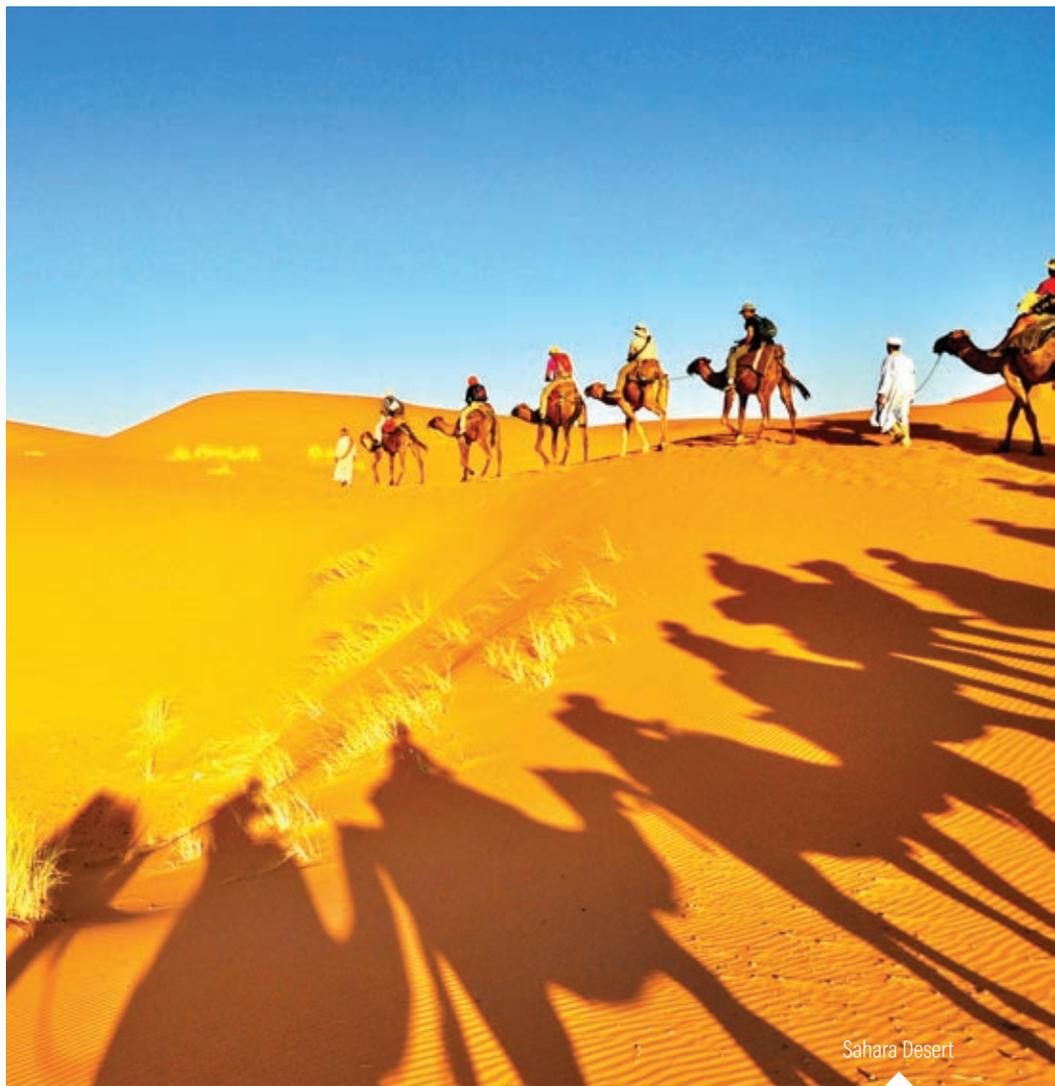
## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Kenzi Basma Hotel, Casablanca  
**Days 3, 4** Riad Yacout, Fes  
**Day 5** Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud  
**Day 6** Auberge du Sud Hotel, Merzouga  
**Day 7** Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades  
**Days 8 - 10** Opera Plaza, Marrakech

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



Sahara Desert

## take in the vibrant surroundings and dazzle your senses

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

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

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

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

#### Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 3: Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fes

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

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

#### Day 4: Fes

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

honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colours. (B)

**Day 5: Fes - Ifrane - Erfoud**

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

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

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

**Day 7: Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades**

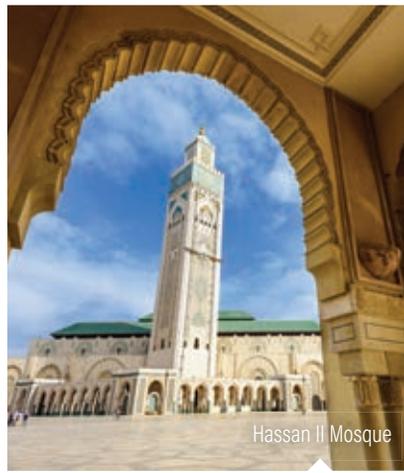
Enjoy amazing views of the sunrise as you return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter where you may sample some local favourites at a bakery. Arrive in vibrant Boumalne du Dades. Along its river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick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

**Day 8: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech**

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

**Day 9: Marrakech**

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where today you'll find a sentry of nesting storks standing guard. Enter the royal Saadian Tombs, explore the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Tour the ancient city wall, passing by the Royal Palace. 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 Medina and enjoy time to



Hassan II Mosque



Tangines

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

**Day 10: Marrakech**

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

**Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends**

A morning transfer brings you back to Casablanca to connect to your flight home. (B)

**DATES & PRICES**

January - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
January 25	\$3179	\$4129	November 7	\$3589	\$4529
February 8	\$3179	\$4129	December 5	\$3589	\$4529
March 15	\$3179	\$4129	January 9	\$3589	\$4529
April 5	\$3179	\$4129	February 6, 13	\$3589	\$4529
			March 6, 27	\$3589	\$4529
			April 3, 24	\$3589	\$4529

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**October 2018 - April 2019** (featured itinerary)  
October 3, 17, 24, 31

**Triple Room Reduction (-) N/A**  
Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.



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**Suggested Tour:** 1 Spain's Costa del Sol & the Portuguese Riviera

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

**STAY LONGER**

**ADD A DAY**

Casablanca: Explore more of this Moroccan port city.

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# DUBAI, OMAN & ABU DHABI

13 DAYS · 20 MEALS  
FROM \$5479



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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



## 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: Overnight Flight

From today’s immeasurable opulence to the ancient culture of the past, uncover the treasures of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman.

#### Day 2: 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 3: 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 4: Abu Dhabi

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

#### Day 5: Abu Dhabi - Muscat, Oman

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



Dubai

of Mount Nakhal and was built 350 years ago to protect trade routes. Drive through a date plantation on the way to our next stop at Ain Thowarah, known for its hot springs. Crossing the border into the UAE, we will do as thousands of desert travellers have done before us and arrive at Al Ain...a lush oasis of palm trees, flowers and fountains. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Al Ain - Dubai**

Get acquainted with Al Ain, "the garden city" of the UAE. With abundant groundwater springs, this "oasis town" was the perfect stopover on the caravan trail between the UAE to the Sultanate of Oman. Explore the museum to learn about the unique irrigation system - known as Falaj. Continue on to 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 10: 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 11: Dubai**

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

**Day 12: Dubai**

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

**Day 13: Dubai - Tour Ends**

Your adventure comes to a close today. (B)

**STAY LONGER**

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



**YOU HAVE COME SO FAR**

Complete your trip with 3 nights in Jordan. Explore this ancient land - from the stone city of Petra to the sands of Wadi Rum.

SEE PAGE 75 FOR DETAILS

**DATES & PRICES**

January - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	October 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
January 10	\$5879	\$7769	November 7	\$5479	\$6889
February 14	\$5879	\$7769	December 5	\$5479	\$6889
March 14	\$5879	\$7769	January 9, 23	\$5479	\$6889
April 18	\$5879	\$7769	February 6, 20	\$5479	\$6889
			March 6, 20	\$5479	\$6889
			April 3	\$5479	\$6889
<small>Itinerary featured is for October 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>			<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	N/A	
<b>October 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i></b>				<small>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</small>	
October 24	\$5479	\$6889			

This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa is required for Sultanate of Oman, which may be purchased on arrival in Muscat. The approximate cost of the visa is \$52 CAD, payable in cash. The internal flights are not included in the tour cost. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. 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.

**Day 6: Muscat - Wadi Bani Khalid - Wahiba Sands - Muscat**

Buckle up today! Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for your journey to Wadi Bani Khalid. Pass through the striking Western Hajar Mountains with their colourful rock formations before arriving at the stunning wadi (valley 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 7: Muscat - Nizwa - Jabrin - Muscat**

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

**Day 8: Muscat - Al Ain, UAE**

As we head back to the UAE we will stop en route to visit the Grand Mosque of Oman. Stand in awe of this remarkable sandstone structure that is home to the world's second-largest hand woven carpet and chandelier. Continue to Nakhal Fort which lies on a hill at the base

# MYSTERIES OF INDIA

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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 5** | 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.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, New Delhi  
**Days 4, 5** Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur  
**Days 6, 7** The Lalit, Jaipur  
**Days 8, 9** Juna Mahal, Ranthambore  
**Days 10, 11** Radisson Blu Taj East Gate, Agra  
**Day 12** Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho  
**Days 13, 14** Radisson Hotel, Varanasi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



## unravel the mysteries of this vast and diverse country

through its natural wonders, magnificent palace and flavourful cuisine.

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

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

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

### Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

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

### Day 3: New Delhi

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

### Day 4: Delhi - Udaipur

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

### Day 5: Udaipur

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

### Day 6: Udaipur - Jaipur

Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. After having lunch and checking into your hotel, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal,



River Ganges

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 7: Jaipur

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

### Day 8: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park

Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger's efforts at conservation in India. Meet a naturalist who will discuss the wildlife of the country with you during a slideshow presentation. Embark on a game drive by canter (an open air vehicle). Watch for marsh

crocodiles, hyenas, sloth bears and even tigers. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: 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 10: Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra

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

### Day 11: 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 12: Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho

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

### Day 13: Khajuraho - Varanasi

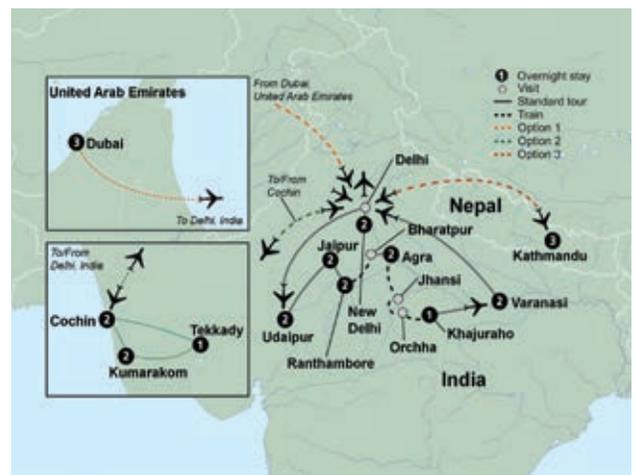
Visit the Chandel Temple complex and behold some of the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India. Fly to Varanasi, a simplistic and charming city with a universal mystique. Tonight, visit the Ghats — the banks of the river — witnessing the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony. (B)

### Day 14: Varanasi

Cruise along the River Ganges past various Ghats where people ritually cleanse themselves of their sins, hoping for salvation. A city tour of Varanasi includes the Benaras Hindu University and Bharat Mata Temple. Continue to Sarnath where Siddharth Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon on a quiet grove in the 6th century 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 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

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



YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

### TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Dubai: Begin your trip with 3 nights in Dubai.**  
Visit one of the world's most exciting, must-see destinations. SEE PAGE 74 FOR DETAILS
- **Nepal: Complete your trip with a 4-night extension.**  
Head to the Himalayas and the legendary city of Kathmandu. SEE PAGE 75 FOR DETAILS
- **South India: Complete your trip with a 6-night extension.**  
See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast. SEE PAGE 74 FOR DETAILS

### DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	September 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
January 11, 18, 25	\$4189	\$5749	October 4, 18, 25	\$3919	\$5269
February 8, 15, 22	\$4189	\$5749	November 1, 8, 15, 29	\$3919	\$5269
March 1, 8	\$4189	\$5749	January 10, 17, 24, 31	\$3919	\$5269
April 5, 19	\$3589	\$4729	February 7, 21	\$3919	\$5269
			March 7, 21	\$3919	\$5269
			March 28	\$3649	\$4999
			April 4, 25	\$3649	\$4999
<small>Itinerary featured is for September 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>			<b>September 2018 - April 2019</b>		
September 27	\$3919	\$5269	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>
					<b>N/A</b>
			<small>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</small>		

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



### COLLETTE CARES

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

### STAY LONGER

ADD  
A DAY

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

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# 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.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo  
**Days 4, 5** Cinnamon Lodge Habarana, Sigiriya  
**Days 6, 7** Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy  
**Days 8, 9** Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya  
**Days 10 - 12** Centara Ceysands Resort, Bentota

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

## 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: Overnight Flight

Discover the stunning landscapes, rich culture and deep traditions found in the enchanting country of Sri Lanka.

#### Day 2: 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

travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant featuring traditional Sri Lankan specialties. (D)

#### Day 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11: Bentota - Galle - Bentota**

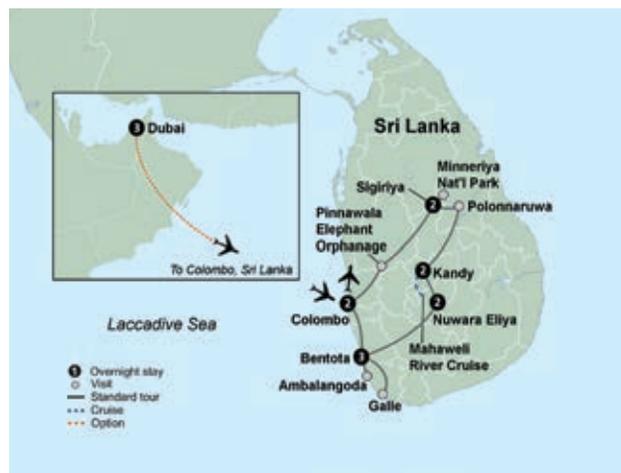
Spend the day discovering the city of Galle, a fortified city settled by the Portuguese in the 16th century that flourished in the 18th century under Dutch rule. The city reveals an interesting blend of cultures and styles. Explore Galle's Dutch Fort (UNESCO), the largest European fort in Asia. Then 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 12: 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 13: Bentota - Colombo - Tour Ends**

Transfer to Colombo where your tour ends. (B)



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DATES & PRICES				
January - April 2018	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
January 15, 29	\$5199	\$7499	Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.	
February 12	\$5199	\$7499	Call or visit our website for information on tours after April 2018.	
February 26	\$5049	\$7229		
March 5, 26	\$5049	\$7229		
April 9, 16	\$5049	\$7229		

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate visa cost is \$35 USD, at your expense. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The walk to Sigiriya Rock Fortress on Day 5 is considered to be very strenuous, over uneven terrain, and with minimal handrails available. You should be in excellent physical condition to participate. For stays of up to 30 days, you can apply for a tourist visa online using the Electronic Travel Authority. Visit [www.travel.gc.ca](http://www.travel.gc.ca) for more information. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Colombo may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost).

**STAY LONGER**

**ADD A DAY**

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

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# TASTE OF VIETNAM

15 DAYS · 27 MEALS  
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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 7** | Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll **or** bike ride through the village.
- DAY 8** | Explore the floating fishing village by traditional row boat **or** by kayak!



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2 - 4** New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City
- Days 5 - 7** Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
- Day 8** Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
- Days 9, 10** Pilgrimage Village, Hue
- Days 11 - 13** Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa, Hoi An
- Day 14** New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.

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## NEW TOUR



Halong Bay

## delve into an ancient and mysterious world

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

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

#### Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. After lunch at a local

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

#### Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

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

#### Day 5: Saigon - Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. From the ancient past, through colonial rule to the modern day, this vibrant city

boasts many layers of history. Hanoi's French influences and traditional motifs paint a rich cultural portrait that enralls visitors. (B, D)

### Day 6: Hanoi

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

### Day 7: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi

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

### Day 8: Hanoi - Halong Bay

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

### Day 9: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

Wake as the fog gently lifts, revealing the 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 10: 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 11: 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 12: Hoi An

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

### Day 13: Hoi An

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

### Day 14: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

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

### Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)



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

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## DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
January 11, 18, 25	\$3589	\$4529	August 23	\$3379	\$4729
February 1, 8, 22	\$3589	\$4529	September 13, 27	\$3379	\$4729
March 1, 15, 22	\$3589	\$4529	October 11, 18	\$3379	\$4729
April 5, 12, 19	\$3589	\$4529	December 6	\$3649	\$4999
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			January 10, 17, 24, 31	\$3649	\$4999
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Twin	Solo	February 28	\$3649	\$4999
May 10, 24	\$3379	\$4729	March 7	\$3649	\$4999
June 14	\$3379	\$4729	April 4, 11, 18	\$3649	\$4999
July 12	\$3379	\$4729	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>		N/A
Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.					

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

## STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

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

# KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

**DAY 13** | Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll or bike ride through the village.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2-4** New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
- Days 5-7** Royal Angkor, Siem Reap
- Days 8-10** The Sanctuary Hotel, Luang Prabang
- Days 11-13** The Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
- Day 14** Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
- Day 15** Pilgrimage Village, Hue
- Days 16-18** Almanity Hoi An Resort and Spa, Hoi An
- Day 19** New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



Angkor Wat

## explore an ancient and mysterious world

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

### 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](#)

local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia

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

#### Day 6: Siem Reap

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

#### Day 7: Siem Reap

Set out to see three impressive Hindu temples: the towering 11th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva; Banteay Srei Temple with its remarkably intricate carvings; and the well-preserved Banteay Samre Temple. This afternoon, spend time at a local monastery where you'll meet the monks who reside there and participate in a private blessing ceremony. Then we continue to the

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

#### Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City.

#### Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City

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

#### Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Explore the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural and cultural wonders, during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste are made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a

mystical Buddhist temple Ta Prohm, overgrown by the creeping jungle. (B, D)

### Day 8: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos

Your day begins at the JWOC Community Center where you'll meet local school children. Then, fly to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. (B)

### Day 9: Luang Prabang

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

### Day 10: Luang Prabang

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

### Day 11: Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam

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

### Day 12: Hanoi

Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honor Ho Chi Minh. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast 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. Enjoy lunch at a nonprofit restaurant that empowers underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi that takes you through its old quarter where you'll see traditional Vietnamese architecture. End the day with a traditional water puppet performance. (B, L, D)

### Day 13: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi

Venture through the countryside to Ky Son Village. Come to know life here as you embark on either a stroll **-OR-** 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. 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 14: Hanoi - Halong Bay

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

### Day 15: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue

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

### Day 16: Hue - Hoi An

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

### Day 17: Hoi An

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

### Day 18: Hoi An

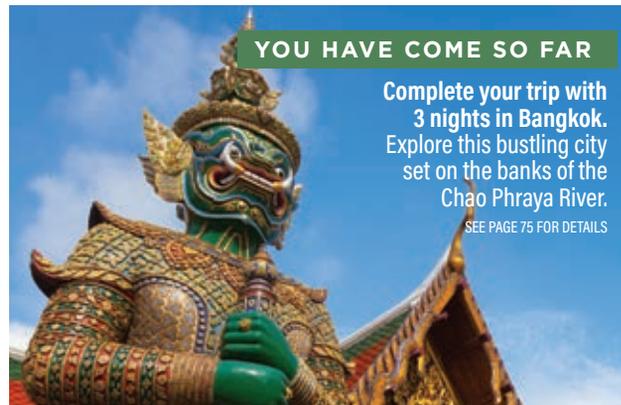
Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicenter of religion and politics has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to explore. Then it's off to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs. Arrive in town and observe the local farmers tending to their crops and sample some local delicacies. 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 19: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

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

### Day 20: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)



YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

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

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## DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
January 8, 15, 22, 29	\$4669	\$6019	August 6, 27	\$3999	\$5499
February 5, 12, 19, 26	\$4669	\$6019	September 3, 10, 17, 24	\$3999	\$5499
March 5, 19, 26	\$4669	\$6019	October 1	\$4259	\$5749
April 2, 16	\$4669	\$6019	October 22	\$4669	\$6419
			November 12, 26	\$4669	\$6419
			January 14	\$4669	\$6419
			February 18, 25	\$4669	\$6419
			March 4, 18, 25	\$4669	\$6419
			April 8, 15	\$4669	\$6419
<i>Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</i>					
May 2018 - April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
May 7, 14	\$3999	\$5499	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.		
June 11	\$3999	\$5499			
July 9	\$3999	\$5499			

**This trip requires a passport and visas.** A multiple entry visa is required for Vietnam at your expense. We recommend using CIBT visa service to insure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost is \$214 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Contact CIBT or visit their website at [www.cibtvisas.ca](http://www.cibtvisas.ca) or check with your consulate for more information. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. All document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveller. You can obtain the visa for Cambodia at the airport upon arrival. The cost is approximately \$40 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 \$40 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 inquire 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 not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.



## COLLETTE CARES

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

## STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

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

# DISCOVERING MYANMAR

13 DAYS · 26 MEALS  
FROM \$3959



## 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.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake, Yangon  
**Days 4 - 6** Inle Resort, Inle Lake  
**Day 7** Aureum Resort, Pyin Oo Lwin  
**Days 8, 9** Mandalay Hill Resort, Mandalay  
**Days 10 -12** Hotel at Tharabar Gate, Bagan

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Bagan Temples

## Immerse yourself in this intriguing realm

that locals call the "Golden Land"

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on a captivating tour through Myanmar and discover a region filled with thousands of years of history.

### Day 2: Yangon, Myanmar - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Yangon, a quiet and colourful city. Its impressive colonial and spiritual heritage makes it one of the most fascinating cities in Southeast Asia.

### Day 3: Yangon

We start the day with a stroll through the city center 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 4: 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)

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



### Day 5: 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 6: 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 trek to Indein village to mingle with the Pa-O people and the villagers of Indein. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 Panya 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 watch the sunset. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: 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 11: Bagan

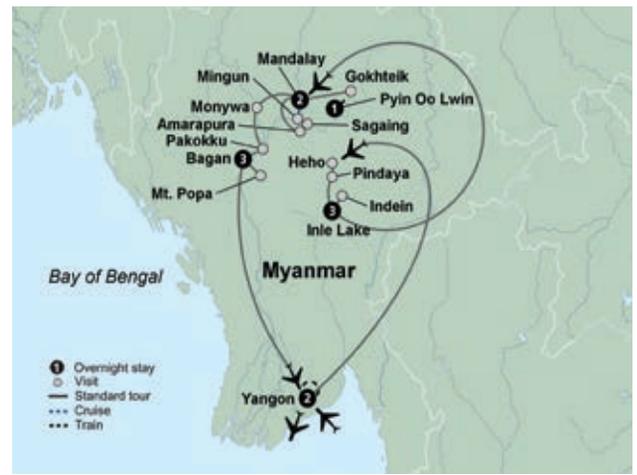
Bagan's rulers constructed thousands of huge stupas and temples, many of which are still standing today. Gain insight into the city's rich history during a sightseeing tour featuring the colourful Nyaung Oo local market and stops at pagodas and temples along the way. Then, discover the amazing Ananda 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. (B)

### Day 12: Bagan - Mount Popa - Bagan

Today, drive through the plains to Mount Popa, an imposing sight of sheer rock topped with golden stupas from the monastery that sits on its peak. Stop at a toddy palm grove to see a skillful climber collecting sap from the top of a swaying tree. Here, learn about this 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 Popa Taung Kalut, an imposing summit shaped out of a volcanic eruption some 250,000 years ago. Next, visit Popa Mountain Park to see Myanmar's traditional medicine plant garden. Tonight, say farewell to this magical region during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 13: Bagan - Yangon - Tour Ends

Return to Yangon for your flight home. (B)



### DATES & PRICES

January - April 2018 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Twain	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
January 11, 25	\$3959	\$5439	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	
February 1, 15	\$3959	\$5439	Call or visit our website for information on tours after April 2018.	
March 8, 15, 29	\$3959	\$5439		
April 5, 12, 26	\$3959	\$5439		

**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 governing authority. Please contact your consulate for further details. 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. The internal flights are not included in the land cost of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 5:30 p.m.

# CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

14 DAYS · 21 MEALS  
FROM \$7519



## 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

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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## discover the intriguing Japanese culture

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

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#### ADD A DAY

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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

#### Day 2: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Welcome to "the Land of the Rising Sun." Your tour opens in Tokyo where rich traditions and pop culture thrive side by side. This evening, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Tokyo

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

#### Day 4: Tokyo

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



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

**Day 5: Tokyo - Hakone**

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

**Day 6: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama**

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

**Day 7: Takayama**

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

**Day 8: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa**

Today we cross the mountainous Shokawa Valley on our way to Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Uncover the unique charm of this village with 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 9: Kanazawa**

Adventure awaits as we travel as the locals do - aboard a local transport. We will make our way through the Omicho market, the Samurai district, Higashi tea district, and Kenroku-En (Garden

of Six Qualities), one of Japan's most beautiful gardens. Then it is time for your hands-on gold leaf class. Dive deep into this ancient craft as you create your own bento box to take home. Once again you have a free afternoon to independently experience this dynamic culture. (B)

**Day 10: Kanazawa - Thunderbird Express Train - Kyoto**

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

**Day 11: Kyoto**

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

**Day 12: Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto**

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 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 13: 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 14: Kyoto - Tour Ends**

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



Mt. Fuji

DATES & PRICES					
<b>February - April 2018</b> <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>	<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>
February 24	\$6039	\$7789	September 1, 15, 22	\$7969	\$9729
March 3, 10, 17, 24	\$6309	\$8059	October 6, 13, 20, 27	\$7969	\$9729
April 7, 14, 21	\$6709	\$8469	November 3, 10, 17	\$7969	\$9729
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			January 26	\$7519	\$9279
<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b> <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>	February 23	\$7519	\$9279
May 19, 26	\$7769	\$9529	March 2, 9, 16, 23	\$7969	\$9729
June 9	\$7769	\$9529	March 30	\$8239	\$9999
July 7	\$7769	\$9529	April 6, 13	\$8239	\$9999
August 4	\$7769	\$9529	April 20, 27	\$7969	\$9729
				<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.					

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# NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR DISCOVERY

12 DAYS · 18 MEALS  
FROM \$5719



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Watch for puffins and whales on a nature cruise.
- Come to know St. John's, North America's oldest and easternmost city.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Experience a cruise through fjords and watch for whales and eagles.
- Spend time at Cupids Cove Plantation.
- Explore Gros Morne National Park's fjords, stark mountains and highland tundra.



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

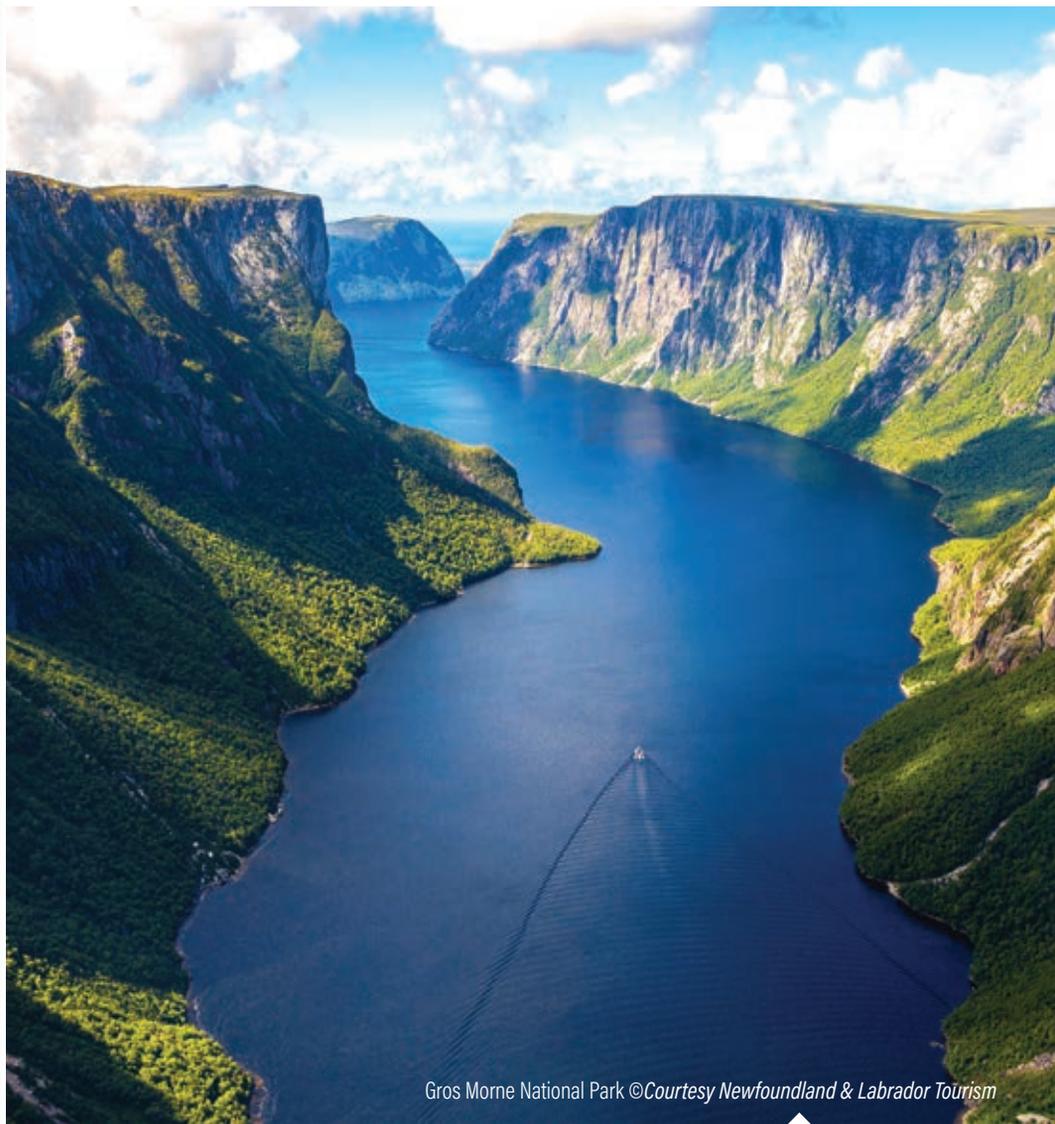
**Days 1, 2** JAG Hotel, St. John's  
**Days 3, 4** Clarenville Inn, Clarenville  
**Day 5** Sinbad's Hotel and Suites, Gander  
**Days 6, 7** Ocean View Hotel or Fisherman's Landing Inn, Rocky Harbour  
**Day 8** Hotel North 3, St. Anthony  
**Day 9** Northern Light Inn, L'anse Au Clair  
**Days 10,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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.

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## discover a blend of natural beauty, quaint villages,

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

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#### ADD A DAY

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

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

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

#### Day 2: St. John's

Meet your fellow travellers at this morning's breakfast. Then come to know North America's oldest and easternmost city on a tour highlighting Signal Hill, Cape Spear lighthouse, Government House and the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Continue on to tour the quaint fishing harbour of Quidi Vidi

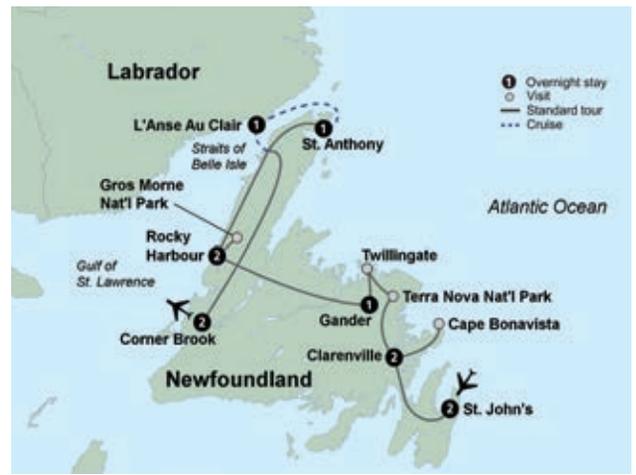
Village. Watch for puffins while on a nature cruise to Witless Bay Ecological Reserve where millions of seabirds gather to nest. A local specialist joins us for a talk on the marine life in the region, especially the thousands of Humpback and Minke whales who make this their home. (B, D)

#### Day 3: St. John's - Clarenville Area

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



Cape Spear Lighthouse ©Barrett & MacKay Photo



#### Day 4: Clarenville - Cape Bonavista - Clarenville

In Trinity Village, relive days gone by during visits to historic buildings including the Georgian Lester-Garland House and the Green Family Forge, a living history blacksmith museum. At Cape Bonavista, pause at the lighthouse to take in the sweeping views — you may even spot an iceberg! (B)

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

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

#### Day 6: Gander - Rocky Harbour

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

#### Day 7: Gros Morne National Park

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

#### Day 8: Rocky Harbour - St. Anthony

Follow the Viking Trail to L'Anse aux Meadows and travel back to A.D. 1000 when Vikings first made landfall. See how Newfoundlanders have adapted to this forbidding landscape and experience firsthand their unique solutions to living under extreme conditions. Later, a visit to an economuseum reveals the famous local

partridgeberry and bakeapple and how you can make them into jams, sauces and vinegars. (B, D)

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

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

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

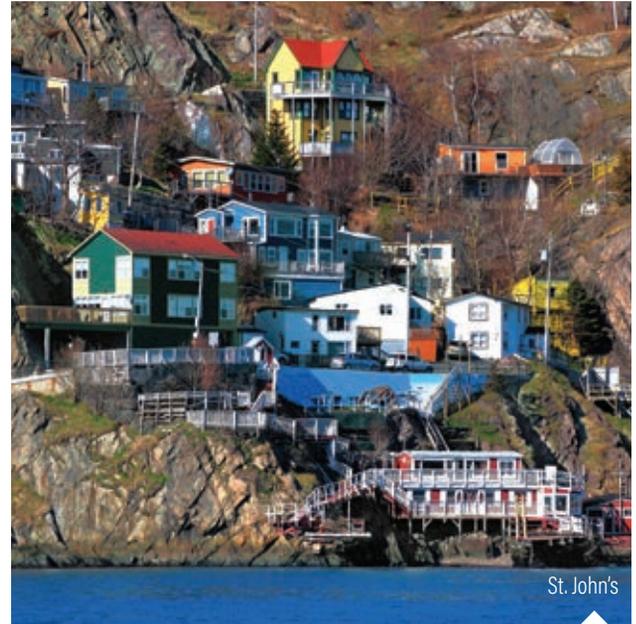
A morning ferry ride returns you to Newfoundland. Take to the roads that Captain James Cook travelled back in 1770. Sit back and take in the spectacular scenery that unfolds along the way. Be sure to have your camera ready! (B)

#### Day 11: Corner Brook

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

#### Day 12: Corner Brook - Tour Ends

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



St. John's

### DATES & PRICES

May - September 2018	Double	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$30
May 31	\$5719	\$6899	Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.	
June 7, 14, 21	\$5719	\$6899		
July 5, 12, 19	\$5719	\$6899		
August 2, 9, 16	\$5719	\$6899		
September 6, 13, 20	\$5719	\$6899		

Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day of the tour. There is a \$25 CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most flights. This is a fee levied by the airlines and may be subject to change. Our air passengers will depart from Deer Lake Airport. All of our transfers will depart from Cornerbrook to Deer Lake.

# WINTER IN YELLOWSTONE

7 DAYS · 11 MEALS  
FROM \$4579



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## find yourself amid a rare blend of elegance

and western charm that sparkles in the wintertime.

### START EARLY

**ADD  
A DAY**

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

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### Day 1: Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Tour Begins

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

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

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

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

### Day 3: Yellowstone Snow Lodge

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

### Day 4: Yellowstone - Gardiner, Montana

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.





Yellowstone Hot Springs



Elk Refuge



Bison

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

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

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

#### Day 6: West Yellowstone - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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

#### Day 7: Jackson Hole - Tour Ends

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

### DATES & PRICES

January - February 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Twin	Solo	January - February 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	Twin	Solo
January 6, 13, 20, 27, 30	\$4729	\$5949	January 7, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28	\$4579	\$5799
February 3, 6	\$4729	\$5949	February 2, 4	\$4579	\$5799

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

**Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50**

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

**This trip requires a passport.** Please be advised there is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most trans-border flights. This is a fee levied by the airlines and may be subject to change.

# COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

12 DAYS · 23 MEALS  
FROM \$3449



## 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.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



## discover the national parks and rainforests of Costa Rica,

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

### START EARLY

#### ADD A DAY

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

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

### Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

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

### Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí

Take to the water again and embark on a leisurely boat ride to the mainland as we travel to the Sarapiquí region, one of the world's most important research regions for tropical rainforests. Visit an organic pineapple plantation

### Day 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



Manuel Antonio National Park

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 of Tarcoles, home to one of the world's largest wild crocodile populations. View waterfowl, iguanas, and over fifty varieties of native birds, including the very rare scarlet macaw. Later we continue to the world-renowned Manuel Antonio National Park to check into our resort just outside the park. Soak up the sweeping views and take in the sunset overlooking the park and the Pacific Ocean before dining this evening. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park

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

#### Day 11: Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose

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

#### Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Head for home with many amazing memories. (B)



Arenal Volcano

### DATES & PRICES

	Twinn	Solo		Twinn	Solo
<b>January - April 2018</b>			<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b>		
<i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>					
January 4, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28	\$3589	\$4799	August 4, 18	\$3449	\$4329
February 1, 4, 8, 11, 15	\$3589	\$4799	September 8, 15	\$3449	\$4329
February 18, 22, 25	\$3589	\$4799	October 6, 20	\$3449	\$4329
March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18	\$3589	\$4799	November 3, 6	\$3449	\$4329
April 5, 8, 12, 15, 19	\$3589	\$4799	December 1, 4	\$3449	\$4329
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<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b>			<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b>		
<i>(featured itinerary)</i>					
May 12	\$3449	\$4329	January 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26	\$3649	\$4599
June 2	\$3449	\$4329	February 2, 5, 9, 12, 16	\$3649	\$4599
July 14	\$3449	\$4329	February 19, 23, 26	\$3649	\$4599
			March 2, 5, 9, 16, 23, 26, 30	\$3649	\$4599
			April 2, 6, 27	\$3649	\$4599
			<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>		
			Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.		

This trip requires a passport. Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately \$32 USD per person.

### STAY LONGER

**ADD A DAY**

San Jose: Enjoy more time to explore this exciting capital city.

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# MACHU PICCHU & THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

15 DAYS · 29 MEALS  
FROM \$9484



## 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.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2** Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima  
**Days 3, 4** Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucaj  
**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

See page 77 for details.



Galapagos Islands

# from the Galapagos Archipelago to the Sacred Valley of the Incas

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

## START EARLY

### ADD A DAY

**Lima:** Discover more of Lima's colonial heritage with an extra night.

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### Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

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

### Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to your exclusive visit to the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner with a tasting menu of artfully crafted Peruvian dishes and drinks. (B, D)

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

Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of

the Incas, the agricultural center of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. Stop in Pisac village to browse the colorful handicraft market. This evening, settle in at your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours. (B)

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

This morning you visit the uniquely terraced Ollantaytambo archaeological site, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. 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. Later, experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people 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, savor an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

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

### Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

With leisure time this morning you may return to Machu Picchu on your own or explore the local markets. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial influences. Stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company for a tasting and learn how this nonprofit brewery was created to support a local orphanage. (B)

### Day 7: Cuzco

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

### Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

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

### Day 9: Quito

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

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

Fly to beautiful San Cristóbal Island, gateway to your Galapagos eco-adventure. After enjoying

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

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

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

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

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

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

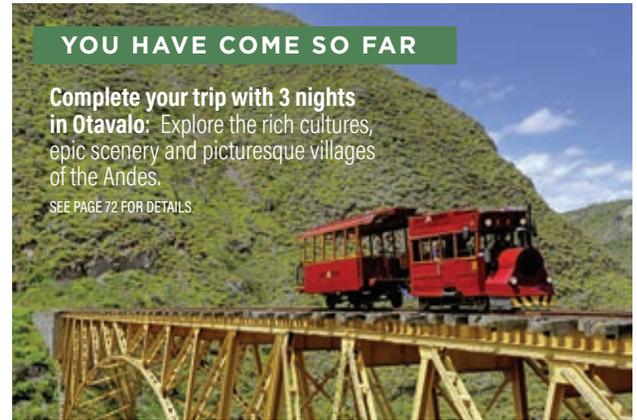
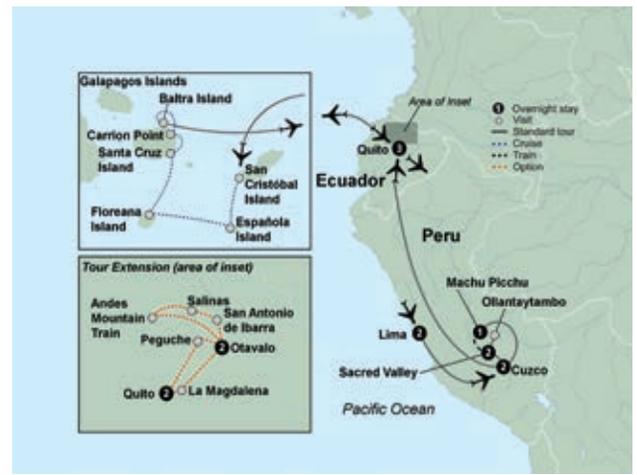
Visit the famous Charles Darwin Research Station and see the giant tortoises from the station's breeding program. Trek through the Santa Cruz highlands to Cerro Chato and find more giant tortoises. Take a break to savor some organic Galapagos coffee before we embark on a walk inside dormant lava tubes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

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

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

### Day 15: Quito - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)



DATES & PRICES					
<b>January - April 2018</b> <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>	<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>
January 9, 23	\$9824	\$13334	October 2, 30	\$9484	\$12794
February 6, 20	\$9824	\$13334	November 27	\$9484	\$12794
March 6	\$9824	\$13334	January 8, 22	\$9824	\$13204
April 3, 17	\$10094	\$13604	February 5, 19	\$9824	\$13204
			March 5, 19	\$9824	\$13204
			April 2, 16, 30	\$9824	\$13204
<small>Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>					
<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b> <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b> N/A		
May 15	\$9484	\$12794	<small>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</small>		
August 21	\$9484	\$12794			
September 4, 18	\$9484	\$12794			

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



### COLLETTE CARES

**Ecuador** - In partnership with Children International, our Global Flagship Program aims to end malnutrition in Ecuador by supporting nutritional rehabilitation programs that target undernourished children, giving them a chance at a healthy future.

# CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA

14 DAYS · 26 MEALS  
FROM \$6699



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Explore the colourful markets of Peru & Bolivia, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Delight in a Peruvian Paso horse show.

## 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 centers.
- 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.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



## NEW TOUR



Uyuni Salt Flats

## 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.

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#### Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

#### Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city center, the San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center, the Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores. 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, built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum's collection features over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile and precious metal artifacts. Later, enjoy a sumptuous welcome dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

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

Fly to Cuzco. From here we travel through the Andes to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, once the agricultural center 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. 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 terraced Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement continually inhabited since its inception. 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 when you visit a nearby Quechua community and interact with the locals. Get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted lunch of local specialties. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

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

up its atmosphere. Attend an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

### Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

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

### Day 7: Cuzco

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

### Day 8: Cuzco - Puno - Uros Floating Islands

This morning, fly to Puno, known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire. 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. Today, visit Moon Valley, a maze of canyons and giant spires. Continue to the city center where you will see the main square, Plaza Murillo, surrounded by La Paz Cathedral, the Presidential Palace and the Congress building. **Then it's your choice!** Visit the Gold Museum, with its impressive collection of pre-Columbian precious metals, some dating back 3,000 years **-OR-** visit Casa Pedro Murillo, the former home of the martyr of Bolivian Independence, and see the immense collection of artifacts, colonial art, furniture, and musical instruments. This afternoon take in the magnificent views of La Paz while on a 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, and be whisked away in 4x4 vehicles to tour the the largest salt flat in the world. 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 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. 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

November 2018 - April 2019 Twin		November 2018 - April 2019 Solo	
November 1, 29	\$6699 \$8059	April 4, 25	\$7299 \$8849
December 6	\$6699 \$8059	<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$100</b>	
January 10, 17	\$7299 \$8849	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	
February 21, 28	\$7299 \$8849		
March 14, 21	\$7299 \$8849		

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

# ADVENTURE TO ANTARCTICA

17 DAYS · 39 MEALS  
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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover multitudes of curious Antarctic wildlife including seals, whales, albatross and penguins.
- Cruise into small harbors and islands in Polar-Cirkel excursion boats for in-depth discoveries and personal adventures.
- Walk the shores of Roca Lake, once home to the extinct Yámana people.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a Porteños tour of Buenos Aires, the “Paris of South America.”
- Embark upon a thrilling passage through Errera Channel amid dramatic icebergs.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** The Brick Hotel, Buenos Aires
- Day 4** Alto Andino Hotel, Ushuaia
- Days 5 - 15** MS *Midnatsol*
- Day 16** The Brick Hotel, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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## venture on a cruise that takes you deep into

the pristine, rugged beauty of the “White Continent.”

### START EARLY

**ADD A DAY**

**Buenos Aires:** Treat yourself to more time to enjoy the “Paris of the South.”

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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Begin your adventure with an overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

### Day 2: 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 3: 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 mansions and former residences of Buenos Aires’ aristocracy; then a cruise takes you among a network of homes built on stilts. (B)

### Day 4: 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

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

See page 77 for details.



"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 5: 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 6: 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 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: Antarctica**

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

- Neko Harbor, 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 11: 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, *Governoren*. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Antarctica**

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

- Yankee Harbor, 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 13: 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 Harbor, where Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins nest. (B, L, D)

**Day 14: 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 15: 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 16: 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 favourites 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 17: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends**

Board your overnight flight to return home. (B)



**YOU HAVE COME SO FAR**

**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 73 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 72 FOR DETAILS

<b>DATES &amp; PRICES</b>					
<b>February 2018</b> <i>(different itinerary – see note)</i>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>	<b>November 2018</b> <i>(featured itinerary)</i>	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Solo</b>
February 5	\$16069	\$26539	November 3, 25	\$13429	\$18559
<small>Itinerary featured is for November 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>			<b>Triple Room Reduction</b> <b>N/A</b> <small>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</small>		

**This trip requires a passport.** Port taxes and fees are included in the land only tour cost. An airport departure tax of approximately \$30 CAD is to be paid at the Ushuaia airport 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 not included in the land cost of your tour. All air, including internal air, can be purchased through us.

STAY LONGER

ADD  
A DAY

**Buenos Aires:** The home of the tango invites you to spend another night.

CALL FOR DETAILS

# extend YOUR TOUR

## Optional Extensions

### OTAVALO 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands (pg. 66)

#### Extension Day 1: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo

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

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

Today, travel to the region of Imbabura, known for towering volcanoes. Take an unforgettable

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

#### Extension Day 3: Otavalo - La Magdalena - Quito

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

#### Extension Day 4: Quito - Tour Ends

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



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

#### 8 MEALS

**\$1555 - \$1690\***

3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 77 for details.

### EASTER ISLAND 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Adventure to Antarctica (pg. 70)

#### 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 transportation 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)



Rates include the approx. 67 USD Rapa Nui National Park entrance fee. This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. Due to flight schedules, some passengers may require a post night in Santiago at their own expense. The included lunch is a boxed lunch. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

#### 5 MEALS

**\$1690\***

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Taha Tai Hotel

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 77 for details.

# IGUAZU FALLS 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Adventure to Antarctica (pg. 70)

## Extension Day 1: Overnight Flight

### Extension Day 2: Foz do Iguazu, 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 3: 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 4: Foz do Iguazu, 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 cafes and lively restaurants. (B)

### Extension Day 5: 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. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Passport and visa for Brazil (approximate visa cost is \$200 CAD) are required for this tour at your expense. Additional air segment purchase required.

**4 MEALS**

**\$1150\***

3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 77 for details.

# NAIROBI WITH ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE 1-night pre tour

ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 40)

## Extension Day 1: Overnight Flight

### Extension Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Extension Begins

Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Nairobi.

### Extension Day 3: Nairobi - Elephant Orphanage Visit

This morning we visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, an internationally renowned orphanage located in Nairobi National Park. Learn about their efforts to protect and rehabilitate elephants who have been orphaned by poachers or have lost their habitat due to human population. You may

even choose to foster your own elephant! After lunch, visit Kazuri, which means "small and beautiful" in Swahili. This workshop creates handmade and hand-painted jewelry, ceramic beads and pottery. Return to your hotel early this evening where you will join the remainder of your travelling companions. (B, L)



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.

**2 MEALS - \$475\***

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Sarova Stanley, Nairobi

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 77 for details.

# TANZANIA 4-night post tour

ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 40)

### Extension Day 1: Amboseli - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu

Depart Amboseli for the border town of Arusha, Tanzania. After clearing border crossing formalities, enjoy lunch in Arusha. Then continue to your hotel in Karatu. (L, D)

### Extension Day 2: Karatu - Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, depart for Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife

sanctuary in the world and known to have the greatest concentration of Plains' game anywhere. (B, L, D)

### Extension Day 3: Serengeti National Park

Today you will enjoy a full day game drive in the park. (B, L, D)

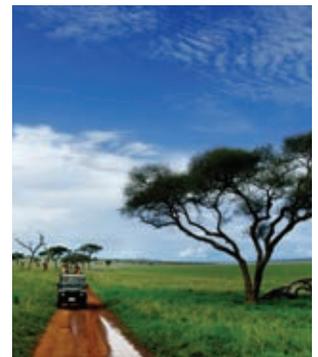
### Extension Day 4: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast, begin your safari in the

Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you continue your journey to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. (B, L, D)

### Extension Day 5: Ngorongoro - Arusha - Tour Ends

Drive through Arusha on the way to the Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) for your departure flight home. (B)



Park fees (approximately \$385 CAD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A day room in Arusha is available for purchase before your departure for home. The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Nairobi has been deducted from the price of your extension. Clients leaving Kenya and continuing their travels to Tanzania (including Zanzibar), even if only for a transit, will need a Yellow Fever certificate to enter Tanzania. Soft 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. The approximate cost of a Tanzania visa, purchased at the border, is \$100 USD, for US and Canadian citizens, 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. Additional air segment purchase required.

**12 MEALS**

**\$2500 - \$3310\***

4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners

## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 77 for details.

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

# extend YOUR TOUR

## Optional Extensions

### SOUTH INDIA 6-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 48)

#### Extension Day 1: Delhi

Enjoy your overnight stay before departing for South India in the morning.

#### Extension Day 2: Delhi - Cochin

Take a flight to Cochin and transfer to your hotel. This evening, witness the "Kathakali," a special dance form of Kerala, with its origins in the "Theyyam" – a ritual tribal dance of North Kerala. (B, D)

#### Extension Day 3: Cochin

Tour the captivating port city of Cochin. View the remarkable cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Mattancherry Palace and the Church of St. Francis. Walk through the narrow cobbled streets of Jew Town, lined with antique and handicraft

shops, to the Jewish Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the commonwealth countries. Continue to the Ginger House – an old warehouse now converted into an antique showroom – where you will enjoy an included lunch. This evening you'll take in the sights on a harbour cruise. (B, L)

#### Extension Day 4: Cochin - Thekkady

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

#### Extension Day 5: Thekkady - Kumarakom

This morning, continue to Kumarakom, and enjoy some leisure time to explore. (B, D)

#### Extension Day 6: Kumarakom

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

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

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



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

#### 11 MEALS

**\$1755 - \$2025\***

6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches,  
2 Dinners

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

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 77 for details.

### DUBAI 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (pg. 42), Mysteries of India (pg. 48), Exploring Sri Lanka (pg. 50)

#### Extension Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Dubai.

#### Extension Day 2: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Tour Begins

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

#### Extension Day 3: Dubai

Dubai is a 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 4: Dubai

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

#### Extension Day 5: Dubai - Extension Ends

You will board your flight to begin your tour. (B)



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

#### 4 MEALS - \$880\*

3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Sheraton Dubai Creek, Dubai

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 77 for details.

# JORDAN 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Dubai, Oman & Abu Dhabi (pg. 46)

## Extension Day 1: Amman, Jordan - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Petra

Fly to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Travel to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. Also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land - present day Israel - and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay.

## Extension Day 2: Petra

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

## Extension Day 3: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman

This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and

home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*.

Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, return to Amman, known as the "White City" because of the white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

## Extension Day 4: Amman - Tour Ends (B)

### 5 MEALS - \$1485\*

3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

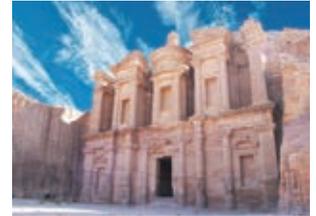
### ACCOMMODATIONS

Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra  
Le Meridien Amman, Amman

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 77 for details.



Please Note: All services are provided by a local representative. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The internal flight to Amman is not included in the land price of your extension. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased directly from us. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Amman Airport upon arrival at an approximate cost of \$57 USD, paid in local currency (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.**

# BANGKOK 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Kingdoms of Southeast Asia (pg. 54), Taste of Vietnam (pg. 52)

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

Board a short flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs or just soak in the energy of the city.

## Extension Day 2: Bangkok

Begin your day with a cruise on the Chao Phraya River. Drift past local houses and learn about daily life along the waterways. Stop at the iconic Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn. The boat trip ends at Chang pier. Explore the grounds of

the Grand Palace and marvel at the grandeur of this royal residence. Stop at Wat Phra Kaew, home of the Emerald Buddha and Thailand's most sacred temple. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward, visit the Golden Buddha, one of the world's largest solid gold statues. Discover how it was once covered in plaster to conceal it from invaders. Continue with a visit to the Jim Thompson House, home of the American entrepreneur who revitalized the Thai silk industry before his mysterious disappearance. (B, L)

## Extension Day 3: Bangkok

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

## Extension Day 4: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Board your flight home. (B)

### 4 MEALS - \$1015\*

3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

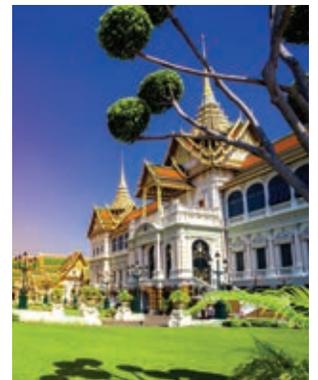
### ACCOMMODATIONS

Rembrandt Hotel, Bangkok

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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See page 77 for details.



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

# NEPAL 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 48)

## 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, listed as a World Heritage site. The complex is the center of Patan's religious and social life. (B)

## Extension Day 3: Kathmandu

Tour Kathmandu city and 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, the most important Hindu temple in Nepal. See Boudnath, one of the largest stupas in the world and a sacred place to Buddhist pilgrims from Tibet. Travel to 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 for your return flight home. (B)

The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. 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. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to inter-flight scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 7:00 p.m. on the last day. The approximate cost of a 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.**

### 5 MEALS - \$1285\*

4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

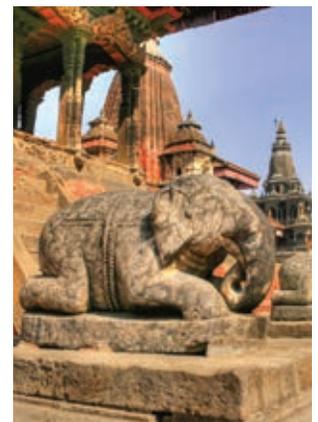
### ACCOMMODATIONS

Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, Delhi  
Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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See page 77 for details.



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

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Accommodations

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

In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than Canadian standard accommodations. A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilized.

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

**Can my children travel on tour?** Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

**Are single and triple rooms always available?** On many tours, triple and single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

**When can I check into my hotel?** Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

## Air

**Can Collette book our airline reservations?** Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines. Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some charge a fee for seats which will be at the guests' expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered, the guests must contact the airline directly to arrange seat assignments.

## Attractions & Sightseeing

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

**Is there a lot of walking on tour?** We pride ourselves on bringing travellers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Review each tour's "Tour Activity Level" and "Tour Pacing" (pg 77) for details.

**Can you tell me more about the safaris?** In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

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

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

## Documentation

**Do I need a passport?** Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside Canada. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has seven months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

In South Africa, children are required to have a passport as well as additional documentation to travel with you into and out of the country. Please consult the South African Embassy for the current specific requirements related to your travel dates.

## Extending Your Stay

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

Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that your Tour Manager will not be available during this time.

## Extras

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

## Late Bookings

**Do you accept late bookings?** Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.

## On-Tour Experience

**Where do I meet my Tour Manager?** Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The Tour Manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

**Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities?** Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior to 15 days of the tour departure. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full,

your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

## What do these symbols mean?



**Leisure Stay tours** are designed to allow for multiple-night stays at each hotel. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.



**Cruise-Land tours** combine the best of both land and sea. These tours feature all the qualities of our traditional escorted tours, including a Tour Manager, and also include an ocean vessel and a portion on land.



**River Cruise tours** feature small, intimate vessels for a more personal experience as you travel through a variety of beautiful waterways that are inaccessible to larger cruise ships, and sometimes include a portion on land.

## Revisions/Changes

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

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

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

## Tour Pacing

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Level 5:** This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counsellors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counsellors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

## Transfers

**Are airport and hotel transfers available?** Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase arrival and departure transfers from Collette. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

### Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays?

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

**What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service?** It's your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of the airport.\* Please confirm at time of booking. Not valid on group travel.

\*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route. Other restrictions apply; call for details.

## Travel Loyalty

**What is Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC?** It 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. Be sure to enroll in TLC to take advantage of this benefit.

† 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.



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Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.

	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare <sup>3</sup>	Elite Airfare <sup>4</sup>
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home! <sup>1</sup>	●	●	●
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included <sup>2</sup>	●	●	●
Dedicated Concierge Service			●
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			●
Express Check-In <sup>5</sup>			●
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	●	● part b	● part b
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	●		⚡
Deposit now, pay the balance later	●		⚡
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		●	
All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			●



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& *enjoy*

Whether you select Elite, Flex, or Instant Purchase Airfare, you'll enjoy the ease and security that comes with reserving your air with Collette.



<sup>1</sup>This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of most major Canadian gateways and purchase an air-inclusive tour. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. <sup>2</sup>These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. <sup>3</sup>Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. <sup>4</sup>Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase air; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. <sup>5</sup>Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. ⚡ Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

# Reservation Information

## Land Rates

Land rates are on a per person, double occupancy unless otherwise noted. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. Government taxes and fees are additional. For current prices, please see our website at [www.gocollette.com](http://www.gocollette.com). Land rates are guaranteed at the time that the deposit is received by Collette.

The land price includes those land based items delineated as included in the package itinerary and does not include any other items such as air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end of trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

## Payments

### Land Package Deposit

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

### 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.
- 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

Should you decide to purchase our Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of this Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver which protects you from penalties in the event you have to cancel your entire tour package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details).

### Final Payment

Unless otherwise noted, the balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises and Antarctica.

All payments may be made by charging to your MasterCard, Visa, or American Express (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order made payable to "Collette." Payment may also be made online at <https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx?co=CAD>

### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette: 1-800-468-5955  
[reservations@gocollette.com](mailto:reservations@gocollette.com)

### PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, 40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3  
Attn: Accounts Receivable

## Revision Fees

Upon receipt of your itinerary, you must review it and report any discrepancies to Collette immediately in order to avoid any supplier incurred penalties. A handling fee of \$25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of the departure date will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

## Cancellation Charges

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates will result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If canceled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

- More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 60 - 16 days prior to departure: 30% of total price
- 15 - 1 day prior to departure: 50% of total price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of total price

### Exceptions:

#### Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, the nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 35% of total price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price

- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

#### River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

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

#### Galapagos & Antarctica:

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

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

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

## Airfare

For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted exclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post-days and extensions). If you have selected Instant Purchase nonrefundable air, you are required to pay the full air cost in addition to the \$250 deposit at time of booking (all of which is nonrefundable). If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, the Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare may be covered, if you cancel your trip for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable; you may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges. Therefore, any such fees or airport-to-hotel transfers are not refundable under any circumstances.

### Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

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

## Currency

Unless specified otherwise, all statements of or references to dollar amounts in these terms and conditions are to lawful money of Canada.

## Proof of Citizenship: Passports & Visas

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. Clients/passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate/embassy for entry requirements, including whether you need to obtain a visa before entering your destination country and, if you do need to get a visa, its cost and timing. Please remember that the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

## Travel Conditions

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

## Door to Door Transfer Service

Return door to door transfers are offered up to 100 kilometers from most major Canadian gateways with the purchase of an air-inclusive tour.

## Travellers Needing Special Assistance

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time your booking is made.\* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveller thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour

members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveller or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom.

### **Holiday and Museum Closures**

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

### **Motorcoach Washrooms**

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

### **Seat Rotation**

Seats are rotated onboard the coach for all Collette tours under the direction of the tour manager. So that we do not show partiality among passengers, exceptions cannot be made.

### **Maps and Photos**

Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary and the conditions you experience may be different than depicted in the photograph(s).

### **Baggage Disclaimer**

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

There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. Be sure to ask your travel professional about such restrictions before departing for your tour.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines impose additional charges if you choose to check baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Please be advised there is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

### **Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette**

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, including for tours designated as "guaranteed departures.". If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit.

All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 77 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

### **GENERAL DISCLAIMER**

Collette monitors security situations around the world as well as government travel advisories. Conditions may require Collette to change or even cancel trips. You accept the risks involved in travel, both foreign and domestic, and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions. Guests may be required to review and sign a participation agreement prior to engaging in certain activities on the trip.

Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. You agree to be bound by the conditions of carriage for all transportation providers. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, agents, shareholders, officers, successors and assigns (collectively "Collette"), from all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims or liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which is occasioned by any negligent acts or omissions of Collette arising out of any goods or services provided for this or these trips.

Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. Other risks may arise such as, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encounters. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the Tour Manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. If you are traveling with children, you are solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times.

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. In addition, any comments that you submit as a review or your social media posts may be used for Collette's promotional purposes.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Collette reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without notice.

### **Consumer Protection Plans**

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member. Full details are available from these organizations or Collette. Collette is pleased to provide this additional protection to our clients.

## Collette's Travel Protection Plan

(for Canadian citizens or residents only\*)

Following is an outline of the Non-Insurance Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver, Insurance Benefits and non-insurance assistance services that make up the Travel Protection Plan.

**Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Tours Canada, Ltd:** The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee to Collette at the time of booking guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposits), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets that you purchase from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, this Part A Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for any such nonrefundable airline tickets in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket may be covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

The Part A Waiver portion of Collette's Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. The Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

**Collette's Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure.** In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (However, the Part B Benefits referenced below include a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B.) Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

The Travel Protection Plan fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant (paying client) only. Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot and will not be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Tours Canada, Ltd. and its own employees, directors and officers.

### Where to Present Part A Claims:

To request a refund under the Part A Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette  
ATTN: Customer Service Department  
40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3

If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

PART A – Provided By Collette  
Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee & Unused Services Waiver up to Trip Cost

**The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit** underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation.

**Part B Insurance Benefits provided by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation (\*NOT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF QUEBEC):** On tour, travel protection benefits may provide coverage if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need a medical evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

### SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT

PART B – Benefits Provided by the Insurance Company Listed Below

Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Trip Interruption	\$1,000
Missed Connection	\$1,000
Trip Cancellation	Amount Purchased†
Travel Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$1,500
Single Supplement	\$1,000
Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Accident & Sickness	
Medical Expense, Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$1,000,000**
Baggage/Travel Documents	\$2,000
Baggage Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$750

†This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (Non-Refundable) Air Tickets and any single supplement penalties you are assessed if your Family Member or Travelling Companion has his/her Trip canceled and does not cover any other land, air or water arrangements.

\*\*The Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance benefits of this plan are subject to a maximum benefit limit of \$10,000 for those persons who at the time of a covered injury or sickness do not have valid hospital and medical insurance under a Government Health Insurance Plan of a Province or Territory of Canada.

### PART B Exclusions & Limitations

Benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service; 4. riding, driving or participating in races, or speed or endurance contests; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition; 7. participating in skydiving, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 130 feet or if you are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being intoxicated, as specifically defined in the policy, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless administered on the advice of a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth, normal pregnancy (except complications of pregnancy) or voluntary induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; 14. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Policy. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 15. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized; 16. any rehabilitation or convalescent care; 17. treatment, services or expenses related to or resulting from travel in a specific country, region or city for which Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada has issued a formal Travel Warning, before Your departure date, advising Canadians to avoid all travel to that specific country, region or city; or 18. Sickness or Injury resulting from a motor vehicle accident where You are entitled to receive benefits pursuant to any policy or legislative plan of motor vehicle insurance.

### NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services  
Global Xpi Medical Records Services

**Please Note:** Plan cost is based upon the cost of your trip. Benefits are described on a general basis only. The information in this brochure is only an outline of the coverage available, and is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy. Please refer to the policy wording for complete details. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by province jurisdiction. You will receive a Description of Coverage and a Description of 24-Hour Emergency Assistance Services which describe the benefits and limitations in detail. To review full plan details online, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C](http://www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C).

**The Part B Insurance Benefits are underwritten by:** Northbridge General Insurance Corporation, 105 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, ON M5H 1P9.

Payment for the plan(s) is required at time of purchase and is non-refundable once purchased. Prices and coverage are subject to change. For full plan details online, please visit: [www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C](http://www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C) (except for Cancel for Any Reason Waiver). **This Part B travel insurance is underwritten by:** Northbridge General Insurance Corporation: 105 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1P9. Benefits are administered by: Northbridge Claims Administration, c/o Active Care Management, Tel: 1.888.421.5378.

For specific questions regarding Travel Insurance or to report a claim, call the Claims Administrator: **Northbridge Claims Administration at: 888.421.5378. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

### Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost of the Travel Protection Plan includes a Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc., insurance benefits underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation, as well as non-insurance assistance services provided by One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Trip Mate.

#### Land Only Clients:

- \$95 adult/\$95 child for all North American escorted tours under 6 days
- \$230 adult/\$115 child for all North American escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$310 adult/\$140 child for all international tours (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$370 adult/\$165 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours

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

#### Air-Inclusive Clients (Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$140 adult/child for all North American tours under 6 days
- \$270 adult/child for all North American tours of 6 days or more
- \$350 adult/child for all international tours (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$400 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket is covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

# 1 Million MEALS to Celebrate 100 YEARS!

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

## 100 WAYS TO CARE

We celebrate the children we have helped through global programs in India, Cambodia, Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Ecuador, Peru, Poland, Costa Rica and South Africa.

## 100 ACTS OF KINDNESS

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

**For more information,  
visit [collettecares.org](http://collettecares.org)**





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