

A vibrant, scenic photograph of a coastal town, likely in Croatia. The foreground shows several white motorboats with green and red accents docked at a stone pier. In the middle ground, a waterfront cafe with orange awnings and tables is bustling with people. The background features traditional stone buildings with red-tiled roofs, some built on a hillside, and a range of blue mountains under a clear blue sky with light clouds.

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Worldwide Guide

2025 – 2026



“From our driver to our guide, we can’t find fault with our Collette tour. I felt they went above and beyond their respective roles. Nothing was too much for either gentleman. Our group, which consisted of 19 Americans and 5 Australians, turned out to be a wonderful bunch of happy travellers.”

Vicki J. | Middle Park, Victoria | **Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside**, pg. 24

By Travellers. For Travellers.

Welcome to Collette's 107th season. As new tours and destinations join the lineup, we're driven by one simple concept: By Travellers. For Travellers. What does this mean?

It means that destination experts design and lead our tours so that you'll experience hidden wows, immersive moments, and a tour that is curated in detail by a team who loves travel as much as you do. That's why you'll cook with locals and navigate destinations in local modes of transportation. It means we handcraft every single experience – there is no middleman between our brand promise and your experience. Because we get it. We're travellers, too.

This year, we've added over ten brand new tours to our roster — like a journey through the Canadian Rockies and Alaska's Inside Passage; an adventure through Namibia and South Africa; and a tour of Europe that covers eight countries, from the Netherlands to Slovakia.

Feeling inspired yet? See you out there, traveller!



Jaclyn F. Cote

Jaclyn Leibl-Cote
Chief Executive Officer



ON THE COVER

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A New Season

107 Years of Travel

From epic journeys through North America's national parks to cosy tours of French Canadian Christmas Markets, this season's new and trending tours will help you see the world through a different lens. Are you a food and wine enthusiast? How about a 13-day tour through Sicily? A history buff? Check out Gems of Greece on page 92. A nature lover? Our new Sequoia & Kings National Parks tour is not to be missed. Whatever it is you're looking for, we've got a tour for that, in every corner of the world.



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Take your trip to the next level when you add an extension to the start or end of a tour.

Fully Guided Extension: experience all the inclusions of a Collette tour, led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

Hosted Extension: includes overnight accommodation, daily breakfast, airport transfers, and some locally guided experiences. A dedicated Tour Manager will not be present.

Independent Extension: includes overnight accommodation, daily breakfast, and airport transfers. No Tour Manager will be present.

Back to Back Tours: Keep the adventure going and save 5% per person* on your second tour when you book 2 or more tours together.


**Conditions apply. See our website for full details.*

IMMERSIVE SMALL GROUP TOURS

Our small group Explorations tours span the globe and average 19 travellers. Explorations tours are not Classic tours scaled down; they are designed just for small groups. This means that travellers will explore, dine, and stay in places that larger groups can't access.

These tours dive deeper into culture and venture off the beaten path. New small group tours you'll want to check out include Old World Sicily & Malta; and Nambia and South Africa.



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Collette: A Family Legacy



As Collette kicks off our 107th season of travel, we've arrived at a new chapter in our history — one in which the company's first-ever woman CEO is leading the charge. As the third generation of the Sullivan family to hold this role, Jaclyn Leibl-Cote is mapping out a course that blends expertise, innovation, adventure, and tradition.



A. Jaclyn and Christian Leibl-Cote with their children, Dylan, Brody, and Ashley — and their dog, Penny. **B.** The late Dan Sullivan, Sr. at the Pyramids of Giza. **C.** The late Dan Sullivan, Sr. with sons Dan Jr., and Gary. **D.** Family throughout Collette. L-R: Nicole Diebold, Diana Ditto, Dan Jr., Jaclyn Leibl-Cote, Christian Leibl-Cote.



Collette's history is steeped in its core values that weave a story of trailblazing, integrity, and legacy. We opened our doors in 1918, and in the face of wars, recessions, global crises, and a worldwide pandemic, we navigate every situation with these values.

Jaclyn Leibl-Cote is only the fourth CEO in 107 years – joining generations of leaders in defining what it means to evolve and grow while remaining value-driven and committed to our employees, partners, and travellers.

We'll Handle the Details

So your holiday is worry-free.



Our tours are **designed by destination experts who live all over the globe**. Inclusive tours feature must-see sights, accommodation, transportation, and an experienced Tour Manager who is with you every step of the way. That's stress-free travel.



All your logistics are handled.

Transportation and logistics are taken care of so you can sit back, relax, and enjoy every moment.



Your accommodation is arranged.

Stay in 4-star and above accommodation throughout your trip, with expertly paced itineraries keeping one-night stays to a minimum.



Plenty of meals are included.

Get a taste of the local flavour - literally! Every tour includes many meals and culinary experiences that support the local communities and immerse you in the culture.



Perfectly Balanced Itineraries for Travellers

You want to experience the destination fully and also have time to explore independently. We get it because we're travellers, too. Our experts craft itineraries that blend free time with must-see inclusions so you can do it all, your way.



A More Personalised Experience

We pioneered **Choice on Tour**, so that on most itineraries you can choose between two included excursions, as well as optional experiences, pre and post tour extensions, and free time. It's your tour, your way.



24/7 Customer Support

We have boots on the ground all over the world, and a support team available 24/7 before, during, and after your tour. As leaders since 1918, your happiness is our top priority.

Travel You Can Trust

Every step of the way

From loyalty perks and round-trip private sedan service to industry-leading travel protection, we've got you covered.



Your Stamp to More Adventures

Receive a 5% credit on your next Collette tour when it's completed within 12 months of your most recent departure date. The Collette Passport Club rewards you for every trip you take.



Guaranteed to Go

Choose from thousands of guaranteed departure dates. Book with confidence knowing that your tour will run on the date you selected. When we say guaranteed, we mean it.



Travel Protection

Collette's industry leading, worry-free cancellation waiver offers you a full refund, less the deposit. This enables you to cancel for any reason right up to the day before your departure.



Private Sedan Service

When you purchase air with Collette, you secure door-to-door sedan service to and from the airport. It's the perfect way to start and end your trip.

**Conditions apply. See page 255 for details.*

Wake Up to a New Adventure... Every. Single. Day.

Remember when guided travel meant long days on the coach, dining at hotel buffets, and staying in typical accommodation? Well, times have changed. **Travellers want to dive in deep. And we're right there with you.**

That's why food is an experience on tour. You'll eat in locals' homes and take cooking classes. You might get from point A to point B via dog sled, a safari jeep, or public transportation. When it's time to rest, you might find yourself peeking at the skies from your Finnish igloo or embracing the romance of an Italian villa.



Expertly Planned. Expertly Led.

In-region experts design and guide our tours so you'll get the most in-depth experience.



Meet Sandra

"I'm Sandra and I design our tours to Spain and Portugal. On our **Flavours of Portugal & Spain (pg. 88)** tour, climb aboard a private tram and see Lisbon from its hills — one of my favourite views!"



Meet Yoshiko

"I'm Yoshiko and I guide our Japan tours. On the **Cultural Treasures of Japan (pg. 152)** tour, one of my favourite moments is visiting the Senso-ji Buddhist temple because a monk in that temple gave me my name. Come hear this story — it dates back to 1923."



Meet Shannon

"I'm Shannon and I design our tours to Italy. One of my favourite experiences on **Best of Italy (pg. 22)** is our stay in an Italian resort that overlooks the vineyards of the Romagna region. It's picture perfect!"

5 Travel Styles

Find the tour that's right for you



📍 Wilderness of Southern Africa: Safari by Land & Water, pg. 174

Small Group Explorations

GROUP SIZE AVERAGE: 19 / MAXIMUM: 24

On a small group Explorations tour, you'll dive deeper. Get to know the pulse of a destination by engaging with the people who live there. Access experiences, accommodation, and destinations that large groups can't always reach. Ideal for savvy, confident travellers who want to connect with locals, and build camaraderie on tour with their fellow travellers and Tour Manager.



📍 Shades of Ireland, pg. 50

Classic

GROUP SIZE AVERAGE: 37 / MAXIMUM: 44

On a Classic tour, take in the best of a destination. Must-sees are included on these feature-rich tours, as well as opportunities to connect with the local culture. Ideal for travellers who want to mark things off their bucket list by visiting iconic destinations and engaging in cultures.

Spotlights



📍 New York City, USA

Unpack just once and dive deep into a single destination on these getaway-style tours.

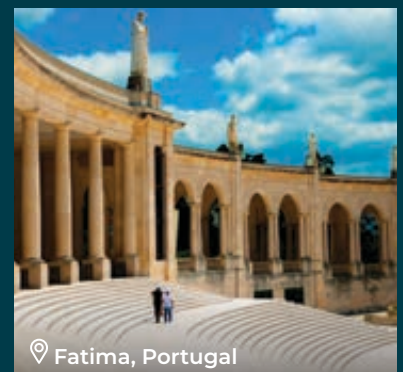
Cruising



📍 Croatia

Discover life and landscapes along the world's most beautiful waterways.

Faith



📍 Fatima, Portugal

Connect to your faith on a deeper level on these spiritual journeys. *See our website for the full list of tours.*

Collette Cares



📍 Amal Women's Training Centre
Colours of Morocco, pg. 176

Travel That's Good



Responsible Business

In 2022, we joined the UN Global Compact to commit to the UN sustainable development goals, which include ending poverty and hunger, increasing access to quality education, and more. We limit the use of single-use plastic in our global offices and have implemented more ethical purchasing standards to further our impact.



Volunteering

Every employee at Collette receives six days of paid volunteer time each year to get out into their community to make a difference. Following an earthquake in Morocco, our Sales team packed 250 backpacks and 2 tonnes of vegetables in Marrakesh to support impacted children and families.



Sustainability

Our world is filled with awe-inspiring natural wonders. That's why we're actively making responsible decisions to reduce our carbon footprint and care for our planet. 100% of our small group Explorations tours are carbon neutral, and designed with thoughtful inclusions that support local businesses.



Responsible Travel

On our small group Explorations tours, we partner with social enterprises, nonprofits, and cultural or environmental conservation groups to ensure that our visit generates sustainable economic and social benefits for the community. Every tour has highlights that feature locally-owned and community-based inclusions.

Europe

Europe is filled with awe-inspiring cities, historic wonders, natural beauty, and unforgettable moments. Whether you want to travel by train, cruise the riverways, or drive the beautiful countryside, Europe promises to deliver everything you're looking for.



BEST OF ITALY

11 DAYS • 17 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Venice • Gondola Ride • Classical Music Concert • Po River Delta Wetlands • Republic of San Marino • Impact Moment: Culinary Arts & Agriculture Vocational School Visit • Florence • Chiusi Etruscan Museum • Labyrinth of Porsenna • Rome • Trastevere Food Tour Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Enjoy a classical music concert of Vivaldi's famous *Four Seasons*.
- Explore the Po River Delta during a pontoon boat sailing of this UNESCO wetland region.
- Discover the craftsmanship behind the Venetian gondolas during a visit to a local *Remèr* oar-making workshop.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Participate in a hands-on cooking class dedicated to Romagna's *garganelli* and *strozzapreti* pastas.
- Taste traditionally made Parmigiano cheese and Balsamic vinegar at a Culinary Arts vocational school.
- Experience the flavours of *Trastevere* – Rome's medieval district – during a food tour dinner.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Relax at your hotel with a wine-infused mud treatment **-OR-** spend the day in Ravenna for a guided tour of its mosaics.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Maison Venezia UNA Esperienze, Hotel NH Venezia Rio Novo, or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice
- Days 3 - 5** Borgo Conde Wine Resort, Romagna Countryside, Forlì
- Days 6, 7** Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence
- Days 8 - 10** Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Remèr Oar Making Workshop

Day 1: Venice, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to enchanting Venice (UNESCO) with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Venice

This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind one of the city's symbols: the sleek, iconic gondola boats. Visit a local *Remèr* oar-making workshop, one of only a handful still active in the city. Then, join a local guide for a walking tour of the Venice's most iconic sights. Pause for the perfect view over the Bridge of Sighs and take in St. Mark's Square, adorned with marbled palaces and gilded basilicas. Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. This evening, glide along the canals during a gondola ride before delving into Venice's classical music heritage while attending a live performance of the *Four Seasons* composed by the great Venetian Antonio Vivaldi. (B)

Day 3: Venice - Po River Sailing - Romagna Countryside

Say "*Ciao*" to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its *joie de vivre*. Along the way, visit the Po Delta (UNESCO). Since ancient times, this delta has been the border between the Venice and Ravenna regions, once two independent

states. These wetlands will give you a glimpse into what Venice and Ravenna looked like to ancient Roman settlers making their way here from the south. You'll explore these wetlands by pontoon boat, learning about how the ecosystem here actually aided the Romans in escaping the barbarians that harried them. You'll also learn about the lives of fisherman and farmers whose lives have changed very little over the last 1000 years. Take in the tranquil scenery before stopping for lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, continue to your hotel nestled among vineyards in the Romagna countryside and settle in for your 3-night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Romagna Countryside

Today, **it's your choice!** Bask in the bucolic landscape at your wine resort hotel and pamper yourself with an organic wine-infused mud treatment in the onsite spa **-OR-** spend the day exploring Ravenna (UNESCO). During the darkness that enveloped the last days of the Roman Empire, Ravenna emerged as a centre of power thanks to its strategic position. The city's rulers – the Byzantines, the Goths – adorned its churches with dazzling mosaics. During a guided walking tour, discover the city's most illustrious monuments including the mosaics that inspired Cole Porter's *Night and Day*. This evening, join the local chef for a hands-on cooking class centered on Romagna's most typical pasta dishes with colourful names such as *garganelli*



Romagna Cooking Class

or *strozzapreti* (priest-stranglers), and enjoy the results of your work for dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Romagna Countryside

Grab your passport and journey to the landlocked Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched at the top of Mount Titano, the old town of San Marino (UNESCO) gives visitors sweeping views over the Adriatic Riviera and the gentle rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Explore the Old Town's intricate system of fortification towers, walls, gates and bastions during time at leisure. This evening, wrap up your stay in the Romagna Countryside with a wine-pairing dinner at your wine resort hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Romagna Countryside - Florence

Today, travel to the Emilia region, Italy's foodie haven. Meet students and teachers at a vocational high school for an **Impact Moment** dedicated to the Culinary Arts and Agriculture. Here, Italy's future chefs and farmers learn how to make Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese according to traditional codes, dating back to the 1300s. Students also try their hand aging Balsamic vinegar, a generational process taking anything from 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a farm-to-table light lunch prepared by the culinary students using ingredients from the School's farm. Later, continue to Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 7: Florence

This morning, meet a local expert for a walking tour of a city that is a work of art all on its own. Your guide will highlight the Piazza del

Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. You'll also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Florence's cultural riches independently. Perhaps you'll visit to one of the city's many museums, such as the Uffizi or Academy Gallery, where Michelangelo's *David* is kept. (B)

Day 8: Florence - Chiusi - Rome

This morning traverse southern Tuscany, the ancient land of the Etruscans. This mysterious civilisation predated the Romans, who assimilated them, erasing most of their way of life, even though many early kings of Rome were Etruscans. By all accounts, they were an advanced society and culture. On a guided walking tour of Chiusi, once part of the Etruscan Dodecapolis, you explore the town's underground water system - which has so many twists and turns that it was nicknamed *Labyrinth of King Porsenna*. You'll also visit the small archeological museum housing some of the most interesting artefacts archeologists found in the surrounding hills. Arrive in Rome (UNESCO) in the afternoon and settle in for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 9: Rome

This morning, explore Rome's early Christian legacy during a visit of the Catacombs. Then, delve into Rome's second Golden Age on a walking tour exploring its Renaissance and Baroque heritage and featuring Caravaggio's paintings, alongside the Pantheon and Navona Square. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Italy's capital city. Perhaps you'll stroll down the monumental avenue of the Imperial Forums for views of the Colosseum, or climb the Capital Hill with its monumental piazza designed by Michelangelo. (B)

Day 10: Rome

Make the most of a free day in the Eternal City. Perhaps you'll stroll through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or join an optional guided tour of the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and Saint Peter's Basilica. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure during a food tour in Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B, D)

Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at \$5299
SOLO Starting at \$6299

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based 7 November 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for October 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT:**
Venice (1-2 NIGHTS)



+ **POST-NIGHT:**
Rome (1-2 NIGHTS)



Borgo Conde, Romagna Countryside

TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

10 DAYS • 15 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Spoleto • Olive Oil Mill • Assisi • Home-Hosted Lunch • Truffle Hunting • Pecorino Cheese Farm • Pienza • Orcia Valley • Pasta Factory Visit • Bagno Vignoni • Brunello Wine Tasting • Siena • Florence • San Gimignano



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Hunt for truffles with a local expert and his truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Behold the unique water-filled piazza in the village of Bagno Vignoni.
- Enjoy 3 nights in a restored Tuscan villa.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Experience a home-cooked meal in one of Umbria's country homes.
- Sample pecorino sheep-milk cheese at a local farm in the Orcia Valley.
- Savour the famous *Brunello* red wine during a musical tasting at a winery in Montalcino.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Kolbe Hotel, Rome
Days 2 - 4	Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria
Days 5, 6	Hotel Corsignano, Pienza, Tuscany
Days 7 - 9	Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Orcia Valley

Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. Get a taste of the local culture and start your journey at a delicious welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Rome - Spoleto - Umbria

Olive and cypress trees accent the Umbrian hill town of Spoleto. Stroll the historic streets with a local expert and see centuries of architectural history, from the ruins of the Rocca Albornoz castle to the gilded elegance of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Pause at a family-owned *frantoio* (olive presser), where olives are pressed each November. After learning about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods, join a tasting of the EVOO produced at the mill. Then, take in the splendours of country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town, your home for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 3: Umbria

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets. Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home for lunch as their honoured guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

Day 4: Umbria

In the shadow of the Apennines, experience Umbria's epicurean side. Join a local truffle

hunter in search of the elusive fungi in the company of his trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Sample the goods yourself during a rustic, home-cooked lunch before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 5: Umbria - Pienza

Leave Umbria for the villages of Tuscany, nestled among the rolling hills and cypress trees of the Val d'Orcia region (UNESCO). Taste the flavours of the region at a dairy farm producing prized sheep-milk pecorino cheese. Snack on some of the cheesemaker's creations and take in the views of the sparse farmhouses and open fields on your way to Pienza (UNESCO), a Renaissance village where flowers and plants adorn the cobblestoned streets. The evening is yours to eat, drink, and explore the local scene. (B, L)

Day 6: Pienza

Embark on a culinary journey through the undulating landscape of the Orcia Valley. Begin your day with a visit to an artisanal pasta factory, producing the local speciality - *pici* - with its organically-grown wheat. Pause in the unique hamlet of Bagno Vignoni, whose central piazza is filled with thermal water once used to cure pilgrims who stopped here on their way to Rome. Then explore hilltop Montalcino, namesake to one of Italy's great red wines, the *Brunello*. Tour a winery's estate and cellar before indulging in a multi-sensory



Siena



Truffle Hunting Dogs

tasting, pairing wine with music. Back in Pienza for an afternoon at leisure, maybe you'll explore the countryside along one of the many white roads that cut through the farmland. (B)

Day 7: Pienza - Siena - Chianti Region

Take a guided walking tour through

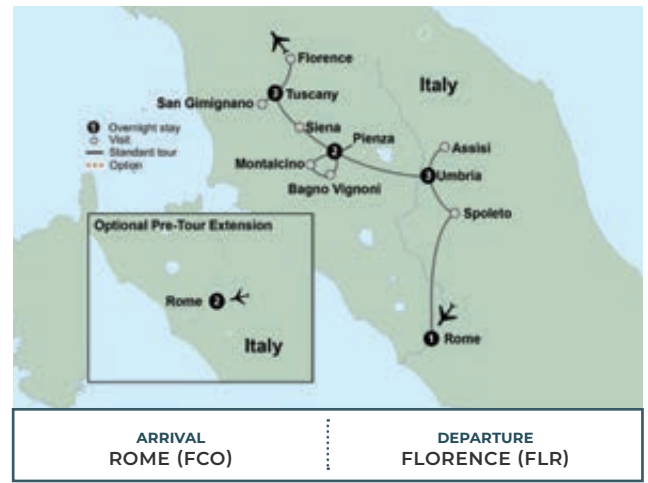
Siena, delving into the local history as you learn about the world-renowned Palio Horse Race. Enjoy free time to explore more of this hilly town, perhaps visiting its cathedral or the town hall's frescoes. An afternoon drive through Tuscany's Chianti Region takes you to the restored Tuscan villa where your hotel is located. (B)

Day 8: Chianti Region

Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance," during an extensive walking tour in the company of a local expert. View the Ponte Vecchio, the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. Take in the Signoria Square and its imposing Palazzo Vecchio, where, for over 300 years, the Medici Family ruled over the city. Admire the Piazza del Duomo, richly adorned by polychrome marble and gilded bronze doors. Take some time on your own to explore the city's seemingly endless treasures, before returning to your Tuscan villa in the evening. (B)

Day 9: Chianti Region

Spend your morning in San Gimignano, whose 13th-century medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. Nicknamed "the Manhattan of the Middle Ages," San Gimignano's towers soar over the landscape making its distinctive skyline stand out against the rolling hills. Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour while you wander the cobbled streets and gaze up at the imposing towers during time at leisure in this Tuscan gem. Return to your hotel mid-afternoon. As the sun begins to



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5149** Starting at **\$5999** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 22 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024	June – November 2025
March – May 2025	March – May 2026
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

**Itinerary featured is for June 2025 - May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + PRE-NIGHT: Rome (1-2 NIGHTS)**
- + POST-NIGHT: Siena (1-2 NIGHTS)**



Florence

“Being a new traveller, I enjoyed having each day mapped out. I trusted that our guide would show us the must-sees and that is exactly what happened. It was wonderful.”

– Karen K.

set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner of Tuscan specialities. (B, D)

Day 10: Chianti Region - Tour Ends

Your journey through Tuscany and Umbria comes to a close today in your restored Tuscan villa. (B)

+ Optional 2 Night Rome Pre-Tour Extension Starting at \$1500 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Rome, Italy

Arrive in Rome, enjoy time to get settled into your hotel and acquaint yourself with the area on your own. Perhaps you'll explore the nearby neighbourhood of Trastevere, Rome's medieval heart.

Day 2: Rome

Delve into Rome's classical heritage during a walking tour of the Colosseum

and Roman Forum in company of an expert guide. Make the most of a free afternoon in Italy's capital city before tasting your way through Rome's beloved Monti district during an evening tour of its favourite pizza parlours. (B, D)

Day 3: Rome

Start your morning with a stroll in Rome's Renaissance and Baroque gems. Meander through Rome's streets all the way to the top of the Spanish Steps for a view over the rooftops and pause to toss a good luck coin into the Trevi Fountain. Conclude your extensive walking tour in the oval-shaped Piazza Navona before enjoying an afternoon at leisure. In the early evening, meet with your fellow travellers to start off your exploration of the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside. (B)

TUSCANY AND THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4649

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Turin • Langhe Wine Country • Barolo Winery • Italian Riviera • Cinque Terre • Lucca • Tuscan Estate • Florence • Chianti Countryside



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Indulge in Turin's local culture with a *bicerin*, the traditional coffee drink served in cafés since the 18th century.
- Explore two renowned wine regions, Piedmont and Tuscany, to see how local heritage and vineyards intertwine.
- Among the locals, stroll the walls of Lucca and enjoy free time to explore the city.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Partake in an interactive pasta-making demonstration.
- Taste different varieties of olive oil from an award-winning olive oil mill in the Chianti countryside.
- Experience the food culture of northern Italy during a traditional welcome dinner.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 NH Collection Torino Santo Stefano or NH Torino Centro, Turin

Days 3, 4 NH La Spezia, Italian Riviera

Days 5 - 7 Villa Casagrande, Figline, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Cinque Terre

Day 1: Turin, Italy

Welcome to Italy. You'll make your way to Turin, Italy's first capital in the 1800s. Settle in for a 2-night stay, admiring the alpine peaks towering in the distance. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional specialities. (D)

Day 2: Turin

Walk through Turin with an expert guide, uncovering a blend of French and Italian heritage. Wrap up the tour by trying a *bicerin* – a mix of espresso and chocolate – in one of the city's cafés, reminiscent of Parisian coffee spots. After getting acquainted with the city, the rest of the day is yours to further explore Turin on your own. (B)

Day 3: Turin - La Spezia

Head to Italy's picturesque Riviera, weaving through the Langhe wine country (UNESCO) along the way. Stop at the hilltop village of La Morra on your way to a local winery, where you will enjoy a tour and tasting of typical Piedmont wines. After a light lunch continue to La Spezia,

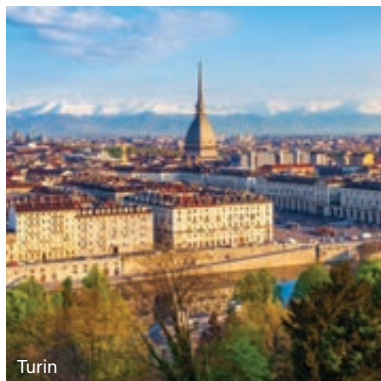
the large port city gateway to the Italian Riviera. (B, L)

Day 4: La Spezia - Cinque Terre - La Spezia

Spend the day exploring the colourful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre with a local guide. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. Make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. Tonight, get a bite of the local cuisine during dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: La Spezia - Lucca - Figline, Tuscany

Discover the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Wander with a local guide, delving into the city's Roman heritage and storied past. Enjoy some free time to explore the Piazza Napoleone and the rest of the city on your own. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany for a 3-night stay in the village of Figline. This evening, try your hand at



Turin



Ponte Vecchio, Florence



La Spezia



ARRIVAL
MILAN MALPENSA (MXP)

DEPARTURE
FLORENCE (FLR)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4649**
SOLO Starting at **\$5699**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 11 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024

June – November 2025

March – May 2025

March – May 2026

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

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Langhe Region

the local culture with an interactive pasta-making demonstration by your hotel's on-site chef. (B, D)

Day 6: Figline - Florence - Figline

Explore Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" during a locally guided walking tour of the city's iconic sites. View the Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge), the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. Admire the Gates of Paradise and the imposing dome of the cathedral. Wander past Piazza della Signoria and the ornate facade of Santa Croce. Enjoy time to explore more on your own before returning to your hotel in the evening. (B)

Day 7: Figline

Journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills and dense olive groves to a traditional *frantoio* (olive mill), where olives are pressed each November. After learning about the many varieties

of trees and oil-making methods, join a tasting of the different varieties of EVOO produced at the mill. Your exploration of the Chianti countryside wouldn't be complete without a visit to a local winery for a taste of the famous Chianti Classico wines. Then continue to the village of Greve, surrounded by vineyard-carpeted hills. Cap off an unforgettable journey at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 8: Figline - Tour Ends

Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey comes to a close. (B)

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– Karen K.

NEW TOUR

SPOTLIGHT ON NORTHERN ITALY

FEATURING VENICE, VERONA & THE DOLOMITES

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4599

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Treviso • Tiramisu-Making Demonstration • Verona • Murano Glass-Blowing Demonstration • Venice • Asolo • Prosecco Winery Tour • The Dolomites • Bassano del Grappa • Venetian Villa Visit



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Discover the lively centre of hilltop Asolo, awarded the title of Italy's Most Beautiful Village.
- Marvel at the ability of the glass-blowing artists in Murano, who still work the glass using century-old techniques.
- Experience local life in Bassano, the hometown of Italy's renowned schnapps called *grappa*.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Master a few tips from an Italian *nonna* (grandmother) and try your hand at making traditional pasta.
- Tour a winery in the Prosecco hills and sample this delectable sparkling wine.
- Step back in time at a festive farewell dinner in a Venetian villa.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- Day 3** — Visit Verona your way, by joining a walking tour of Verona's most remarkable painted houses **-OR-** a walking tour along the town's riverbanks in search of its bridges and lesser-known monuments.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 – 7 Hotel Carlton, Treviso

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
DESTINATION
SPOTLIGHT



Venice

Day 1: Treviso, Italy

Arrive today in Treviso, hometown of Italy's most iconic dessert – tiramisu. Treviso also has a long history tied to the nearby island city of Venice. Founded as a mainland (*terraferma*) settlement, Treviso was an early outpost with the look and feel of Venice. With your feet on “firm ground,” settle into your home for the next seven nights — a recently refurbished hotel in the centre of Treviso. After unpacking your things in your modern-style room, take some time to explore the lively neighbourhood. Meet your fellow travellers for dinner, while a local pastry chef shows you a few tricks for preparing some sweet tiramisu. (D)

Day 2: Treviso

Start your day with a walking tour in the city commonly called “Venice on the Mainland.” Take in the Old Town's gothic-style windows, marble latticework, and the Sile and Botteniga rivers – humble elements all reminiscent of its famous island neighbour. After your guided tour on foot, take some time to explore more of Treviso at your own pace. Maybe you'll wander through the weekly vegetable and housewares market. Or you can check out the picturesque Canale dei Buranelli and nearby *pescheria*, where fishmongers have set up shop for centuries. When you stop for lunch on your own, consider noshing on *radicchio trevigiano*, an autumnal delicacy consisting of red chicory grilled with a generous helping of extra virgin olive oil. Enjoy

your free time and work up an appetite, because tonight you'll dive into regional foods and Italian wines at a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 3: Verona

Verona (UNESCO) is for lovers. After a two-hour bus ride, find yourself in the romantic city of *Romeo & Juliet*. In Verona, **it's your choice!** Explore Verona's painted houses during a walking tour of the Old Town **-OR-** stroll along the town's riverbanks in search of its bridges and lesser-known monuments. No matter what you choose, you'll catch a glimpse of the city's must-sees: Juliet's balcony and the impressive exterior of the Arena, the ancient Roman amphitheatre. After, enjoy some free time to explore Verona how you'd like. Whether you're following in the footsteps of Shakespeare's most famous dramatic characters or retracing Italian history, savour time wandering in Verona's medieval city centre. After lunch on your own in the city, return to your hotel in the late afternoon to relax. (B)

Day 4: Murano Island - Venice

Board the coach and head to Venice (UNESCO). You'll trade wheels for water and take a boat to the isle of Murano. Famous for its glass-blowing foundries, Murano's history with glassmaking dates back 1,500 years. A local craftsperson will share the intricacies of this age-old trade during a glass-blowing demonstration. After, set sail for the area surrounding St. Mark's Square. Take in the Basilica and the ornate Gothic façade of



DOUBLE Starting at **\$4599** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5499**

Prices based on 17 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024 **June – November 2025**
March – May 2025 **March – May 2026**
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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Treviso (1-2 NIGHTS)

Doge's Palace. During your free time, consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. (B)

Day 5: Asolo

Get to know a hilltop haven for artists today in Asolo. After your Tour Manager helps you get acquainted with the village during an orientation walk, enjoy some free time. Find inspiration and trace the steps of author Ernest Hemingway, poet Robert Browning, composer Igor Stravinsky, and many other famous virtuosos throughout history. Later, continue your journey into the rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region (UNESCO) for a visit to a local vineyard, where you'll taste the region's sparkling speciality. Roll up your sleeves and learn how to make a traditional pasta recipe under the expert guidance of a bona fide Italian nonna (grandmother). Enjoy your pasta dish with a tasting of wines, toasting to la dolce vita - the sweet life - in the Venetian countryside. Return to your hotel in the late evening. Rest well tonight; tomorrow is a full day exploring the Dolomites. (B, D)

Day 6: The Dolomites

Today will be your biggest travel yet. You're on your way to what UNESCO

says is one of the world's most beautiful mountain chains: the Dolomites. Weave through the winding roads tucked within jagged rocks for a couple of hours en route to your first stop. Beside beautiful Lake Misurina, marvel at the sight of the Three Peaks of Lavaredo and more along a scenic drive. After lunch near the lake, reach Cortina, the Pearl of the Dolomites, and enjoy some free time and, weather permitting, a cable-car ride to the top of impressive Mount Faloria, a favourite with hikers and bikers alike. Reminisce on your mountain adventure tonight on your way back to the hotel. (B, L)

Day 7: Bassano del Grappa

Begin your day with a trip to the quaint town of Bassano del Grappa. The town's name is associated with the locally produced grape-based schnapps. Explore its cobblestoned piazzas and see the impact the beverage has had on the town, including the ancient distillery in one of the pillars of the historic Palladian Bridge. Take some time to wander around the town and grab a bite to eat for lunch (maybe paired with some grappa?). Tonight, step back in time at a classic Venetian villa. Tour the sprawling villa and its gardens, still owned by the descendants of a noble family of Venice. After you follow the family's

history within the villa's walls, gather with your fellow travellers and savour Venetian dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients at this evening's farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Treviso - Tour Ends

It's time to say *ciao, Italia*. Have a *buon viaggio* back home with fond memories of Northern Italy. (B)



SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3899

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Montecatini Terme • Lucca • Gothic Line
• Winery Tour • Florence • Pisa • Cooking
Class • Cheese Farm • San Gimignano



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defence during WWII.
- Retrace the steps of ancient pilgrims as they crossed the Devil's Bridge in the Serchio Valley.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting at a local farm.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavourful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — In Montecatini, learn more on a guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa **-OR-** journey to Siena, home to the Palio horse race, and embark on a walking tour through its narrow streets.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 7 Hotel Ercolini and Savi or Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
DESTINATION
SPOTLIGHT



San Gimignano

Day 1: Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line

Enjoy a guided tour of Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Discover Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers. Explore on your own before setting off for Borgo a Mozzano. See the *Ponte del Diavolo* (Devil's Bridge) and the nearby remains of the Gothic Line – the Germans' last defence during WWII. Visit the Museum of Liberation and see authentic fortifications and bunkers. Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties. (B)

Day 3: Florence

An early morning takes you to Florence where an extensive walking tour showcases the beautiful "Cradle of the Renaissance." Join a

local Florentine guide and make your way through the city on foot. At the Piazza del Duomo, see the ornate façade of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take in views of the Piazza della Signoria and Santa Croce Square before enjoying the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. (B, D)

Day 4: Montecatini Terme

Today, **it's your choice!** Learn more about Montecatini's history during a half-day guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa, known for the health benefits in its mineral waters **-OR-** journey to Siena on a full day excursion and embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets, getting to know the local lifestyle in a *contrada* (neighbourhood) whose community is centered around the colourful *Palio* horse race. (B)

Day 5: Pisa

Explore historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the *Piazza dei Miracoli*, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy at the famous Leaning



Lucca



Ponte del Diavolo

Tower of Pisa. Visit the Baptistry, the largest in Italy. This evening, travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class, using local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Enjoy your freshly-prepared meal for dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Montecatini Terme

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavour. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of Montecatini's fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional full day excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards. Explore this string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

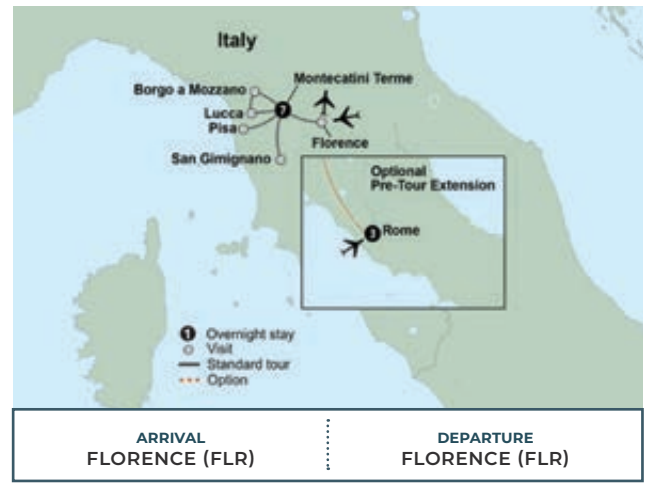
Day 7: Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano

At a nearby cheese farm, learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in

brehtaking views as you travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most picturesque places. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking vineyards. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. Later, attend a Tuscan feast of traditional cuisine and wines set in the countryside. (B, D)

Day 8: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)



ARRIVAL
FLORENCE (FLR)

DEPARTURE
FLORENCE (FLR)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$3899**
SOLO Starting at **\$4299**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based 28 August 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June 2025 – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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+ Optional 3-Night Rome Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1680 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Get settled into Rome for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. (D)

Day 2: Rome

Start your morning with a ride on *La Metro* – Rome's underground system. First stop – a locally guided tour of the Eternal City's most iconic monuments. Discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll wander through one of Rome's many museums or view the Colosseum. This evening, consider an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 3: Rome

Make the most of a free day. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the *Last Judgment*. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

Day 4: Rome - Montecatini Terme

Say *Arrivederci Roma* as you transfer to Montecatini Terme to begin your tour of Tuscany. (B)

+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Day Trip to Cinque Terre

Spend a glorious day exploring Cinque Terre. Travel by rail and boat, past terraced vineyards and stunning panoramas on your way to a string of colourful fishing villages that sit along the area's breathtaking, rugged coastline. Savour the charms of this special place with a local guide who will help you explore some of the delightful towns of the area. Your day comes to a close tasting the flavours of the area at a local shop as you sip wine made in the region and try some local treats.

Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.

“The daily tours were exceptional...I loved the cooking class, winery, and cheese tasting.”

– Donna V.

ITALIAN VISTAS

12 DAYS • 17 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Colosseum • Ruins of Pompeii • Sorrento • Florence • Leaning Tower of Pisa • Tuscan Winery • Venice • Murano Island • Verona • Lake Maggiore • Stresa



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Take in the view of the Bay of Naples from Sorrento's cliffs.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.
- Savour traditionally produced macaroni during lunch at a family-owned pasta factory.
- Taste balsamic vinegar, olive oil and local wines at a family-run wine shop in Stresa.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Explore Pompeii's vast archaeological site on a leisurely tour of the highlights **-OR-** a faster paced visit combining must-sees and off-the-beaten-path gems.
- **Day 11** — Take a boat to Isola Bella and join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace **-OR-** cross into Switzerland for a motor coach journey up the Simplon Pass to experience the Swiss Alps.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Mediterraneo Hotel, Grand Hotel Palatino or UNAHOTELS Trastevere, Rome
- Days 4, 5** Hotel Michelangelo, Hotel Sporting, Vico Equense, Majestic Palace Hotel, Sant'Agnello, Sorrento or Grand Hotel Due Golfi, Massa Lubrense
- Days 6, 7** Grand Hotel Baglioni, Starhotels Michelangelo, or Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence
- Days 8, 9** NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice
- Days 10, 11** Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Rome, Italy

Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. (D)

Day 2: Rome

Discover the city on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Meander through Rome's Renaissance district for a peek at the mythic Pantheon and the oval-shaped Piazza Navona, adorned with Baroque fountains. Spend the evening at leisure. Perhaps you'll head to the medieval Monti neighbourhood where the cobblestoned streets are lined with antique shops, independent boutiques and local restaurants. (B)

Day 3: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Consider an optional trip to Vatican City to tour the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour and taste your way around Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. (B)

Day 4: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento

Journey to the brilliant Bay of Naples, where charming villages are built into hillsides above the blue sea. In Pompeii, **it's your choice!** Soak in 2,000 years of history at your own pace. Pick between a leisurely paced tour of the highlights

-OR- a faster paced visit of Pompeii's off-the-beaten-path gems. Pause in nearby Gragnano for a late lunch and visit to a pasta factory. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 5: Sorrento

Today, sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Upon arrival, admire the island's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise, passing by the steep cliffs, endless small caves, and the famous Faraglioni rocks, jutting out of the water. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés. Return to Sorrento in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Sorrento - Florence

During a full day bus transfer, head through Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Experience Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Home to Italy's best art and architecture, begin your exploration with an evening stroll to dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 7: Florence

Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria and stand in awe before the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. The rest of the day is yours. Consider an optional excursion to the 14th-century Certosa monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant. (B)



Florence



Venice

Day 8: Florence - Pisa - Venice

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

+ Optional 2 Night Stresa Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1350 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 12: Stresa - Lake Orta - Stresa

Begin your post tour extension with a journey to picture-perfect Orta, a scenic subalpine lake surrounded by ancient villages. During a guided tour, take in the old town of Orta, lined with quaint cobblestoned lanes and local cafes. Then enjoy a boat ride to San Giulio, a rocky island in the middle of the lake providing impressive views of the surrounding shore. Return to Lake Maggiore for an afternoon at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll

Day 9: Venice

Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. When you return, step off the beaten path and see for yourself how the locals live. Explore the Castello district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets all the way to St. Mark's Square. Admire the stunning Basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. (B)

Day 10: Venice - Verona - Stresa, Lake Maggiore

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

Day 11: Stresa

Today, **it's your choice!** Take a boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace and gardens **-OR-** cross into Switzerland as your motor coach climbs up the Simplon Pass for a taste of the Swiss Alps. Tonight, travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

Day 12: Stresa - Tour Ends

Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (B)

through the quaint streets of Stresa, the lake-side resort that inspired Hemingway to write *A Farewell to Arms*.

Day 13: Stresa

Today, travel along the shores of Lake Maggiore to nearby Verbania for a visit to the enchanted gardens of Villa Taranto. Among the dreamy landscapes and captivating reflections are mysterious flowers from the farthest corners of the world. After wandering along the pathways of this picturesque botanical garden, return to Stresa in time for lunch on own. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll venture to one of the nearby villages using the Lake's public ferryboat system. As night falls on the lake, consider taking a stroll along Stresa's waterfront promenade to enjoy the twinkling lights that illuminate its shores. (B)

Day 14: Stresa - Extension Ends

Bid *arrivederci* to Stresa as you transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



ARRIVAL
ROME (FCO)

DEPARTURE
MILAN (MIL)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$7399**
SOLO Starting at **\$8899**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 05 August 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June 2025 – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + **PRE-NIGHT: Rome** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- + **POST-NIGHT: Lake Maggiore** (1-2 NIGHTS)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 10-11: Regina Palace Hotel

Enjoy views of Lake Maggiore by upgrading your accommodation to a lake view room at the Regina Palace Hotel.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

REFLECTIONS OF ITALY

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5849

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • St. Peter's Basilica • Assisi • Perugia • Cortona • Florence • Chianti Winery & Cooking Class • Venice • Murano Island • Lake Como



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore Cortona, the postcard-worthy village that serves as the setting for *Under the Tuscan Sun*.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Take in the views as you stroll along Bellagio's waterfront promenade.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Visit a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region.
- Enjoy a chef-led cooking class with lunch in a historic castle.
- Dine on regional delicacies and fine Italian wines.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome
Day 3	Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Days 4, 5	Hotel Albani, Florence
Days 6, 7	Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice
Day 8	Hotel Barchetta Excelsior, Como

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Rome, Italy

Begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner featuring regional specialities. (D)

Day 2: Rome

On a guided tour of the Vatican Museums explore the extensive Papal palace housing priceless artefacts from ancient Egypt, classical Greco-Roman statuary, and works by great Renaissance masters. In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling and brilliant *Last Judgment*. Next, wander through the towering columns of St. Peter's Basilica, a daring feat of human artistry and engineering. Admire the baroque spirals of Bernini's altar canopy and gaze up at Michelangelo's dome – still the tallest in the world. Return to the hotel mid-afternoon. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, indulging in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 3: Rome - Assisi - Perugia

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. With free time to explore, consider

wandering along the Corso, Perugia's main street, where gothic facades are lined with shops and restaurants. (B)

Day 4: Perugia - Cortona - Florence

Head through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills to the Etruscan city of Cortona. Perched on the side of a hill, take in the ornate facades and gothic architecture. Peek at the adjacent Lake Trasimeno, situated off in the distance. You might recognise the city as the charming setting for the book and film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. End your day in Florence – the "Cradle of the Renaissance." (B)

Day 5: Florence

This morning, experience Florence's cultural treasures on a walking tour, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The rest of the day is yours to explore this veritable open-air museum. Perhaps you'll join an after-hours tour of the 14th-century *Certosa* monastery, followed by dinner featuring local wines, Tuscan food, and live entertainment. (B)

Day 6: Florence - Venice

Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of a 12th-century castle, learn about Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back



Lake Como



Venice

and savour regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the Apennine Mountains towards the Po River Valley. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Venice

See Venice from the water and take a boat to Murano Island. At a glass-blowing demonstration, discover the secrets of this ancient art up-close and marvel at the one-of-a-kind designs. Make your way to the historic centre of Venice and see the Castello district with a local expert. End in St. Mark's Square, taking in the basilica and the opulent façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is yours. Consider an optional tour featuring Venice's most famous pastime – a serenaded gondola ride. (B)

Day 8: Venice - Lake Como

This morning, you'll be whisked across the plains of northern Italy to the shores of glamorous Lake Como. During a ferry ride to alluring Bellagio, admire the endless succession of

historic villas, lush gardens, and colourful villages reflected in the lake's blue waters. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore Bellagio's charms before sailing back to Como where you check into your hotel in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 9: Lake Como - Tour Ends

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

+ Optional 2 Night Rome Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1500 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Rome, Italy

Arrive in Rome for an extended stay in the city Romans call *Caput Mundi* (capital of the world). Your local host will meet you at the hotel for an orientation briefing before leading you on a neighbourhood walk, providing you with dining suggestions for your evening at leisure.

Day 2: Rome

This morning, dive into the history of the Roman Empire. Your extensive walking tour begins with a climb up the Esquiline Hill, one of the seven hills on which ancient Rome was originally built. Pause to admire Michelangelo's statue of Moses in the church of St. Peter in Chains, before taking in views of the Colosseum from a terrace overlooking this ancient amphitheatre. Your guided tour continues with a stroll along the avenue of Imperial Fora for views of the remains of the Basilica of Maxentius and Trajan's Market. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll meander through Rome's lively Monti district to soak in the local life. (B)

Day 3: Rome

Start your day with a locally guided tour of Rome's Renaissance and Baroque highlights. Walk to the top of the Spanish Steps for views of the city's skyline and down its famous 135 stairs. Stroll over cobblestone streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights like the Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon's imposing façade. Finish a full morning of exploration in the oval-shaped Piazza Navona before joining your Reflections of Italy tour. (B)



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at **\$5849**
Starting at **\$7349**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 21 May 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025 **June 2025 – May 2026**
(different itinerary - see note*) (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

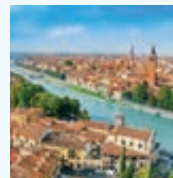
+ **PRE-NIGHT:**
Rome (1-2 NIGHTS)



+ **POST-NIGHT:**
Lake Como (1-2 NIGHTS)



ALSO AVAILABLE



Reflections of Italy ft. Verona & Lake Como in Winter - NEW!

Embark on a captivating journey that takes you from the piazzas of Rome to the canals of Venice.

★ **DATES AVAILABLE:**
DECEMBER 2025 – FEBRUARY 2026

“Our favourite part of the tour was the extra experiences you don't get if you organise on your own, like the cooking class, the tour of the monastery, and special dinners.”

– Julia B.

ITALY'S TREASURES

ART, FOOD & WINE OF ITALY

11 DAYS • 18 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Italian Lakes Region • Stresa • Wine Tasting • Impact Moment • Italian Riviera • Portofino • Cinque Terre • Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion • Tuscan Countryside • Italian Cooking Class • San Gimignano • Siena • Florence • Bologna • Venice



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Get a glimpse into life on a small, family-run Alpine farm while being hosted by the owner.
- Discover the cultural landscape of traditional terraced olive groves in Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Go off-roading in the famous marble quarries of Carrara and visit the old town, exploring how the precious stone shaped this region.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Journey by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a lovely welcome dinner.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour in San Gimignano.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on cooking lesson.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

Days 3, 4 Grand Hotel Torre Fara, Chiavari, Italian Riviera

Days 5 - 8 Villa Lecchi, Tuscany

Days 9, 10 Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Carrara Marble Quarry

Day 1: Stresa, Italy

Begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. This evening, cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

Day 2: Stresa

In an ancient village nestled in the mountains, a local family welcomes you to sample their very own artisanal cheeses, paired with the region's best wines. During an **Impact Moment**, have lunch at a social enterprise giving ex-offenders a second chance through the dignity of work. This restaurant trains and employs those who have been through the justice system for a non-violent offence as cooks and servers. The remainder of the day in Stresa is at your leisure. Explore the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets, and lakeside promenades. Or enjoy your breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. As the day draws to a close, visit a family-run wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some antipasto snacks. (B, L)

Day 3: Stresa - Portofino - Italian Riviera

Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its

immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast. Spend some free time in the famous village of Portofino, known for its picturesque harbour and vibrant colours, and as a glamorous getaway spot and retreat for the jet set. (B, D)

Day 4: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Italian Riviera

Travel by rail today as you discover the colourful Cinque Terre (UNESCO), a string of medieval villages perched on the edge of the sea. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards. (B)

Day 5: Italian Riviera - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany

Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's great natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. During an off-road drive in the Apuane Mountains, you'll follow the roads the *cavatori* (quarrymen) carved into the mountains while extracting the precious stone. Over the centuries, Carrara marble was used by artists such as Michelangelo to carve his Pietà in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica, as well as his legendary statue of *David*. Enjoy some free time to explore Carrara's old town on your own; view the town's cathedral, the Duomo, built in white marble, or search for Michelangelo's bust marking his former home. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany

Welcome to Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. You'll also wander past the Palazzo Vecchio, the Signoria and Santa Croce squares. Enjoy time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa. (B)

Day 7: Tuscany - San Gimignano - Tuscany

This morning, take in Tuscany's landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards and endless groves en route to San Gimignano. Nicknamed the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, San Gimignano's 14 towers soar distinctively over the landscape, making this iconic hilltop village stand out against the rolling hills. Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour while you wander the cobbled streets and gaze up at the imposing towers during time at leisure in this Tuscan gem. Later, journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a family-owned villa welcomes you. After a tour of the house and grounds, engage in a hands-on cooking lesson. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan dinner and toast to your host with local Chianti wine. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuscany - Siena - Tuscany

Travel south to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site where stunning

Romanesque and Gothic architecture can be found on every corner. Walk the narrow medieval streets on a guided tour. Get to know the local lifestyle of a *contrada* (neighbourhood) whose community Museum is centered around the colourful *Palio* horse race. Retreat to your Tuscan villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

On a walking tour, discover the culture of Bologna, a city barely changed since the time of the Renaissance and Italy's food capital. Browse the city's speciality food shops and sample local delicacies such as Parmigiano cheese, mortadella - the Italian progenitor of baloney - and lasagne. Arrive later in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," and settle in for a two-night stay in one of the most romantic cities in the world. (B, L)

Day 10: Venice

Spend the day in Venezia, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondola-laden canals. A local guide takes you on a walking tour of its incredible sites, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Bell tower, and St. Mark's Square. Then, travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore more of Venice on your own. Say *arrivederci* to Italy at a savoury farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Venice - Tour Ends

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

Day 12: Venice

Enjoy a full day to explore Venice at your leisure. You can meander through the historic streets, taking in the city's unique architecture and gondola-filled canals. Maybe you'll decide to sample the local cuisine at a typical *bacaro* (a small wine bar), where locals stop for a glass of wine – traditionally called *ombra* – and small bites, which Venetians call *cicchetti*. Or take a local public waterbus ride to the nearby island of San Giorgio, which offers spectacular views of St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace. (B)

Day 13: Venice

Say *arrivederci* to Venice as your extension comes to an end today. You may arrange for your transfer to the airport through the hotel. (B)



ARRIVAL
MILAN (MXP)

DEPARTURE
VENICE (VCE)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6749**
SOLO Starting at **\$7649**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 15 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024

March – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June – October 2025

March – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June – October 2025 and March – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Lake Maggiore** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT: Venice** (1-2 NIGHTS)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 1-2: Regina Palace, Stresa

Enjoy views of Lake Maggiore by upgrading your accommodation to a lake view room.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking

+ **Optional 2-Night Venice Post-Tour Extension**
Starting at \$1050 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 11: Venice

Continue your exploration of Italy with a two-night stay in Venice. From your centrally located hotel, start an in-depth visit of the vibrant centre of this city with your local guide. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy independently.

“The small quaint farm and vineyard visits and the cooking class were special and beautiful.”

– Steven B.

ITALY: AMALFI COAST TO PUGLIA

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Naples • Impact Moment • Pompeii •
Wine Tasting • Minori • Amalfi • Positano
• Ravello • Matera • Lecce • Tarantella
Folk Music & Dance Performance • Ostuni
• Ape Calessino Tour • Alberobello



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Zoom through Ostuni in the backseat of a 3-wheeled Ape Calessino car.
- Experience the Italian landscape like never before and spend 2 nights in a unique cave-dwelling accommodation.
- **Impact Moment:** Discover traditional Neapolitan songs and music during a private performance at a local social enterprise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample wines just outside of Pompeii, created from the fertile volcanic countryside.
- Make your way through Lecce's city centre with a multi-stop dinner.
- Gaze out at the deep blue Bay of Naples and looming Mt. Vesuvius as you dine on regional specialties.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Visit Villa Rufolo and gaze out at the spectacular Amalfi Coast -**OR**- hike the half-mile trail down to the remote gardens of Villa Cimbrone.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Royal Continental Hotel, Naples ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE See next page for details.
Days 3 - 6	Hotel Villa Romana or Minori Palace Hotel, Minori, Amalfi Coast
Days 7, 8	Locanda di San Martino Hotel, Matera
Days 9, 10	Santa Chiara Suite Hotel, Lecce, Puglia
Days 11, 12	Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello, Puglia

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Day 1: Naples, Italy - Tour Begins

Begin in Naples, a vibrant mecca for locals and travellers alike. Volcanic landscapes give way to medieval architecture and Grecian lanes, creating a unique culture exclusive to Naples. Settle into your new home for the next 2 nights and admire the view of crashing waves and bobbing boats. Toast to the start of your Italian getaway over dinner, looking out over the deep blue Bay of Naples to Mt. Vesuvius looming in the distance. (D)

Day 2: Naples

Explore Naples' exuberant historic city centre (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. Visit the Sansevero Chapel, home to the Veiled Christ statue, rumoured to be created by alchemy due to its carved flowing cloth. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii. Tonight's **Impact Moment** comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the *Napulitanata* social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. (B)

Day 3: Naples - Pompeii - Minori

Feel the ghosts of the past as you wander through Pompeii with a guide. After you've explored the public baths and private villas, get a new perspective on the volcanic countryside with a visit to a nearby winery. Layers of ash have transformed the timeworn soil into a fertile

vineyard. Enjoy a wine tasting with lunch before continuing to the beloved Amalfi Coast. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next 4 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Minori - Maiori - Minori

A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential *Amalfitana* vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about *sfusato* lemons, used in *limoncello*. Sample this fragrant liqueur in a pastry shop before hiking along the coast. You'll trek the rugged Path of Lemons - an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 5: Minori - Amalfi - Positano - Minori

Journey by boat to Amalfi, the rocky coast's namesake town. Formerly a maritime republic, Amalfi puts a historic spin on the seaside hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas and towering mosaicked cathedrals. After a few hours on your own, ferry past tumbling cliffs and pastel-coloured houses on your way to Positano. Enjoy a free afternoon in this resort town, perhaps browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach. Return to Minori by ferry. (B)

Day 6: Minori - Ravello - Minori

Look down upon the Amalfi Coast from Ravello, a picturesque village with the best vantage point of the winding coastline. Then, **it's your choice!**



Matera



Alberobello

Visit the gardens of Villa Rufolo, making your way through a latticework of hedges and flowers to gaze out at the azure waves below -OR- hike the half-mile trail down to the remote gardens of Villa Cimbrone before returning to Minori for an afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 7: Minori - Matera

This morning, discover one of Italy's delectable cheese products during a visit to a dairy farm. Taste freshly made mozzarella for lunch before continuing south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next 2 nights. Each cave is unique, half-excavated and half-carved from the land. In these unparalleled accommodations, connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B, L)

Day 8: Matera

Hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided walking tour along its hillside caves, narrow passages and steep alleys known to locals as the Sassi. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Matera's heritage. Perhaps you'll visit the remarkable Palombaro Lungo underground water cistern or head out of town for a hike through the

surrounding countryside dotted with prehistoric caves and medieval rock churches. (B)

Day 9: Matera - Lecce

Cross into the Puglia region and pause at an olive grove to learn about the different kinds of oil before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papier-mâché craftsmanship. Dine your way around Lecce in the evening with a multi-stop dinner in the city centre. (B, D)

Day 10: Lecce - Otranto - Lecce

Today enjoy an excursion to the picturesque village of Otranto and enjoy its characteristic winding lanes and hidden cafes. Take your time for a relaxing lunch along the sea and enjoy your time at leisure in one of the pearls of Salento. Reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional *pizzica e taranta*. According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)

Day 11: Lecce - Ostuni - Alberobello

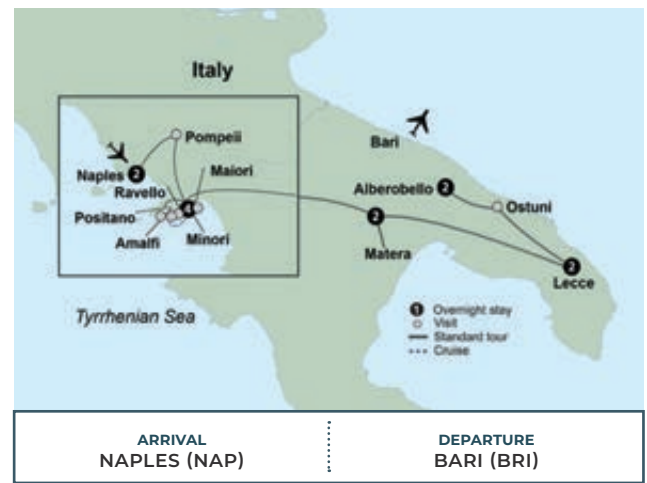
Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town surrounded by olive trees. Zoom through the town like a local in the backseat of an open-air Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car. Enjoy time on your own before arriving in Alberobello. Make your way to your personal room, a converted house that will serve as your home for the next 2 nights. Make the most of a free evening to independently discover the town's secrets. (B)

Day 12: Alberobello

Say "*buongiorno*" to Alberobello (UNESCO), a whimsical city that hosts a collection of cone-shaped *trulli* homes. Meander through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, sometimes featuring symbols with superstitious connotations. The afternoon is yours to explore. As the day draws to a close, wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Alberobello - Tour Ends

Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)



ARRIVAL
NAPLES (NAP)

DEPARTURE
BARI (BRI)

DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at \$6699
Starting at \$7649

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 2 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April – May 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for April-May 2025 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Naples (1-2 NIGHTS)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 1-2: Hotel Royal Continental

For your 2-night stay in Naples you may choose to upgrade your room at the Hotel Royal Continental to a frontal sea-view room. Wake up to admire the sparkling waters of the Bay of Naples.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

SICILY AND ITS ISLES

13 DAYS • 20 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Palermo • Monreale • Cooking Class and Wine-Pairing Lunch • Marsala • Stagnone Salt Pans & Lagoon Sailing • Impact Moment • Olive Oil Farm • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Cefalù • Isle of Salina • Caper Farm • Taormina • Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Delve into the belly of Palermo on a walking food tour of the lively markets.
- Soak up the relaxed ambiance of the Aeolian Islands (UNESCO) with a 2-night stay on the Isle of Salina.
- Ascend the sides of Mount Etna (UNESCO) in off-road vehicles.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Meet a winemaker and engage in a hands-on cooking class in the countryside.
- Savour salty capers and sweet Malvasia wine at a local producer on Salina Island.
- During an **Impact Moment**, visit an olive grove for a taste of their sustainably produced oil and learn how their ethical production methods help combat the Mafia.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Explore the cloisters of Monreale's cathedral, enjoying the serene atmosphere **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hotel Porta Felice or Quintocanto Hotel, Palermo
- Days 3 - 5** Hotel Stella D'Italia or Grand Hotel Palace, Marsala, Sicily
- Day 6** Baia di Ulisse Hotel, Agrigento
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Days 7, 8** Mangia's Pollina Resort, Cefalu
- Days 9, 10** Hotel La Salina Borgo Di Mare, Salina
- Days 11, 12** Excelsior Palace Hotel, Taormina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Salina Island

Day 1: Palermo, Italy

Arrive in Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's welcoming capital city. Uncover the island's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and delicate Classical designs. Come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Palermo

Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical centre and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food. Palermo's culinary heritage layers Arab and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives, and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

Day 3: Palermo - Marsala

Make your way to Alcamo, a hilltop town deeply nestled in Sicily's largest wine-producing region. Venture off the beaten path and meet a local winemaker. Learn about the local types of grapes and production techniques, before joining a hands-on cooking class. Share the meal you prepared for lunch, paired with the farm's own wines. Late this afternoon, settle into

your hotel in coastal Marsala for a three-night stay. Perhaps you'll take a sunset walk along the waterfront before heading out for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Marsala

Discover the ancient craft of sea-salt harvesting during a guided visit to the salt pans of the Stagnone Lagoon, once at the confluence of Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilizations. Hop on a local boat and take in the views of the lagoon and surrounding, low-lying islands before returning to Marsala for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Marsala

The day is yours to explore Marsala as you please. Perhaps you'll visit one of the city's numerous wineries, noted for producing the eponymous fortified wine. Or, you may join a full day optional excursion to Favignana. A short waterjet ride from Sicily's mainland, Favignana island is part of the Egadi archipelago. Once famous for its tuna fish production, this small island boasts crystal clear waters and enchanting gardens. (B)

Day 6: Marsala - Agrigento

This morning, experience an **Impact Moment** when you visit an olive oil maker who uses ethical farming methods to produce EVOO. Hear this local man's story, his dedication to sustainable farming, and how he stands up against the rules that the Mafia tries to impose



Olive Grove



Palermo Market

on local farmers. Explore the olive groves on foot and pause for a rustic picnic-style lunch before continuing to Agrigento's seaside. Settle in for a one-night stay and dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Agrigento - Cefalù Coast

In the company of an expert guide, wander through the imposing Greek ruins of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples (UNESCO). Discover the myths enshrouding the foundation of ancient Akragas, and watch history come alive. Then, relax aboard your motorcoach during a full afternoon transfer to Sicily's northern coast. As the sun sets, acquaint yourself with the extensive grounds of your cliffside resort. (B, D)

Day 8: Cefalù Coast

Today, set off for the seaside town of Cefalù on Sicily's northern coast. Stroll the medieval streets and enjoy ample free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll peek into the city's impressive cathedral showcasing Norman architecture, or take in Sicilian medieval art at the Mandalisca museum. Return to your coastal resort mid-afternoon. You will have time to venture down to the resort's private beach and dip your feet in the

Mediterranean, if you choose. (B, D)

Day 9: Cefalù Coast - Ferry to Aeolian Islands - Isle of Salina

Grab your bags and hop on a ferry in Milazzo. Sail by Vulcano and Lipari on your way to Salina, a far-flung isle surrounded by vibrant blue waters and dark volcanic rock. Somewhat off the beaten path, Salina is one of the less-travelled Aeolian Islands, preserved as a holiday getaway for Italians. Start your 2-night stay and slow your rhythm to the gentle pace of this small island. (B)

Day 10: Salina

Dramatic landscapes of rocky cliffs and vibrant vineyards pass you by on your way to nearby Pollara, famous for its traditional caper cultivation. Wander through the fields, tasting the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of Malvasia, a locally produced dessert wine. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll find a café by the sea and soak in the local life while sampling their every flavour of *granita* ice-slush. (B)

Day 11: Salina - Ferry to Sicily - Taormina

Early this morning, ferry back to mainland Sicilia. Journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theatres and hilly walkways. Discover its well-preserved Greek theatre in company of a local guide. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent sea. Spend the evening on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Day 12: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. This evening, toast to your Sicilian sojourn at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

Day 13: Taormina - Tour Ends

Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with memories of Italy's favourite island. (B)



ARRIVAL
PALERMO (PMO)

DEPARTURE
CATANIA (CTA)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6749**
SOLO Starting at **\$7649**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 15 June 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024

April – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June – October 2025

April – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

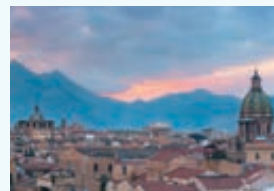
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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT:
Palermo (1-2 NIGHTS)

POST-NIGHT:
Taormina (1-2 NIGHTS)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Day 6: Baia di Ulisse Hotel, Agrigento

During your stay at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel in Agrigento, you can choose to upgrade to a frontal Sea View room, for breathtaking views of Le Dune seaside.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

NEW TOUR

OLD WORLD SICILY & MALTA

11 DAYS • 15 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

- Malta • Grand Harbour Cruise • Valletta • Impact Moment • Ferry to Sicily
- Aromatic Herb Farm Tour • Ragusa-Ibla
- Siracusa • Taormina's Greek Theatre • Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Soak up the island ambiance of Malta with a 4-night stay in Sliema.
- Delve into Maltese culture during a tour of a traditional limestone village.
- Ascend the sides of Mount Etna (UNESCO) in off-road vehicles.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Explore the flavours of Maltese cuisine during a family-style dinner at a local band club.
- Pause for a Sicilian cappuccino and pastry breakfast at a local "bar."
- Visit a family-owned organic herb farm and enjoy a lunch flavoured with delicious aromatic plants.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- Day 8** — In Siracusa, explore the ruins of the ancient Greek colony **-OR-** take in the city's most precious treasures during a visit of the archeological museum.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 4** Land's End Boutique Hotel, Tas-Sliema
- Days 5 - 7** Hotel Villa Carlotta or San Giorgio Palace Hotel, Ragusa
- Days 8 - 10** Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Dghajsa boat, Valletta

Day 1: Sliema, Malta - Tour Begins

Start your journey with a 4-night stay in Sliema, a welcoming Maltese resort town with a lively waterfront promenade. Stretch your legs and take in views of Marsamxett Harbour and Manoel Island. Uncover Malta's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with mysterious prehistoric temples and Renaissance architectural masterpieces. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Sliema - Valletta - Sliema

Begin your adventure with a panoramic sailing of Valletta's (UNESCO) Grand Harbour aboard traditional *Dghajsa* boats before exploring the Maltese capital during a walking tour led by a local expert. View the skyline of the Three Cities from the Upper Barrakka Gardens and take in the elegant profile of the Grand Master's Palace. Then, enjoy some time to explore on your own. This afternoon, visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta before hopping on the local ferry back to Sliema for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Sliema

The entire day is yours. With free time, you might choose to relax in Sliema or venture back to Valletta for a visit to Caravaggio's masterpiece housed in Saint John's Co-Cathedral. Or join

an optional full day exploration of the Isle of Gozo, the second largest island of the Maltese archipelago and home to the Ggantija temple complex (UNESCO), which is older than Stonehenge. (B)

Day 4: Sliema - Maltese Village Experience

Enjoy a morning at leisure. Perhaps you'll join a half-day optional tour to Mdina - the "Silent City" and Malta's ancient capital. This afternoon, immerse yourself in Maltese traditions as you board a retro bus for a village where daily life and customs remain unchanged. Experience an **Impact Moment** as you are hosted for dinner at a local band club. Band clubs have a special place in the community. A source of intense pride and with a solid place in Maltese social culture, the band club's premises are an ideal meeting point for locals to exchange gossip, play a game of pool or engage in village festa activities. (B, D)

Day 5: Sliema - Ferry to Sicily - Ragusa Countryside, Italy

Early this morning, grab your bags and hop on a ferry to Sicily. Pause in the seaside town of Pozzallo for a Sicilian breakfast. As in most of Italy, breakfast in Sicily is a simple but tasty



Ragusa



Taormina

affair, traditionally consisting of a pastry and cappuccino. Continue your culinary exploration of the Sicilian countryside with a visit to a family-owned herb farm to learn about their production of organic aromatic plants. Then, during lunch, enjoy dishes enlivened with herbs grown on the farm. A delightful way to experience the region's unique and delicious flavours. This afternoon, settle into your hotel for a leisurely 3-night stay in the Ragusa countryside. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ragusa Countryside - Ragusa-Ibla - Ragusa Countryside

Make your way to Ragusa-Ibla (UNESCO), a time-worn city perched upon a hill. Meander through its late-Baroque neighbourhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, retreat to your countryside resort just outside the city or linger in town for a dinner on own. (B)

Day 7: Ragusa Countryside

The day is yours to do as you please. With free time, you might choose to relax in the countryside and enjoy the resort's amenities. Or, perhaps you will join an optional tour to the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica (UNESCO), where you'll enjoy a savoury brunch featuring fresh ricotta at a countryside restaurant before venturing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B)

Day 8: Ragusa Countryside - Siracusa - Taormina

Take in the rugged landscape of South-Eastern Sicily en route to Siracusa (UNESCO). Then, **it's your choice!** Discover the expansive Neapolis, the ancient Greek colony established 27 centuries ago -**OR-** take in the ancient city's most precious treasures during a visit of the archeological museum in company of a local expert. This afternoon, relax during a bus transfer to Taormina, a charming resort town perched high above the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 9: Taormina

Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the free afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Day 10: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna (UNESCO). Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. Back in Taormina, gather with your fellow travellers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands accompanied by Sicilian food at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

Day 11: Taormina - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Sicily and the Mediterranean as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



ARRIVAL
MALTA (MLA)

DEPARTURE
CATANIA (CTA)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5299**
SOLO Starting at **\$6299**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 6 November 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024
March – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June 2025
September – November 2025
March – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June, September – November 2025 and March – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

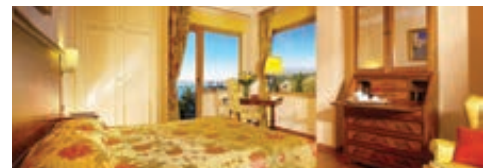
- + **PRE-NIGHT: Malta** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- + **POST-NIGHT: Taormina** (1-2 NIGHTS)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 1-4: Land's End Boutique, Sliema

Enhance your experience with an upgrade to a sea view room.



Days 8-10: Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina

Enhance your experience with an upgrade to a frontal sea view room.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

ROME & THE AMALFI COAST

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Spanish Steps • Trevi Fountain • Piazza Navona • Imperial Fora • Winery Visit and Lunch • Pompeii • Amalfi Coast • Sorrento • Farmhouse Visit and Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Toss a coin in Rome's iconic Trevi Fountain.
- Step back 2,000 years amid vestiges of the ancient Roman Empire, strolling beside the Colosseum and Imperial Fora.
- Enjoy free time to explore Amalfi, a historic trading hub along its namesake coast.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a winery, steps away from the archeological site of Pompeii.
 - Tour a family-run farm and learn how they make their own cheese by hand.
 - Sample homemade limoncello liqueur at a farm in the Sorrento countryside.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Join a local guide for an in-depth tour of Pompeii's best-known monuments: the excavated ruins of the Forum, the thermal baths and the Sanctuary of Apollo **-OR-** venture further to discover the hidden corners of this vast archeological site, such as the vibrant frescoes of the Suburban Baths and the once bustling thermopoli (taverns).



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Hotel Imperiale or Hotel Aria Palace, Rome
- Days 4 - 8** Hotel Raito, Vietri sul Mare, Amalfi Coast
- ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE**
See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Amalfi Coast

Day 1: Rome, Italy

Your tour opens in the "Eternal City" of Rome! Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner celebrating the start of your Italian journey. (D)

Day 2: Rome

Start your day with a locally guided walking tour of Rome's Renaissance and Baroque highlights. Climb to the top of the Spanish Steps for views of the city's skyline and down its famous 135 stairs. Stroll over cobblestone streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon's imposing facade. Finish a full morning of exploration in the oval-shaped Piazza Navona, built upon the site of the ancient Stadium of Domitian. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll meander through Rome's lively Monti district to soak in the local life. (B)

Day 3: Rome

Today, join an expert guide to explore the Imperial Fora. Take in views of the Colosseum's exterior, the remains of the Basilica of Maxentius, and of Trajan's Markets. Your extensive walking tour winds its way through Rome's medieval district, which developed organically from the ruins of the ancient city. This neighbourhood is a charming combination of narrow cobbled streets, dark tufa stone, and repurposed Roman ruins. Make

the most of a free afternoon in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour dinner and taste your way around Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

Day 4: Rome - Pompeii - Amalfi Coast

Journey to the Amalfi Coast, an iconic coastline of rocky beaches and towering cliffs. En route, pause at a local winery to savour the area's famous *Lacryma Christi* wine. Enjoy a typical lunch before experiencing the eerily preserved ruins of Pompeii your way, because **it's your choice!** Join a local guide for an in-depth tour of Pompeii's best-known monuments **-OR-** venture further afield to discover the hidden corners of this vast archeological site. In the late afternoon, settle into the Amalfi Coast, your home for the next five nights. Before gathering for dinner, take some time to explore your hotel, perched in a scenic location above the coastline. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Amalfi Coast

Sail along the stunning Amalfi Coast to Positano, with its pastel-coloured houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in this legendary locale, browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach before continuing to Amalfi. A former trading hub, Amalfi is now a quiet coastal town of historic landmarks and a black-and-white marble cathedral. Explore on your own before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Amalfi Coast

Journey along the eastern cliffs of the Bay of

Naples to the charming resort town of Sorrento. Wander through its narrow streets, perhaps peeking into the peaceful cloister of St. Francis or sampling some gelato made with local lemons. This afternoon, visit a traditional terraced farm and see how cheese is still made by hand. Get a taste of the product at a farm-to-table dinner capped with homemade limoncello before returning to your hotel in the late evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Amalfi Coast

Enjoy a day at leisure to take in the relaxing beauty of the Amalfi Coast. Perhaps you will embark on an optional ferryboat trip to the Mediterranean isle of Capri, where you'll enjoy lunch and a locally guided tour before setting out on your own adventure. A two-hour

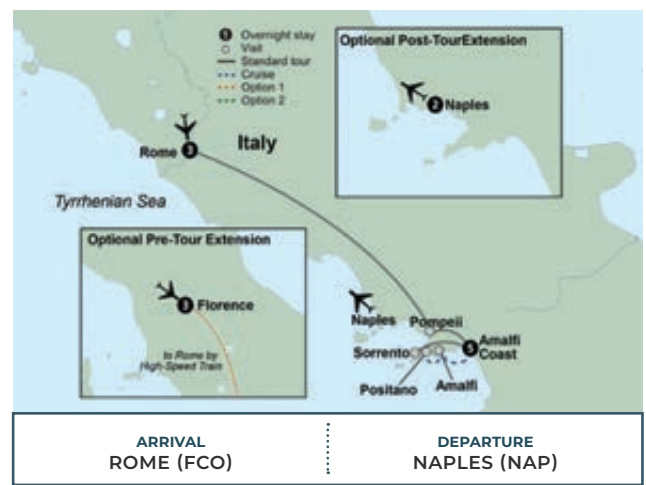
ferryboat ride takes you back to the hotel in the early evening. (B)

Day 8: Amalfi Coast

Greet another day on the Amalfi Coast to do as you please. An optional tour takes you to Paestum to see the best-preserved Greek temples outside of Greece, and then to discover one of Italy's most surprising products during a tour of a buffalo milk dairy, where you'll taste freshly made mozzarella with lunch. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and bid *salute* to the end of your Italian getaway. (B, D)

Day 9: Amalfi Coast - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at \$5549
SOLO Starting at \$6899
 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 13 July 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – December 2024
 March – May 2025
 (different itinerary - see note*)

June – December 2025
 March – May 2026
 (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + **PRE-NIGHT: Rome** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- + **POST-NIGHT: Amalfi Coast** (1-2 NIGHTS)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Days 4-8: Hotel Raito
 During your stay at the Hotel Raito, you may choose to enjoy a lateral view of the coastline and garden by upgrading your accommodation to a Deluxe Sea View room with a private French-style balcony.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

+ Optional 3 Night Florence Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1950 pp



Day 1: Florence, Italy

Get settled into Florence for your 3-night stay. Your local host will meet you at the hotel for an orientation briefing before leading you on a neighbourhood walk, providing you with dining suggestions for your evening at leisure.

Day 2: Florence

Start your morning with a locally guided walking tour of Florence's cultural treasures, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The afternoon is yours to shop, or perhaps visit one of the city's museums such as the Uffizi or the Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's statue of *David*. (B)

Day 3: Florence

Explore Florence's bohemian *Oltrarno* district during a guided walking tour of the city's Left Bank. Grasp the spirit of this "Florence of the Florentines." Here the last craftsmen, the market, gardens, churches, and cafés still move at the gentle rhythm of everyday life, away from the hustle and bustle of Florence's more famous monuments. The remainder of the day is yours to explore more of Florence. (B)

Day 4: Florence - Rome

Your Florentine sojourn comes to a close today. Transfer to Rome by high-speed train to begin your tour. (B)

+ Optional 2 Night Naples Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1500 pp



Day 9: Amalfi Coast - Naples

Transfer from the Amalfi Coast to the Bay of Naples. Naples is a city of contrasts: grandiose buildings and expansive plazas beside narrow streets steeped in a medieval atmosphere. A panoramic tour introduces you to the city. Next, join a local guide for a walking tour of the city's monumental district. Take in the imposing Maschio Angioino castle and the Galleria Umberto arcade. After checking in to your hotel in the mid-afternoon, explore the neighbourhood, perhaps in quest for Naples' most iconic food: pizza!

Day 10: Naples

This morning, explore the vast collections of the Naples National Archeological Museum during a guided tour of its highlights. The museum houses artefacts recovered from the excavations of Pompeii and neighbouring towns that were impacted by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Continue with a guided walk through Naples' historical old town. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Naples on your own. Perhaps you will visit the Capodimonte Museum or stroll along the Chiaia waterfront. (B)

Day 11: Naples - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

12 DAYS • 20 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Palermo • Monreale • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Piazza Armerina • Giardini Naxos • Taormina • Strait of Messina • Winery Tour & Tasting • Matera • Sorrento • Positano • Pompeii



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Stand in awe before the ancient Greek theatre in Taormina.
- Experience true Sicilian hospitality during a farmhouse lunch.
- Journey to Positano village, the pearl of the Amalfi Coast.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a regional dinner at a winery's *agriturismo* restaurant.
- Tour a vineyard and wine cellar located in the badlands of Matera's Basilicata region.
- Savour freshly made mozzarella cheese during a visit to a buffalo dairy farm.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Enjoy a morning at leisure at your hotel, where you can enjoy views of the sea or walk along the beach **-OR-** venture into Agrigento's old town for a stroll through its historic center and free time to explore.
- **Day 11** — Soak in the history of a Pompeii at your own pace by picking between a leisurely walking tour of Pompeii's essential sights **-OR-** a faster-paced walk covering more off-the-beaten-path gems.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** NH Palermo, Palermo
- Days 3, 4** Baia di Ulisse, Agrigento
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Days 5, 6** Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia or Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos
- Days 7, 8** UNAHOTELS MH Matera Hotel, Matera
- Days 9, 10** Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento
- Day 11** Massimo D'Azeglio Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Greek Theatre, Taormina

Day 1: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins

Your Italian sojourn opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Palermo

Begin the day with an extensive walking tour of Palermo's old town. On foot, uncover cobblestoned piazzas and ornate buildings, many worn by time and conflict. Visit hilltop Monreale (UNESCO), ascending 92 steps to its 12th-century cathedral. Tour its majestic Byzantine mosaics and explore the cathedral's cloisters. Take in the serene atmosphere of the monastic complex before returning to Palermo for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Palermo - Agrigento

This morning, journey to a family-owned farmhouse, picturesquely set in the hills surrounding Palermo. Meet the owners and discover what a typical day on a Sicilian farm is like. Sit back and tuck into a hearty farm-to-table lunch, made with family recipes. Relax aboard your bus as you travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to Sicily's southern coast for a 2-night stay in the outskirts of Agrigento. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Agrigento

This morning, **it's your choice!** Enjoy time at leisure at your hotel, where you can take in

the views from its panoramic terrace and walk along the beach **-OR-** venture into Agrigento's old town for a stroll through its historic centre and free time to explore. This afternoon, step back 25 centuries and delve into ancient Greek history with a visit of the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archeological sites. Get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules during an extensive walking tour of this ancient acropolis. Then, pause for dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Giardini Naxos

Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale (UNESCO). Explore the site with an expert insider for a locally guided tour of its impressive Roman mosaics. In the afternoon, journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast for your 2-night stay in Giardini Naxos. This evening, perhaps you'll join an optional dinner with music, where traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air. (B)

Day 6: Giardini Naxos

This morning explore beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll stroll the lively pedestrianized main street and climb to the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. The afternoon is yours to relax in Giardini Naxos – the "garden of Sicily" – or opt to see Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. During this

optional tour, your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano while you take in views of its lava formations and basalt rocks. (B, D)

Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Take a short and scenic ferry ride across the narrow Strait of Messina, separating Sicily from Italy's mainland. During your full day bus transfer, pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria and onto the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting vines of a local winery before touring the cellar for a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's *agriturismo* restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Matera

Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history and explains why film producers are seeking out this unique landscape. The afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to Alberobello (UNESCO) in the nearby region of Puglia. Here, marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 9: Matera - Sorrento

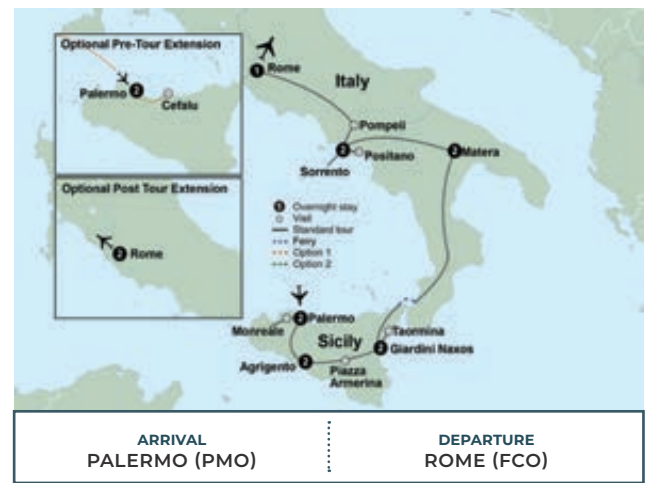
Stop at a sustainable buffalo dairy farm for a taste of freshly made mozzarella and a peek into the history of this iconic cheese. After lunch at the farm, transfer to the Sorrentine Peninsula and settle in for a 2-night stay. During a walking tour, discover the charms of Sorrento and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry. (B, L)

Day 10: Sorrento

This morning, take in the sights and colours of the Mediterranean Sea as you sail along the initial stretch of the breathtaking Amalfi Coast (UNESCO). Gaze out over the deep blue hues of the sea paired with the bright citrus fruits lining the hillsides. Pause in Positano with its pastel-coloured houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in this legendary locale browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach, before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome

Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the excavated ruins of



ARRIVAL
PALERMO (PMO)

DEPARTURE
ROME (FCO)

DOUBLE Starting at \$5149
SOLO Starting at \$6099

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 6 November 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

December 2024 – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note*)

June 2025 – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2025 – April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Palermo** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE**



Days 3, 4: Baia di Ulisse Hotel

During your stay at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel in Agrigento, you can choose to upgrade to a frontal Sea View room.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

+ **Optional 2 Night Palermo Pre-Tour Extension**
Starting at \$1400 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Palermo

Arrive in Palermo where your local host will meet you at the hotel for an orientation briefing before leading you on a neighbourhood walk. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over dinner. (D)

Day 2: Palermo

Begin your adventure with a walking tour of Palermo's lively markets, introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food. The afternoon is yours to explore on your own. (B, L)

Day 3: Palermo - Cefalù - Palermo - Main Tour Begins

This morning, set off for the stunning seaside town of Cefalù. Stroll the charming streets and enjoy free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll peek into the city's impressive cathedral or visit the a museum. Return to Palermo mid-afternoon and join your fellow travellers arriving for the main tour. (B)

+ **Optional 2 Night Rome Post-Tour Extension**
Starting at \$1400 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 12: Rome - Extension Begins

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Classical Rome, viewing famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona, one of Rome's most breathtaking Baroque piazzas. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll view the Colosseum or wander through one of Rome's many museums.

Day 13: Rome - Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica

Early this morning, join an expert local guide for a visit of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, including the world-famous Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo's *Last Judgement* fresco is situated. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll explore Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district and wander through its maze-like, ivy-clung streets. (B)

Day 14: Rome - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Pompeii (UNESCO). Here, **it's your choice!** Soak in the history of this 2,000-year-old Roman town at your own pace by picking between a leisurely walking tour of Pompeii's essential sights **-OR-** a faster paced walk covering more off-the-beaten-path gems. Step into another time as you explore the preserved buildings and imagine life in the 1st century. An afternoon-long transfer leads to Rome, where you arrive in the early evening. Celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

EXPLORING BRITAIN & IRELAND

14 DAYS • 20 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6899

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh • York • High-Speed Train • London • Afternoon Tea • Bath • Wales • Cardiff Castle • The Royal Mint • Welsh Evening • Waterford • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Ring of Kerry • Jaunting Car Ride • Dublin • Traditional Irish Night



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Get to know a local family on their innovative 500-acre farm in the Scottish Borders.
- Travel like a local on a high-speed train to London and be immersed in the capital's energy.
- Enjoy an evening of traditional Irish song and dance in Dublin.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Delve into Scottish culture with a whisky-inspired dinner.
- Experience a traditional afternoon tea in London.
- Explore Wales' cultural heritage at an evening of music, poetry and cuisine.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 10** — In Waterford, choose to tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory **-OR-** enjoy a walking tour of the city.
- **Day 13** — Ride with a local guide and see Dublin's most famous sites **-OR-** take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Mercure Edinburgh Haymarket Hotel, VOCO or DoubleTree Edinburgh City Center, Edinburgh
- Days 3, 4** DoubleTree by Hilton York, York
- Days 5, 6** Canopy by Hilton London City, London
- Days 7, 8** Clayton Hotel, Cardiff
- Day 9** Granville Hotel, Waterford
- Days 10, 11** Killarney Oaks, The Gleneagle Hotel, Great Southern Killarney, or Muckross Park Hotel, Killarney
- Days 12, 13** Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Riu Plaza The Gresham, Aloft Dublin City, Herbert Park Hotel, or Croke Park Hotel, Dublin

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland

Arrive in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. With no planned activities today, settle in to discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, delve into Scottish culture with a whisky-inspired dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland and meet your fellow travellers. (D)

Day 2: Edinburgh

Today get acquainted with Scotland's regal capital on a locally guided city tour exploring both the Old and New Towns. Explore the Royal Mile on foot and walk up the hill to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. This afternoon is yours to further explore independently. Tonight, consider an optional excursion including dinner to Rosslyn Chapel, one of Edinburgh's most remarkable medieval buildings – an after-hours private tour will take you deep into this well-known setting from *The Da Vinci Code*. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - Scottish Borders - Hexham, England - York

Depart Edinburgh, travelling through the picturesque countryside of Northumberland by motor coach. Visit a family farm situated in the heart of the Scottish Borders, where

sustainability and innovation are core to their business. Continue to Hexham Abbey, one of the earliest seats of Christianity in England. Later in York, with its medieval city walls and snickelways, dinner is at a local pub. (B, D)

Day 4: York

Take in York's rich and storied history while joining your Tour Manager on a leisurely orientation walking tour. Explore the quaint, narrow streets of the 'Shambles' that appear today almost as they did during the Middle Ages. At the heart of the city is its impressive Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Venture inside and stand in awe of the seemingly endless sea of stained-glass windows. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5: York - London

Board a high-speed train to London. Upon arriving in England's bustling capital, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Afterward, join a local expert for a walking tour of the city. At Westminster, see the exteriors of the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Big Ben, and continue on to see the exterior of Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. After checking into your hotel, the evening is yours to explore the vibrancy of London's nightlife. (B, L)

Day 6: London

Enjoy a day to explore London at your leisure.



Edinburgh



York "Shambles"

You may choose to take an optional excursion to Hampton Court Palace, home of the Tudor dynasty and England's most notorious king, Henry VIII. Explore fascinating tales from history in this regal setting that's also recognisable as a key filming location in *Bridgerton*, the popular Regency era drama. (B)

Day 7: London - Bath - Cardiff, Wales

Travel to Bath, the elegant Georgian town, to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

Day 8: Cardiff

Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome, and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Tour Cardiff's historic castle, an impressive structure that was once a Roman fort, a Norman castle, and an extraordinary Victorian Gothic fantasy palace. This afternoon, visit The Royal Mint to discover its rich history and witness the stringent processes that creating a coin entails. Tonight, dive into the rich cultural

heritage of Wales when you join local artists for an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Cardiff - Waterford, Ireland

Take in the beautiful Welsh countryside en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There, board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

Day 10: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney

This morning, **it's your choice!** Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's centre and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world **-OR-** enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening, it's **Diner's Choice...** choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 11: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

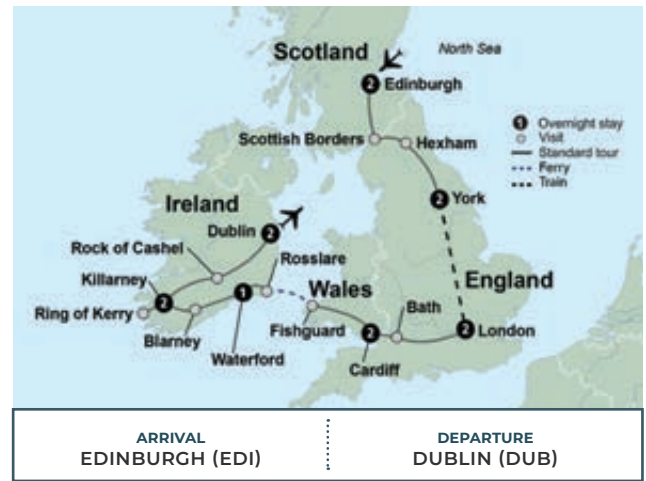
This morning, explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride. Then, travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Enjoy an evening in Killarney at your leisure. (B)

Day 12: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Take in its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Continue on to vibrant Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. (B)

Day 13: Dublin

Today, **it's your choice!** Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park **-OR-** choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Tonight, experience Ireland's lively music and



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EDINBURGH (EDI)

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DUBLIN (DUB)

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SOLO Starting at **\$8849**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024

March – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June – November 2025

March – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

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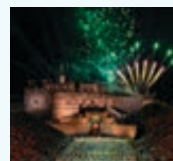
PRE-NIGHT:
Edinburgh (1-2 NIGHTS)



POST-NIGHT:
Dublin (1-2 NIGHTS)



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dynamic dancing during a fun-filled evening of Irish entertainment. (B, D)

Day 14: Dublin - Tour Ends

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

SHADES OF IRELAND

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Irish Evening • Kilkenny • Waterford • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Jaunting Car Ride • Ring of Kerry • Limerick • Cliffs of Moher • Sheepdog Demonstration • Galway • Castle Stay



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Overnight on the grounds of a stately castle.
- Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- See Irish sheepdogs in action during a traditional demonstration.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- Taste the "water of life" during an Irish whiskey tasting.
- Settle in for an elegant dinner at a castle.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Tour the Waterford Crystal factory **-OR-** visit the Medieval Museum and have a glass of wine in the 15th-century Wine Vault.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin
- Day 3** Granville Hotel, Waterford
- Days 4, 5** The O'Donoghue Ring Hotels, The Heights Hotel, The Gleneagle Hotel, or Great Southern Hotel, Killarney
- Days 6, 7** The Absolute Hotel or The George Hotel, Limerick
- Day 8** Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Cliffs of Moher

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Dublin

Today, ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the National Gallery, and the historic Phoenix Park. What follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Later, you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by dinner at a contemporary restaurant showcasing Irish cuisine. (B)

Day 3: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

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

Day 4: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

The legend goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence - give it a try if you wish at historic Blarney Castle, by navigating the 128 narrow steps to the top. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. Enjoy a traditional jaunting car ride

through Killarney National Park. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice... choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)

Day 6: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Limerick

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Continue to Limerick, where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty." This evening you may join an optional medieval banquet dinner, hosted in a castle. (B)

Day 7: Limerick - Galway - Limerick

Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. Continue on to Galway for a brief tour that showcases "The City of Tribes." Return to Limerick to relax over dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Limerick - Kilbeggan - Kingscourt

You don't have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the old-world heritage of Ireland's whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Kilbeggan in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the stately grounds of Cabra Castle, where you toast the end of a memorable trip during an elegant dinner. (B, D)



Blarney Castle

Day 9: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your journey ends in Kingscourt. (B)

+ Optional 3 Night London Pre-Tour Extension Starting at \$1820[†] pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: London, England - Extension Begins

Experience London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

Day 2: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on

the famous London Underground - the Tube. Take a walking tour around the famous Westminster area, where you will see the exteriors of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Then stroll through Trafalgar Square independently, admiring its many monuments. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own to continue exploring the city. (B)

Day 3: London

Be sure to take advantage of your included ticket to the Tower of London to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. (B)

Day 4: London - Dublin, Ireland

Wish London goodbye as you fly to Dublin. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

+ Optional 3 Night Edinburgh Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1400[†] pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 9: Kingscourt - Edinburgh, Scotland

Fly to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland and a city steeped in history. Here, you'll find charming pubs, quaint shops, and friendly faces all under the watchful gaze of Edinburgh Castle. Dig into Scottish cuisine with dinner at a local restaurant tonight. (D)

Day 10: Edinburgh

Delve into the heart of Edinburgh as you take a guided walking tour of the famous Royal Mile. Peruse the many shops, learn about the storied history of these streets, and make your way to the peak of the city - Edinburgh Castle. Inside the walls of Edinburgh Castle, you'll be able to see medieval armour and the Scottish Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

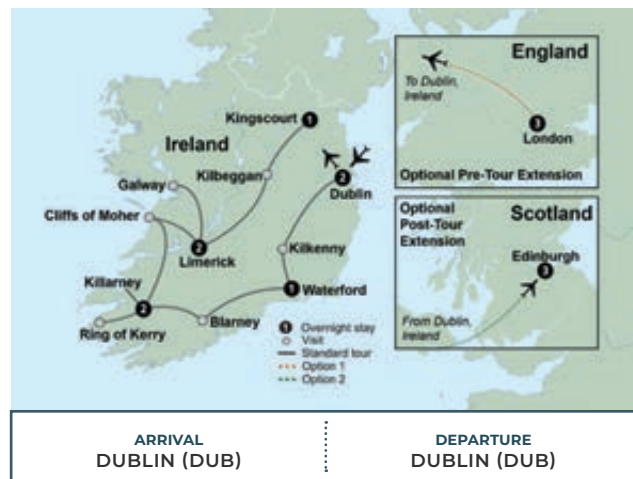
Day 11: Edinburgh

Today is yours to explore Edinburgh how you'd like. Take advantage of this day at leisure - maybe take a tour of Edinburgh's infamous vaults, or stop by The King's Edinburgh residence, the Palace of Holyroodhouse. (B)

Day 12: Edinburgh - Extension Ends

Give a farewell pat to Greyfriars Bobby as you depart for home. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.



ARRIVAL
DUBLIN (DUB)

DEPARTURE
DUBLIN (DUB)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4749
SOLO Starting at \$5749

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 31 May 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2024

March - May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June - November 2025

March - May 2026

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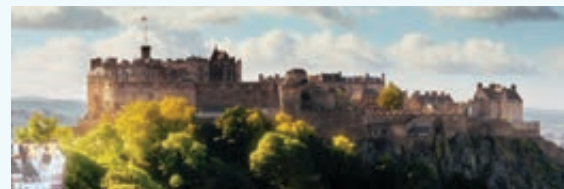
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+ **POST-NIGHT: Cabra Castle** (1-2 NIGHTS)

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SCOTLAND: LAND OF LORE & LEGEND

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS
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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Glasgow • Sheepdog Demonstration • Scottish Highlands • Loch Melfort • Oban • Isle of Mull • Isle of Iona • Urquhart Castle • Moray Firth Cruise • Culloden • Blair Castle • Impact Moment • Whisky Tasting • Edinburgh Castle



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Immerse yourself in the history of Blair Castle.
- See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Sip the famous "water of life" at a local whisky tasting.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow
Days 3, 4 Loch Melfort Hotel, Arduaine, Oban
Days 5, 6 Best Western Palace Hotel, Inverness
Days 7 - 9 voco Edinburgh - Haymarket, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Iona Abbey

Day 1: Glasgow, Scotland

Welcome to Glasgow, a cultural trove of art, music, and history. Get ready to experience the eclectic architecture, friendly locals (Glaswegians), and rich traditions that make this city such a fascinating place. Settle into your hotel before joining your fellow travellers this evening for dinner. (D)

Day 2: Glasgow

Soak in the rich culture of Glasgow. Join a local guide on a walking and coach tour that leads you through historic George Square and the beautiful Beaux-Arts style architecture that surrounds it; to Provands Lordship, the oldest surviving house in the city; the medieval Glasgow Cathedral; prestigious Blythswood Square; and the futuristic-looking Science Centre. After lunch on your own in central Glasgow, enjoy some free time to discover the city how you like. (B)

Day 3: Glasgow - Loch Melfort

Leave the city behind, travelling along sloping fields towards Loch Lomond. Visit a family-run farm with spectacular views of the lake and surrounding hills, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration, and enjoy Scottish snacks. Next, arrive in Luss and explore this quaint lakeside village of stone cottages and bright flowers. After enjoying lunch on your own, it's off to Auchindrain. Learn about Scotland's rural history during a self-guided tour

of this well preserved open-air farm township dating back to the 16th century. Continue to Loch Melfort and settle into your hotel for the next two nights. Take in a stunning view of the ocean from the hotel before wandering the grounds, home to friendly Highland cows and neighbouring the National Trust's Arduaine Gardens. (B, D)

Day 4: Loch Melfort - Isle of Mull - Isle of Iona - Loch Melfort

It's time to island hop! Setting off from Loch Melfort, take the ferry from Oban to the Isle of Mull, a picturesque island that is the largest of the Inner Hebridean Islands. Continue to the Isle of Iona, one of Western Europe's oldest Christian religious centres. Journey to Iona Abbey on foot and enjoy free time to explore the tranquility of the grounds on your own before returning to Oban and back to your hotel in Loch Melfort. (B, D)

Day 5: Loch Melfort - Inverness

Geological wonders await you in the Highlands. Head to the National Nature Reserve in Glencoe and stop at the visitor centre to learn about the spectacular Glencoe mountain range, then walk the trails and experience this unique landscape for yourself. After lunch, continue on to Loch Ness. Wander the undulating ruins of legendary Urquhart Castle and imagine all that transpired inside the walls of this 13th-century medieval fortress. Afterwards, travel to Inverness, capital of the Highlands, to settle into your hotel for the night. After dinner, you may wish to take a stroll



Glasgow

with your Tour Manager to neighbouring Eden Court along the River Ness. (B, D)

Day 6: Inverness

Head out on the water and cruise Moray Firth, travelling up the Beauly Firth to the Caledonian Canal and then back out as far as Munlochy Bay. Keep your eyes peeled for otters, porpoises, seals, and numerous shore birds along the way. Continue to Culloden Battlefield, where in 1746 a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. Experience the 360-degree battle immersion theatre at the visitor centre and see artefacts from the conflict. Later this afternoon, return to Inverness and have an afternoon at leisure to explore. (B)

Day 7: Inverness - Edinburgh

Immerse yourself in history today at Blair Castle & Gardens, the ancestral home of Clan Murray. Explore the ornate 18th-century interiors and wander the nine acres of walled gardens, where you may spot a peacock roaming free. After lunch, continue to Bamff Ecotourism for an **Impact Moment**. Meet the owners of this tranquil estate and learn why they're helping to reintroduce the wild beaver population to Scotland. Your day ends in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. (B)

Day 8: Edinburgh

This morning, join a local expert for a two-hour walking tour of Edinburgh's hilly Old Town and discover more about the lore and legends of the capital city. After your tour, visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Tonight, you may wish to join an optional Scottish cultural show for a night of food, song, and dance. (B)

Day 9: Edinburgh

The day is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you'll take a stroll among the Georgian architecture of the New Town or journey to Leith for a visit to the royal yacht *Britannia*. Or you might take advantage of the optional excursion to Stirling Castle, an iconic landmark in

Scotland's history, followed by a brief stop at the Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures. Gather in the evening for a whisky-inspired farewell dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland and toast to your Scottish explorations. (B, D)

Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home. (B)

+ Optional 3 Night London Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1950 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 10: Edinburgh - London, England - Extension Begins

Today, travel by train to experience London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

Day 11: London

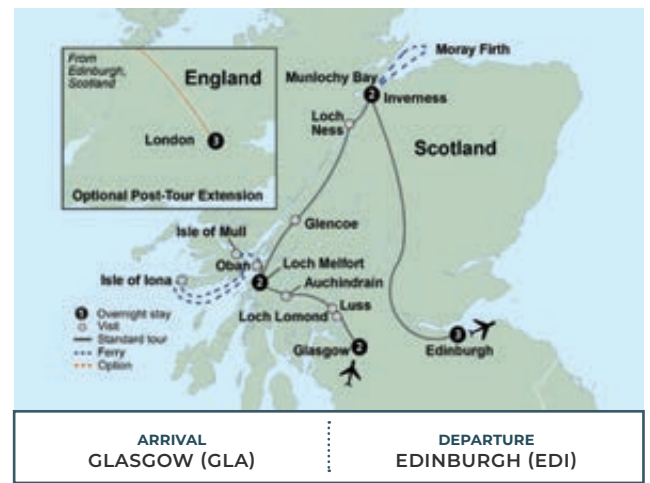
Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous London Underground - the Tube. Take a walking tour around Westminster and see the exteriors of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. Your tour ends in Trafalgar Square, one of London's bustling iconic landmarks. Enjoy the afternoon to further explore the city. (B)

Day 12: London

See London your way today! Perhaps you'll visit Tower of London to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. (B)

Day 13: London - Extension Ends

Wish London goodbye as your visit ends today. (B)



ARRIVAL
GLASGOW (GLA)

DEPARTURE
EDINBURGH (EDI)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6599**
SOLO Starting at **\$7949**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 14 July 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March - May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - October 2025
April - May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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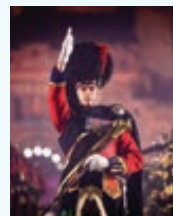
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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Glasgow** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT: Edinburgh** (1-2 NIGHTS)

ALSO AVAILABLE



Scotland: Land of Lore and Legend featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Travellers arriving in Edinburgh on certain dates in August 2025 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: JULY - AUGUST 2025

“It was a good ratio of tour time, bus time, and on our own time. And the [Tour Manager's] history talks and stories were brilliant.”

— Wendie W.

DISCOVER SCOTLAND

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Bagpipe Demonstration • Whisky Tasting • Isle of Skye • Loch Ness • Orkney Islands • Dunrobin Castle • Culloden Battlefield • Sheepdog Demonstration • Edinburgh Castle • Scottish Cooking Demonstration



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Learn how the bagpipe, that quintessentially Scottish instrument, has become such an integral part of the country's culture.
- Visit a family-run Highlands farm and watch sheepdogs at work in the mountain wilderness.
- Experience the powerful emotions of Culloden Battlefield, site of a profound turning point in Scottish history.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Listen to bagpipes as you savour modern Scottish fare.
- Enjoy an interactive cooking demonstration at one of Edinburgh's premier culinary institutions.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 Maldron Hotel, Glasgow
Days 2, 3 Ballachulish Hotel or Isle of Glencoe Hotel, Ballachulish
Days 4, 5 Pentland Hotel or Castletown Hotel, Thurso or Norseman Hotel, Wick
Day 6 Best Western Palace Hotel or Mercure Hotel, Inverness or Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey
Days 7, 8 Radisson Blu, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Glasgow, Scotland

Arrive in Glasgow, Scotland's Victorian city. With no planned activities today, you can explore Glasgow at leisure. Tonight, Scottish adventure begins with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, join your fellow travellers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Glasgow - Ballachulish

This morning, bid Glasgow farewell as you travel to your next destination. First, stop at a local whisky distillery for a guided tour and tasting. After some free time for lunch in a nearby town, you can relax aboard the motorcoach and admire the verdant green hills and mountainside waters as you arrive at your remote countryside hotel, situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

Day 3: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish

This morning, take a ferry ride to the stunning Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as *Eilean a' Cheò* (The Misty Isle). Upon arrival in Armadale, a local from the island joins you to share the history of this magical place and what it is like to live there today. A visit to the capital of Portree allows some time to explore before taking the scenic route back to Broadford. End your day by returning to Ballachulish via the Skye Bridge and a scenic drive along the "Road to the Isles." (B, D)

Day 4: Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso

Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most famous bodies of water. Keep your eyes open — you never know when Nessie might appear! Travel off the beaten path to Thurso, one of Scotland's most remote towns on the North Coast. Embrace the rustic environment of the Scottish Highlands as you settle in for your two-night stay. (B, D)

Day 5: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso

Grab your windbreaker — it's time for an adventure on the Orkney Islands. Ferry to this former Viking stronghold off the northernmost coast of Scotland, where artists admire the ever-changing clouds rolling across the sky like a time-lapse at double speed. On the crossing, feel the wind in your hair as you view the abundant bird life and, if you're lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this ethereal place that few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae and discover the remains of a Neolithic village built before the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Continue on towards the prehistoric Standing Stones of Stenness, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Make your way through



Urquhart Castle



Bagpiper

the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B, D)

Day 6: Thurso - Inverness

As you make your way back from the northern coast, visit the majestic Dunrobin Castle, which dates back to

the 1300s. The castle is built in the style of a French château and is home to the Duke of Sutherland. Next, visit the powerfully emotive and atmospheric battlefield of Culloden, where the Jacobite Rising came to a tragic end. Enjoy an overnight stay in Inverness, capital of the Highlands. (B, D)

Day 7: Inverness - Pitlochry - Edinburgh

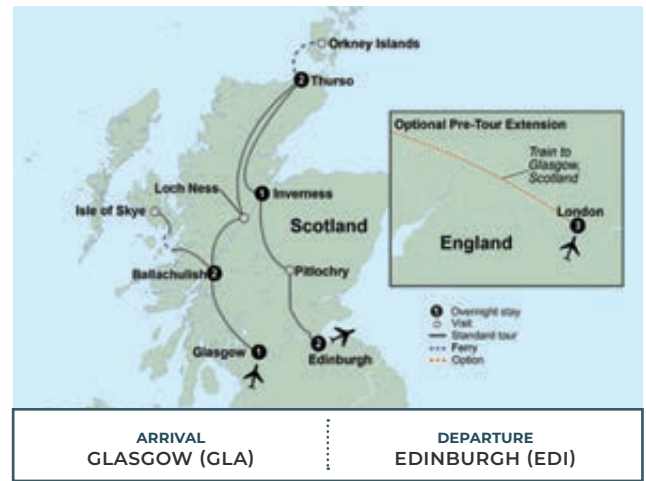
Begin your day with a visit to a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure to explore on your own. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

Day 8: Edinburgh

Today visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh's new town before your local expert takes you on a walking tour up to the magnificent castle. Enjoy an afternoon of free time. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions. With a "wee dram" in hand, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

Day 9: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)



ARRIVAL
GLASGOW (GLA)

DEPARTURE
EDINBURGH (EDI)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4799**
SOLO Starting at **\$5849**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 24 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – October 2025
March – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Glasgow (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ POST-NIGHT: Edinburgh (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ EVEN MORE TIME?

Combine Shades of Ireland with Discover Scotland for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



+ Optional 3-Night London Pre-Tour Extension
Starting at \$2100 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: London, England

Experience London, the esteemed capital of England. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

Day 2: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube. Take

a walking tour around the exterior of St. Paul's Cathedral, then continue over the Millennium Bridge to take in the charms of the South Bank. See Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and the Golden Hinde Clipper before continuing your walk into Southwark. The walking tour ends at the famous Borough Market. (B)

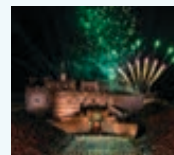
Day 3: London

Start your day at the Tower of London. Be sure to take advantage of your included ticket to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. The afternoon and evening are free to discover more of London independently. (B)

Day 4: London - Glasgow, Scotland

Wish London goodbye as you take a high-speed train through the English countryside to Scotland to join your fellow travellers. (B)

ALSO AVAILABLE



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★ DATES AVAILABLE: JULY - AUGUST 2025

EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND

12 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6449

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Edinburgh • Edinburgh Castle • St. Andrews • Loch Ness Cruise • Urquhart Castle • Distillery Visit • Glasgow • Belfast • Giant's Causeway • Derry • Sheepdog Demonstration • Cider Farm Tour • Dublin



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Connect to Scottish culture at a local *ceilidh*, a traditional gathering that includes music and dance.
- Meet working sheepdogs and see them in action on a local farm.
- Discover how Derry has become a cultural city with a vibrant and growing scene.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Take a tour (and have a tasting!) at one of Scotland's oldest whisky distilleries.
- Taste fresh apple cider at a family-run farm.
- Enjoy a "Diner's Choice..." choose dinner from a "menu" of great Derry restaurants.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Visit the Titanic Experience Museum **-OR-** the Ulster Museum.



ACCOMMODATION

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|--------------------|--|
| Days 1, 2 | Radisson Blu or Radisson Collection Hotel, Royal Mile, Edinburgh |
| Days 3, 4 | Best Western Inverness Palace Hotel, Inverness |
| Day 5 | Hilton, Glasgow |
| Days 6, 7 | Maldron Hotel or Hilton, Belfast |
| Days 8, 9 | City Hotel, Derry |
| Days 10, 11 | Herbert Park Hotel or Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Giant's Causeway

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland

Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. With no planned activities today, you can take your time to unwind and soak in the atmosphere of this lively capital. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Edinburgh

This morning, visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels, and enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh's new town and an insightful walking tour up the Royal Mile to the castle. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the city further at your leisure. Tonight, you might like to join the optional private tour to Rosslyn Chapel, one of Scotland's most remarkable buildings, brought to life by *The Da Vinci Code*. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Inverness

Depart Edinburgh and travel on to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf – see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Continue on to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. (B, D)

Day 4: Inverness - Loch Ness - Inverness

This morning, take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before disembarking at the base of famed Urquhart Castle. Explore the ruins of this historic stronghold, home to acts of chivalry and defiance for more than 1,000 years of Scottish history.

Return to Inverness and have time to explore the city or take a riverside walk. This evening, enjoy a Highland gathering (*ceilidh*) filled with storytelling, singing, and Scottish dancing. (B, D)

Day 5: Inverness - Glencoe - Glasgow

Depart Inverness and visit one of the oldest licensed whisky distilleries in Scotland. After a tour and a tasting, continue to the scenic valley of Glencoe, one of Scotland's most historic and breathtaking glens. Your day ends in Glasgow. (B, D)

Day 6: Glasgow - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning, explore Glasgow with a local guide. Highlights include a visit to George Square; passing by Glasgow Cathedral and Provand's Lordship, the oldest house in the city; and discovering the rich industrial heritage of the area. Travel to the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry. Cross the Irish Sea as you head for Northern Ireland's capital city of Belfast. (B)

Day 7: Belfast

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Belfast, Northern Ireland's largest city. Learn about the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through its distinctive neighbourhoods. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the award-winning Titanic Experience Museum **-OR-** visit Ulster Museum, Northern Ireland's treasure house of the past and present. The afternoon is yours to further explore this fascinating city before joining your fellow



Dublin

travellers for dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Belfast - Glens of Antrim - Giant's Causeway - Derry

Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant's Causeway (UNESCO). Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles an old, cobbled road leading mystically into the sea. Then embark on one of the world's most beautiful railway journeys along the Causeway Coast. Soak up the incredible scenery before arriving at the walled city of Derry. Set out on a walking tour featuring the medieval walls, St. Augustine's Cathedral, and the Guildhall. Perhaps you'll discover why Derry is one of Ireland's best-kept secrets during an optional evening at a pub serving traditional food and featuring a local singer playing Irish music. (B)

Day 9: Derry - Donegal Town - Derry

Today's journey showcases the rugged beauty of County Donegal. Start your day with a visit to Donegal Castle, a restored 15th-century castle with a unique history. Enjoy some free time to explore Donegal Town, a picturesque village at the mouth of the River Eske. Return to Derry, where tonight, it's **Diner's Choice...** choose the perfect spot from

a "menu" of Derry's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 10: Derry - Dublin, Ireland

Depart on a journey through the scenic countryside of Northern Ireland, stopping at Glenshane Country Farm to meet the working dogs and see them in action. With lunch included at the farm, you can enjoy the relaxed and leisurely pace of the countryside. Then visit a family-run cider farm; meet the family and explore the orchards before sampling their award-winning Irish ciders. Continue on to the Republic of Ireland. Your day concludes in Dublin, Ireland's vibrant capital city. (B, L)

Day 11: Dublin

A locally guided tour of Dublin highlights the world-renowned St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, and the city's magnificent rows of lovely Georgian town homes. You may choose to join an optional tour with lunch at a local pub, followed by a visit to the Guinness Storehouse Museum. Spend the rest of your day at leisure as you delve further into Dublin's cultural treasures. This evening, toast the end of an incredible adventure during a farewell dinner at one of the city's most popular local restaurants. (B, D)

Day 12: Dublin - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close. (B)

+ Optional 3 Night London Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$2100 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: London, England

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Day 2: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube. Take a walking tour around the South Bank, taking in the exterior of the magnificent St Paul's Cathedral. Walk across the Millennium Bridge, with

its unrivalled views along the Thames, and continue on through Southwark, ending at the famous Borough Market. Enjoy the afternoon to further explore the city. (B)

Day 3: London

Start your day with a visit to the Tower of London to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. The rest of the day is yours to see London your way! (B)

Day 4: London - Edinburgh, Scotland

Wish London goodbye as you take a high-speed train through the English countryside to Scotland. (B)



ARRIVAL
EDINBURGH (EDI)

DEPARTURE
DUBLIN (DUB)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6449**
SOLO Starting at **\$8249**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 09 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – October 2025
March – May 2026
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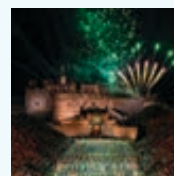
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+ **POST-NIGHT: Dublin** (1-2 NIGHTS)

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BRITISH LANDSCAPES

FEATURING ENGLAND,
SCOTLAND & WALES

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4449

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Edinburgh Castle • York •
- Chester • Conwy Castle •
- Stratford-upon-Avon •
- Oxford • London



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Discover Edinburgh's fascinating history with a local guide and visit Edinburgh Castle.
- In Wales, meet the family that built a business with Anglesey sea salt.
- Connect with the literature and birthplace of Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)**
- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner highlighting contemporary British cuisine.
 - Experience dinner theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon.
 - Taste the best of modern Scottish fare in a traditional local restaurant.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Visit Britain's first public museum, the Ashmolean -OR- explore Oxford on foot during a guided walking tour.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Apex Grassmarket, Edinburgh
- Day 3** Holiday Inn York City Centre, York
- Days 4, 5** Grosvenor Pulford Hotel and Spa, Chester
- Day 6** Hotel Indigo, Stratford-upon-Avon
- Days 7, 8** Tower Suites Hotel, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Edinburgh

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland

Arrive in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Edinburgh

Start the day with a panoramic and walking tour of old and new Edinburgh, exploring Georgian architecture, writers and monuments, alleyways and hidden passages, and a thoroughly modern museum. Then, walk up the Royal Mile to enter Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. After a guided tour of the castle, enjoy time to explore the city as you wish this afternoon and evening. Perhaps you will choose to join an optional night of Scottish food, song and dance. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - York, England

Say goodbye to the rolling hills of Scotland while travelling south on a local passenger train to York. After you arrive, join a walk to get familiar with York's streets before taking some free time to enjoy lunch on your own. After an afternoon visit to the magnificent York Minster, the rest of the day is yours to explore independently. This evening, you may wish to join an optional tour to a family-run Yorkshire vineyard and sample a selection of English wines over a home-cooked dinner. (B)

Day 4: York - Chester

This morning, travel to Chester, your home for the next two nights, where ancient walls enclose charming Tudor and Victorian houses. Discover the charms of the city with your local guide, before taking the rest of the afternoon to enjoy Chester at your own pace. (B, D)

Day 5: Chester - Conwy, Wales - Chester, England

Today, venture to the inviting town of Conwy in Wales. Visit Conwy Castle to discover the history behind one of Edward I's most imposing castles and take a leisurely stroll around town, seeking out local shops, cafés, and markets. Then take a scenic drive over the Menai Straits into Anglesey to visit Halen Môn, the family-run Welsh sea salt company, famous all around the world for its salt's quality. (B)

Day 6: Chester - Stratford-upon-Avon

Step back in time on a journey through the English countryside to Stratford-upon-Avon – the Bard's birthplace. After touring the childhood home of William Shakespeare, take time to explore this historic market town on your own. Later, join your fellow travellers for a dinner theatre experience. (B, D)

Day 7: Stratford-upon-Avon - Oxford - London

Bid farewell to Stratford and travel to the charming university city of Oxford. Upon arrival, **it's your choice!** Visit the Ashmolean Museum,



Chester



Conwy Castle

opened in 1682 as Britain's first public museum, with collections ranging from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art -OR- join an expert local guide for an hour-long walking tour, including one of the colleges used as a filming location for *Harry Potter*. Enjoy lunch on your own before continuing on to London, England's storied capital city. (B)

Day 8: London

Take in London on a tour of the city's quintessential sights. Begin with a two-hour walking tour of Westminster to see the exteriors of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey. Continue to Buckingham Palace, the official residence of His Majesty The King, and make your way to Trafalgar Square, one of London's most vibrant spaces in the heart of the city. This afternoon is yours to discover more of London independently and make memories to treasure. This evening, join your fellow travellers to toast the end of your journey through Britain's scenic and storied landscapes. (B, D)

Day 9: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through Britain comes to a close today. (B)

+ Optional 3-Night Paris Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$2250 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 9: London - Paris, France

Head to the train station and zip through the underwater tunnel that runs beneath the English Channel - known commonly as the "Chunnel." In less than three hours, you'll be in Paris, the "City of Light." Take in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic city tour. With your local guide, marvel at the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, and Notre Dame Cathedral. Later, join your guide to get to know the area surrounding your hotel and use the Métro underground system like a local (giving you the freedom to set off later as you wish) on your way to a Seine River dinner cruise. As you cruise from the base of the Eiffel Tower and float by illuminated landmarks, let the Paris of your dreams sweep you off your feet. (D)

Day 10: Paris

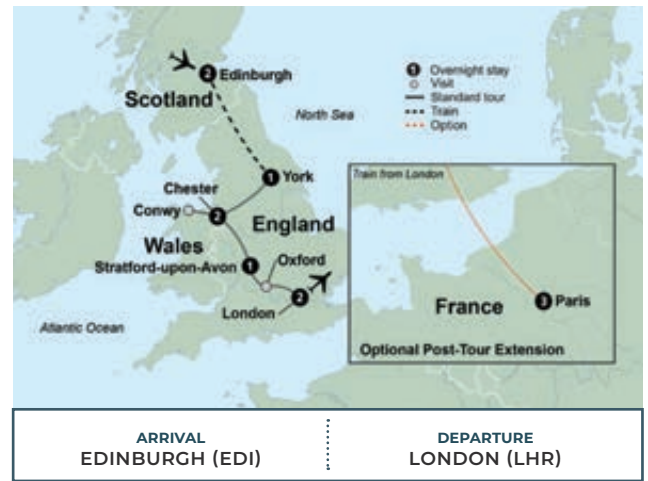
This morning, join your local expert to explore the hip neighbourhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, this 18th *arrondissement* neighbourhood is home to classical painters and cultural provocateurs. Venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris' most famous artists and take advantage of time at leisure to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll browse the shops of L'Opéra District, where you'll have time to peruse luxury Parisian retailers or take a stroll down the Champs-Élysées and pause at a local café for some people watching. (B)

Day 11: Paris

It's your last day in Paris - how will you spend it? Perhaps you'll explore Le Marais. This trendy district abounds with winding streets, gorgeous old mansions, and independent boutiques. Meander through the flourishing trees and bright grassy patches of Place des Vosges, the oldest planned town square in all of Paris. Or maybe you'll stroll down to the Île de la Cité, the island set in the heart of Paris to take in the progress of restoration efforts of the awe-inspiring Notre Dame Cathedral. No matter how you spend your day - you'll get a true taste of the Parisian lifestyle. (B)

Day 12: Paris - Extension Ends

Wish Paris goodbye as you transfer to the airport for your flight. (B)



ARRIVAL
EDINBURGH (EDI)

DEPARTURE
LONDON (LHR)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4449**
SOLO Starting at **\$5949**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 23 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
February - May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - November 2025
February - May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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+ **PRE-NIGHT: Edinburgh** (1-2 NIGHTS)

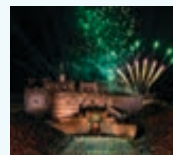
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★ DATES AVAILABLE: AUGUST 2025

COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5849

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Irish National Stud • Rock of Cashel • Distillery Tour • Kinsale • Garnish Island • Dingle Peninsula • Aran Islands • Cliffs of Moher



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Overnight on the enchanting Aran Islands and jump head-first into Irish culture.
- Enjoy an after-hours private tour and reception at Christ Church Cathedral.
- Discover a hidden garden island nestled in Bantry Bay.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Savour traditional Irish cuisine at a popular local pub.
- Enjoy a cheese tasting at an award-winning goat farm.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Take a walk along the coast from Dunquin Pier **-OR-** visit the Blasket Centre.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Trinity City Hotel, Dublin
Days 3, 4	Garryvoe Hotel, East Cork, Cork
Days 5, 6	Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle
Day 7	Aran Islands Hotel, Aran Islands
Days 8, 9	Old Ground Hotel, The Inn at Dromoland, or Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Inishmore, Aran Islands

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland

Fáilte and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral. Within the medieval walls of the city's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

Day 2: Dublin

A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent streets on a walking tour, taking you through the history and culture of this eclectic city. Get up close and personal with Dublin as you discover the vibrancy of the capital and its evolution over the centuries. This afternoon, experience an **Impact Moment** as you immerse yourself in Irish culture with Experience Gaelic Games. This social enterprise benefits the wider community, giving local youth opportunities to engage in community-based sport and cultural activities. Learn why these national sports are so important to many Irish people – and if you're feeling sporty, have a go yourself! This evening, gather for dinner and enjoy authentic Irish cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Dublin - East Cork

Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of outstanding natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. (B, D)

Day 4: East Cork

This morning, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of the world-famous Jameson Irish Whiskey. Indulge in a tippale with a tasting of the distillery's production. Next, head to the pretty coastal town of Kinsale for the afternoon. Enjoy free time to peruse the charming shops, galleries, and cafés. (B)

Day 5: East Cork - Garnish Island - Dingle

Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed – Garnish Island. 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 the colourful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula – your home for two nights. (B)

Day 6: Dingle - Dingle Peninsula - Dingle

This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula with a drive along Sleah Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. The locals will remind you that beyond the water, "the next parish over is Boston." Then, **it's your choice!** Take a walk along the coast from Dunquin Pier, a secluded bay surrounded by cliffs **-OR-** make a quick visit to the Blasket Centre, which shares the story of the people of the Blasket



Dublin



Kinsale



ARRIVAL
DUBLIN (DUB)

DEPARTURE
SHANNON (SNN)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5849**
SOLO Starting at **\$7499**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 20 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – October 2025
March – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

Islands, highlighting their struggles with the elements and the tenacity of their community. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the colourful streets and harbour of Dingle. This evening, dinner will be at a local pub in the heart of town. (B, D)

Day 7: Dingle - Aran Islands (Inishmore)

Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Upon arriving in Inishmore's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh. Learn about the island's 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your cosy island chalet. The humble accommodation in the heart of Inishmore allow the striking, rocky coast to be the star of your stay. (B, D)

Day 8: Aran Islands (Inishmore) - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

In the morning, visit Dun Aonghusa, a prehistoric hill fort facing the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the Seven Churches,

a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. Look to catch a glimpse of a colony of seals on your way to visit a family-run goat farm. Savour the flavours of locally produced award-winning cheeses during a tasting. Later, enjoy time in Kiltonan village to explore and peruse the famous Aran sweaters. Then ferry back to the mainland, taking in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. (B)

Day 9: Ennis

This morning, join a local historian on a walking tour of the town of Ennis. Your walk ends at the site of the medieval Franciscan friary, where you can tour the ruins and grounds at leisure. The afternoon is yours with free time to shop for those last-minute souvenirs before joining your fellow travellers this evening to 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)

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Dublin (1-2 NIGHTS)



Dingle Peninsula

“Beautiful Ireland, personable and knowledgeable tour guides, and friendly people...Best trip ever — thank you!”

– Margaret S.

THE BEST OF IRELAND

14 DAYS • 22 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Jeanie Johnston Famine Ship
▪ EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum • Hillsborough Castle • Belfast • Culinary Walking Tour • Giant's Causeway • Derry
▪ Blessingbourne Estate • Boatyard Distillery • Cork • Galway • Cliffs of Moher
▪ Kilkenny • Hurling Experience



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Be immersed in stories of Irish emigration at the Jeanie Johnston famine ship and EPIC Museum in Dublin.
- Explore Cork's Nano Nagle Place and its dedication to empowering people through education and spirituality.
- Meet the owners of Blessingbourne Estate and learn the fascinating history of their family home.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Taste new Irish cuisine on a culinary walking tour in Belfast.
- Savour the traditional flavours of Ireland in a local pub.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 13** — Enjoy a leisurely morning in Kilkenny and visit the iconic castle -OR- explore Jerpoint Abbey and attend a captivating glass-blowing demonstration.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hyatt Centric The Liberties, Dublin
- Days 3, 4** Europa Hotel, Belfast
- Days 5, 6** Mill Park Hotel, Donegal
- Day 7** Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen
- Days 8, 9** The Connacht Hotel, Galway
- Days 10, 11** River Lee Hotel, Cork
- Days 12, 13** Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Wild Atlantic Way

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland

Arrive in Dublin, a city rich with layered history and lively culture. With no planned activities today, the time is yours to explore independently. This evening, meet your fellow travellers and toast the start of your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Dublin

Join a local expert on a walk through Dublin's lively streets, gaining insight into the historic places and modern culture of this eclectic city. After free time for lunch, delve into stories of Irish emigration. Follow in the footsteps of those who fled the famine as you board the Jeanie Johnston, a replica museum ship. At EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, trace the history of how more than 10 million people left Ireland over the centuries and its influence on the world. The evening is yours to explore on your own. (B)

Day 3: Dublin - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning, cross the border into Northern Ireland and enjoy a visit to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, Northern Ireland's royal residence. Afterward, it's on to Belfast, a buzzing capital city. Kick it off by meeting up with local foodies for a culinary walking tour, enjoying Belfast's flavours as you explore the city. After checking into your hotel, the rest of the evening is yours to further immerse yourself into Belfast's vibrant scene. (B, L)

Day 4: Belfast

Start your day with a visit to the Ulster Museum, home to rich collections of art, history, and natural sciences, and located at Belfast's Botanic Gardens. Spend the rest of the day discovering more treasures of this fascinating city on your own. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Belfast - Giant's Causeway - Derry - Donegal

Visit the ethereal Giant's Causeway, walking in the footsteps of mythical legends. Marvel at the hexagonal basalt slabs, that according to legend, were formed by gargantuan beasts crossing the crashing waves. Next, make your way to Derry, a growing artistic and cultural hub. On a guided walking tour, delve into the complex history of this city once gripped by the conflict known as the Troubles. Later on, arrive in the pretty town of Donegal and gather for dinner tonight. (B, D)

Day 6: Donegal

Set out to explore the Wild Atlantic Way. Visit the Slieve League Cliffs, offering stunning views over the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay. Three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher, these iconic cliffs are amongst the highest and most scenic in Europe. Afterward, travel back in time to 18th century Ireland when you visit the thatched cottages of Glencolmille,



Hurling Experience



Belfast Peace Wall

a folk village maintained by the local community of southeast Donegal. Continue on to Donegal Town and enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B)

Day 7: Donegal - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

This morning, meet the Lowry family, owners of the Blessingbourne Estate. Get a peek inside the private living quarters of Blessingbourne House and hear how this wonderful property has been passed through generations of the same family, all whilst enjoying their Irish hospitality. Enjoy free time for lunch upon arriving in Enniskillen, a charming island town. This afternoon, visit a local gin distillery on the banks of Lough Erne and discover how this family business has grown into an integral part of the local community. (B, D)

Day 8: Enniskillen - Sligo, Ireland - Galway

Arrive in Sligo, the place that inspired poet W.B. Yeats. Visit the 13th century abbey and take some time to explore the local shops and eateries. Continue the journey to Galway, a lively city of medieval relics and modern flair. Enjoy meandering Galway's bohemian

streets at your leisure, and tonight, dinner is at a local pub. (B, D)

Day 9: Galway

The day is yours. Perhaps you'll pop into a pub for a drink with the locals, or peruse one of the city's many museums, or go shopping along bustling Quay Street. Consider taking an optional tour to Kylemore Abbey, where you'll drive through Connemara National Park before embarking on a tour of the monastery. (B)

Day 10: Galway - Cliffs of Moher - Cork

Peek into Irish culture at a sheep farm, where you'll watch a dog-herding demonstration and meet the friendly canine workers. Experience the Ireland you've always imagined at the Cliffs of Moher, where mossy cliffs plunge 700 feet into the ocean. After visiting one of the country's most beloved sites, arrive in the vibrant city of Cork, with its riverside walks and 18th century food market. (B, D)

Day 11: Cork

This morning, meet a local guide to explore Cork, Ireland's second city, on a three-hour walking tour followed by free time for lunch. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** with a visit to Nano Nagle Place. During a guided tour, learn about how this important school empowers people through education, inclusion, and spiritual engagement, and wander the site's walled gardens and award-winning museum. (B)

Day 12: Cork - Kilkenny

Today, enjoy a lunch at a traditional Irish pub, owned by the same family for 200 years. Listen to stories about the family ancestors, and the social role that pubs play within rural communities. Afterwards, watch a hurling demonstration, a traditional sport of Ireland, with the opportunity to participate yourself! Continue to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming cities. (B, L)

Day 13: Kilkenny

This morning, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a leisurely day to explore the town and Kilkenny Castle on your own -OR- travel just outside of town to the ruins of Jerpoint Abbey, a Cistercian abbey founded in the 12th century. You will also attend a captivating demonstration at a family-owned glass company and learn about the important role Kilkenny plays in Irish design and craftsmanship. No matter what activities fill your day, come



DOUBLE SOLO

Starting at **\$7799**
Starting at **\$9599**

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Prices based on 11 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024

March – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June – November 2025

March – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Dublin (1-2 NIGHTS)

POST-NIGHT: Lyrath Estate (1-2 NIGHTS)



Giant's Causeway

together in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Sláinte!* (B, D)

Day 14: Kilkenny - Tour Ends

Wish the Emerald Isle goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

COASTS & COUNTRYSIDES OF ENGLAND

FEATURING EDINBURGH, LIVERPOOL & LONDON

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh Castle • Lake District • Liverpool • Strawberry Fields • Maritime History Walking Tour • Ferry Across the Mersey • Blenheim Palace • Cotswolds • Bath • Cornwall • Sea Shanty Performance • Cornish Cream Tea • London



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Continue the legacy of Strawberry Fields following the footsteps of John Lennon.
- Travel like a local taking a ferry across the Mersey.
- Enjoy a lively performance by a Cornish Sea Shanty Band.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)
- Savour traditional Scottish fare with a modern twist.
 - Enjoy a traditional Cornish Cream Tea.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — In the Lake District, visit Rydal Mount, home of poet William Wordsworth **-OR-** embark on a guided hike through valleys and trails.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** VOCO, Edinburgh
- Days 3, 4** Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Lake Windermere
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Day 5** Hotel Indigo, Liverpool
- Days 6, 7** The Queens Hotel, Cotswolds
- Days 8 - 10** The Cornwall Hotel and Spa, Cornwall
- Days 11, 12** Tower Suites Hilton, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Edinburgh

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland

Arrive in Scotland, where age-old legends intersect with scenic beauty. In Edinburgh, the country's capital, you can enjoy time on your own to discover this eclectic and vibrant city. Delve into Scottish culture with a locally inspired dinner with a modern-day twist. (D)

Day 2: Edinburgh

See the city like a local during a two-hour walking tour of the Old Town, passing by Victorian houses and cobblestone streets. Explore the Royal Mile, ending at the top of the hill at Edinburgh Castle, where you'll enjoy exploring this historic fortress. The rest of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to experience the city however you please. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - Lake Windermere, England

Say goodbye to Scotland and travel towards the scenic Lake District, eternalized through the works of Scott and Wordsworth. Along the way, visit the UNESCO site of Vindolanda and discover the gritty past of Hadrian's Wall. This sixty-minute guided tour of the working archeological site will bring the Roman fortress and garrison to life. This afternoon stop for a quick break at England's most famous service station, Tebay. Enjoy a relaxing evening on the shores of Lake Windermere, your home for the next 2 nights. Breathe in the crisp air and admire the rolling hills nestled against the water. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake District

See the area from a different perspective and set sail on Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. Take in the tranquil backdrop before visiting the charming village of Grasmere. Personalise your afternoon because **it's your choice!** Soak up the romance of the Lake District with a visit to Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth **-OR-** embark on a two-hour guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails. (B)

Day 5: Lake Windermere - Liverpool

Head to Liverpool, England's popular port city. You will visit Strawberry Fields, the site where John Lennon came to play as a child, which he later immortalised in the song, 'Strawberry Fields Forever'. Here you will experience an **Impact Moment** and learn about the work the Salvation Army does at Strawberry Fields to give young people with learning difficulties the opportunity for work experience. This afternoon, join a local expert and embark on a two-hour walking tour of Albert Dock and learn about Liverpool's rich industrial history and connection to the American Civil War, as well as exploring Merseyside's maritime past. (B)

Day 6: Liverpool - Cotswolds

This morning take a ferry across the Mersey and as Gerry Marsden sang, see "how life goes on day after day." This public commuter ferry gives you the most spectacular views of the iconic cityscape. Continue your journey by motor



Liverpool



Strawberry Fields

coach to Shrewsbury, the birthplace of Charles Darwin. Set amidst the glorious Shropshire countryside close to the Welsh border, Shrewsbury is one of England's finest medieval market towns. Take time to meander the streets or walk along the river and have lunch. Tonight settle into an 18th-century modern boutique hotel, in the heart of a charming Cotswolds town. (B, D)

Day 7: Cotswolds

This morning visit Blenheim Palace. Over 300 years old, this World Heritage site was the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and still remains his ancestral home. This afternoon spend time in Stow. At nearly 800 feet, Stow is the highest of the Cotswolds towns. The Market Square is large and impressive and testifies to the town's former importance. It is surrounded by town houses, independent shops, antique centres, cosy cafes, and inns all built in the mellow local stone. (B, L)

Day 8: Cotswolds - Bath - Cornwall

The morning will be spent in the city of Bath, where centuries-old history is told with a visit to the Roman Baths. Learn about the indulgence and opulence of a bygone time and see how Bath

developed over centuries. After lunch on your own, the journey will continue to *Poldark's* Cornwall. Tonight, after dinner, join your fellow travellers for an evening of song and discovery with a local Sea Shanty Band. (B, D)

Day 9: Cornwall

Today will be a full day tour of Cornwall's dramatic north coast. With a combination of walking and travelling by motor coach, hear tales of Cornwall's tin mining past and learn how this shaped the Cornish landscape we see today. The day will bring opportunities to capture the beauty of the rugged north coast on foot and a visit to a typical Cornish town. (B, D)

Day 10: Cornwall

This morning, visit the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the largest garden restoration in Europe and home to a National Collection of camellias and rhododendrons and bursting with romance and intrigue around every pathway and corner. Explore Cornwall's idyllic south coast with a local guide on foot and discover what makes this pretty peninsula so special, followed by a traditional Cornish Cream Tea. (B)

Day 11: Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

Wish the countryside goodbye and travel on the Great Western Railway to London, England's lively capital. Upon arriving in London, get the lay of the land on a walking tour with a local expert. Take in the exterior of London's iconic sites on foot, such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. The rest of the evening is yours to explore independently. (B)

Day 12: London

Spend the day discovering London on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a pint with the locals, wander through one of the many museums, or see the city from a different perspective on the London Eye. You may choose to join an optional excursion to Windsor Castle, the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

Day 13: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through Great Britain comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$7749** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$9999**

Prices based on 16 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024 **June – November 2025**
March – May 2025 **March – May 2026**
(different itinerary - see note)* *(featured itinerary)*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- PRE-NIGHT: Edinburgh** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- POST-NIGHT: London** (1-2 NIGHTS)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Days 3-4: Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa
 During your stay at the Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, you may choose to enjoy views of Lake Windermere by upgrading your accommodation to a Lake Front Room.
 Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

ALSO AVAILABLE

Coasts & Countrysides of England featuring The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
 Travellers arriving in Edinburgh on certain dates in August 2025 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.
 ★ **DATES AVAILABLE: AUGUST 2025**

NEW TOUR

SHADES OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE

FEATURING LONDON, CORNWALL & THE COTSWOLDS

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Walking Tour of London • Stonehenge • Tin Mining History in Cornwall • Coastal Walk in Cornwall • Bovey Castle Hotel Stay • Dartmoor National Park • Country Pub Dinner • The Cotswolds



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Enjoy the fast-paced energy of London with a local guide.
- Take a scenic walk along Cornwall's iconic coastline.
- Explore dramatic Dartmoor, steeped in English folklore and legends.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- At Bovey Castle, hear a storyteller share local folklore and enjoy classic English dining.
- Eat like a local in a typical English country pub.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	DoubleTree by Hilton London - West End, London
Days 3, 4	The Carlyon Bay Hotel, Cornwall
Days 5, 6	Bovey Castle, Devon
Days 7, 8	The Queens Hotel or Malmaison Hotel, Cheltenham

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Bovey Castle

Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to London, England's dynamic capital, where the medieval intertwines with the modern. In this city steeped in history, everything you've read and seen in films comes to life as you take in the sights and everyday facets of London life. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: London

Set out on a walking tour of London's iconic sights, including Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, and the royal residence of Buckingham Palace. History is all around as you walk along cobblestone streets and discover both old and new London with your local guide. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy free time and explore the city independently. (B)

Day 3: London - Stonehenge - Cornwall

Say goodbye to London and travel to the iconic site of Stonehenge. On this self-guided visit, follow in the footsteps of the prehistoric natives who lived here over 4,000 years ago. Continue your journey into the countryside with a stop at a family-owned farm shop on a working organic farm in the heart of a small community.

Later, arrive in Cornwall on England's remote southern peninsula. Settle in for your stay at a luxury resort on the Cornish coast and join your fellow travellers for dinner tonight. (B, D)

Day 4: Cornwall

Joined by a local guide, discover the rugged beauty of Cornwall, the breathtaking backdrop that steals the spotlight in the BBC's *Poldark*. Uncover why so many poets, writers, and artists have found inspiration in this setting, with its miles of sandy beaches and outstanding natural beauty. And learn how the tin mining industry, dating back to the Bronze Age, has defined the landscape and local economy. Take time for lunch in a typical Cornish town and then breathe in the ocean air on an hour's coastal walk with your local guide. (B)

Day 5: Cornwall - Devon

After breakfast, join a woodland walk down to the harborside of Charlestown. Whilst famous for *Poldark*, this picturesque place has appeared in many films, including *The Eagle Has Landed* and Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*. Next, it's on to Padstow, a charming fishing village, known locally for its famous chefs. After a brief orientation walk, free time is yours to enjoy lunch and explore on your own. This afternoon, travel to your home for the next two nights: Bovey



St. Michael's Mount



Cornwall



ARRIVAL
LONDON (LON)

DEPARTURE
LONDON (LON)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5149**
SOLO Starting at **\$6449**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 25 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
April – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – October 2025
April – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2025 - May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

➕ **PRE-NIGHT:**
London (1-2 NIGHTS)

➕ **POST-NIGHT:**
Cotswolds (1-2 NIGHTS)



Castle, a country retreat in Devon. Delve into the English's love of stately homes during your stay at this neo-Elizabethan manor house, your glimpse into the lifestyle of English aristocracy. Tonight, a local storyteller regales you with myths, legends, and folklore before dinner at this classic English estate. (B, D)

Day 6: Devon

This morning, journey into the heart of Dartmoor National Park. As you travel by motor coach, learn about the mystery and legends surrounding this beautiful and wild area, and visit some of the towns and villages within it. After free time for lunch, return to Bovey Castle. Tonight, it's dinner out at a traditional English country pub! (B, D)

Day 7: Devon - Cotswolds

Today, venture into the Cotswolds region, taking in the rolling hills and honey-coloured stone homes that make this one of England's most beautiful areas. Arrive in Castle Combe, a quaint and picturesque Cotswolds village waiting to be explored. The afternoon is yours to soak in the rich

history and stroll the pretty streets at your own pace. Later, arrive at your Cotswolds hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Cotswolds

This morning, visit Chavenage House, a country estate dating back to the 16th century, constructed of Cotswold stone and tiles. A guided tour delves into the deep history of this manor house, which is also recognisable as a filming location featured in *Poldark*. Next, spend some free time in a neighbouring town and find a nice spot for lunch on your own. This afternoon, discover more of the Cotswolds' charm in beautiful Burford before enjoying a farewell dinner at a local inn with a toast to your English adventure. (B, D)

Day 9: Cotswolds - Tour Ends

Your journey from London through the English countryside ends today. (B)



Cotswolds

SPOTLIGHT ON LONDON

6 DAYS • 8 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tower of London • Westminster Walking Tour • River Bus Along the Thames • Greenwich • Culinary Walking Tour • Kensington Palace



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Immerse yourself into London's history with a local expert.
- Take a local transport river bus along the River Thames to Greenwich.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 5 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 2 Dinners (D)
- Sample British fare on a culinary walking adventure through London's village of Greenwich.
 - Enjoy dinner in a modern English restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1-5 DoubleTree by Hilton London - Tower of London, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
DESTINATION
SPOTLIGHT



Big Ben & Parliament

Day 1: London, England

Welcome to London, a metropolis that is both timeless and sophisticated. Beautiful gardens hidden behind bustling city streets. Museums, monuments, and grand theatres tell a rich story that you'll uncover on your journey. This evening, join your new travel companions at a modern English restaurant, and kick off your tour with a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: London

There's no better way to start the day than at the Tower of London, the iconic world heritage site steeped in a dark and fascinating history. After free time for lunch, a local expert shows you the exteriors of the most famous buildings, which include Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Parliament and Westminster Abbey, on this afternoon's

two hour walking tour. The evening is yours to immerse yourself further into this eclectic and vibrant city. (B)

Day 3: London

London at your leisure. Today, you do you, London-style. A free day means independent exploration of London's treasures. Or perhaps join an optional excursion to Windsor Castle, the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and the oldest royal residence still in use today. (B)

Day 4: London - Greenwich - London

Take the local transport river bus along the River Thames en route to Greenwich to change up the view; the skyline looks spectacular from the water. On arrival, the time is yours to explore the attractions. Test your seafaring prowess onboard the *Cutty Sark*, a Victorian-style ship that served



Buckingham Palace



Westminster Abbey

as a tea clipper. Or perhaps take a walk through the park, up the steep hill to the Royal Observatory, the home of Greenwich Mean Time and stand on the famous Meridian Line. Join a local guide for a walking culinary tour, sampling the best of the local eateries and foods of traditional and ethnic London. (B, L)

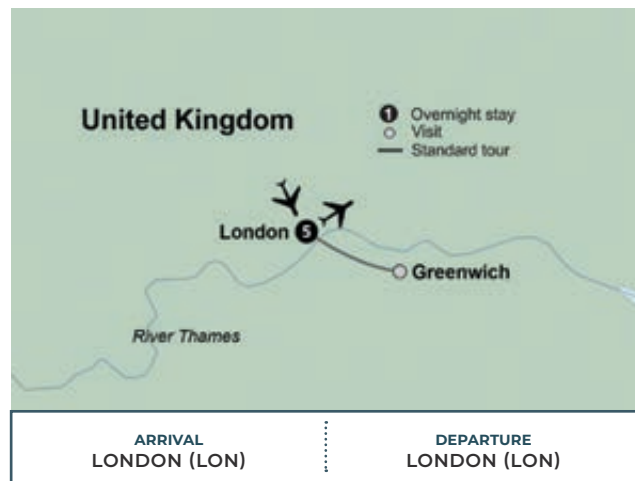
Day 5: London

This morning, explore the birthplace of Queen Victoria, Kensington Palace. Home to the current Prince and Princess of Wales. Take a peek into the state apartments, and the grounds of the Palace. The rest of the day is yours to spend at your own leisurely pace. This evening join your new friends for a

farewell dinner at a local Mediterranean restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: London - Tour Ends

It's time to go home... with new friends, countless memories, and souvenirs from your London adventure. (B)



ARRIVAL LONDON (LON)	DEPARTURE LONDON (LON)
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DOUBLE Starting at **\$4399** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5499**

Prices based on 06 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

December 2024	June – December 2025
March – May 2025	March – May 2026
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST-NIGHT: London (1-2 NIGHTS)

ALSO AVAILABLE

Christmas in London

Feel the holiday spirit when you experience the Christmas season in London, a world within a city.

★ DATES AVAILABLE:
DECEMBER 2024;
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025

“The walking parts of the tour were by far my favourite! It is at the pedestrian level that you get to use your senses to see, hear, smell, and taste this amazing city!”

– Carolyn K.

LONDON & PARIS

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5849

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Walking Tour in London • Traditional Fish & Chips Lunch • London Eye • Covent Garden • Eurostar Train • Arc de Triomphe • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Walk around London amid the city's iconic buildings with a local expert by your side.
- Cruise along the Seine against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Experience a traditional fish & chips lunch in London.
 - Savour an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.
 - Enjoy London's modern culinary renaissance at a dinner featuring contemporary British cuisine.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Take a panoramic bus tour to view the major iconic sites of Paris **-OR-** travel on the Metro with a local guide for a walking tour of Montmartre.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Strand Palace Hotel, London
- Days 4 - 7** Crowne Plaza Republique or Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Buckingham Palace

Day 1: London, England

Arrive in London, England's dynamic capital. With no planned activities, take the time to explore on your own. This evening, get a taste of contemporary British fare as you join your fellow travellers for a meal highlighting London's modern culinary renaissance. (D)

Day 2: London

Start your morning with a local in London. Kick it off with a two-hour walking tour of Westminster, where you will see the exteriors of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Continue to Buckingham Palace, the official office of His Majesty The King. After a traditional fish-and-chips lunch, the rest of the day is free time to explore the city further. (B, L)

Day 3: London

After a hearty breakfast, head over to the Southbank to take a "flight" on the iconic London Eye. Have cameras at the ready for this unforgettable journey with 360-degree panoramic views of London. This afternoon is yours to further explore independently, or you may wish to join the optional tour to Kensington Palace for a self-guided visit and lunch. (B)

Day 4: London - Paris, France

Allons-y! Today, you're on to Paris! Hop aboard the Eurostar high-speed train to get there in just two hours. A sophisticated metropolis of style and culture, Paris' bustling city streets are filled with colourful history, fascinating museums, renowned monuments and grand theatres. Settle in for your four-night stay in the "City of Light" as you take a walk to get acquainted with the neighbourhood. (B, D)

Day 5: Paris

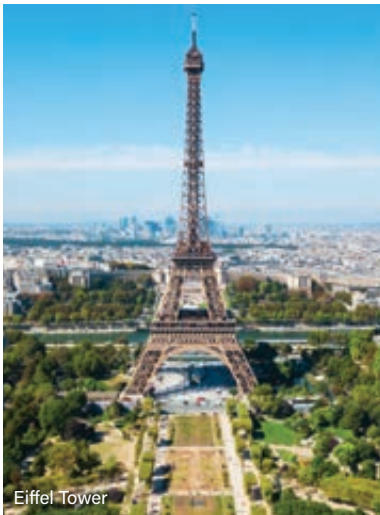
This morning, **it's your choice!** Take in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic city tour. With your local guide, see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Place de la Concorde **-OR-** step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro on your way to the hilltop neighbourhood of Montmartre and its iconic Sacré-Cœur Basilica. As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure. If you'd prefer to do something with the group, you can enjoy an optional dinner at the Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B)

Day 6: Paris

Be romanced by Paris – the whole day is yours for the taking. Perhaps you'll wander over to the



Big Ben



Eiffel Tower

Left Bank of the Seine and plunge into the bohemian atmosphere of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighbourhood and the Latin Quarter. Or, join an optional excursion to Versailles, where you'll explore King Louis XIV's magnificent Palace and Gardens. Relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments, including the famous Hall of Mirrors. (B)

Day 7: Paris

This morning, step into the kitchens of an authentic Parisian bakery! See the workspaces and the various tools and machines these bakers use to make their delicious products and learn about some of the secrets and history of baking, baguettes, and croissants. It's your last afternoon in Paris – how will you spend it? Should you indulge in some of the world's best shopping on the Champs-Élysées, or simply do as the Parisians do and sit at a sidewalk café, watching the beauty that is Paris go by? No matter what you decide, end the day with a romantic Seine River cruise set against Paris' glittering skyline. After,

experience an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views. (B, D)

Day 8: Paris - Tour Ends

You depart today, but London and Paris will remain in your heart forever. (B)

+ Optional 3 Night Amsterdam Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$2250 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 8: Paris - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Board a high-speed train and take off for Amsterdam, the thriving 800-year-old capital of Holland. After some time to settle in, meet up with a local guide to get acquainted with the Jordaan District of Amsterdam. Explore this charming neighbourhood and learn of its rich multicultural roots during a walking food tour where you'll taste traditional Dutch fare as you walk along the canals and historic homes between stops. (D)

Day 9: Amsterdam

Stroll through the city with a local expert. Get acquainted with the cosy lanes and quintessential Dutch houses as you wander along the canals that lead to Amsterdam's museum district. Explore the Rijksmuseum with your local guide and experience works from the great Dutch masters such as Rembrandt, Vermeer and Van Gogh. Enjoy an afternoon on your own to do as you please. Perhaps you'll choose to explore the Anne Frank House, a museum dedicated to the memory of the young diarist who documented her time in hiding during WWII. (B)

Day 10: Amsterdam

The day is yours. Explore the narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed roads at your leisure. Perhaps you'll choose to see the city from a different perspective and embark on a canal cruise or spend some time relaxing at a café. Maybe take the train to The Hague to see the renowned *Girl with a Pearl Earring* in the Mauritshuis Museum. (B)

Day 11: Amsterdam

Bid Amsterdam farewell as your extension comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at **\$5849**
Starting at **\$7499**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 19 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June 2025 – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

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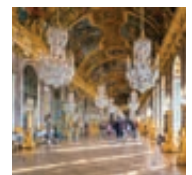
+ **PRE-NIGHT: London** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT: Paris** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Excursion: Versailles

Visit the incomparable Palace of Versailles. On this excursion, travel by coach to Versailles where your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you on a tour. Of particular interest are the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. Enjoy leisure time to explore the incredible gardens which took over 40 years to complete. Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.



ALSO AVAILABLE



London & Paris Holiday

Take in the best of these iconic cities during the holiday season.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: NOVEMBER & DEC 2024; NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025



London & Paris featuring New Year's Eve in Paris

Ring in the New Year in two of Europe's most incredible cities!

★ DATES AVAILABLE: DECEMBER 2024 & 2025

SPAIN & MOROCCO

16 DAYS • 25 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7649

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Madrid • Córdoba • La Mezquita • Granada • The Alhambra • Olive Mill Farm • Seville • Flamenco Show • Tangier • Chefchaouen • Fes • Bin El Oudaine • Marrakech • El Bahia Palace • Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Enjoy a flamenco show in enchanting Seville.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of the ancient medina of Fes.
- Visit a family-owned olive grove and taste the award-winning local product.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

15 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 9 Dinners (D)

- Take a bite of the local culture on a tapas-tasting dinner in Granada.
- Savour a Moroccan dinner at a traditional riad.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 12** — Explore the breathtaking rural mountainside landscape with a local guide on a hike **-OR-** visit the UNESCO M'Goun Geopark Museum, which showcases the geopark's natural, cultural, and landscape treasures.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid
Days 3, 4	Barceló Carmen, Granada
Days 5, 6	NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville
Days 7, 8	Hilton Tanger City Center Hotel, Tangier
Days 9, 10	Barceló Fès Medina, Fes
Days 11, 12	Widiane Hotel, Bin El Oudaine
Days 13, 14	Mövenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakech
Day 15	Marriott Casablanca Hotel, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Chefchaouen

Day 1: Madrid, Spain

Welcome to Madrid! Experience the city's vibe as you walk to your welcome dinner. With new friends, say "Salud!" to a new journey. (D)

Day 2: Madrid

A local expert highlights Madrid's iconic spots, including Plaza Mayor. Dive deeper into the city's Mudéjar history to see how centuries of co-existence molded the city and its inhabitants. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own. If you prefer to tour, an optional excursion to the fortified city of Segovia explores its medieval streets, where you can see the 14th-century Alcazar Palace. (B)

Day 3: Madrid - Córdoba - Granada

¡Zoom! Travel at *alta velocidad* aboard the AVE high-speed train to Córdoba. This is a city known for its harmonious blend of Christians, Muslims, and Jews, and yet it also tells a story of the religious upheavals along its history. Walk with a local expert to La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Then, it's off to Granada. (B)

Day 4: Granada

Explore the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO) with a local expert. The Alhambra Palace is a fantasy of gardens, fountains, and stone. Also explore the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal summer residence. Enjoy the view as this stone fortress overlooks Granada, a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. With a free afternoon, soak in the local culture

however you choose. Tonight, eat as the Spanish do... because *tapas* is on the menu. (B, D)

Day 5: Granada - Seville

Your taste of the local culture continues today. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about this family-owned business. Try their unique olive oil during lunch before departing for Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." This evening, experience Spain's musical culture during a flamenco show (UNESCO). (B, L)

Day 6: Seville

A local expert uncovers the city's historic *Mudéjar* architecture with you - as well as Seville's intriguing stories. A panoramic tour reveals iconic sites, including the Giralda Bell Tower and the beautiful Plaza de España. Visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO), the largest gothic cathedral in the world. Meander the narrow streets of Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish quarter of Seville. Here, quaint courtyards, bright flowers, and whitewashed buildings create a charming backdrop. The afternoon is yours, enjoy it at your own pace! (B, D)

Day 7: Seville - Tangier, Morocco

Climb aboard the high-speed ferry to Africa because today, you'll say "*adios*" to Spain and "*salaam alykum*" to Morocco. Cross the Strait of Gibraltar (it's a short ride), and disembark in the city of Tangier, a multicultural hotspot. A local expert leads you throughout the city to share places with you like the old medina and the kasbah. Later, get to know the American Legation in Tangier; it's the only U.S. National Historic Landmark located in a foreign

country, and a symbol of the diplomatic ties of these two nations, dating back to the 1800s. (B, D)

Day 8: Tangier - Asilah - Tangier

A morning at leisure means more time to explore Tangier. See why this coastal city has been inspiring artists and writers for ages. You may want to stroll the oceanfront promenade, visit the marina, or shop in the medina. This afternoon, discover the seaside, walled city of Asilah. Historically, Asilah hosted many conquerors and pirates – and now it welcomes you. (B)

Day 9: Tangier - Chefchaouen - Fes

Leave Tangier for Morocco's "Blue City" – Chefchaouen. Scenic mountains and brightly painted buildings signal your arrival. In your free time, explore the famous indigo-blue streets of this hilly city and take some time to have lunch on your own. Stop in its handicraft shops and find the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. This evening, arrive in Fes (UNESCO). The "Mecca of the West," Fes remains the region's religious capital. (B)

Day 10: Fes

Explore Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion during your tour. See the Jewish quarter, the city ramparts, and the gates of the palace. Then, set out on a walking tour in the medina. Founded in the 9th century, it's home to the world's oldest continuously functioning university. Along the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market, find spices and colourful wares. Find out about the leather tanneries, a tradition dating back to the 11th century. View the honeycomb of vats exuding brilliant colours. Tonight, the

food: a Moroccan dinner. The setting: a traditional riad. (B, D)

Day 11: Fes - Bin El Oudaine

Prepare yourself for a long but comfortable coach ride, and know it's worth it when you reach the awe-inspiring Middle Atlas Mountains. Take in their majesty on today's journey to the small, rural hamlet of Bin El Oudaine. (B, D)

Day 12: Bin El Oudaine

Explore Bin El Oudaine and enjoy the picturesque landscapes of the area. Today, **it's your choice!** Explore the breathtaking rural lake landscape in a boat -OR- visit the UNESCO M'Goun Geopark Museum, which showcases the geopark's natural, cultural, and landscape treasures. No matter what you do, a natural and cultural wonderland is yours to experience. (B, D)

Day 13: Bin El Oudaine - Marrakech

Travel to Marrakech, a city full of ancient artistry and religious history. Stroll the Jardin Majorelle, one of the most stunning botanical gardens in Morocco. This evening, wander through a maze of colours in Jemaa el-Fnaa – one of Morocco's famous squares – before sitting down for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 14: Marrakech

Start your morning visiting El Bahia Palace, with its marble floors and carved cedar ceilings. Then, with your local expert, explore Marrakesh's labyrinth-like medina and its local crafts. Spices, rose petals, babouches, and Berber rugs are in every corner, making this experience a highlight. Find out what made this souk one of the most famous in the world. The rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace, or you may want to immerse yourself in the rich flavours and cultural heritage of Moroccan cuisine during a cooking demonstration. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$7649** Starting at **\$9449** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 19 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2024 – May 2025 **June 2025**
(different itinerary - see note)* **September 2025 – May 2026**
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June & September 2025 - May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- PRE-NIGHT: Madrid** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- POST-NIGHT: Casablanca** (1-2 NIGHTS)

Day 15: Marrakech - Casablanca
 Today, it's off to Casablanca, a romantic setting that showcases the modern side of Morocco in the best way. Tour the Hassan II Mosque, an architectural masterpiece of Moroccan artisanship. Later, step inside, Rick's Café, the legendary saloon from the film *Casablanca*. Here's looking at you (and your fellow travellers), as you toast your adventure during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 16: Casablanca - Tour Ends
 It's time to say "adios" and "besslama" to an incredible tour. But remember...you'll always have Spain and Morocco. (B)

Optional 3-Night Lisbon Pre-Tour Extension Starting at \$2400+ pp



Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal
 Welcome to Lisbon, Portugal's lively

capital and largest city. Meet your local Tour Manager to get oriented with the area around your hotel and get the best tips to begin exploring the city. Later, gather with your fellow travellers to take the metro, explore the downtown area, and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Lisbon

See the city from a different perspective – via tuk tuk! With a local expert, discover some of Lisbon's most famous sights, like the vibrant Alfama district. Later, jump onto the tram and learn to navigate this widespread trolley system. Your Tour Manager takes you to Belem, where the famous Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO) is located. Make the most of an afternoon on your own. (B)

Day 3: Lisbon - Obidos - Sintra - Lisbon
 Today, discover a whole new region, exploring the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval walls. Then, set out for the enchanting town of Sintra, a UNESCO gem that once served as the summer haven of Portuguese royalty. Visit the mesmerizing Monserrate Palace, a masterpiece of Romanticism. As you journey back to Lisbon along the coastal route, seize the chance to savour the coastal views. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional *fado* music, a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage highlight. (B)

Day 5: Lisbon - Extension Ends
 Board your flight to Madrid and join your fellow travellers for your main tour through Spain and Morocco. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

NEW TOUR

PORTUGAL'S OLD-WORLD CHARMS

FEATURING DOURO VALLEY,
ALENTEJO & LISBON

10 DAYS • 16 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Douro Valley • Porto • Amarante •
Douro River Cruise • Market Visit and
Home-Hosted Lunch • Aveiro • Alentejo
• Lusitano Stud Farm • Olive Press
Experience • Winery Visit • Évora • Lisbon
• Belem • Alfama Walking Tour •
Fado Performance



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Venture to Alter do Chão, a small village with ties to the Lusitano horse breed.
- Experience a night of *fado* and learn about this traditional art form.
- Explore an old oil press in Marvão and learn about traditional olive oil production.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a locally sourced dinner at a winery.
- Savour the cuisine of Portugal during a home-hosted lunch full of local flavours.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Enjoy more time in the picturesque Portuguese village of Estremoz to visit a local museum **-OR-** venture farther for a walk along the Serra d'Ossa walkway in Redondo.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Monverde Wine Experience Hotel, Amarante, Douro Valley
- Days 4 - 6** Hotel Vila Galé Collection Alter Real, Alter do Chão, Alentejo
- Day 7 - 9** Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Douro River

Day 1: Porto, Portugal - Amarante

Ancient castles, historic cityscapes, groves of olive trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals – Portugal awaits with open arms. Arrive in Porto today and continue directly to the starting point of your tour in the Douro Valley. Soon you'll find yourself surrounded by the natural beauty of vineyards in tranquil Amarante – your home for the next three nights. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Amarante - Douro Valley - Amarante

Explore the charming town of Amarante, famous for its sweets, set on the banks of the Rio Tâmega. Walk across the Sao Goncalo bridge, a symbol of the town's heroic defense against Napoleon's troops. Then, travel to Regua and embark on a cruise of the Douro River, taking in the incredible scenery of the Douro Valley. Follow the river along the Port Wine Route, admiring the terraced vineyards (UNESCO) and enjoying lunch onboard. Disembark in Pinhao and travel back to Amarante for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Amarante - Porto - Amarante

Set out to explore the local flavours as well as the captivating city of Porto today. Begin with a stop at a local market to pick up some fresh ingredients alongside your hosts for the day. Explore the local produce,

considering how it shapes Portugal's regional identities, traditions, and gastronomy. Next, arrive at your host family's home and join them in preparing a market-fresh lunch together. Then it's on to Porto, where you'll join a local expert to discover the hilly city on a walking tour. Take in the sights and sounds of the lively Ribeira neighbourhood in the heart of the old town along the riverfront. Return to Amarante for a free evening. (B, L)

Day 4: Alentejo Region

This morning, say goodbye to the Douro region. On the way to the Alentejo, visit the enchanting city of Aveiro, known for its much-loved egg-yolk desserts as well as its colourful canal boats, traditionally used for harvesting seaweed. Explore Aveiro's rich history and heritage, defined by its canals and coastline. Continue along the rolling hills of Portugal to the village of Alter do Chão for a three-night stay. (B, D)

Day 5: Alter do Chao - Marvao - Alter do Chao

Start the day by exploring your equestrian boutique hotel on a guided tour of the Alter Stud Farm, founded in 1748 and home of the Lusitano purebred horse. Then, venture to the hilly village of Marvão and pause to take in dramatic vistas of the plain – on a clear day, you may see all the way to Spain! Your taste of local culture continues today at an olive grove. Learn about traditional olive oil production as you visit the old



Porto



Cork Tree



ARRIVAL
PORTO (OPO)

DEPARTURE
LISBON (LIS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6149**
SOLO Starting at **\$7499**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 8 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

June 2025 - May 2026

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Amarante, Douro Valley (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ POST-NIGHT: Lisbon (1-2 NIGHTS)

olive press and enjoy a tasting of the unique oil with lunch. Return to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Later this afternoon, you may choose to join an optional sunset excursion to see the region by horseback on a relaxing trot in the countryside. (B, L)

Day 6: Alter do Chao - Estremoz - Portalegre - Alter do Chao

Start the day like a true local at the Estremoz city market, an exciting place to be on a Saturday, when the countryside comes to town with baskets full of fruit, vegetables, grains, olive oil, cheeses, olives, and livestock. Peruse the adjacent flea market where browsing can feel like travelling back in time. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Enjoy more time in the picturesque Portuguese village of Estremoz to visit a local museum **-OR-** venture farther for a walk along the Serra d'Ossa walkway in Redondo. End your day by indulging in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour and tasting. (B, D)

Day 7: Alentejo - Évora - Lisbon

Say goodbye to Portugal's charming countryside as you travel to the capital of Lisbon. On the way, your journey takes you to the medieval walled city

of Evora (UNESCO), known for its 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana and the mysterious 16th-century Chapel of Bones. Arrive in Lisbon in the late afternoon. (B)

Day 8: Lisbon

Travel to Belem to see the iconic Belem Tower (UNESCO) and the façade of the 16th-century Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO). Learn about the importance of this iconic monastery and then continue on for a guided visit to the Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology (MAAT). After some time for lunch on your own, explore the lively Alfama district of Lisbon, where there are many stories and mysteries to be unravelled. Are we all descendants of Ulysses? How many hills can you climb in Lisbon? Uncover the city's hidden corners and dark courtyards with a local expert before returning to your hotel for a free night. (B)

Day 9: Lisbon

It's your day to experience Lisbon at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer a guided experience today, you may choose



Alfama, Lisbon

to join an optional excursion to Ericeira and Sintra. From the windswept cliffs in Ericeira to the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra, you'll hear many fascinating tales. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an unforgettable farewell dinner over Portuguese cuisine and wine, and listen to local artists perform the traditional *fado* (UNESCO). (B, D)

Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

SPAIN'S CLASSICS

11 DAYS • 15 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Madrid • The Prado Museum • Winery Tasting • Toledo • Cordoba • La Mezquita • Olive Oil Mill Tour • Seville • Flamenco Show • Granada • The Alhambra • Valencia • Paella Experience • Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- Explore the flavours of Spanish wine at a local winery near Madrid.
- Visit a family-owned olive grove and taste the award-winning local product.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Experience a paella-making demonstration and delicious paella lunch.
- Savour local flavours at a farm-to-table lunch near Seville.
- Indulge in Spanish wines with every included dinner.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — In Seville, walk along the charming and quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid
Days 4, 5 NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville
Day 6 Barcelo Carmen, Granada
Days 7, 8 AC Hotel by Marriott, Valencia
Days 9, 10 NH Collection Barcelona Podium, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Alhambra

Day 1: Madrid, Spain

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Madrid

During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid's historic centre, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. Tonight, you might choose to experience Madrid like a local with a metro ride, a walking tour and dinner with traditional entertainment at a local restaurant. (B)

Day 3: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

Travel to the hilly town of Toledo (UNESCO), the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Stop along the way at a local family-owned winery to learn more about Spanish wine, from how the grapes are grown to how the wine is made, and of course, how it tastes! In Toledo, a city shaped by a mix cultures, embark on a comprehensive tour, highlighting the magnificent Gothic cathedral and its historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With its original medieval layout preserved, discover Toledo's narrow, winding streets, still very much alive. (B)

Day 4: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of

Cordoba by the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and allow you to enjoy more free time in Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of Cordoba's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Then visit La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. End your day in Seville, considered to be Spain's "cultural capital." (B)

Day 5: Seville

This morning, head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about this family-owned business. Try their unique olive oil at lunch before returning to Seville for on a panoramic tour. Then decide on how you see Seville because **it's your choice!** Walk the charming and quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) – the largest Gothic church in the world – and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B, L)

Day 6: Seville - Granada

Travel to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a beautiful complex of buildings



Mezquita

and gardens. Surrounded by lush, tree-lined walkways and water flowing from its fountains, behold a stone fortress overlooking the entire city – a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. This evening, a tapas dinner is on the menu! (B, D)

Day 7: Granada - Murcia - Valencia

Travel through Spain's amazing landscape on your way to the Mediterranean coast. Enjoy some time in "Europe's orchard," the charming city of Murcia surrounded by a mountain chain. Pass by rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive and orange groves before arriving in the city of Valencia. A treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, Valencia is Spain's third largest city melding historic and modern culture. (B)

Day 8: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia

Valencia is a place full of contrasts, where a charming old town lives next to futuristic buildings. Explore the city's old town on foot, discovering the history with a local expert. View the ornate towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll

shop side-by-side with the locals. Travel to Albufera, with its freshwater lake that evolved from an ancient marine gulf, which is one of the most important wetlands in Spain. This is the area where paella originated – and the best place to experience it for lunch today. Enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish back in Valencia. (B, L)

Day 9: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. Be prepared to explore the city on foot during a walking tour of Barcelona's fascinating boulevards, including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colourful bird and flower stalls, and the famous Gothic Quarter. (B)

Day 10: Barcelona

Spend this morning at leisure exploring Barcelona your way or choose an optional excursion to the quaint mountain village of Montserrat. Later, embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and Antoni Gaudi's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert accompanies you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), considered to be the most famous of Gaudi's works. Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2026, on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your trip to Spain. (B, D)

Day 11: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage or begin your Costa Brava post-trip extension. (B)



ARRIVAL MADRID (MAD)

DEPARTURE BARCELONA (BCN)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5699**
SOLO Starting at **\$7199**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 1 November 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June 2025 – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Madrid (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ EVEN MORE TIME?

Combine Spain's Classics with Sunny Portugal for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



+ Optional 4-Night Barcelona & Costa Brava Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$2100 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 11: Barcelona

Take a full day at leisure in Barcelona. Delve into the historic Gothic Quarter with quaint shops and eateries, all built into the narrow medieval alleyways. Perhaps you'd

like to head over to Park Güell and its mosaic walls, or maybe you'd like to spend some time exploring the shops and street-side restaurants of Las Ramblas.

Day 12: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava

Set out for Girona in the morning, a beautiful medieval city known for its Old Quarter. You'll meet with a local guide and take a tour of the city before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Then, head for the Catalan coast, where you'll arrive at your seaside hotel and settle in for the next 3 nights. Costa Brava is an incredibly alluring place, and the perfect region to spend your days relaxing and exploring. (B, L)

Day 13: Costa Brava

Today is yours to enjoy Costa Brava how you'd

like. Take advantage of this day at leisure – maybe heading down to the private beach or venturing into the local towns for some souvenir shopping. (B)

Day 14: Costa Brava - Calella de Palafrugell - Llafranc - Besalu - Costa Brava

Today, your local guide will meet you at your hotel for a walking tour. First, you'll head to the beautiful village of Calella de Palafrugell for a coastal walk towards the quaint village of Llafranc. Then, you'll drive to the Dalí Theatre-Museum, where the surreal outside architecture matches the legendary works inside. After taking in the mind-boggling art of Salvador Dalí, continue on to the medieval village of Besalu for free time and lunch. Arrive back at your hotel with enough time to relax before your farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 15: Costa Brava - Barcelona

Say farewell to the Catalonian coast and Spain as you depart for home. (B)

SPAIN'S CLASSICS & PORTUGAL

14 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia • Valencia • Paella Experience • Granada • The Alhambra • Seville • Flamenco Show • Cordoba • Madrid • The Prado Museum • Winery Tasting • Elvas • Lisbon • Belém • Obidos



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Discover the little-known town of Peniscola, the "City in the Sea."
- Feel the vibrant energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- Hear the stories behind the medieval walled town of Obidos.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Experience a paella-making demonstration and delicious paella lunch.
- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region paired with locally sourced petiscos at a winery.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — In Seville, walk along the Santa Cruz Quarter and Plaza de España with an expert guide **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 H10 Casanova, Barcelona
Days 3, 4 SH Valencia Palace, Valencia
Day 5 Catalonia Hotel, Granada
Days 6, 7 Barcelo Renacimiento, Seville
Days 8, 9 H10 Puerta de Alcalá, Madrid
Day 10 Vila Gale Collection, Elvas
Days 11 - 13 Iberostar Selection, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Barcelona, Spain

Welcome to Spain! Today, arrive in the vibrant city of Barcelona. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Barcelona

Start the morning by joining your local expert and walk to some of Barcelona's main sights, exploring this amazing city as it was meant to be explored – on foot. After some free time for lunch on your own, embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuïc, and Antoni Gaudí's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert accompanies you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), considered to be the most famous of Gaudí's work. Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it's scheduled to be completed in 2026, on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. (B)

Day 3: Barcelona - Peniscola - Valencia

Today, say goodbye to Barcelona! On your way to Valencia, stop in beautiful Peniscola and enjoy free time to explore on your own. Known as the "City in the Sea," this fortified city and its Knights Templar Castle, dating back to the 13th century, are hidden gems. On a panoramic tour of Valencia, see the City of Arts and Sciences – an ultramodern educational institution. A treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, Valencia is Spain's third largest city, melding historic and modern culture. (B)

Day 4: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia

Valencia is a city full of contrasts, where a charming old town lives next to futuristic buildings. Explore the city's old quarter on foot, discovering its history with a local expert. View the ornate Serranos Towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you can shop side-by-side with the locals. Travel to Albufera, which with its freshwater lake that evolved from an ancient marine gulf, is one of the most important wetlands in Spain. This is the area where paella originated – and the best place to experience it for lunch today. Enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish back in Valencia. (B, L)

Day 5: Valencia - Granada

Today make your way to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a nearby restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Granada - Seville

This morning, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO) a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. End your day in Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

Day 7: Seville

Embark on a panoramic tour before arriving at the iconic Plaza de España. Then decide how you

see Seville because **it's your choice!** Walk the Santa Cruz quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) – the largest Gothic church in the world – and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy some free time this afternoon. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) showcasing Seville's famous traditions. (B)

Day 8: Seville - Cordoba - Madrid

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical Jewish Quarter. Then, board the AVE high-speed train to Spain's capital city, Madrid! Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy some free time to rest or venture out and explore on your own. (B)

Day 9: Madrid

During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid's historic centre, see iconic sites such as Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century, and Plaza de Oriente – the square of the Royal Palace. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts some of the world's finest collections of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. Your afternoon is free to explore this fascinating city further or join an optional tour to Toledo. (B, D)

Day 10: Madrid, Spain - Elvas, Portugal

Bid Spain *adios* and cross the border into Portugal, arriving in the off-the-beaten-path town of Elvas, a garrison town recognised as a World Heritage Site. On the way, indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour, tasting, and some *petiscos* – Portuguese traditional bites, usually shared with friends. (B)

Day 11: Elvas - Lisbon

Make your way to Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Meander through historic downtown, hearing the kinds of stories that bring the city – and its colourful neighbourhoods – to life. Walk Praça do Comercio, one of the biggest squares in Europe. This gorgeous square flaunts colourful artwork and sculptures. Then, travel to Belém where you will see the Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO) and the Tower of Belém (UNESCO). Enjoy time in the evening to settle into your new home for the next three nights. (B)

Day 12: Lisbon

The day is yours! Discover the capital city on your own. Consider tasting the city's mouthwatering cuisine or taking the historic tram to the vibrant Alfama district. Perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to the Portuguese Riviera, visiting the picturesque towns of Cascais and Sintra. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional fado music, a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage highlight. (B)

Day 13: Lisbon - Obidos - Lisbon

Today, visit one of Portugal's most famed towns – Obidos! With its labyrinth of cobblestoned streets and whitewashed houses, this medieval town beckons you to linger and enjoy its charm. You



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at **\$6299**
Starting at **\$8149**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June 2025 – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Barcelona** (1-2 NIGHTS)

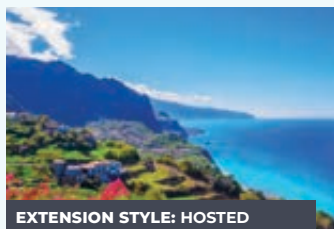
+ **POST-NIGHT: Lisbon** (1-2 NIGHTS)

may choose to try one of the local delicacies – sour cherry liquor served in chocolate cups – or simply enjoy the narrow streets and picture-perfect alleyways. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain and Portugal. (B, D)

Day 14: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of two warm cultures and of a beautiful land. (B)

+ **Optional 4 Night Madeira Island Post-Tour Extension**
Starting at \$1350[†] pp



Day 14: Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira
Fly to Madeira Island, the "pearl of the Atlantic." Madeira boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges, and

volcanic caves. After some free time for lunch on your own upon arrival, discover Funchal's downtown area with a local expert during a walking tour. Then, visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira, with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents.

Day 15: Funchal

The day is yours. No matter how you spend the day, gather in the evening for a traditional dinner known as an *espetada*. Folk dancers and lively music entertain you as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

Day 16: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - Porto Moniz - Funchal

Begin your day in Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with a picture-perfect bay

that served as a special retreat for Sir Winston Churchill. It's here where he admired Madeira's natural beauty and became captivated by the region, painting various images of the village. Drive along mountain roads, pass banana plantations and vineyards while en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão, where you may choose to walk on the highest glass skywalk in Europe. Continue to an immersive and artistic themed center focused entirely on the banana. End your day at the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz and enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools before returning to Funchal. (B)

Day 17: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 18: Lisbon - Extension Ends

Depart with Portugal in your heart as your tour draws to a close today. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

SUNNY PORTUGAL

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3499

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Belem • Cork Factory • Evora • Alentejo • Lagos • Algarve • Portimão • Setúbal • Portuguese Riviera • Obidos • Sintra • UNESCO World Heritage Sites



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Get a taste of Portuguese gin production at a local distillery.
- Learn about the importance of cork to the Portuguese culture and economy at a family-owned cork factory.
- Spend the night in Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a locally sourced lunch.
 - Savour the flavours of the Algarve with iconic local *petiscos*.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Discover the art of Portuguese sidewalks with a local guide **-OR-** venture with your Tour Manager to discover the country's best-loved fish, *bacalhau* (codfish).
- **Day 8** — Explore the quaint hilltop village of Sintra independently, taking time to wander through its winding streets **-OR-** join a guided tour of the National Palace of Sintra, considered the best-preserved medieval palace in Portugal.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Turim Marques Hotel, Lisbon
- Day 3** Vila Galé or Vitoria Stone Hotel, Evora
- Days 4 - 6** Vila Galé Lagos, Algarve
- Days 7, 8** Vila Galé, Cascais
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Obidos

Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Say hello to Lisbon, Portugal's capital and a city full of authenticity, where old customs and ancient history intermix with cultural entertainment. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Lisbon

Choose how you want to explore Lisbon today because **it's your choice!** Discover the art and tradition of Portuguese sidewalks during a locally led walking tour **-OR-** venture with your Tour Manager on foot and discover the city through the lens of the businesses and streets connected with the country's most loved fish, *bacalhau* (salted codfish). After, travel to Belem and see the iconic Belem Tower (UNESCO). View the façade of the 16th-century Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO) and learn about the importance of this iconic site. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional Fado music, a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage highlight. (B)

Day 3: Lisbon - Evora

Today, make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit a family-owned cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy and why Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you to

Evora (UNESCO) – the "Museum City of Portugal." In the afternoon, take time to explore this medieval walled city and see its well-preserved Roman temple up close. (B)

Day 4: Evora - Lagos

Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve – the southernmost region of Portugal. On the way, visit a local gin distillery. Learn how one man took a homemade drink and implemented traditional Portuguese stills and local ingredients to craft a premium gin. Savour the flavours of these botanicals before continuing your journey south. This afternoon, keep the day balanced and fruity at a winery. Indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour, tasting, and light lunch before continuing on your drive. Later, switch the rich taste of local wine and spirits for salty ocean air in Algarve. This evening, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. Many celebrated voyagers began their explorations from this bustling port city. (B, L)

Day 5: Lagos

It's your day to experience the Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob in the sea. Protected by hills to the north and

warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world. You may choose to join an optional boat tour today that gets you closer to some of the most famous coastal scenery in Portugal. (B, D)

Day 6: Lagos - Portimão - Monchique - Lagos

This morning venture along the coast to discover the importance of the sardine canning industry in the Algarve. Then, continue to Monchique, a mountain village nestled within a rich landscape, to learn the secrets of regional bread and fruits. Sample them with a savoury picnic lunch featuring freshly prepared Algarve seasonal and local specialities. Return to Lagos for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Lagos - Setúbal - Cascais

En route to the Portuguese Riviera, stop in Setúbal, a colourful industrial city and one of southern Europe's best-kept secrets. See the *Mercado* (Farmers Market) *do Livramento* up close. It is considered one of the best fish markets in the world, and it's also rich with displays of fresh fruits and vegetables. Meet local artisans at a family-run shop and learn how the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, *azulejos*, are made. Then, head to the Portuguese Riviera. Mansions scattered throughout Cascais and Monte Estoril all hint at this area's history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. (B)

Day 8: Cascais - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais

Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls, and toast with a *ginjinha*, a sour cherry liqueur served in a small chocolate cup. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking hub that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the quaint hilltop village of Sintra and take some time to wander through the winding streets **-OR-** join a guided tour of the National Palace of Sintra, considered the best-preserved medieval palace in Portugal. Bid Portugal goodbye during dinner in Cascais and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey. (B, D)

Day 9: Cascais - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

+ Optional 4 Night Madeira Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1350+ pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 9: Cascais - Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira

Fly to Madeira Island, the "Pearl of the Atlantic" where you arrive in the early afternoon. Madeira boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. After free time for lunch on your own in the colourful Santa Maria district, go on a walking tour of Funchal's old downtown with its quaint narrow streets and historical sites, such as a 15th-century cathedral. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents.

Day 10: Funchal

The day is yours. During your free time, you may choose to visit the Sacred Art Museum and learn how the sugar-cane trade allowed for the purchase of Flemish art dating back to the 15th century. Or simply relax and enjoy the amenities that your hotel has to offer. Then gather in the evening for a traditional dinner known as an *espetada*. Folk dancers and lively music entertain you as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

Day 11: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - Porto Moniz - Funchal

Begin your day with a tour that takes you to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village on a picture-perfect bay that served as a special retreat for Sir Winston Churchill. It was here that Madeira's natural beauty captivated him and inspired many of his paintings of the island. Drive along mountain roads, passing banana plantations and vineyards while en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. After, visit a sugar mill and learn about the importance of sugar cane production in the early 15th century. Sample some local specialities made at the mill before leaving for the fishing village of Porto Moniz. Here, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic rock pools before returning to Funchal. (B)

Day 12: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy your afternoon as you please. (B)

Day 13: Lisbon - Extension Ends

Depart for home with Portugal in your heart as your tour ends today. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



ARRIVAL
LISBON (LIS)

DEPARTURE
LISBON (LIS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$3499**
SOLO Starting at **\$3999**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 5 December 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025 **June 2025 – May 2026**
(different itinerary - see note*) (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Lisbon** (1-2 NIGHTS)

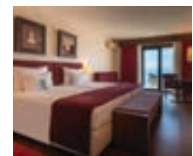
+ **POST-NIGHT: Cascais** (1-2 NIGHTS)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Days 7-8:

Hotel Vila Galé, Cascais

Upgrade to a Sea View Room at the Vila Galé in Cascais to enjoy views of the Bay of Cascais and its marina.



Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

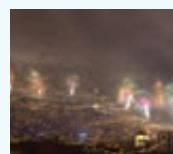
ALSO AVAILABLE



Sunny Portugal featuring Porto

Begin your Sunny Portugal tour with an additional 3 nights in Porto, on the scenic Douro River.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: NOV 2024 – MAY 2025;
JUNE 2025 – MAY 2026



Sunny Portugal featuring New Year's Eve in Funchal, Madeira

Start the new year off with a toast and fireworks on the island of Madeira.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: DECEMBER 2024
& DECEMBER 2025

EXPLORING IBERIA: SOUTHERN SPAIN TO COASTAL PORTUGAL

12 DAYS • 18 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Málaga • White Villages of Andalusia •
The Alhambra • Ronda • Cordoba •
La Mezquita • Home-Hosted Meal •
Seville Cathedral • Estremoz •
Portuguese Riviera • Lisbon •
Sintra • Quinta da Regaleira



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Experience Ronda, one of Spain's loveliest and most historic towns.
- Venture to a bull ranch to learn about the animals' care and life on the farm.
- Visit a family-owned olive grove and taste the award-winning local product.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Sample Málaga's tapas during a tour of the city.
- Enjoy a home-hosted meal in Ronda.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Venture into the Alcazaba and get to know the fortified palace **-OR-** enter the Picasso Museum, where you'll see paintings by this iconic artist who called Málaga his first home.
- **Day 8** — In Seville, walk along the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a horse and carriage ride to Plaza de Espana and Maria Luisa Park.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 4 NH Hotel, Malaga
Days 5, 6 H10 Palacio Colomera, Cordoba
Days 7, 8 H10 Casa de la Plata, Seville
Days 9 - 11 Vila Gale Collection
Palácio Dos Arcos, Oeiras,
Portuguese Riviera, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Day 1: Málaga, Spain

Welcome to Málaga, a city known for its Andalusian lifestyle and the birthplace of artist Pablo Picasso. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception.

Day 2: Málaga

Discover the port city of Málaga with a local guide. Walk through the colourful market stalls and learn about the history and culture of this seaside community. Meet a local from the Sepulcro Brotherhood to learn about the importance of the religious brotherhoods to the local culture. Then, stop at a local bodega bar to sample some tapas. Then **it's your choice!** Venture into the Alcazaba and get to know the fortified palace **-OR-** enter the Picasso Museum, where you'll see paintings by this iconic artist who called Málaga his first home. (B, D)

Day 3: Málaga - Granada - Málaga

Today travel to Granada, the last capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Spend the morning with a local expert visiting the Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage site that's known as one of the Wonders of the Muslim World. After your extensive morning walk at this centuries-old palace and fortress complex, enjoy some free time in Granada for lunch on your own. Later, return to your hotel to spend the evening as you please. (B)

Day 4: Málaga - Frigiliana - Nerja - Málaga

Journey to the picturesque white villages of Andalusia. Frigiliana, considered to be one of the most beautiful villages in the region, will make you feel as though you have stepped back in time. Take in its whitewashed houses and historical sites while walking through the narrow cobblestone streets. Travel to the town of Nerja and explore its famous caves, home to one of the world's largest stalactites. In Nerja, visit the *Balcón de Europa*, a balcony in the centre of town with stunning views of the sea. Return to Málaga where you can choose to join your Tour Manager on a sunset marina stroll with a sweet surprise — the perfect way to say goodbye to Málaga. (B)

Day 5: Málaga - Ronda - Cordoba

Next stop: Ronda, a historic town perched upon a cliff in Andalusia. Explore the Old Town full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. During your walking tour, get the local perspective on the often-debated topic of bullfighting in this city rich with the history surrounding these contests. Complete your tour of Ronda and be welcomed into a local's home for a home-hosted lunch. Arrive in Cordoba and end your day with a walk as sunset arrives. (B, L)

Day 6: Cordoba

Begin your day immersing yourself in the culture of Cordoba when you admire the rows of patios filled with colourful flowers and plants. Meet with a local to discuss the tradition and importance of these bountiful displays. Later, tour the magnificent Mezquita (UNESCO). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. End your afternoon with a visit to a family-run bull ranch to see life on the farm and learn about the care of these animals. (B, D)

Day 7: Cordoba - Seville

Your taste of the local culture continues today. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about this family-owned business. Try their unique olive oil during lunch before departing for Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." Once you arrive, get acquainted with Seville on a panoramic city tour featuring the famous Bull Ring, Torre de Oro, Plaza de Espana, and Maria Luisa Park. This evening, take in sweeping views of Seville from atop the *Mirador Setas* viewpoint. After you've worked up your appetite, you'll sit down to dinner at a trendy local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Seville

In Seville, **it's your choice!** Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings, and winding streets **-OR-** take a horse and carriage ride through Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park – one of the loveliest parks in all of Europe. Then, discover the magnificent Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest Gothic cathedral

in the world. View the ornate architecture of the cathedral and see Christopher Columbus' tomb. Later this afternoon, during an **Impact Moment**, participate in a flamenco lesson at Fundacion Cristina Heeren de Arte Flamenco. This is a non-profit organisation dedicated to preserving the art of flamenco in Spain and internationally. After your lesson, enjoy a traditional flamenco performance. (B)

Day 9: Seville - Estremoz, Portugal - Portuguese Riviera

Say *adios* to Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Estremoz – a historic town whose marble can be found in Portuguese monuments throughout the country. After a lunch full of local flavour, continue on to the Portuguese Riviera, the picturesque region situated along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy an evening at leisure to do as you please. (B, L)

Day 10: Portuguese Riviera - Lisbon - Portuguese Riviera

Olá Lisboa! It's time to get to know Europe's second oldest capital city. Start in Belém, home to many of Lisbon's most iconic sites. After viewing the impressive Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO) facade, embark on a unique panoramic city tour. Hop on to one of Lisbon's iconic trams taking you through the postcard-worthy streets of the hilly city. Return to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day to explore independently. This evening, you may choose to join an optional experience to see local artists perform traditional *fado* music (UNESCO). (B)



ARRIVAL
MALAGA (AGP)

DEPARTURE
LISBON (LIS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6299**
SOLO Starting at **\$7949**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 16 February 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note*)

June 2025 – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2025 – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

Day 11: Portuguese Riviera - Sintra - Portuguese Riviera

Head to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Explore the Quinta da Regaleira, a 20th-century palace with an elaborate gothic façade and beautiful gardens. Then stop at a local bakery and indulge in a local pastry before enjoying some time on your own to discover this storybook town. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner featuring savoury Portuguese favourites. (B, D)

Day 12: Portuguese Riviera - Tour Ends

This cultural deep dive into Spain and Portugal comes to a close today. (B)

+ Optional 3-Night Madrid Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$2100 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Madrid, Spain

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Meet your local guide

to get oriented with the area surrounding your hotel and get the best tips to begin exploring the city. Later, gather with your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Madrid

Start the day exploring the city like a true local – by Metro. During the walking tour of Madrid's historic centre, see iconic sites such as Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Later, visit Madrid's Royal Palace, which was built in the 18th century by the order of Philip V on the site of the old Alcázar fortress, a former Moorish castle, and is still the official residence of the Spanish royal family. Then, you are free to explore the city on your own using your metro card. Tonight, you might choose to

experience Madrid with a walk in Puerta del Sol followed by dinner with traditional entertainment at a local restaurant. (B)

Day 3: Madrid

This morning, get to know a different side of Madrid among the city's universities. Ascend the 92-metre-high Faro de Moncloa, and along the way you may have the opportunity to talk to a student! After getting to know this area and some of the museums nearby, such as the America Museum, it's time to get back on the Metro and take a short walk to the Temple of Debod. The temple was donated to Spain by Egypt and dates back to the 2nd century BC. The rest of the day is yours to explore this magnificent city, discovering Madrid's elegant boulevards and rich culture. (B)

Day 4: Madrid - Málaga

Board your train to Málaga where you will join your fellow travellers for your main tour. (B)

PORTUGAL & ITS ISLANDS

FEATURING LISBON,
AZORES & MADEIRA
ISLANDS

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5839

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Belem • *Fado* Dinner Show • St. Michael Island, Azores • Ponta Delgada • Terra Nostra National Park • Sete Cidades • Madeira Island • *Espetada* Dinner • Folkloric Show • Porto Moniz



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Be a guest at a family-run ceramic factory and learn about Portuguese pottery.
- Visit Funchal's *Lavradores* market, a fruit and exotic flower paradise.
- Experience a night of *Fado* (UNESCO) and learn about this traditional art form.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Experience a truly unique *cozido das Furnas* lunch in Furnas Valley.
- Enjoy a traditional dinner in Madeira, known as an *espetada*, and local folkloric entertainment.
- Taste Madeira wine and learn why this wine had such an important role in the history of the Island.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park **-OR-** relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Lumen Hotel, Lisbon
- Days 4 - 7** Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores
- Days 8 - 11** Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island
- Day 12** Lumen Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Camara de Lobos, Madeira

Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Lisbon, where old-world traditions blend seamlessly with modern ways. Experience Portuguese cuisine, regional wines, and folkloric entertainment among colourful buildings and winding pathways. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Lisbon

Set out on a tour of Lisbon and uncover some of the city's most famous sights. Travel to Belem, where the age of Portuguese maritime discoveries comes to life at the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Go to downtown Lisbon and enjoy some free time to have lunch, take in the intricate architecture, and explore the beautiful streets before a quick stop to savour one of the local *petiscos*, and end your morning in a playful and interactive historical museum. You can choose to return to your hotel and relax or enjoy the free afternoon to continue exploring Portugal's capital city. (B)

Day 3: Lisbon

Explore Lisbon today at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer to tour today, choose an optional excursion to Sintra and Cascais; from the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra, learn a thousand

fascinating tales of the Portuguese Riviera and of beautiful Cascais and Estoril. This evening, over Portuguese cuisine and wine, listen to local artists perform the traditional *fado* (UNESCO). (B, D)

Day 4: Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada

To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the 9 volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago. On a brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada's town centre, see the *Portas da Cidade* (the City Gates), and several of the main architectural sights that make up this unique island capital. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant featuring traditional Azorean cuisine. (B, D)

Day 5: Ponta Delgada - Furnas - Ponta Delgada

Start the day with a visit to a 150-year-old family run ceramic factory where we will learn about the process of creating traditional Portuguese pottery. Then, **it's your choice!** Take a stroll through the natural beauty of Terra Nostra Botanical Park **-OR-** rest and relax in the park's thermal water pool. In Furnas Valley, experience a *cozido das Furnas* lunch, cooked in the heat of the volcanic earth. After lunch let the green, lush beauty of Ribeira dos Caldeiros Natural Park surround you as you stroll through the natural landscape and take in the watermills so typical



Sete Cidades



Lavradores Market

of this place. Then head to the verdant pastures of a tea plantation, one of two in Europe, and delve into its cultivation methods and trade history before heading back to Ponta Delgada. The evening is yours to do as you please. (B, L)

Day 6: Ponta Delgada

Make the most of a day at leisure. Perhaps you'll take an optional whale-watching adventure and cruise over the waves with an expert biologist, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Gather in the late afternoon to explore a local pineapple plantation and learn more about this fruit, introduced to the island by Portuguese navigators. Then enjoy a cocktail and dinner in one of the best family-run restaurants in Ponta Delgada. (B, D)

Day 7: Ponta Delgada - Sete Cidades - Ribeira Grande - Ponta Delgada

Today visit the iconic Sete Cidades volcanic crater and peer down at its twin lakes. The lakes appear to be different colours -- one blue (reflecting the sky) and the other green (reflecting the ground). Hear the stories and legends associated with the two

lakes before journeying to a boutique, family-run winery where the volcanic soil plays a key role in the end product. Then travel to the quaint town of Ribeira Grande, with free time for lunch. End your full day of touring with a visit to Ribeira dos Caldeiros Nature Reserve, where watermills create a lush, otherworldly setting. (B)

Day 8: Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira

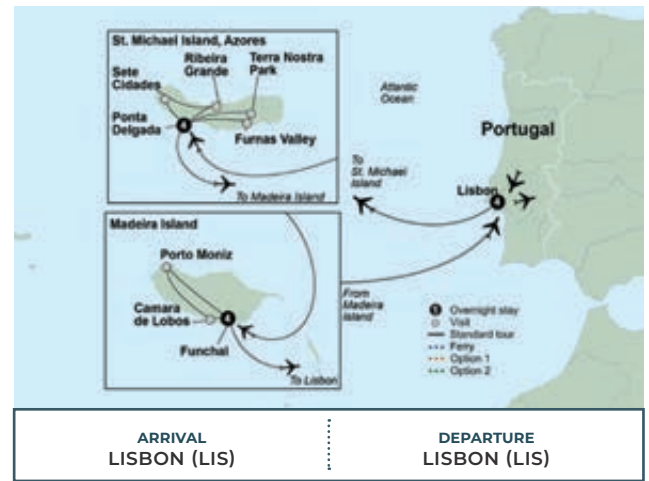
Fly to Madeira, the "Pearl of the Atlantic." After your afternoon arrival, embark on a walking tour of the capital city of Funchal, to get a first glimpse of the quaint old town and some of its main sights. Then, discover the Madeira Botanical Gardens as you make your way through a terraced landscape of more than 2,000 exotic plants. (B)

Day 9: Funchal

Explore the *Lavradores* market, a hub of exotic fruits, flowers, and a traditional fish market. The local culture comes to life here! A tasting at a Madeira wine lodge teaches you about the famous Madeira wine. Head to colourful Santa Maria Street, where vibrant murals and brightly painted doors enliven the streets, and many cafes tempt you to linger over lunch on your own. A free afternoon provides more time to explore or to relax and enjoy your hotel's garden, pool, and spa. Gather again this evening for a traditional *espetada* dinner, feasting on local cuisine cooked over an open fire against a backdrop of folk dancers and lively music. (B, D)

Day 10: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - Porto Moniz - Funchal

Begin your day with a tour that takes you to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village on a picture-perfect bay that served as a special retreat for Sir Winston Churchill. It was here that Madeira's natural beauty captivated him and inspired many paintings of the village. Drive along mountain roads, passing vineyards en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão, where you can walk on the highest glass skywalk in Europe. At BAM (Centro da Banana da Madeira) find out about the rich history and modern-day production of delicious Madeira bananas before leaving for the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz. Here, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic rock pools before returning to Funchal. (B)



ARRIVAL LISBON (LIS)

DEPARTURE LISBON (LIS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5839**
SOLO Starting at **\$7439**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 12 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – October 2025
March – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June – October 2025 and March – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

➕ **PRE-OR POST-NIGHT: Lisbon (1-2 NIGHTS)**



Day 11: Funchal

The day is yours to explore independently or embark on a full-day optional tour of the island. Start with an easy travel along the island's *levadas* and learn about this unique watering system. Then travel to a *quinta* for lunch with views of the Atlantic. End with a visit to the traditional A-frame houses of Santana, a reminder of the island's farming past. (B)

Day 12: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Later, bid *adeus* to Portugal during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Depart for home with Portugal in your heart as your tour ends today. (B)

THE AZORES: JEWELS OF PORTUGAL

12 DAYS • 18 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5579

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

São Miguel Island • Sete Cidades •
Furnas Valley • Home-Hosted Dinner
• Faial Island • Capelinhos Volcano
Interpretation Centre • Terceira Island •
Angra do Heroísmo • Algar do Carvao •
Natural Volcanic Pools • Lisbon



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore colourful Horta Marina and its importance to sailors crossing the Atlantic.
- On São Miguel, learn about traditional basket weaving from local artisans.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 11 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)
- Experience a truly unique *cozido das furnas* lunch in Furnas valley.
 - Enjoy a home-hosted meal at a village in the São Miguel Island.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — In Furnas, enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra local pool, built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores -**OR**- embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 4** Vila Gale Collection São Miguel, Sao Miguel, Azores
- Days 5, 6** Hotel do Canal, Faial, Azores
- Days 7 - 9** Zenite Boutique Hotel & Spa, Terceira, Azores
- Days 10, 11** Bessa Hotel Liberdade, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Day 1: Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Açores

This is the Azores. A set of islands virtually untouched by urban development. Your adventure begins on São Miguel, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. Relax and explore as you wish, perhaps sit along the seaside promenade and breathe in the mild air of the Atlantic.

Day 2: Ponta Delgada

Get to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of São Miguel, on a morning walking tour of the area. This afternoon, take a ride up to Sete Cidades caldera's highest point and discover some of Mother Nature's finest work: the twin blue and green lakes that make up this caldera and are explained by local legend: They are apparently the tears of star-crossed lovers, a green-eyed princess and a blue-eyed shepherd. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: São Miguel

Start the day with a visit to one of the few remaining basket weavers on the island. Learn how willow basket making has evolved and how this father-son enterprise has kept this traditional craft alive. Then, **it's your choice!** Enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra pool, built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores -**OR**- embark on a guided

visit to the organic paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden. For lunch, enjoy a traditional *cozido das furnas* meal, where your food is cooked in the earth's volcanic heat. Later, continue to the green fields of a nearby tea plantation to learn about this unique crop before an evening of leisure in São Miguel. (B, L)

Day 4: São Miguel

Today enjoy a full free day to explore São Miguel at your own pace. Perhaps you will take to the waves on an optional ocean excursion to watch for whales and dolphins, followed by a lunch at a local restaurant. Regardless of how you choose to spend your day, gather tonight for a home-hosted dinner at a local village. (B, D)

Day 5: São Miguel - Horta, Faial

Say *bom dia* (good morning) to Faial with a walking tour of Horta. Its marina and painted murals are a testament to the island's importance to the sailors who have visited the island on voyages crossing the Atlantic. Later, encounter the volcanic vitality of Faial when you take in the surrounding rocky landscape and ash hills with a fascinating visit to the Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Centre. (B, D)

Day 6: Faial

The day is yours to enjoy on your own and relax on Faial Island! You may also consider joining an optional tour to Pico to encounter the Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture (UNESCO)



Home Hosted Dinner



Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira

and explore this scarcely populated island's scenery, a sublime mixture of lava rock and exotic vegetation, during a walk along Lagoa do Capitaio. (B)

Day 7: Faial - Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira

Board your flight to Terceira and say hello to the colourful capital of Angra do Heroísmo (UNESCO) with a local guide. Restored in traditional style, the city features white facades and vibrant trims. Learn about the Holy Ghost Chapels, known locally as *Imperios*, and customs surrounding this tradition.

+ Optional 3-Night Lisbon Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$2400 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Terceira

Start your day with a swim in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos. Later, on your way to Algar do Carvao, stop at Serra do Cume viewpoint where views of the agricultural fields and their neat orderly stone walls will take your breath away. At Algar do Carvao, the "Cavern of Coal," feel the quiet stillness as you descend into this ancient lava tube. Enjoy the evening exploring Angra do Heroísmo as you wish. (B)

Day 9: Terceira

Today, the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You may choose to join an optional tour to the western side of Terceira in the morning, sipping coffee at an organic coffee plantation and tasting locally grown bananas along the way and ending at a family-owned cheese factory for a light lunch made up of local products. End the day at a *petiscos* home-hosted dining experience. (B, D)

Day 10: Terceira - Lisbon

Say farewell to the Azores archipelago as you head to Lisbon in continental Europe. Lisbon, known as the city of the seven hills, and the starting point of many of its 15th century explorations, was also the departure point of many of its immigrants that crossed the Atlantic searching for a better life. (B)

Day 11: Lisbon

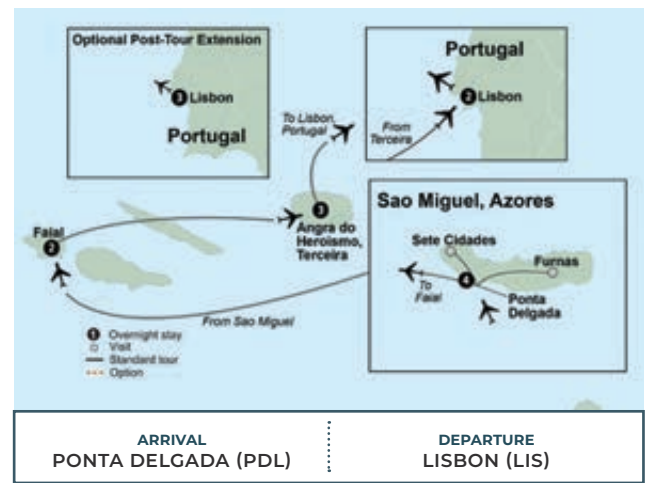
Start your morning with a panoramic tour of Belem. See the imposing 16th century Jeronimos Monastery and the Belem Tower, a fortress built to protect Lisbon and later used as a prison. Join a special tour exploring the grandeur of the Ajuda National Palace, once a

Day 12: Lisbon

Extend your time in Lisbon, Portugal's capital city where old traditions intermingle with modern twists. See the city on a lively tuk-tuk tour, zooming through the urban energy from the back seat of an open-air vehicle. Venture through the city's beloved neighbourhoods. After becoming acquainted with the area, bite into a typical *bifana* sandwich at an authentic *tasca* restaurant and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore on your own.

Day 13: Lisbon - Mafra - Ericeira - Obidos - Lisbon

Enjoy this day to discover a whole new region,



DOUBLE Starting at \$5579
SOLO Starting at \$6779

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 10 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

March – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note*)

June – October 2025
March – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Sao Miguel** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT: Lisbon** (1-2 NIGHTS)

royal residence of King Luís I. Then return to downtown Lisbon and enjoy some free time before you gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Say *adeus* (goodbye) to Portugal and the Azores as you depart this coastal paradise. (B)

starting in Mafra, where the great convent stands out from the small town. Reach the cliffs of Ericeira, a fishing village turned surfing mecca and end in the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional *fado* music, a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage highlight. (B)

Day 14: Lisbon

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure; maybe stroll along Praca do Comercio, or even make your way up to São Jorge Castle for a sprawling panorama of the city. Gather in the evening for dinner in a local restaurant, getting a taste of some of Portugal's favourite flavours in a small restaurant full of history. (B, D)

Day 15: Lisbon - Extension Ends

Wish Lisbon goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

FLAVOURS OF PORTUGAL & SPAIN

FEATURING THE DOURO AND RIOJA WINE REGIONS

15 DAYS • 23 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Tomar • Porto • Port Wine Tastings • Douro River Valley • Douro River Cruise • Salamanca • La Rioja • Pamplona • Bullfighter's Home Experience • San Sebastián • Bilbao • Guggenheim Museum



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Call a picturesque *quinta* estate in the Douro River Valley your home for 2 nights.
- Immerse yourself in the lively, vibrant city of Salamanca.
- Visit a bullfighter's family home in Pamplona and learn about this iconic Iberian tradition.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Explore wine cellars in the Douro and Rioja regions and enjoy wine tastings.
- Enjoy a *petiscos* cooking class in the Douro River Valley.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 13** — See a different side of Spain on the coastline of Basque Country during a visit to the villages of Zumaia and Getaria **-OR-** take a hike along the coastal St. James Way **-OR-** take time at leisure to experience San Sebastián however you choose.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon
- Days 4, 5** Turim Oporto Hotel, Porto
- Days 6, 7** Vila Galé Douro Vineyards, Douro River Valley
- Days 8, 9** NH Collection Palacio de Castellanos, Salamanca
- Days 10, 11** Eurostars Fuerte Ruavieja, La Rioja
- Days 12 - 14** NH Collection Aránzazu, San Sebastian

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Porto

Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal

Arrive in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Perched on seven hills, Lisbon glistens like a treasure and enchants travellers with its laid-back charm. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to officially kick off an experience-rich adventure. (D)

Day 2: Lisbon

Good morning, *Lisboa!* Start your day with a walk to the public funicular to hop on and ride to the upper side of the downtown area. Meander through historic neighbourhoods, hearing stories that bring the city - and its colourful neighbourhoods - to life. Walk to the Chiado neighbourhood, embracing its bohemian vibe en route to a local cafe and a tasting of typical Portuguese foods with a light *petiscos* lunch. After, your journey takes you to the best view of Praça do Comercio in downtown Lisbon, one of the biggest squares in Europe. This gorgeous square boasts colourful artwork and sculptures. Enjoy time to explore on your own and return to the hotel by subway. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional *fado* music, a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage highlight. (B, L)

Day 3: Lisbon

Explore the city today at your own pace. With plenty of free time, you may wish to check out Lisbon's famed culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. Or you may

also choose an optional excursion to explore the beach town of Ericeira and then Sintra with its enchanting palaces and villas. This evening, dinner is accompanied by an Impact Moment as you learn how the restaurant supports people experiencing homelessness through catering training. (B, D)

Day 4: Lisbon - Tomar - Porto

Depart Portugal's capital city and head to Tomar, home to some of the country's historical jewels, including the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ (UNESCO). Explore the octagonal Templars' Rotunda and imagine the day-to-day life of a warrior monk. Next stop: Porto! Take in the landscape of wild pine trees as you leave Tomar and embark on a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Portugal's second largest city. (B, D)

Day 5: Porto

Today, an extensive walking tour of Porto reveals its many charms. See the São Bento railway station, which opened in 1916 and is one of Portugal's most striking architectural gems. Visit the Bolsa Palace (UNESCO) - known as the Stock Exchange Palace - a 19th-century neoclassical masterpiece, and finish your morning crossing the river to Vila Nova de Gaia for a visit and a taste of the port wine production scene. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. This evening you may want to join in an optional experience and feel like a local in their cosy, inviting home to savour a homemade meal. (B)



Douro River

Day 6: Porto - Douro Valley

Today, say *tchau* to Porto and set out for the Douro wine region. Visiting the Douro combines natural beauty, cultural and historical richness, and of course, the region's famed gastronomy. On the way, visit one of the most famous wineries in Portugal for a tasting of its wines and a visit their stunning baroque palace. This afternoon, embark on a relaxing boat trip along the Douro River and sail past the stunning landscapes, vineyard slopes, and famous terraces. Then settle into your home for the next two nights at a winery hotel in the heart of the Douro River Valley. Later, enjoy a dinner of traditional Portuguese cuisine paired with delicious local wine. (B, D)

Day 7: Douro

Spend a relaxed morning enjoying the grounds of the winery. Then, roll up your sleeves for a cooking class – and of course, dine on your creations: a light lunch of *petiscos*, or Portuguese *tapas*. After, visit the Douro Museum to learn about the history, culture, and flavours found in the Douro wine region. Return to your hotel and enjoy the end of the day on your own. (B, L)

Day 8: Douro - Salamanca, Spain

Depart the Douro wine region and cross the border into Spain! Head to an olive grove and learn about this family-owned business. Try their unique olive oil during a light lunch before departing for Salamanca. End your day with an orientation walk to help you find your preferred spot for dinner on your own. (B, L)

Day 9: Salamanca

In Salamanca, feel like you've stepped back in time during a walking tour with your local guide and learn more about this ancient city. Visit the Cathedral of Salamanca, which is in fact two

churches joined together from the 12th-13th centuries and 16th century. Imagine the life of a student from medieval times to present as you stroll around the oldest university in Spain, the University of Salamanca. Afterward, the rest of the day is yours to explore Salamanca at your own pace. With over two thousand years of history and its sandstone architecture, Salamanca is a little gem waiting to be discovered. (B)

Day 10: Salamanca - Burgos - La Rioja

Today, leave for the famous Rioja wine region! On your way, stop in Burgos where you will get to know the city during a walking tour. From its pedestrian-friendly riverside to the historic Plaza Mayor, Burgos delivers a traditional Spanish experience. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. Finally, arrive in La Rioja, your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

Day 11: La Rioja - Pamplona - La Rioja

Today, it's off to Pamplona, the capital of the Navarre province and home to the legendary Feast of San Fermin – the *Running of the Bulls*. Once every year, bulls are led through the city's streets by daredevil runners, and today, a local guide takes you on a city tour of Pamplona where you can hear all about its colourful, unique history before visiting the family home of a bullfighter. The bullfighter's family greets you traditionally – with light tapas and drinks – truly welcoming you into their world for a little while. During your visit, learn firsthand about bullfighting traditions and controversies, and enjoy the chance to ask your questions. As you make your way back to stunning Rioja, stop at the Marques de Riscal Winery nestled in the centre of Spain's beautiful Basque country – one of the most fascinating wineries to behold with its famously avant-garde design. Taste some of the wines and walk the vineyards before heading back to your hotel. (B)

Day 12: La Rioja - Bilbao - San Sebastián

Head to Bilbao and take a walking tour of Bilbao's old town where you can find historic old churches, festive markets, and quintessential Spanish squares. Then visit the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, set along the Nervion River and hailed as an icon of architectural culture with its contemporary design. See some of the modern art housed inside its fascinating



ARRIVAL
LISBON (LIS)

DEPARTURE
BILBAO (BIO)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$7699**
SOLO Starting at **\$9499**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 25 February 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025 (different itinerary - see note*)
June 2025 – May 2026 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2025 – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Lisbon (1-2 NIGHTS)

walls. Enjoy some free time before continuing to San Sebastián. (B)

Day 13: San Sebastián

Are your shoes made for walking? Today, set off for an extensive walking tour of San Sebastián, a coastal city that runs along the Bay of Biscay. With its strong regional character, quaint old town and beachfront life, you will feel like a local as you meander through charming neighbourhoods boasting with traditional architecture. Then **it's your choice!** You can choose a guided tour of the coastal villages of Zumaia and Getaria for a special opportunity to explore the glimmering Spanish coastline and enjoy a tasting of Txakoli wine **-OR-** take a leisurely hike along the "Camino of Saint James" and make your way back to the city centre, enjoying a healthy, scenic experience in this beautiful destination. Lastly you can choose to stay in San Sebastián to relax or further explore on your own! (B)

Day 14: San Sebastián

The day is yours to explore! San Sebastián is a great spot for shoppers and foodies alike, and there is plenty to see and do in this coastal city. Or perhaps you will join an optional day trip and say *bonjour* to France, exploring the medieval charm of Bayonne and the eclectic summer village of Biarritz. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner featuring savoury Spanish flavours. (B, D)

Day 15: San Sebastián - Tour Ends

Today, your tour of Portugal and Spain comes to a close – all of the wonderful memories will truly be the best souvenirs. (B)

TREASURES OF TURKEY

15 DAYS • 24 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Istanbul • Hagia Sophia • Topkapi Palace
• Spice Market • Food Tour • Bosphorus
Cruise • Gallipoli • Pergamon • Ephesus •
Aegean Coast Boat Ride • Impact Moment
• Konya • Cappadocia • Grand Bazaar



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Cruise the Dalyan River to the Aegean Coast.
- Explore the towering rock formations of Cappadocia.
- Experience a transcendent Whirling Dervishes ceremony.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district and Spice Market.
- Savour organic wines at a vineyard on the Dardanelles Strait.
- Learn family recipes during a hands-on cooking class at a restaurant in Cappadocia.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Bathe in the thermal spring waters of the Cleopatra Antique Pools **-OR-** take a guided golf-cart tour of Pamukkale's Greco-Roman ruins.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3	Port Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul
Day 4	Hotel Cura, Canakkale
Days 5, 6	Park Inn by Radisson, Izmir
Day 7	Doga Thermal Hotel, Pamukkale
Days 8, 9	Arp Hotel, Dalyan
Day 10	Bayir Diamond Hotel, Konya
Days 11 - 13	Exedra Hotel, Cappadocia
Day 14	Galata's Hotel, Istanbul

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Day 1: Istanbul, Turkey - Tour Begins

Welcome to Istanbul, the bridge between East and West. Settle in to your hotel for the next three nights, and then meet your fellow travellers at a welcome briefing before taking the rest of the evening to relax as you please.

Day 2: Istanbul - Blue Mosque - Basilica Cistern - Topkapi Palace

Today, sample some of Istanbul's most iconic sites, which connect Greek-Roman heritage with Ottoman-Islamic Art. First, the 17th-century Blue Mosque with its impressive domes and minarets, followed by Hippodrome, the former sporting and social center of the Roman Empire. Then on to Basilica Cistern, the largest underground cistern in the city, followed by Topkapi Palace and Harem, former home to the Ottoman Sultans. While we explore the city's legendary history and architecture, please know that Istanbul is also known for its legendary traffic, which is also an iconic experience — one that requires great patience! This evening, gather at a local restaurant where the chef will delight you with their Ottoman-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

Day 3: Istanbul - Spice Market - Bosphorus Cruise

Taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district during a walking tour that includes a visit to the city's famous Spice Market and tastings of Turkish specialities sampled from local street vendors. This afternoon, take in Istanbul's majestic skyline as you sail between two continents during a cruise of the Bosphorus Strait, which divides Europe from Asia. The rest

of the afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps you'll visit the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art. Or, choose to go on an optional excursion to a historic Hammam, where you'll enjoy an authentic Turkish scrub and foam bath. (B, L)

Day 4: Istanbul - Gallipoli - Çanakkale

Early this morning, leave the bustle of Istanbul behind and enjoy a scenic ride along the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles Strait as you make your full-day transfer to Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Learn about the many conflicts these waters witnessed over the centuries. Stop at Anzac Cove to pay your respects and learn about the site's significance for Turks, as well as Australians and New Zealanders, before heading to a local organic winery for a tasting. Finally, cross the Dardanelles Strait to Çanakkale, a small coastal city and your home for the night. The evening is yours to unwind from your day of travelling. (B)

Day 5: Çanakkale - Carpet Weaving Experience - Ancient Pergamon - Izmir

Another long but rewarding day of travel begins with a transfer to the countryside of Pergamon, where you'll learn about the traditional Turkish craft of carpet weaving. This afternoon, visit the Ancient City of Pergamon (UNESCO), where you'll take a short cable car ride up to the acropolis to enjoy views of the valley below and a tour of the Greek ruins. End the day in Izmir, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy free time this evening to explore the seafront promenade, just a short walk from our centrally located hotel. (B, L)

Day 6: Izmir - Ancient Ephesus - Sirince - Izmir

This morning, your in-depth tour of Ancient Ephesus (UNESCO) takes you to the Terrace Houses for a walking tour. See the Library of Celsus, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, and walk the paths that Paul the Apostle once walked. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Archeological Museum. This afternoon, travel to charming Sirince, a hilltop village once inhabited by the Greek community. The village today is a rare and protected example of Ottoman Christian architecture, known for its locally produced olive oil, wine, and peaches. Here, relax at a local café, taste a traditional Turkish coffee, and meet with locals who offer Turkish coffee ground readings for those who want to get their fortunes told. Afterwards, back to Izmir for an evening at leisure and dinner on your own. (B)

Day 7: Izmir - Pamukkale 🌿

Start the day by learning about the folklore of the *nazar boncuk* (evil eye) at a workshop where these traditional talismans are crafted using a process passed down through generations. Next, continue your journey inland to Pamukkale (UNESCO) to visit the famous Cotton Castle — named for its natural cascading thermal pools and white limestone — as well as the ruins of the Greco-Roman period. Whilst here, **it's your choice!** Visit the Cleopatra Antique Pools and bathe in thermal spring water surrounded by columns and paving stones from the ancient city -OR- take a guided tour of the archeological site via golf cart and visit the local museum. Whichever you choose, all will have free time to visit the site's "Cotton Candy" pools as well. This evening, check into the hotel and enjoy a relaxed buffet dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Pamukkale - Ancient Kaunos - Dalyan

Today, return to the coast after a full-morning transfer to the riverbank town of Dalyan. In the early afternoon, tour the ruins of Ancient Kaunos before checking in to your hotel for the next two nights — a small, family run bed & breakfast with simple accommodation overlooking the river. The evening is yours. (B)

Day 9: Dalyan - Coastal Boat Ride - Impact Moment - Dalyan

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning before setting off for a relaxing boat trip along the river that connects Dalyan to the Mediterranean Sea. Take in views of the Aegean coastline and make some stops (weather permitting) along the

way for swimming. After lunch in a local restaurant, get ready for your **Impact Moment** at a loggerhead turtle rescue and conservation centre. Return to Dalyan for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Dalyan - Isparta - Konya

Prepare for a full day of travel, beginning early and following the path of the ancient Silk Road trading route. Begin in the region of Isparta where the landscape and climate have proven ideal for the cultivation of aromatic plants. We'll stop to visit an eco-centre that uses sustainable practices to cultivate their organic crops. After a light lunch of Turkish pancakes, continue on to Konya, arriving in the early evening. Pause for dinner at a local restaurant before checking in to your hotel for the night. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Konya - Sultanhani Caravanserai - Cappadocia

Begin the morning in Konya with a visit to the Mevlâna Museum, the world centre of the Whirling Dervishes. Next, visit Sultanhani Caravanserai, one of the largest surviving caravanserais along the Silk Road. Travel on, arriving in Cappadocia in the early afternoon for a tour of one of the region's famous underground cities. These subterranean towns, some built almost 3,000 years ago, provided refuge for their inhabitants during times of war. As you head towards your hotel, take in the rock formations created by thousands of years of volcanic activity and erosion. This evening, check in to your home for the next three nights — a cave hotel with rooms carved out of the soft stone of the natural landscape. (B)

Day 12: Cappadocia - Göreme Open-Air Museum

Get an early start with an optional balloon ride that takes you soaring above the "fairy chimneys" and rock dwellings dotting the hills and valleys below you. After reconvening with your fellow travellers, immerse yourself in Cappadocia's lunar landscape. Visit Göreme's Open-Air Museum (UNESCO), a vast site comprising of 11 early Christian rock-cut churches and monasteries often adorned with colourful frescoes. For lunch, join a local family at their home for a taste of homecooked *burek* (a savoury pastry filled with cheese or potatoes), accompanied by tea. This evening, come together for a Whirling Dervishes ceremony. (B, L)

Day 13: Cappadocia - Love Valley - Cooking Class

Start the day with a countryside walk in Love Valley, famous for its conspicuous rock formations. Then, visit a pottery



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DEPARTURE
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DOUBLE Starting at **\$6689**
SOLO Starting at **\$8389**

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Prices based on 3 November 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024
March – May 2025

(featured itinerary)

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+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Cappadocia Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride

Get an aerial view of extraordinary rock formations on a sunrise hot air balloon ride above magical Cappadocia. Float above the rocky valleys as the morning sun paints the landscape rose pink in the dawn air.

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workshop and learn how locals extract clay from the surrounding soil and make pottery. This afternoon, participate in a hands-on cooking class learning how to make traditional Cappadocia dishes, like slow-roasted *testi kebab*, before enjoying the results for dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Cappadocia - Istanbul - Grand Bazaar

Head to the airport in Kayseri this morning for a short flight back to Istanbul. After a drive back to the city, stop at the colourful Grand Bazaar. This intricate complex of covered streets and shops has been in operation for over 600 years and is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Later this afternoon, check in to the hotel before regrouping for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant along the waterfront. (B, D)

Day 15: Istanbul - Tour Ends

Your exploration of Turkey comes to a close today. (B)

NEW TOUR

GEMS OF GREECE

ATHENS, NAXOS & CRETE

13 DAYS • 21 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Acropolis Site & Museum • Impact Moment: Shedia Home • Naxos & Lesser Cyclades Day Cruise • Kitron Distillery & Tasting • Knossos Palace • Cooking Class • Pottery Demonstration • Olive Oil & Wine Tasting • Cretan Folk Dancing & Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Connect with the mission of Shedia Home, a café and artists' workshop in Athens that supports its community.
- Explore the culture and traditions of Naxos, the largest of the Cyclades islands, where families go back generations and one of the few Greek islands full of year-round residents.
- In Archanes, get a local cooking lesson at co-op café preserving traditional Cretan recipes.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample the local Kitron, a liqueur only produced on the Greek island of Naxos.
- Enjoy tastings of Cretan olive oils and wines at a family-run olive mill and winery.
- Immerse yourself in Greek folk traditions during a Cretan taverna dinner with dancing.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 11** — In Chania, **it's your choice!** Visit the Archaeological Museum of Chania and explore its treasures on your own **-OR-** join a guided tour of Aptera's archaeological site.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Athens Hotel, Athens
Day 4 - 6 Galaxy Hotel or Naxos Resort, Naxos
Days 7, 8 Olive Green Hotel, Crete
Days 9 - 11 Samaria Hotel, Chania, Crete
Day 12 Athens Hotel, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Naxos

Day 1: Athens, Greece

Get ready to soak in the Mediterranean lifestyle as you explore Greece's beauty, ancient wonders, and lively culture from the capital to the isles. Arrive in Athens, the capital of Greece and "the cradle of democracy." Settle in as you prepare to be a part of this immortalised city, home to the famous Parthenon and ancient monuments as well as to inviting neighbourhoods where you can explore the heart of Greek culture.

Day 2: Athens

Begin your day in Athens on a panoramic tour through the city, taking in the history of Athens' many landmarks. Next, get to know Plaka, the lively neighbourhood at the foot of the Acropolis, brimming with welcoming restaurants and shops. Here, take time to explore and find a spot for lunch on your own, soaking in your surroundings while indulging in delicious Greek cuisine. Later, explore artifacts recovered from the Acropolis archaeological site with a guided visit to the Acropolis Museum. Just steps from where ancient relics were recovered, the "new museum" (as the locals still call it) offers incredible views of the Acropolis. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Athens

Today, get an up-close look at the iconic Acropolis and its monuments – universal

symbols of classical antiquity. Marvel at the ancient history all around as you stroll beside the Parthenon on a guided tour of the incredible archeological complex. Next, experience an **Impact Moment** during a stop at a community-minded café and workshop. This café with a mission shines a light on stories of people from the community who have overcome homelessness through work and support of the unique art made onsite. After a light lunch at the café, the rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to explore more of Athens independently. (B, L)

Day 4: Athens - Naxos

Get an early start today to set out for the island of Naxos! The journey begins by boarding the ferry with your luggage in hand. Once you've set your luggage down, settle in for views of the sea as the ferry stops at islands along the way. Arrive in Naxos, the prosperous, self-sustaining island and the largest of the Cyclades in the Aegean Sea. After getting off the ferry, your first stop is to see the island's emblem, the giant marble gate at the unfinished Temple of Apollo – Portara. Take free time for lunch on your own before settling in at your hotel. Tonight, gather for dinner at a nearby restaurant in the Chora (Naxos Town). (B, D)

Day 5: Naxos - Lesser Cyclades - Naxos

This morning, board a sailboat for a full-day cruise to take in the beauty of Naxos and the nearby Lesser Cyclades islands of Koufonisia.



Chania

After sailing along the eastern shore of Naxos, step off the boat onto the island of Kato Koufonisi with some time to explore. Enjoy a Greek barbecue lunch with local wines as well as the chance to take a dip in the Aegean Sea's turquoise waters. Next, sail to Ano Koufonisi and take time to stroll along the island's beautiful beaches and visit the small village. Sail on, back towards Naxos to Rina Cave, where you may wish to dive in and explore. Arrive back at your Naxos hotel this evening. (B, L)

Day 6: Naxos

Today, trade the seaside bustle of the Chora for the mountain villages of Naxos. First, visit the peaceful village of Halki, the former capital of the island, and feel like you've stepped back in time as you stroll its alleys. In the picturesque hilltop village of Apiranthos, take time to explore and slow down among the locals. Later, return to your hotel for some downtime. This evening, sample the local spirits, including Kitron (a liqueur exclusively made on Naxos), served with delicious bites at a third-generation family-owned distillery. Learn about the machinery and distillation process, and gain an appreciation for the unique liqueurs made here. (B)

Day 7: Naxos - Heraklion, Crete

Enjoy the morning at leisure. Later this afternoon with your suitcase in tow, board the ferry to Heraklion, Crete. After a ferry trip of approximately three hours, arrive to Crete, the largest of the Greek islands. (B, D)

Day 8: Heraklion

This morning, take a walk around Lion's Square - the heart of Heraklion. Next, head to Knossos Palace for a guided tour of the site, a major centre

of Minoan civilisation. Among these remarkably preserved ruins, imagine the everyday lives of ancient Minoans and recall legend, as this is considered the mythic place where King Minos kept the Minotaur in his labyrinth. As you travel through the Cretan countryside, take in the sprawling olive groves that have shaped Crete ever since olive cultivation began in Minoan times. In Archanes, visit a women's cooperative café to learn about traditional Cretan dishes and enjoy a hands-on cooking class followed by lunch. Afterward, return to your hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Heraklion - Rethymnon - Chania, Crete

Leaving Heraklion, head toward Chania today with a couple of stops along the way. Visit Margarites, a pottery village. Among the more than 20 pottery workshops in this village, visit the only one that uses both new and old (wood-fired) baking techniques. After watching a pottery demonstration, you can take the opportunity to shop for unique wares. Continue to Rethymnon with its beautiful old town and enjoy free time for lunch. Later, arrive in the city of Chania and gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Chania - Vouves - Anoskeli - Chania

Set out to explore Chania's old Venetian Harbour, the port city's vibrant hub, built in the 14th century. As you stroll along the narrow streets, you may enjoy sips of Greek coffee or try a local pastry. Then, set out for Vouves to see the world's oldest olive tree, estimated to be an astonishing 2,000-4,000 years old. Continue to a family-run olive mill and winery for a tasting of the oils and wines



ARRIVAL
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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

June - October 2025
April - May 2026

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Athens (1-2 NIGHTS)



paired with a light charcuterie lunch. Back in Chania, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 11: Chania

Today, **it's your choice!** Visit the Archaeological Museum of Chania and explore its treasures on your own **-OR-** join a guided tour of Aptera's archaeological site. Spend the afternoon in Chania any way you wish. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and celebrate the journey. Enjoy dinner and a performance of traditional Cretan folk dances - and join in during a dance lesson! (B, D)

Day 12: Chania - Athens

This morning, a short flight takes you back to Athens. Take the afternoon to soak in the city's energy or do some last-minute souvenir shopping. Tonight, gather for a drink and light fare, toasting to the end of your journey through Greece. Look out over the city and soak in the incredible sight of the Acropolis once more, aglow at night. (B)

Day 13: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour of Greece's gems ends today. (B)

CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS

11 DAYS • 19 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Zagreb • Stone Gate • Šibenik • Cathedral of St. James • Krka National Park • Split • 7-Night Adriatic Cruise • Trogir • Bol • Stari Grad • Hvar • Biševo Blue Cave • Vis • Korcula • Mljet National Park • Pelješac Peninsula • Slano • Dubrovnik



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Stand before the breathtaking waterfalls in Krka National Park.
- Explore the Old City of Dubrovnik with a local expert.
- Learn about Dalmatian winemaking in a unique viticulture museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Dine on continental cuisine at a favourite local restaurant in Zagreb.
- Enjoy Dalmatian delicacies prepared according to traditional recipes.
- Experience a captain's welcome dinner upon arrival in Split.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Visit Split's Ethnographical Museum and marvel at a diverse range of exhibits related to local heritage and culture **-OR-** visit the cellars of Diocletian's Palace, one of the best-preserved ancient complexes of its kind in the world.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 Hotel International, Zagreb
Days 2, 3 Hotel Olympia Sky, Vodice
Days 4 - 10 MS San Spirito

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CRUISING



M/S San Spirito

Day 1: Zagreb, Croatia - Tour Begins

Welcome to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia! Settle into your hotel not far from the city centre before meeting your fellow travellers over dinner featuring traditional continental cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Zagreb - Vodice

Step right into the history and culture of everyday life in Zagreb as you tour the city with a local guide. Become acquainted with the city as you pass the main sights of the capital, including the Croatian Parliament building, the illustrious Zagreb Cathedral, and the legendary Stone Gate. Then, it's off to Vodice! Tonight, embrace the culture of Croatia as you learn about prosciutto production and enjoy a traditional Dalmatian dinner at a family-run, farm-to-table restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Vodice - Šibenik - Krka National Park - Vodice

Travel to Šibenik to set off on a walking tour through the ancient alleyways where you'll get a chance to see the Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, venture to the breathtaking Krka National Park, where waterfalls tumble through dramatic gorges. Meander along the trails that surround the falls before embarking on a boat ride that takes you along the river to Skradin. Make the most of your free evening to enjoy the beautiful coastal town of Vodice. (B)

Day 4: Vodice - Split - Board Ship

Your adventure continues! Discover Split, one

of the oldest cities in the region. In this bustling port, explore Diocletian's Palace. One of Croatia's UNESCO World Heritage sites, Emperor Diocletian chose the palace to be his retirement home because of the incomparable beauty of Split. A guided tour takes you through the mysterious passageways and into the lower levels of this massive structure. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the Ethnographic Museum of Split, located in the former residential complex of Diocletian's Palace and showcasing the traditional costumes, crafts, and culture of Split and surrounding areas from past centuries **-OR-** explore more of Diocletian's Palace during a visit to its substructure. Set below the imperial apartments, this represents one of the best-preserved ancient complexes of its kind in the world. This afternoon you'll board a private 4-star ship, your new home for the next seven nights. Later, relax onboard before experiencing a captain's welcome dinner. Enjoy your meal accompanied by live music. (B, D)

Day 5: Split - Trogir

After an overnight in Split enjoy a morning at leisure to explore on your own. Then it's off to Trogir, a coastal gem renowned for its picturesque Venetian architecture. Stop for a quick swim along the way before arriving in this charming town. Admire the striking stone houses and towering cathedral as you tour the city with a guide. (B, L)

Day 6: Trogir - Bol - Stari Grad - Hvar - Stari Grad

Start your day in the town of Bol, located on the

picturesque island of Brac. With free time this morning, perhaps you'll choose to swim along the shore of the "Golden Cape," known to be one of the most popular beaches in Croatia. Return to the ship for lunch, then cruise to the sunny island of Hvar. Along the way, you'll coast by quaint coves and bays tucked along the Adriatic Sea. Arrive in Stari Grad, a port town on Hvar, and join a scenic bus tour to Hvar Town, enjoying spectacular views of the island and the Adriatic Sea. Top off your afternoon with a guided walking tour of Hvar Town, followed by time on your own to stroll its hidden corners or dine in one of Hvar's many local, family-owned restaurants before returning to the ship. (B, L)

Day 7: Hvar - Biševo - Vis

Embark on a morning cruise to the island of Biševo. This island is home to the Blue Cave, a stunning grotto with a luminous blue glow. Cruise on to Vis, a small island overflowing with Renaissance architecture and beautiful beaches. With free time this afternoon, relax onboard and enjoy a leisurely evening or consider an optional excursion to experience more of this breathtaking island. (B, L)

Day 8: Vis - Korcula

This morning, it's on to Korcula, the debated home of one of the world's most famous explorers: Marco Polo. Decide for yourself if he was born in Korcula or Venice as you tour his purported home and take in the fantastic sea views. Join a local guide and make your way along the narrow stone streets while you

wander among the medieval buildings and vibrant houses in the town known as "Little Dubrovnik." Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to discover the charms of this age-old island town. (B, L)

Day 9: Korcula - Mljet National Park - Trstenik - Slano

This morning, arrive in Mljet National Park. Stroll beside its two saltwater lakes, Big Lake and Small Lake, before exploring the Islet of St. Mary, home to a 12th-century Benedictine monastery. Here, be prepared for some stairs and walking on uneven ground. Then, your journey continues to Trstenik, a port town on the stunning Pelješac peninsula. Enjoy the afternoon on a scenic bus excursion discovering the unspoiled beauty of the Dalmatian largest peninsula. Learn about the traditions of viticulture and winemaking and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to the ship docked in Slano. (B, D)

Day 10: Slano - Dubrovnik

This morning, cruise past the Elafiti Islands and be welcomed into Dubrovnik. You'll see why the city is called the "Pearl of the Adriatic" when you take in the medieval stone walls, iconic Baroque rooftops, and winding cobblestone streets. Embrace the feeling that you've stepped into another time as you explore the Old City with a local guide. During this walk, be prepared to navigate stairs and travel carefully across slippery limestone pavement. With free time for lunch and to explore on your own, perhaps you'll ride a cable car to the top of Mount Srd for awe-inspiring views of

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EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 11: Dubrovnik - Extension Begins

Continue your exploration of Dubrovnik with a Tour Manager who will guide the way. Join the locals on public transportation and make your way to the Old Town. Savour the Croatian cuisine and charming atmosphere of a small family restaurant tucked within the winding alleyways. Discover Dubrovnik's timeless secrets, like medieval stone walls that make up the

winding fortress that serves as a backdrop for endless filming locations. With the city laid out before you, follow the twisting cobblestone streets that cut through the red rooftops. Dubrovnik welcomes you. (L)

Day 12: Dubrovnik - Cavtat - Dubrovnik

This morning, join your Tour Manager on a trip to Cavtat. Take in breathtaking views, rich architectural history, and vibrant culture. Walk along the enchanting waterfront with your Tour Manager and venture to the Racic Family Mausoleum. This octagonal white-stone tomb is the handiwork of preeminent Croatian sculptor Ivan Mestrovic. In the wooded area near the peak of the peninsula, you'll find the most spectacular views. Wander into one of the many charming restaurants on Cavtat's waterfront for lunch on your own. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore Dubrovnik. (B)

Day 13: Dubrovnik - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Croatia and the Adriatic Sea as your tour draws to a close. (B)



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April - May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

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(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Zagreb** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **OPTIONAL EXCURSION**



Excursion: Vis Forbidden Island

Take an optional tour to explore the beautiful island of Vis. Hop into an off-road vehicle for a panoramic drive to the highest peak of the island, Hum. After, visit the St. George Fort and learn about the significant past of the island. Discover the underground tunnels of the former Yugoslav Army before enjoying dinner.

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Dubrovnik or simply enjoy the day on the *Stradun* (main street) by treating yourself to a glass of *Malvasija* wine in one of the many local bars. This evening enjoy views of the city during your farewell dinner onboard. (B, D)

Day 11: Dubrovnik - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Croatia as your tour of the Adriatic Coast comes to a close today. (B)

EXPLORING GREECE AND ITS ISLANDS

15 DAYS • 25 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Athens • The Acropolis • Parthenon • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class
- Mykonos • Santorini • Ancient Akrotiri



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Come to know two Byzantine monasteries in Metéora.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artefacts.
- Partake in a delightful Greek dance class.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Participate in a Mediterranean cooking experience with a Greek lunch.
- Sample wines in Greece with a winery tour and light lunch in Santorini.
- Taste olive oil and jams at a farm in the Peloponnese countryside.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — Journey to ancient Mycenae and visit the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio and join a walking tour.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Crowne Plaza City Center, Athens
Day 3	Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka
Day 4	Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova
Days 5, 6	Europa Hotel, Olympia
Days 7, 8	King Minos Hotel, Apollon Hotel, or Minoa Hotel, Tolo
Days 9, 10	San Marco Hotel or Porto Hotel, Mykonos
Days 11 - 13	El Greco Resort, Aegean Plaza or Santorini Palace, Santorini
Day 14	Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



The Acropolis

Day 1: Athens, Greece

Arrive in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring Greek specialities at a local restaurant in Athens. (D)

Day 2: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious centre of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

Day 3: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will

savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 4: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centres during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artefacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

Day 5: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilisation. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life in rural Peloponnese. Following the tour, enjoy a light lunch including a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking



experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Olympia - Tolo

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains on your way to the picturesque seaside village of Tolo. En route, stop at a family-owned ouzo distillery producing Greece's signature anise-flavoured aperitif since 1869. (B)

Day 8: Tolo - Nafplio - Tolo

Today head to the coastal city of Nafplio where **it's your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)

Day 9: Tolo - Athens - Mykonos - Chora

Early this morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride

to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. Spend time in Chora (Mykonos Old Town), where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B, D)

Day 10: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Or join an optional excursion to the nearby island of Delos, the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. (B)

Day 11: Mykonos - Santorini - Oia

Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels, and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. (B, D)

Day 12: Santorini - Akrotiri - Wine Tasting

Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. End your morning with a tasting and light lunch at a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B, L)

Day 13: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town centre, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. Perhaps you'll join an afternoon optional tour of Megalochori, one of the most picturesque villages on the island, followed by a dinner of flavourful regional cuisine. (B)

Day 14: Santorini - Athens

Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024

April - May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

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April - May 2026

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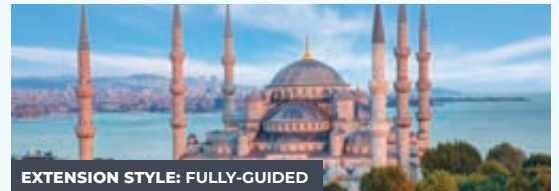
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 **OPTIONAL EXCURSION**



Excursion: Athens Food tour

Join a local guide for a walking tour highlighting the cuisine of Athens. Make your way through three neighbourhoods where you'll visit local restaurants, bakeries and markets to sample some of the area's culinary specialties and wine. Learn about common grocery items found in the markets and the importance of spices used in Greek cooking. Along the way, view recently discovered traditional architecture and historic artefacts from ancient Athens.

DISCOVER CROATIA, SLOVENIA & THE ADRIATIC COAST

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Ljubljana • Castle Dinner • Lake Bled • Opatija • Istrian Peninsula • Farm-to-Table Dinner • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Split • Countryside Lunch with Folklore Entertainment • Diocletian's Palace • Dubrovnik • Zagreb



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies.
- Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian's Palace.
- Explore romantic Ljubljana, exploring the riverfront dotted with cafes and bridges.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Sample farm-to-table delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula during dinner at a local restaurant.
- Dine in historic Ljubljana Castle.
- Visit a village outside Dubrovnik and share a meal at a local home.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 9** — See the famous city walls of Dubrovnik, still standing from the Middle Ages **-OR-** hop into a cable car for incredible views of the city from above.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Grand Plaza Hotel, Ljubljana
- Days 3, 4** Liburnia Riviera Hotels or Hotel Bristol, Opatija
- Day 5** Lyra Hotel, Plitvice Lakes
- Days 6, 7** Hotel Corner, Split
- Days 8 - 10** Royal Hotels & Resort Ariston, Dubrovnik
- Days 11, 12** International Hotel, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Zagreb, Croatia - Ljubljana, Slovenia - Tour Begins

Arrive in Zagreb, Croatia and travel to Ljubljana, Slovenia, a romantic capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner in this fairy tale town. (D)

Day 2: Ljubljana

This morning a local expert introduces you to beautiful Ljubljana. Nestled gently along the banks of the Ljubljanica River, the city is dotted with green parks, picturesque bridges, sidewalk cafes and a lively central market. See Prešeren Square, the impressive City Hall, Ljubljana University, and the many bridges that the city is known for, such as Dragon Bridge where this majestic symbol of the city is on full display representing courage and power. Enjoy some free time for lunch in this vibrant town. In the early afternoon, travel towards Lake Bled nestled between the Julian Alps. Visit the centrepiece of Lake Bled, Bled Island, by a traditional wooden boat. Continue the afternoon in one of the most picturesque places in Slovenia. Perhaps you'll try the legendary Bled's cream cake before you return to Ljubljana. (B)

Day 3: Ljubljana - Novo Mesto - Opatija, Croatia

This morning, depart Ljubljana. Get to know more of Slovenia when you visit Novo Mesto, a small-town gem embraced by the Krka River and landscapes of gentle hills. View the town

from a unique perspective as you drift along the famous river bend. Later, continue on a walking tour with your local guide. Enjoy your free time and lunch on your own. Continue to Croatia and the lovely seaside resort of Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera." This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs. Get acquainted with this coastal town on a brief walking tour. Your evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula - Opatija

Start off your day with a leisurely spent morning. Spend the afternoon discovering the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Visit a local distillery, where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks, and other treats. Discover a picture-perfect example of a hilltop Istrian town. In the late afternoon, a delightful farm-to-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula. (B, D)

Day 5: Opatija - Plitvice Lakes

This morning, depart for Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery is one of the wonders you'll experience at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel among the park's dense forests and terraced lakes, where waterfalls and free-flowing cascades connect one lake to the other. Enjoy a short cruise that



Plitvice Lakes

takes you into the heart of this natural wonder that extends over 73,000 acres. Tonight, you will stay at a hotel in the small village near the National Park. (B, D)

Day 6: Plitvice Lakes - Split

From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes travel through the Croatian countryside and stop in a traditional small village. Croatia has a long history creating high quality, artisanal prosciuttos, and this family-owned property we visit makes one of the best. After a short tour to learn how the meat is produced, enjoy a light lunch of homemade specialities. Arrive in Split, a seaside city full of Roman ruins and natural splendours. This afternoon set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO), one of the most significant late Roman historical monuments built by Emperor Diocletian when he left Rome at the turn of the 4th century. Explore its Peristyle and the Cathedral of St. Dominus. This evening discover Split's gastronomy scene while dining on your own. (B, L)

Day 7: Split

This day is yours to relax and explore Split's coastal charms independently, or you might consider an optional trip to Trogir (UNESCO). This coastal gem is renowned for its picturesque Venetian architecture, medieval walls, towering cathedrals, prominent stone houses and scenic charm. This evening, enjoy typical Dalmatian cuisine during dinner at a cosy local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Split - Dubrovnik

Savour stunning sea views as you travel the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop

dramatically into the aquamarine of the Adriatic Sea. Stop in a quaint village in the Dalmatian countryside where a local family hosts you for a delicious lunch made from ingredients produced from the valley near their home. Learn about village life and listen to Croatian folk music played on the "Ilijerica," a traditional instrument. Continue to Dubrovnik, a city of twisting cobblestone streets and burnt-orange rooftops, rich in history and charm. (B, L)

Day 9: Dubrovnik

Join a local guide on a tour of the "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy resides, and see Dubrovnik's many historical sites like the Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik Cathedral, and Old Town's famous main street, Stradun. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Ascend Mount Srd by cable car for breathtaking views of the Old City of Dubrovnik, the crystal-clear Adriatic Sea, and the islands **-OR-** receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective on this remarkable place. Tonight enjoy your dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Dubrovnik

Spend today at leisure relaxing or independently exploring the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town. Or perhaps you'll embark on an optional tour to the culturally rich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed at a family-owned vineyard to learn about their cultivation and production methods before indulging in a tasting of their wines. Then, experience lunch at a locally owned restaurant that prepares culturally rich recipes prepared in traditional ways passed down for generations. (B)

Day 11: Dubrovnik - Zagreb, Croatia

This morning we depart Dubrovnik and travel to lovely Cavtat, a coastal resort town. After a short tour reveals its highlights, enjoy free time to grab coffee or lunch at one of its seaside cafes. Continue to the airport for a short flight to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. A late afternoon tour highlights the best of Croatia's capital that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. Join the world's shortest ride at one of the most beautiful funiculars in Europe to the charming upper town. (B)



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025 (different itinerary - see note*)
June 2025 – May 2026 (featured itinerary)

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Day 12: Zagreb
 The day is yours to explore Zagreb however you wish! Explore old towns' two medieval settlements, stroll the many open squares and parks, or enjoy the Dolac Market. Or perhaps you will choose to take an optional tour to Croatia's Zagorje region with visits to historic Kumrovec and the foodie favourite of Samobor. This evening, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner in one of Zagreb's local restaurants. (B, D)

Day 13: Zagreb - Tour Ends
 Your tour comes to an end in Zagreb this morning. (B)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Zagreb • Karanac Farm Stay • Osijek
• Cooking Class • Sarajevo • Impact
Moment: Tunnel of Hope • Mostar •
Dubrovnik • Our Lady of the Rocks • Boka
Bay Scenic Sailing • Kotor • Shkodër •
Tirana • Gjirokastra • Kalambaka • Meteora
• Icon-Painting Workshop • Athens



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- **Impact Moment:** Uncover Sarajevo's wartime history with a siege survivor.
- Discover Gjirokastra's Old Town, bazaar and castle.
- Visit a traditional icon-painting workshop in Kalambaka.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Prepare local specialties and bread with the locals in Karanac.
- Experience Bosnian hospitality and regional dishes, joining a local family for a meal in a Sarajevo home.
- Enjoy traditional Albanian food and folk entertainment in Tirana.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Take a harbour cruise for views of Dubrovnik's medieval city walls and visit Lokrum Island -OR- get a bird's-eye view of the city by cable car, riding up to Srd Hill, a breathtaking vantage point to look over the Old Town below.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Le Premier Boutique Hotel, Zagreb
Days 2, 3	Baranska Kuca Hotel and Ethno Restaurant, Karanac
Days 4, 5	Hotel Colors Inn, Sarajevo
Days 6, 7	Royal Ariston Hotel, Dubrovnik
Days 8, 9	Hotel Cattaro, Kotor
Days 10, 11	Hotel Rogner, Tirana
Day 12	Divani Meteora Hotel, Kalambaka
Days 13, 14	NYX Esperia Palace Hotel, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Kotor, Montenegro

Day 1: Zagreb, Croatia

Arrive in Croatia's fascinating capital city, Zagreb. Get ready to discover this modern metropolis with its Old Town, medieval settlements, open squares, museums, and cobbled streets meant for strolling. Your day is free until tonight, when you gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Zagreb - Karanac

This morning, join a local guide on a walking tour of Zagreb's highlights, from the main square to Upper Town. Enjoy some free time to explore and have lunch on your own before the journey continues to the northeast corner of Croatia. Travel off the beaten path towards the rural village of Karanac, nestled at the confluence of the Drava and Danube Rivers. Tonight, meet your local hosts for a delightful dinner accompanied by folk entertainment. (B, D)

Day 3: Karanac - Osijek - Karanac

Immerse yourself in country life this morning, perhaps joining your hosts in preparing breakfast. Then join your local guide in the nearby city of Osijek, learning about its Roman and Ottoman history. Take free time to have lunch and explore the city centre on your own, marvelling at the architecture, museums, historic buildings, city parks, and monuments. This afternoon, find out how wine is made in this region - while enjoying a glass. Then,

roll up your sleeves alongside locals to prepare traditional dishes and bread for dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Karanac - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

This morning, continue to Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital city, where East meets West, and your home for the next two nights. Reminiscent of a European Jerusalem, experience a city shaped by its rich history and the coexistence of various religious sects. Perhaps you'll join a guided stroll this evening to get acquainted with the area. (B, L)

Day 5: Sarajevo

With a local expert, uncover the history of Sarajevo, the starting point of the First World War. Meander the storied roadways and take in its blend of religions and architectural styles. Free time means independent exploration of this historic city. During an **Impact Moment**, meet with a local siege survivor, who will uncover more of Sarajevo's past. Spend time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum, the site of the "Tunnel of Hope" that connected the besieged city to the outside world. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Sarajevo on your own. Tonight, locals welcome you to their home for dinner. Enjoy regional favourites such as *klepe* (meat dumplings) and *burek* (flaky filled pastries). Sip Bosnian coffee as a soundtrack of traditional folk music sets the tone for a truly memorable evening. (B, D)

Day 6: Sarajevo - Mostar - Dubrovnik, Croatia

This morning, on your way to Croatia, spend time in Mostar, home to the iconic arched Stari Most Bridge (UNESCO). Explore Mostar on a guided walk before lunching on your own in the historic part of the city. This afternoon, be greeted by views of the Adriatic Sea when you arrive in Dubrovnik. (B)

Day 7: Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik's ancient streets share their history and timeless appeal during a tour of the city. Then, let the city continue to reveal itself to you because **it's your choice!** Take a harbour cruise for magnificent views of Dubrovnik's medieval city walls and visit Lokrum Island -**OR-** get a bird's-eye view of the city by cable car, riding up to Srd Hill, a breathtaking vantage point to look over the Old Town below and the Adriatic Sea. With the remainder of your day free, you do you - Croatia-style. (B)

Day 8: Dubrovnik - Kotor, Montenegro

It's "*Dovidenja*" to Croatia as you head to Montenegro. Set sail on a private boat for the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. Visit the church before coasting through the breathtaking Kotor Bay towards the Old Town of Kotor (UNESCO). Complete your visit to Kotor with a locally guided tour before you settle into your hotel located within the historic walls of Kotor town. (B, D)

Day 9: Kotor

Today, have fun exploring Kotor your way. Perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to Njeguši, a quiet and peaceful village located on the slope of Mount Lovcen about 900 metres above sea level. Soak in the views from a cable car and get a tasty local lesson on the traditions of prosciutto and homemade cheeses famously produced here - and, of course, sample these specialities. Learn more about Montenegrin history while visiting the royal town of Cetinje. Upon return, the remainder of the day is yours to explore the hidden corners of Kotor. (B)

Day 10: Kotor - Shkodër, Albania - Tirana

Cross another border today and arrive in Albania! Get to know Shkodër, one of the most historic cities in the country. Admire mosques and churches on a guided stroll along the main pedestrian street and try some of the local cuisine. Continue your travel day on your way to Tirana, the capital city of Albania.

Explore its history and architecture on a locally guided tour while learning more about Albania's intriguing past. Visit a former top-secret nuclear bunker, now a museum dedicated to the victims of one of most controlling communist regimes in Europe. (B)

Day 11: Tirana

Today, explore Tirana as you wish. Perhaps you'll decide to join an optional excursion to the coastal ancient city of Durrës, where the Roman Amphitheatre of Emperor Hadrian stands as the city's most prominent attraction. Join a local guide to see the historic city's ruins, and later, get an introduction to the viticulture in the region while enjoying a wine tasting paired with local specialities at a prominent winery. No matter how you fill your day, experience the best of the local cuisine and a show of rich folk traditions during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Tirana - Gjirokastra - Kalambaka, Greece

Soak in the beauty of the countryside with its winding roads and stretches of green on your way to Gjirokastra in southern Albania. Perhaps one of the steepest cities in the world, explore its unique architecture and glorious history. After having some free time in this fascinating town join your local guide on a tour of Gjirokastra's dominant castle on the hill. Cross into Greece, your last border on this travel journey. Arrive in Kalambaka in the late afternoon in time to freshen up for dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 13: Kalambaka - Metéora - Athens

This morning, explore Metéora. Visit one of the remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape, where limestone rock "towers" extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks built their monastic community perched atop these rocks. Later, learn how Byzantine icons are created by visiting an icon-painting workshop in Kalambaka. Watch some of the process at this atelier, where icons are made using traditional methods. Spend some time on your own in this enchanting town before continuing your journey to Athens. (B)

Day 14: Athens

Later this morning explore the sights of Athens on a locally-guided walking tour. From Syntagma Square and the Monument to the Unknown Soldier, wander through the streets, soaking in the essence of this iconic city and



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SOLO

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

June – October 2025
April – May 2026

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Zagreb (1 NIGHT)

+ POST-NIGHT: Athens (1 NIGHT)



savouring its charm and energy. Visit the new Acropolis Museum, considered one of the most important museums in the world, to trace the story of the ancient city. Located within a short walking distance of the Acropolis, the museum houses archeological treasures from the Acropolis and offers wonderful views on the ancient site. The rest of the day is yours to explore more of Athens on your own before joining your fellow travellers for dinner and to toast to the end of your journey. (B, D)

Day 15: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

CLASSICAL GREECE

10 DAYS • 16 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • The Acropolis and Parthenon • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.
- Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with a delightful Greek dance class.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Taste olive oil and homemade jams at a local farm in the Peloponnese countryside.
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.
- Visit a family-owned distillery producing ouzo since 1869.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, and visit the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate -**OR-** linger in Nafplio and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city.



ACCOMMODATION

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| Days 1, 2 | Crowne Plaza City Center, Athens |
| Day 3 | Grand Meteora Hotel, Kalambaka |
| Day 4 | Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova |
| Days 5, 6 | Europa Hotel, Olympia |
| Days 7, 8 | Amphitryon Hotel, Nafplio or King Minos Hotel, Tolo |
| Day 9 | Crowne Plaza City Center, Athens |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens, cradle of Democracy and capital city of Greece. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your Greek experience with a delightful welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious centre of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

Day 3: Athens - Thermopylae - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending Greece against the Persians. End your day at a family-owned taverna and savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 4: Kalambaka - Metéora - Arachova

This morning, visit Metéora and enjoy guided

tours of two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

Day 5: Arachova - Delphi - Olympia

This morning tour the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centres during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artefacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of mankind. Then travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilisation. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades, and sweets. (B, D)

Day 6: Olympia

This morning, enjoy a guided visit to ancient Olympia, including a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium - where the first



ARRIVAL ATHENS (ATH) | DEPARTURE ATHENS (ATH)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4199** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5249**

Prices based on 9 February 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – April 2025 | **November 2025 – March 2026**
(different itinerary - see note)* | *(featured itinerary)*

**Itinerary featured is for November 2025 – March 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Athens (1-2 NIGHTS)



Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Olympia - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. En route, stop at a family-owned ouzo distillery producing Greece's signature anise-flavored aperitif since 1869. (B)

Day 8: Nafplio 🟢

Today, **it's your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate -**OR-** linger in Nafplio and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural

influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)

Day 9: Nafplio - Athens

This morning, stop for a view of the Corinth Canal en route to Athens. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Greece's capital. Perhaps you'll browse the myriad shops of the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Or, visit one of the city's world-class museums such as the National Archeological Museum with its majestic bronze statue of Poseidon or the Benaki Museum, which houses Greek works of art from prehistorical to modern times. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece by gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

“The tour guide was wonderful. Very well informed of the area and approachable. The whole trip was enjoyable.”
 – Carmen M.

GREECE ISLAND HOPPER

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show •
Acropolis • The Parthenon •
Mykonos Old Town • Santorini Island •
Oia Village • Ancient Akrotiri •
Wine Tasting



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Join a local expert in Athens and explore the city's world-renowned sites.
- Enjoy three days at leisure in Mykonos, the whitewashed island in the Aegean Sea.
- Discover the picture-perfect village of Oia on Santorini.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Sample the finest wines in Greece during a winery tour and light lunch in Santorini.
 - Indulge in local food and wine accompanied by traditional music.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Meliá or Titania Hotel, Athens
- Days 3 - 5** San Marco Hotel or Porto Hotel, Mykonos
- Days 6 - 8** El Greco Resort & Spa, Aegean Plaza, or Santorini Palace, Santorini
- Day 9** Meliá or Titania Hotel, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Santorini

Day 1: Athens, Greece

Begin your journey in Athens, the immortalised capital of Greece. Meet your fellow travellers at a local taverna in the city's historic district, indulging in local cuisine and wine with traditional Greek entertainment. (D)

Day 2: Athens

See the best of Athens with a local expert who highlights the city's ancient roots on a comprehensive panoramic tour. Make your way along the world-renowned monuments, including the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Step into the past on a tour of the legendary Acropolis, an ancient complex housing a collection of temples. Admire the breathtaking view of the city below and discover the country's beloved icon: the illustrious Parthenon. Make the most of an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Athens - Mykonos

Start your day aboard a sleek, high-speed boat ride to Mykonos, an island paradise surrounded by the crystal-clear Aegean Sea.

Start your island stay with an exploration of Chora, Mykonos' Old Town, where you discover its winding lanes independently. In the afternoon, check in to your hotel for a relaxing 3-night stay. From sandy beaches and seaside cafes to street musicians and a never-ending nightlife scene, Mykonos offers limitless opportunities to kick back and enjoy the island's irresistible lifestyle. (B, D)

Day 4: Mykonos

The day is yours! Perhaps you will head down to the beach to soak up some sun, sip a cup of coffee on the waterfront promenade, or explore the town's winding streets as you weave in and out of whitewashed buildings. Or, you may join an optional excursion to the colourful village of Ano Mera followed by a visit to a local farm for a cheese tasting exploring the true flavours of Mykonos. (B)

Day 5: Mykonos

Enjoy another day at leisure. Take time to explore on your own and discover this trendy destination however you'd like. Or, step into the past on a half-day optional excursion to the



Mykonos



Athens

isle of Delos taking you to the fabled birthplace of the Greek Gods Apollo and Artemis. (B)

Day 6: Mykonos - Santorini

Your journey continues to Santorini, the Eden-like island where blue-domed

rooftops and gentle ocean waves complement the bright white buildings and rocky hillsides. A picturesque landscape and iconic destination, Santorini's charms reveal themselves during your 3-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Santorini - Akrotiri - Oia - Santorini

Uncover the past at Akrotiri, an ancient city buried and preserved in volcanic ash that is commonly referred to as the "Minoan Pompeii." Take a peek into the 15th century BC and explore the town. Head through a landscape of vineyards and volcanic cliffs to Oia, a seaside village with the island's best viewpoints. Next, visit a local winery and enjoy the famous wines of Santorini along with a light lunch. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax and explore more of this Mediterranean gem. (B, L)

Day 8: Santorini

Make the most of a day at leisure. Relax, shop in the island's charming town centre, or even visit a local museum. Or, join our full day Island Hopping and Sunset Cruise optional excursion for a visit to some of the magical islets that surround Santorini before enjoying dinner on board and sunset from the water. (B)

Day 9: Santorini - Athens

Depart the islands and fly back to Athens for your final night in Greece. Toast to the end of your sun-filled getaway at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends

Wish the Mediterranean goodbye as your tour draws to a close today. (B)

+ Optional 3-Night Istanbul Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1500[†] pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 10: Athens - Istanbul, Turkey

Fly to Istanbul, Turkey's most popular city. Considered to be the bridge between the East and the West,

Istanbul is a central hub for intermingling cultures, complicated history, and legendary architecture. The city was the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires – which is seen through its blend of times-gone-by nostalgia and ever-evolving modernity. This evening, kick-start your exploration of Istanbul by sampling Turkish cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 11: Istanbul

Discover the city with a local guide. Start your morning with a visit to the Basilica Cistern, the largest of ancient cisterns that lie beneath the city. Continue on to the Blue Mosque, where vibrant blue tiles line the building's opulent interior walls. Then, visit Topkapi



ARRIVAL
ATHENS (ATH)

DEPARTURE
ATHENS (ATH)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6149**
SOLO Starting at **\$7649**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 07 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024

April – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June – October 2025

April – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

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+ See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Athens (1-2 NIGHTS)



Palace, former home to the Ottoman Sultans. After free time for lunch, continue exploring Istanbul with your local expert. Make your way through the lively Grand Bazaar and Spice Market, surrounding yourself with artisan crafts, buzzing energy, and exciting vendors. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Istanbul

This morning, take in the high-rises and minarets of Istanbul's majestic skyline as you sail between two continents during a cruise of the Bosphorus Strait, which divides Europe from Asia. The remainder of the day is yours to spend however you choose! Explore the local boutiques or maybe taste the culture through Turkish favourites. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional excursion to a Hammam Turkish bath, where you'll enjoy an authentic scrub and foam bath. (B)

Day 13: Istanbul - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

VENICE AND CROATIAN ISLANDS CRUISE

12 DAYS • 24 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6649

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Šibenik • Cathedral of St. James • 7-Night Adriatic Cruise • Sailing through Kornati National Park • Zadar • Rab • Krk • Cres • Opatija • Hum • Family-Owned Distillery • Farm-to-Table Lunch • Portorož Salt Plains • *Collio* Wine Region • Venice • Murano Island



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Sail the islands of northern Croatia aboard a small ship.
- Explore Šibenik and its stunning cathedral during a city tour.
- Discover the craftsmanship behind the art of Murano glass making.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 8 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste some sweet and delectable Rab cake with a gin and tonic on Rab Island.
- Enjoy traditional Dalmatian delicacies prepared according to ancient recipes.
- Taste Italian wine in *Collio*, Italy's prime white wine producing region.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Visit the Gold and Silver of the city of Zadar alongside a local guide to witness the invaluable treasure preserved by the Benedictines **-OR-** visit the historic palace of the Cosmacendi family to see the Museum of Ancient Glass where objects date back to the 1st century BC.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 7** MS *San Spirito*
Days 8, 9 Life Class Hotel Riviera, Portorož
Days 10, 11 Hotel Avani Rio Novo, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CRUISING



Šibenik

Day 1: Split, Croatia - Šibenik - Embark Ship - Tour Begins

Welcome to Croatia! Once you arrive in Split, transfer to Šibenik – a beautiful place where the Krka River flows into the Adriatic Sea. Explore the city's historical centre on a locally guided walking tour through medieval alleys, well-preserved fortresses, and the Cathedral of St. James – a stunning domed Catholic Basilica and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later this afternoon, board your ship and settle into your home for the next 7 nights. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner accompanied by local entertainment. With a glass of Croatian wine, toast to the beginning of your adventure! (D)

Day 2: Šibenik - Kornati National Park - Telašćica

Venture off to breathtaking Krka National Park where waterfalls tumble through dramatic gorges right before your eyes. Wander the surrounding trails before boarding a boat to sail along the river to Skradin. Take in unforgettable sights as you sail through St. Anthony's channel and pass by the tiny islands and St. Nicola's fortress, a UNESCO heritage site and one of the world's best-preserved works of defence dating back to the 16th century. This afternoon, soak in one of the most beautiful parts of your cruise as you travel through Kornati National Park. The Kornati Archipelago's tranquil waters are made up of 140 islands, islets, and reefs lined with beautiful terrain and abundant wildlife. Continue towards Telašćica and savour a dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Telašćica Nature Park - Zadar

Cruise towards the Zadar Islands this morning and marvel at the beauty found in Telašćica Nature Park. Disembark in Zadar to explore this city's irresistible blend of old and new during a guided tour. Roman ruins, Byzantine architecture, Nikola Bašić's art installations, and the Cathedral of St. Anastasia are just a few of the incredible sites along the way. Learn more about Zadar how you like it because **it's your choice!** Visit the Gold and Silver of the city of Zadar alongside a local guide **-OR-** visit the historic palace of the Cosmacendi family to see the Museum of Ancient Glass. During free time this evening, stroll Zadar's streets and savour Dalmatian cuisine at a local café if you wish. Perhaps you'll indulge in dessert at one of the many gelato shops. (B, L)

Day 4: Zadar - Rab

Pass picturesque Pag, Olib, and many of the other smaller islands of the Zadar Archipelago on your way to Rab this afternoon. During a tour, admire Rab's ancient stone walls that enclose the city, four majestic church towers, and a beautiful park that winds around wooded hills to the beaches. You'll also explore a large collection of sacral art at the Franciscan Monastery of St. Bernardino. This evening, a local will show you how to make Rab cake – a Croatian delicacy local to the island. Bite into this delectable almond spiral while you sip on a locally made gin and tonic. Tonight, you're free to explore Rab how you want. (B, L)

Day 5: Rab - Krk

Set sail to Krk – the largest island in the Adriatic. During a guided tour of Krk Town, learn about its

long history and rich cultural heritage. See the 5th-century Krk Cathedral, dating back to the island's time under Roman rule. Stand in awe at the 12th-century Frankopan Castle built by Croatian nobles. Each well-preserved wall, cathedral, temple, square, and monument reflects a different part of the islands' story. This evening is yours to continue exploring this paradise-like island. Perhaps you'll sit down for dinner at one of the many local restaurants. (B, L)

Day 6: Krk - Cres

Spend this morning at leisure exploring more of Krk Town how you like. Perhaps you'll take a swim in the crystal blue waters of the Adriatic. If you're curious about the region's past, join an optional tour to the Kornic Ethnographic collection. This option will take you to the coastal village of Punat where you'll board a boat to Košljun Island. This afternoon, depart Krk and continue to the colourful island of Cres. The streets of this port town are lined with shades of yellow and brown terraced houses dotted with blue awnings and umbrellas. During a city tour, admire the winding maze of houses leading you to the centre of Cres' Old Town. Medieval architecture takes you back to when the island was a fisherman's paradise. Spend the evening at leisure taking in the coast, culture, and charm of Cres. (B, L)

Day 7: Cres - Opatija

Onward to Opatija! Embark on a morning cruise through the Istrian Peninsula. Perhaps you'll test out the water and jump in for a swim before lunch. Arrive in Opatija and join your local guide while getting to know this elegant resort town. Stroll along Lungomare, a scenic seaside promenade where natural beauty and pristine coastlines lie around every corner. Spend time at leisure to explore this town independently before a dinner onboard the ship. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Opatija - Disembark Ship - Hum - Portorož, Slovenia

Bid farewell to your ship as you disembark in Opatija. Discover the views of Učka Mountain as you set off to discover inlands of the Istrian peninsula. Visit a local distillery where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies and other treats - yum! Discover the picturesque hilltop Istrian town of Hum before enjoying a farm-to-table lunch in a family-owned restaurant. This afternoon, soak in the beauty of Portorož - a resort town on Slovenia's Adriatic coast. (B, L)

Day 9: Portorož - Salina Nature Park, Italy - Portorož, Slovenia

Spend time exploring the beautiful beaches of the Adriatic Sea this morning. Perhaps you'll take an optional excursion to discover the wonders of Postojna caves. Set off to one of the biggest



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$6649** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Starting at **\$9999**

Prices based on 16 May 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April - May 2025 (different itinerary - see note*)
June - October 2025
April - May 2026 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2025 - May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ POST-NIGHT: Venice (1-2 NIGHTS)

wetlands on the coastline, Salina Nature Park, where locals harvest salt using a 700-year-old method. Visit the Museum of salt making and learn how the salt pond and its associated canal work together to provide sea salt. Toast to Slovenia at a dinner in a local restaurant this evening. (B, D)

Day 10: Portorož - Venice, Italy

Say "nasvidenje" to Slovenia this morning as you continue your journey towards Venice. Along the way, experience the Italian region of *Collio*. Tucked in the northeast corner of Italy and covered with sunny hills and slopes, this region is home to some of the world's best (and most unique) white wines. Pause for lunch in a family-owned winery before venturing towards Venice. Among the most romantic cities in the world, Venice welcomes you with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

Day 11: Venice - Murano Island

This morning, travel by boat to Murano Island for an expert glass-blowing demonstration - a centuries-long tradition on the island. Then, join your local guide for a walking tour of Venice's most iconic sights. Pause for a picture-perfect view over the Bridge of Sighs and take in St. Mark's Square, adorned with marbled palaces and gilded basilicas. The rest of the day is yours to explore. This evening, toast to this memorable voyage during a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 12: Venice - Tour Ends

Say "ciao" to Italy, the Slovenian coastline, and the Croatian islands as your tour comes to an end. (B)

+ Optional 3-Night Dubrovnik Pre-Tour Extension Starting at \$1680 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Dubrovnik, Croatia - Extension Begins

Your Tour Manager will meet you upon arrival at your hotel to help check you in and show you around. This evening, enjoy a buffet-style dinner at the hotel's restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Dubrovnik

This morning head to Dubrovnik's Old Town with your local guide. Step into the shoes of a local and hop on a public bus for a short ride into town. Explore this beautifully preserved, medieval walled city with a local expert who'll entertain you with stories about Dubrovnik's past. The

rest of the day is yours to wander on your own; perhaps you'll walk along the historic city walls, take a cable car up to the top of Mount Srdj, or hop on a ferry to the nearby island of Lokrum. Or, perhaps you'll embark on an optional tour to the Konavle region to visit a family-owned vineyard for a tour and tasting. Then, experience dinner at a locally owned restaurant where traditional meals are prepared using recipes passed down for generations. (B)

Day 3: Dubrovnik - Cavtat - Dubrovnik

This morning, join your Tour Manager on a trip to Cavtat. Witness breathtaking views, rich architectural history, and vibrant culture. Venture to the octagonal Racic Family Mausoleum; the handiwork of preeminent Croatian sculptor, Ivan Mestrovic. Cap off your morning with free time for lunch on your own on Cavtat's waterfront. Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure to explore Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic." (B)

Day 4: Dubrovnik - Šibenik

Say goodbye to Dubrovnik as you continue your Croatian journey with a full morning transfer to Šibenik where you embark your ship. (B)

ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

6 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4199

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Northern Lights Cruise • Search for the Northern Lights • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss • Lava Exhibition Center • Vík • Seljalandsfoss • Skógar Museum • Skógafoss • Skaftafell National Park • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Sólheimajökull Glacier • Blue Lagoon



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir.
- Explore Skógar Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.
- Learn about the volcanic nature of the island of Iceland during a visit to the Lava Exhibition Centre.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Grandi, Hotel Borg or Sand Hotel, Reykjavík

Days 2 - 4 Hotel Dyrhólaey or Hotel Katla, Vík

Day 5 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Grandi, Hotel Borg or Sand Hotel, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Iceland's capital city, Reykjavík. Make yourself comfortable at your hotel before refueling with breakfast. This afternoon, get acquainted with old town Reykjavík on a walking tour with a local guide to see the harbour, city hall, the Parliament building, and the nearby cathedral dating back to 1796. Gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. This evening, take an adventurous northern lights cruise and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis. (B, D)

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Vík

Travel the Golden Circle this morning to experience natural wonders, including the explosive Geysir thermal area and the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall. You'll also experience the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. In the afternoon,

stop at the Lava Exhibition Centre and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Afterward, witness Seljalandsfoss, a rushing waterfall where you may walk behind the water for unique views from the inside out before continuing onto Vík. Drive, or venture on foot, into the stillness of rural Iceland in search of the northern lights. You'll enjoy three nights of searching to increase your likelihood of catching a glimpse of these elusive lights. (B, D)

Day 3: Vík - Reynisfjara - Vík

Begin your day with a journey to Reynisfjara, a volcanic sandy beach surrounded by basalt formations and home to thousands of nesting sea birds. Look out over the natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a small peninsula of volcanic origin towering over the ocean. Next, visit the Skógar Museum and discover its turf-built homes and artefacts. Afterward, stand in awe before the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of Iceland's biggest and most beautiful waterfalls. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull Glacier, Iceland's fourth largest glacier. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights. (B, D)



Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon



Reykjavik



Icelandic Horses

Day 4: Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vík

This morning, travel through the area of Vatnajökul National Park to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon and marvel at all the floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape as you search for seals swimming in cold waters. Enjoy even more breathtaking scenery on your way back to Vík. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

Day 5: Vík - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home to the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the

heart of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavík for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many incredible memories of your time in Iceland. (B)



ARRIVAL REYKJAVIK (KEF)	DEPARTURE REYKJAVIK (KEF)
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DOUBLE Starting at **\$4199** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4999**

Prices based on 25 January 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

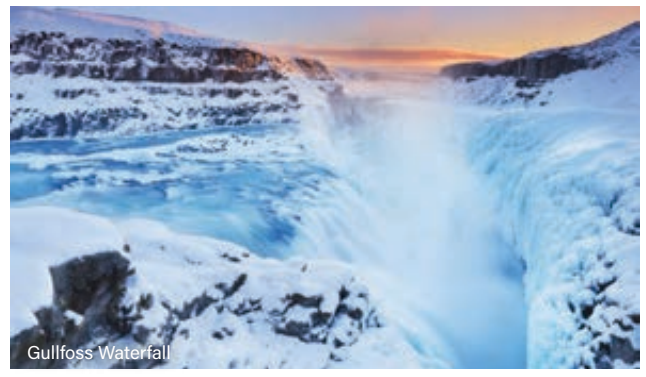
October 2024 – March 2025 **September 2025 – March 2026**
(different itinerary - see note)* *(featured itinerary)*

**Itinerary featured is for September 2025 - March 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.](#)

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-OR POST-NIGHT: Reykjavik (1-2 NIGHTS)



Gullfoss Waterfall

“ The trip was well organised, our tour guide was outstanding. Guidance, history, and Icelandic perspective from our guide was very beneficial and made the sightseeing so much more valuable. Meals and hotels were excellent. Iceland itself was an incredible destination, a once in a lifetime experience. ”

– Roger F.

ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6249

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss • Geysir • Akranes • Breiðafjörður Bay Cruise • Lava Exhibition Centre • Vík • Skógar Museum • Skógafoss • Sólheimajökull Glacier • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Seljalandsfoss • Blue Lagoon



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Savour Viking sushi aboard a Breiðafjörður cruise.
- Explore Icelandic life at the Skógar Museum.
- Glide past icebergs on an amphibian boat cruise of the ice strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Relish Iceland's local delicacies during a visit to a family-owned dairy farm.
- Taste Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavík
Days 3, 4 Fosshotel, Reykholt
Days 5 - 7 Dyrholaey Hotel, Vík
Day 8 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Gullfoss

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Get to know your fellow travellers during an Icelandic lunch at a popular local restaurant before checking into your hotel later in the afternoon. Once you're settled, join a local expert for a walking tour of The Old City featuring the city hall, the harbour, the Parliament building, and the nearby cathedral dating from 1796. (L)

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Along the way, stop at a family-run dairy farm to enjoy various cheeses and their famous ice cream during a light lunch. Your day ends with a visit to Friðheimar's stud farm and greenhouse cultivation centre. Discover how pesticide-free produce is grown with the aid of geothermal energy. After, learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses before returning to Reykjavík. (B, L)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Akranes - Reykholt

Explore the western side of Iceland's coastline and visit Akranes, an old fishing town at the base of Akrafjall Mountain. Don't forget to capture a photo of one of the most picturesque lighthouses in the world. Perhaps, you'll climb up the stairs to take in its stunning views. Listen to mysterious stories about this area, or take

a leisurely walk along the historical harbour if you choose. Continue to Deildartunguhver, the highest-flowing hot spring in Europe. Stroll along several wooden walkways and observation points to explore the hot springs safely. Listen to local stories and legends while visiting Barnafoss, which translates to "the Children's Falls." Your day comes to an end in Reykholt. (B, D)

Day 4: Reykholt - Stykkishólmur - Grudarfjörður - Reykholt

Begin your day with stunning views on your way to Stykkishólmur, located in the northern part of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Search for marine birds before joining a nature cruise of Breiðafjörður Bay. As you drift across the water, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. You might spot puffins, cormorants, and the white-tailed eagle soaring as you look out at the shoreline. After, enjoy lunch on your own in this picturesque fishing town dotted with traditional wooden houses before continuing your journey on to Grudarfjörður. Take in views of Mount Kirkjufell with its iconic shape and freestanding form; this is one of the most photographed landscapes in Iceland. Witness Kirkjufellsfoss, a beautiful series of waterfalls, before returning to Reykholt for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Reykholt - Vík

Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland and the second largest



Akranes Lighthouse



Reykjavik

geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Centre and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Afterward, witness Seljalandsfoss, a rushing waterfall where you may walk behind the water for unique views from the inside out. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most remarkable spots in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 6: Vík - Reynisfjara - Vík

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum. Discover its turf-built houses and its collection of farm and domestic artefacts. Nearby, find the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. Behold Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, and gannet. You might also spot some nesting puffins along the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull Glacier, part of Iceland's fourth largest ice cap. Take in its dramatic, blue-white ice, rugged crevasses, and stunning views. (B, D)

Day 7: Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vík

This morning, travel through the area of Vatnajökull, Iceland's largest National Park. On your way to Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, marvel at the vistas and snowy mountain peaks as you board a cruise on an amphibian boat along the huge icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape as you search for seals swimming in cold waters. (B, D)

Day 8: Vík - Reykjavík

Today, make your way back to Reykjavik while taking in stunning backdrops as you approach the Reykjanes Peninsula. Visit a local studio and learn about Icelandic traditions of wool dyeing using natural ingredients and traditional techniques. Later this day, visit the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and reflect on your adventures in the Land of Fire and Ice. (B, D)

Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Depart for home with memories of your Icelandic adventure. (B)



ARRIVAL
REYKJAVIK (KEF)

DEPARTURE
REYKJAVIK (KEF)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6249**
SOLO Starting at **\$7649**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 30 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – September 2025
April – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2025 – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE- OR POST-NIGHT: Reykjavik (1-2 NIGHTS)



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– Charlene C.

ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss Waterfall • Lake Mývatn • Húsavík • Whale Watching • Goðafoss Waterfall • Akureyri • Horse Farm Visit • Snæfellsnes Peninsula • Impact Moment • Langjökull Glacier • Sky Lagoon



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Go whale watching in Skjálfandi Bay with specialized RIB Zodiac boats.
- Ascend the massive Langjökull glacier via mountain truck.
- Learn about the 300 years of fishing history during a visit to a maritime museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)
- Indulge in Icelandic-inspired cuisine at a local restaurant.
 - Taste homemade specialties during an **Impact Moment** visit to Jóhanna's goat farm.
 - Taste a piece of lava bread and learn how locals use geothermal energy to cook food.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Soak in the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, a favourite local spot **-OR-** hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by lava pinnacles and mystical caves.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hotel Centrum or Fosshotel, Reykjavík
- Days 3, 4** Fosshotel, Husavik
- Day 5** Laugarbakki Hotel, Laugarbakki
- Days 6, 7** Icelandair Hotel Hamar or Borgarnes Hotel, Borgarnes
- Day 8** Hotel Centrum or Fosshotel, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Reykjavik

Day 1: Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins

Discover culture and history in Reykjavík – Iceland's capital. Explore the old section on a walking tour featuring the Parliament, harbour, city hall, and the city's oldest building. Gaze up at the famous glass façade of the Harpa Concert Hall, a true marvel of modern architecture. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and experience the freshness of Icelandic food at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik

Travel the Golden Circle to see Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, including the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Thingvellir National Park where you can walk between two continents. Learn how locals use Iceland's geothermal energy to cook food and taste "lava bread," which is submerged into the earth and cooked for 24 hours. Continue along the Golden Circle and take in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall before visiting the explosive Strokkur fountain geyser. Return to Reykjavik for an evening on your own. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavik - Lake Mývatn - Húsavík

This morning, fly to Akureyri and take in the unique volcanic landscape that surrounds Lake Mývatn. You will have a chance to explore the Hverir geothermal area, where bubbling mud pools resemble a Martian terrain. Next,

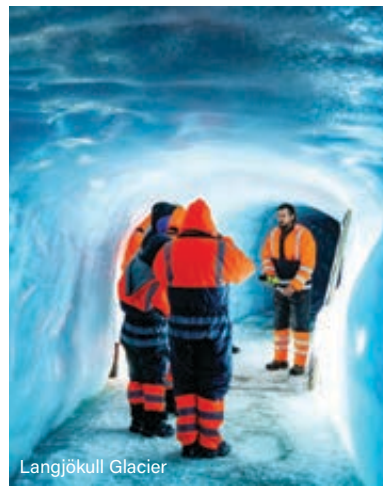
it's your choice! Dip into the warm water and steam of the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, frequented by Icelanders and visitors alike **-OR-** hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by irregular lava formations and mystical caves that inspire your imagination. End your day in Husavik, one of the first settlements on the island. (B, D)

Day 4: Húsavík - Whale Watching - Grenjaðarstaður - Húsavík

Gear up in thermal wear to join expert whale watchers on a cruise on Skjálfandi Bay. Aboard specialized Zodiacs, you'll get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see humpback, minke, fin or harbour porpoise, and possibly the orca or giant blue whales that frequent these waters. After free time for lunch, travel to Grenjaðarstaður where you will visit and learn about the traditional Icelandic turf settlement homes. Return to Húsavík in the late afternoon, where the remainder of the day is yours, or perhaps join your Tour Manager for an evening walk. (B)

Day 5: Husavik - Goðafoss - Akureyri - Laugarbakki

En route to Akureyri, stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where Iceland was converted to Christianity in A.D. 1000. Enjoy time at leisure in Akureyri to explore Iceland's second largest city. Perhaps you'll peruse its botanical garden, a public park positioned just 30 miles south of the Arctic



Langjökull Glacier



Djúpalónssandur



ARRIVAL
REYKJAVIK (KEF)

DEPARTURE
REYKJAVIK (KEF)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$8499**
SOLO Starting at **\$9899**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 16 May 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – September 2025
May 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June – September 2025 and May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Reykjavik (1-2 NIGHTS)



Sky Lagoon

Circle and dedicated to finding and testing foreign plants to grow in Iceland. Next, head to the scenic Norðurland Vestra region, famous for its horse breeding. On a family-owned farm, grab your camera for a photo tour of the stables and interact with these friendly animals and their care takers. Later this afternoon, travel to the village of Laugarbakki for an overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Laugarbakki - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarnes

This morning, journey to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Connect with the local culture during a visit to a maritime museum illustrating fishing techniques, such as the century-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you'll also taste *hákarl* – cured shark meat. End the day in Borgarnes, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Húsafell - Langjökull Glacier - Borgarnes

This morning, journey inland to Húsafell and look out at the misty waterfalls cascading over lava rocks. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** with a

visit to Jóhanna's goat farm. Here, she has helped to bring this unique breed, dating back to the time of Iceland's settlement, back from the brink of extinction. After visiting with the friendly goats, enjoy a simple meal of homemade specialities from the farm. Then, bundle up and ascend Langjökull glacier via mountain truck and go "Into the Glacier" to experience the purest blue ice colour in this man-made tunnel, the world's largest. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Borgarnes - Reykjavík

Visit the Settlement Museum and dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage, including the works of the famous Viking poet Egill Skallagrímsson. Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, home to scenic geothermal Sky Lagoon. Experience the Icelandic culture with the tradition of geothermal bathing. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters and enjoy sweeping ocean views. Come together this evening for a farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring Icelandic cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

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

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Helsinki • Helsinki Cathedral • Lapland Region • Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort • Meet & Greet with Santa • Reindeer Safari • Northern Lights Searches • Husky Safari • Glass Igloo Accommodation



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Introduce yourself to majestic Lappish reindeer and take an evening sled ride.
- Lead your very own dog sled team.
- Spend the night in a glass igloo amid the Lappish wilderness.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in Finnish and Lappish cuisine.
- Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

Days 3 - 5 Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

Day 6 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



©Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Lapland, Finland

Day 1: Helsinki, Finland

Hei Helsinki! Finland's vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city centre, taking a 20-minute stroll to a local restaurant. *Hyvää ruokahalua!* (bon appetit!) (D)

Day 2: Helsinki

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's core is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city's most iconic building. Take a 90-minute walking tour of empiric-designed Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city's famous international market. See the steel monument dedicated to the composer Sibelius. During your free time, explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

Day 3: Helsinki - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search

Escape to northernmost Finland's winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and

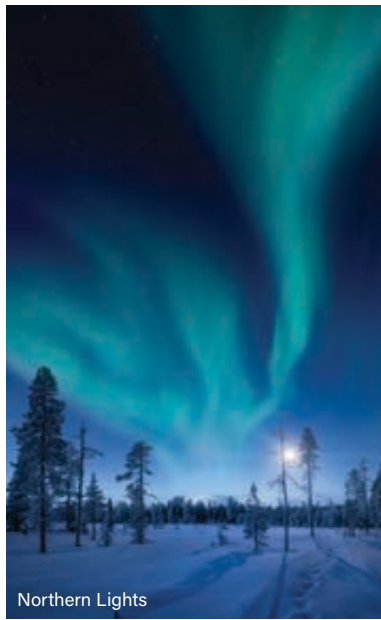
magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland's culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish a sled ride with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights. At the remote Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin indulging in your own personal Finnish sauna. Take the motor coach north towards Inari on a chase for the northern lights. Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance to witness nature's dazzling, electric light show. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus' Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights

Hit the snow and mush yourself to breakfast aboard your own authentic Finnish sleigh. After a leisurely breakfast, meet Santa's Elves who will escort you to meet Santa Claus in his own home. Learn about Santa's origins during a warm and friendly conversation at his house. After dinner, under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer that will escort you on an exhilarating safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Gain insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. Sip warm berry juice, a



Husky Safari



Northern Lights

Finnish tradition, around an open fire, inside a Lappish Teepee in the surround of northern Finland's wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Kakslauttanan - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search

Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You'll also be introduced to the equipment you'll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your incredible and unique glass igloo. You may even see the northern lights dancing overhead from the comfort of your own bed. (B, D)

Day 6: Kakslauttanan - Helsinki

Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the city's central squares and get in tune with the latest Finnish trends at a collection of charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

Day 7: Helsinki - Tour Ends

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

ARRIVAL HELSINKI (HEL) | **DEPARTURE HELSINKI (HEL)**

DOUBLE Starting at **\$7349** | Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on tour air.
SOLO Starting at **\$8749**

Prices based on 10 November 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
November 2024 – March 2025 (different itinerary - see note*) | **November 2025 – March 2026** (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for November 2025 - March 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Helsinki (1-2 NIGHTS)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Day 3-5: Kakslauttanan Arctic Resort
 Sleep under the northern lights when you upgrade to a Kelo glass igloo at the Kakslauttanan Arctic Resort. Kelo glass igloos come with a double bed with a stunning glass roof, an additional standard double bed in the main cabin area, a private sauna and a private fireplace. Guests must upgrade for all 3 nights. Accommodation are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

14 DAYS • 22 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Stockholm Sofiero Palace • Copenhagen
• Tivoli Gardens • Oslo • Borgund Stave
Church • Flam Railway • Geirangerfjord
Cruise • Bergen



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore the centuries-old history along the streets of Gamla Stan in Stockholm.
- Visit Borgund Stave Church, a masterpiece of medieval Norwegian architecture.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Savour Swedish cuisine in Stockholm's old town.
- Experience traditional Norwegian cuisine in Bergen.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — In Stockholm, choose to explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile **-OR-** visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation.
- **Day 6** — In Copenhagen, choose to visit the National Museum of Denmark **-OR-** explore the fascinating Nyhavn district.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1, 2	Scandic Grand Central, Stockholm
Days 3	Elite Park Avenue Hotel, Gothenburg
Days 4, 5	Scandic Spectrum, or Scandic Copenhagen, Copenhagen
Day 6	MS Sea Crown or MS Pearl
Days 7, 8	Hotel Bristol, Oslo
Day 9	Fretheim Hotel, Flam
Days 10, 11	Alexandra Hotel, Loen
Days 12, 13	Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Copenhagen

Day 1: Stockholm, Sweden

Arrive in the beautiful city of Stockholm. Take some time to venture out on your own and get to know this relatively small city, built on 14 islands and connected by 57 bridges. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

Day 2: Stockholm

Join a local expert to see Stockholm's greatest vistas and attractions, including Gamla Stan (Old Town), Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace, and the Parliament, on an historic and cultural walking tour. Enjoy a visit inside Stockholm's stunning City Hall, which displays towering brick walls paired with an opulent interior. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile (the perfectly preserved ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised from the bottom of the harbour 334 years later) **-OR-** visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Stockholm independently. Discover its strikingly colourful architecture and sample its innovative cuisine. (B)

Day 3: Stockholm - Orebro - Gothenburg

Bid farewell to Stockholm and set off by motor coach for a relaxing journey to Orebro. Situated between Stockholm and Gothenburg, this

compact little city offers a wealth of intriguing history and contemporary appeal. Take some free time for lunch and exploring independently before continuing your journey to Gothenburg. Tonight, why not take an after-dinner stroll through the friendly and laid-back city streets before settling in for the night. (B, D)

Day 4: Gothenburg - Copenhagen, Denmark

After a short morning walk around Gothenburg, set out into the country to visit Sofiero Palace, once a summer residence of the Swedish royal family. After a guided tour of the castle and included light lunch, continue to Denmark, ending the day in the cosmopolitan city of Copenhagen. (B, L)

Day 5: Copenhagen

Join a local expert and set off on an engaging three-hour walking tour of Denmark's capital city. See Nyhavn, the picturesque harbour lined with colourful facades and charming cafes, as well as Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish Royal Family. Visit the world-famous Little Mermaid statue, and finish at Tivoli Gardens, the world's second oldest amusement park. (B)

Day 6: Copenhagen - Overnight Ferry Crossing

This morning, **it's your choice!** Visit the National Museum of Denmark for an audio-guided visit at your own pace **-OR-** take time on your own to explore the fascinating harbour front of the pretty

Nyhavn district and soak in the *hygge* culture of the Danes. This afternoon, head to the ferry terminal for an overnight crossing to Oslo. After joining together for dinner on board, enjoy this local way of travel, taking advantage of the ferry's amenities or simply relaxing, and later settle in for some rest in your overnight cabin. (B, D)

Day 7: Oslo, Norway

After disembarking the ferry mid-morning, your tour of Oslo begins. Travel by motor coach along Karl Johan Street and view the Royal Palace and city hall in quaint downtown Oslo. Visit Vigeland Park, home to the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. After lunch in one of Oslo's oldest restaurants, continue on foot with your local guide to explore one of Europe's fastest growing cities. (B, L)

Day 8: Oslo

Enjoy the entire day at leisure to discover Oslo independently. Or you may wish to join an optional excursion to Frederikstad, one of the best-preserved fortified towns in northern Europe. Steeped in history, this cosy little town offers a peek into old Norway, with museums, galleries, antiques, and local delicacies to try. (B)

Day 9: Oslo - Flåm

Travel north from Norway's capital to the majestic fjord region. Visit Borgund Stave Church, the intricate structure built in dedication to the Apostle Andrew in 1180. Arrive in the quaint village of Flåm, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord and visit the Railway Museum before settling in for the evening. (B, D)

Day 10: Flåm - Flåm Railway - Loen

Embark on the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest train rides, and ascend 3,000 feet past mighty waterfalls, towering mountains, and amazing valleys. Journey to the mountain plateau of Myrdal and cascade down to the fjord of Flåm, taking in the breathtaking views each way. Continue onto the village of Loen, for a relaxing stay in the heart for Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

Day 11: Loen - Fjord Cruise - Loen

An enchanting day in Norway's fjord region begins. In Geiranger, a UNESCO World Heritage site, embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, soaking in some of Norway's most beautiful scenery along the way. One of the most famous fjords in the world, Geirangerfjord is where you'll find

+ Optional 3-Night Iceland Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$2250† pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 14: Bergen - Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature. Massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and breathtaking landscapes. After having the day to yourself, gather with your fellow travellers for an included Icelandic dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 15: Reykjavik

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and Reykjavik's oldest building - home of the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. Perhaps you

will choose to relax on a scenic whale watching cruise, venture out on a horseback riding excursion, or travel to the Reykjanes peninsula to spend quality time relaxing in the geo-thermal waters of the famed Blue Lagoon. (B)

Day 16: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Here, Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established what is considered to be one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley (UNESCO), that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavik and have time to explore the city on your own. (B)

Day 17: Reykjavik - Extension Ends

Your extension ends today. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



ARRIVAL
STOCKHOLM (ARN)

DEPARTURE
BERGEN (BGO)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$8849**
SOLO Starting at **\$11399**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 22 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024

May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2025

May 2026

(featured itinerary)

* Itinerary featured is for June - October 2025 and May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + **PRE-NIGHT: Stockholm** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- + **POST-NIGHT: Bergen** (1-2 NIGHTS)

Norway's mightiest waterfalls: the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil, and the Suitor. Marvel at homesteads along the steep sides of the mountains, where farms have been kept for centuries. The day's relaxed pace offers the opportunity to soak up the nature and stunning scenery of the region. (B, D)

Day 12: Loen - Bergen

Be inspired by Norway's most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen - the gateway to the fjords. A visit to the Nordfjord Folk Museum tells the story of local enterprise and community spirit. Founded with Viking roots, the Bergen of today is known for its old-world charm and scenic landscapes. (B)

Day 13: Bergen

Join a guided walking tour of Bergen and stroll along the historic and iconic harbour front, known as the Bryggen (UNESCO). Take a ride on the Floibanen funicular for spectacular views over the city. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before reuniting with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood. (B, D)

Day 14: Bergen - Tour Ends

Depart for home today with incredible memories of your Scandinavian journey. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS OF NORWAY

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5449

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Bergen • Fløibanen Funicular • Nordfjord Folk Museum • Geirangerfjord Cruise • Loen Skylift • Flåm Railway • Borgund Stave Church • Oslo



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit the intricately designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180.
- Gain insight into the region's history at the open-air Nordfjord Folk Museum.
- Embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Dine in Bergen's historic Bryggen neighbourhood.
- Enjoy traditional Norwegian fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Scandic Ørnen, Bergen
Days 3, 4	Alexandra Hotel, Loen
Day 5	Fretheim Hotel, Flam
Days 6, 7	Hotel Bristol, Oslo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Geirangerfjord

Day 1: Bergen, Norway - Tour Begins

Arrive in Bergen, in the heart of the Fjords, where you'll be greeted by small town charm despite it being the second largest city in Norway. Meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood. (D)

Day 2: Bergen

Stroll along the historic and iconic Bryggen harbour front (UNESCO) on a guided walking tour of Bergen. Then hop aboard the fabulous Fløibanen funicular for a steep ride to the top of Mount Fløyen and enjoy spectacular views of the city, fjord, and mountains. The rest of the day is yours to explore Bergen at your leisure. (B)

Day 3: Bergen - Loen

Heading north this morning, take in the striking scenery along your journey today. Stop for lunch in a village along the way, and continue on to the Nordfjord Folk Museum, an open-air cultural history museum depicting how Norwegians have lived from the 17th century to the modern day. Later, arrive at the hotel for a relaxing evening and dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Loen

Find yourself immersed in the enchanting landscapes of Norway's fjord region. Soak up the mesmerising landscape on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise in Geiranger (UNESCO).

Discover Norway's mightiest waterfalls – the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil, and the Suitor. Marvel at the homesteads built along the steep sides of the mountains, where farmland has endured for centuries. (B, D)

Day 5: Loen - Flåm

Reach great heights with today's adventures. This morning, ride the Loen Skylift, one of the world's steepest cable cars, for unrivalled views of the fjord landscape. Continue to the quaint village of Flåm, your gateway to the grandeur of Aulandsfjord. Traverse the terrain on the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the steepest train rides in the world, and climb 3,000 feet past rushing waterfalls, looming mountains, and picturesque valleys. Descend back into Flåm for your stay tonight. (B, D)

Day 6: Flåm - Oslo

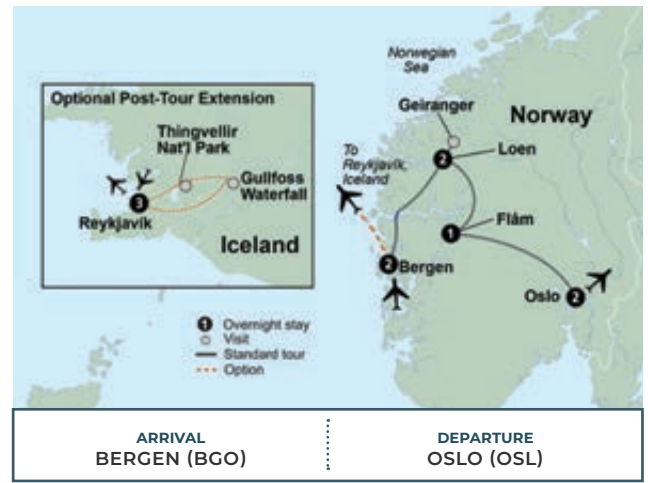
Norway's impressive landscapes continue to weave their spell on you as you travel to Oslo today. On the way, visit the Borgund Stave Church, an awe-inspiring building dedicated in honour of the Apostle Andrew in 1180. After a stop for lunch, continue on to Norway's grand capital and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Oslo

This morning, join a local guide and begin your day at the Fram Museum, dedicated to telling the story of Norwegian polar exploration. Venture down Karl Johan Street, passing



Bergen



ARRIVAL
BERGEN (BGO)

DEPARTURE
OSLO (OSL)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5449**
SOLO Starting at **\$6699**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 27 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
April – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – October 2025
April – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2025 – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Bergen (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ EVEN MORE TIME?

Combine Highlights of Norway with Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



+ Optional 3-Night Iceland Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$2100[†] pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 8: Oslo - Reykjavik, Iceland

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice, where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and breathtaking landscapes. Meet your local expert upon arrival. Tonight, enjoy an Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

Day 9: Reykjavik

This morning, join your local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and Reykjavik's oldest building – home of the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Enjoy the rest of the

dinner featuring traditional fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings. (B, D)

Day 8: Oslo - Tour Ends

Say "ha det" to Norway and depart for home with incredible memories of your adventures. (B)

day at leisure. Perhaps you will spend it relaxing on a scenic whale watching cruise, exploring the wonders of Iceland at the Perlan Centre, or spending quality time soaking in the geo-thermal waters of the Sky Lagoon or Blue Lagoon. (B)

Day 10: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik

Join a local guide to travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Here, Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established what's considered to be one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the planet's most geologically significant landscapes: Thingvellir's rugged rift valley (UNESCO) that marks the crest of the Mid Atlantic Ridge where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavik and enjoy free time to explore the city on your own. (B)

Day 11: Reykjavik - Extension Ends

Your extension ends today. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

“ We loved the pace of the tour and we never felt rushed. There were beautiful hotels in perfect locations within each city which let you feel the culture of the area. ”

– Donna N.

FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Versailles Palace & Gardens • Giverny
• Normandy • D-Day Landing Sites •
Omaha Beach • American Cemetery
• Le Mont St. Michel • Loire Valley •
Winery Tour • 2-Night Château Stay •
Chenonceau Castle • Amboise • Paris •
Seine River Cruise • Eiffel Tower Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit the private apartments of King Louis the Great in the Royal Palace of Versailles.
- Enjoy 2 nights at your 15th-century castle accommodation at the Château de Beauvois.
- Admire famous landmarks while cruising along the River Seine in Paris.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour local flavours during dinner at a traditional French restaurant.
- Delight in a tour and tasting at a local winery.
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 10** — Take in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic city tour with your local guide **-OR-** step into the shoes of a local and navigate *Le Métro* on your way to the hilltop neighbourhood of Montmartre.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Le Louis Versailles Chateau
- MGallery, Versailles

Days 3, 4 Best Western PLUS Le
Moderne, Caen

Days 5, 6 Hotel Oceania or Le Grand
Bé Hotel, Saint-Malo
**HOTEL OCEANIA ROOM
UPGRADE AVAILABLE**
See next page for details.

Days 7, 8 Château de Beauvois,
Loire Valley

Days 9, 10 Hyatt Regency Étoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Versailles

Day 1: Versailles, France - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the royal borough of Versailles. Celebrate the beginning of your voyage with a savoury French dinner in the culturally-rich town of Versailles. (D)

Day 2: Versailles - Royal Palace and Gardens

Start your day with an exploration of the iconic Palace of Versailles (UNESCO). A guide leads you through the Private Apartments of King Louis XIV, the Sun King, who transformed his father's hunting lodge into the resplendent seat of the Royal Court. Continue your visit independently through the lavish State Apartments. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in Versailles' most famous sights at your own pace. This afternoon your explorations continue in the palace's grandiose formal gardens, where the Baroque fountains regularly spout water to the tune of classical music. (B)

Day 3: Versailles - Giverny - Caen

Journey into Normandy and let the art scene leave its impression on you with a visit to Monet's countryside home at Giverny. Stroll through the colourful living work of art that is Monet's garden, where you'll see the source for the artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic *Waterlilies*. Then, set off through the rich pasturelands of Normandy to the city of Caen, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen

This morning visit Omaha Beach and stop at the Normandy American Cemetery & Visitor Centre. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. (B)

Day 5: Caen - Peace Memorial - Saint-Malo

Your exploration of the D-Day Landing Sites continues today with a visit to Juno Beach and to Arromanche-les-Bains, to see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built by the Allies to resupply their lines during the liberation of France. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Caen Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Immerse yourself in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town. Tonight, enjoy a freshly prepared local dinner. (B, D)



Paris



Giverny

Day 6: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo

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

Day 7: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire Valley

Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO site brimming with châteaux and parks. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII here and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. Visit the market, abundant with fresh produce, flowers and local products, and take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of the Loire Valley's best wines. This afternoon, feel like royalty when you arrive at your

15th-century castle accommodation at the Château de Beauvois. Delve into the history of this site frequented by King Louis XIII as you enjoy some leisure time to explore the grounds or relax on the château's charming terrace. This evening, delight in gourmet French cuisine in the opulent dining room of your château. (B, D)

Day 8: Loire Valley - Amboise - Loire Valley

Explore the spectacular Château de Chenonceau at your own pace. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, this romantic castle is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque centre of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture. (B)

Day 9: Loire Valley - Paris

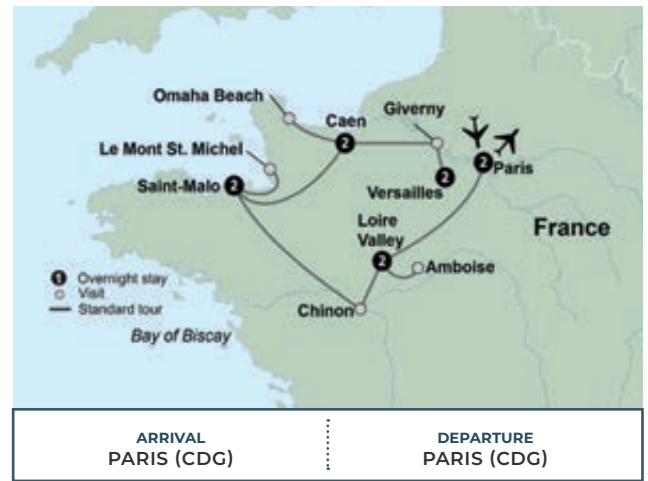
Travel the French countryside to France's capital, the City of Light - Paris. Pause for lunch at a modern bistro, before gliding under romantic bridges during a scenic cruise along the Seine River. Take in the city's most iconic landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the Conciergerie, and Île Saint-Louis peaking at you from the Banks of the Seine (UNESCO). As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure in this incredibly walkable, world-famous city. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B, L)

Day 10: Paris

This morning, **it's your choice!** Take in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic city tour. With your local guide, see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Place de la Concorde **-OR-** step into the shoes of a local and navigate *Le Métro* on your way to the hilltop neighbourhood of Montmartre and its iconic Sacré-Cœur Basilica. Take advantage of a free afternoon to write your own story in romantic Paris. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of your French voyage during an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and panoramic views of the City of Light. (B, D)

Day 11: Paris - Tour Ends

Set out for home with many magnificent memories. (B)



ARRIVAL
PARIS (CDG)

DEPARTURE
PARIS (CDG)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5699**
SOLO Starting at **\$7399**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 4 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March - May 2025

**Itinerary featured is for October 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

 **PRE-NIGHT:**
Versailles (1-2 NIGHTS)

 **POST-NIGHT:**
Paris (1-2 NIGHTS)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 5-6: Hotel Oceania

See the rolling waves of the Saint Malo beach on the English Channel when you upgrade your room at the Hotel Oceania in Saint-Malo, France to a Deluxe Sea View room for a two-night stay.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

SPOTLIGHT ON PARIS

6 DAYS • 8 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4599

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Seine River Dinner Cruise • Louvre Museum • Le Marais • Place des Vosges • Notre Dame • Versailles Palace & Gardens • Montmartre • Champs-Elysees • Arc de Triomphe • Eiffel Tower Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Navigate Paris like a local by riding Le Métro to destinations.
- Explore the Le Marais neighbourhood's winding streets, gorgeous mansions, and oldest planned square in Paris.
- Feel like a true Parisian when you discover the beloved neighbourhood of Montmartre.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

5 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower with unparalleled views of the "City of Light."
- Admire the city skyline as you float down the Seine on a relaxing dinner cruise.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — With a local guide, venture into the Musée de Montmartre and get a glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris's most famous artists -**OR-** head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica, and enjoy a stop at a local café.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 5 Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE: DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT



Paris

Day 1: Paris, France

Be swept off your feet as the Paris of your dreams comes alive. Tonight, say *salut* as you toast the beginning of your tour and savour a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Paris

Step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro, your main mode of transport for the week. Get to know this underground system with a local pro, giving you the freedom to set off later as you wish. First stop – the Louvre Museum. The ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre's entrance serves as your gateway to another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19th-century canvases. Wander past and marvel at the palette progeny of Raphael and Botticelli before making your way to da Vinci's renowned *Mona Lisa*. On the next stop, your cultural lessons continue to the hip and historic district of Le Marais. Along the way, stroll among the flourishing trees and bright grassy patches of the spectacular Place des Vosges, the oldest town square in all of Paris. Take a walk down to the Ile de la Cité to snap pictures of the awe-inspiring Notre Dame or

relax in one of Le Marais' cosy cafés and indulge in the Parisian art of people-watching. As your day wraps up, make the most of it, and admire the city skyline as you gently float down the Seine on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 3: Versailles

Channel your inner royal at Versailles, an iconic palace located in the heart of France. There's a reason why Versailles has served as a model for countless international abodes, which you'll discover as you wind your way through sprawling green gardens and palace halls with a local guide. From the Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the Queen, take in the palace's most famous sights. This evening, experience Parisian nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B)

Day 4: Montmartre

Today spend the morning exploring the hip, bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, this 18th *arrondissement* neighbourhood is home



Louvre



Montmartre Metro

to classical painters and cultural provocateurs. Choose how you discover the area because **it's your choice!** Venture into the Musée de Montmartre and get a glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris's most famous artists with a local guide **-OR-** head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica, and enjoy a stop at a local café. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore Paris as you please. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the Tuileries Garden. (B)

Day 5: Paris

Enjoy a day on your own exploring Paris however you want. You may choose to take an optional tour and delve into the creative mind of Claude Monet with a visit to his countryside home at Giverny. Stroll through the colourful living work of art that is Monet's garden, where you'll see the source for the artist's inspiration,

including the setting for his iconic *Waterlilies*. However you choose to spend your day, tonight say adieu as you toast the end of your Parisian getaway. Nothing compares to the view from within the Eiffel Tower, where you'll enjoy an exclusive dinner featuring savoury French cuisine. (B, D)

Day 6: Paris - Tour Ends

Au revoir! Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



ARRIVAL
PARIS (PAR)

DEPARTURE
PARIS (PAR)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4599** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5649**

Prices based on 7 August 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025 **June – November 2025**
(different itinerary - see note*) **February – May 2026**
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2025 – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

➕ **PRE OR POST NIGHT: Paris (1-2 NIGHTS)**



Versailles

“ I introduced my daughter to Europe and the joys of travel. Staying in Paris and seeing it through the eyes of my wife and daughter was my favourite part. ”

– Lawrence P.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Nice • Food Tour & Tasting • Nice Flower Market • Monaco • Monte Carlo • Grasse • Fragonard Perfumery Workshop • Cannes • Wine Tasting • Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild • St. Paul de Vence



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit the stunning seaside palazzo Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and its gardens.
- Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop.
- Explore Saint-Honorat Island, belonging to the monks of Lérins Abbey.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Savour the Riviera's Mediterranean cuisine during dinner in *Vieux Nice*.
- Discover Nice with a local foodie on an interactive city tour.
- Enjoy a typical French lunch in the tearoom of Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Explore the tiny Principality on a panoramic Little Train tour taking you across to Monte Carlo for views of its famous casino **-OR-** visit the Oceanographic Museum, perusing its aquarium and the collection of fossils and skeletons amassed by the great researcher Jacques Cousteau.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 7 Hotel Radisson Blu, Nice
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:
Upgrade your stay to a sea view room and enjoy views of the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.
CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE: DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT



Villefranche

Day 1: Nice (French Riviera), France - Tour Begins

Your tour commences in the stunning city of Nice, a coastal pearl of the Mediterranean known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. With an average of 300 sunny days per year, Nice is a seaside paradise. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in *Vieux Nice* featuring Mediterranean-inspired French cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Nice

Step into the shoes of a local and navigate the *tram* this morning. Get familiar with the routes and use it to your advantage during some free time. With a local expert, discover Nice by meandering through the city's famed and colourful flower market. Then, delve into the Old Town, sampling local delicacies while on a tasting tour. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll return to your hotel and stroll along the lively seafront *Promenade des Anglais*. You may even stay downtown and visit one of Nice's world-class art galleries, such as the Chagall or the Matisse museums. Maybe you'll find your favourite café for the week and soak in the local life. (B, L)

Day 3: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

Travel along the spectacular *Corniche* coastal road to the Principality of Monaco. On a walking tour, view the changing of the guards and visit the Cathedral of Monaco - the

permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Then **it's your choice!** Explore the tiny country on a panoramic Little Train tour taking you across to Monte Carlo for views of its famous casino **-OR-** visit the Oceanographic Museum, perusing its aquarium and the collection of fossils and skeletons amassed by the great researcher Jacques Cousteau. (B)

Day 4: Nice - Grasse - Nice

Today, learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop and tour of the Fragonard perfumery, where fragrant formulations have been prepared since 1782. Spend time soaking up the atmosphere of this charming *Provençal* hill town before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Nice - Cannes - Nice

Journey to Cannes and sail across the Bay of Cannes to the tiny island of Saint-Honorat, belonging to the monks of Lérins Abbey. Pause to taste the locally produced wine before returning to Cannes to perhaps rub elbows with Europe's elite. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the iconic red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. During free time, explore the cobbled lanes of the *Le Suquet* neighbourhood or the lively Forville farmers' market. Back in Nice this evening, savour a tasting menu highlighting the delights of the South of France. (B, D)



Nice Flower Market



Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild



ARRIVAL
NICE (NCE)

DEPARTURE
NICE (NCE)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4799**
SOLO Starting at **\$6199**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 8 May 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025 **June 2025**
(different itinerary - see note)* **September 2025 – May 2026**
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2025 and September 2025 – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

Day 6: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice

Head to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, referred to as the crown jewel of the French Riviera, where you'll visit the impressive Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Uncover the lush gardens replete with jaw-dropping views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with lunch served in the charming tearoom overlooking the Bay of Villefranche. Back in Nice, enjoy free time to relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. Perhaps you'll join

an optional excursion that takes you to the Italian French village of Menton, and after working up an appetite, to savour a peaceful dinner in the medieval village of Èze. (B, L)

Day 7: Nice - St. Paul de Vence - Nice

This morning, venture to historic St. Paul de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside of Provence. Explore this walled medieval village, soaking in its distinctive light, said to have inspired Matisse, Braque, Chagall, and other artists. This evening, join your

ALSO AVAILABLE



Spotlight on the French Riviera featuring Nice's Carnival and Menton Lemon Festival

Enjoy the elaborate floats, flower parades and electric atmosphere of these exciting events on the French Riviera.

★ DATE AVAILABLE: 20 FEBRUARY 2026

fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

Day 8: Nice - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many wonderful memories of your journey through the Cote d'Azur. (B)

+ Optional 3-Night Paris Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$2100[†] pp



Day 8: Nice (French Riviera) - Paris

Head to the airport for your flight to the French capital. In under two hours, you'll be in Paris, the "City of Light." Depending

on your flight arrival time, you may get a chance to explore your hotel's neighbourhood with your Tour Manager. Later, join your local expert to take *Le Métro* (the city's famed underground transport system) and explore the Notre Dame Cathedral neighbourhood. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 9: Paris

This morning, join your local expert and head back to *Le Métro* to get to the hip neighbourhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, the 18th *arrondissement* is home to classical painters and cultural provocateurs. After trying a local café, take advantage of free time this afternoon to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll browse the shops of the Opéra district,

where you'll have time to peruse luxury Parisian retailers, or take a stroll down the Champs-Élysées. As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure. If you'd prefer to do something with the group, you can join an optional dinner at the Paradis Latin for a can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B)

Day 10: Paris

It's your last day in Paris – how will you spend it? Perhaps you'll explore *Le Marais*, a trendy district with winding streets, gorgeous old mansions, and independent boutiques, or meander through Place des Vosges, the oldest planned town square in all of Paris. You can also choose to join an optional visit to the Suresnes American Cemetery in Paris, a memorial and resting place of more than 1,500 American servicemen and women from both world wars. This evening, take in an exclusive view of Paris from the Montparnasse Tower. (B)

Day 11: Paris - Extension Ends

Wish Paris *au revoir* as your tour comes to an end. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

ESSENCE OF FRANCE

PARIS, PROVENCE & THE FRENCH RIVIERA

11 DAYS • 17 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7199

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:



SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Paris • Le Marais Food Tour • Seine River Cruise • High-Speed TGV Train • Aix-en-Provence • Truffle Hunting • Cassis • Grasse • Perfume Workshop • Nice • Saint Paul de Vence • Villa Rothschild



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Hunt for truffles with a local chef and his truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Explore the charming walled medieval village of Saint Paul de Vence.
- Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a typical French lunch in the tearoom of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.
- Indulge in the flavours of Paris during a tasting tour of Le Marais.
- Taste locally made cheese during a visit to a goat farm in the Provençal countryside.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — In Cassis, explore the coves and inlets of the Calanques National Park by land or sea. You can relax on a scenic cruise for views of the towering cliffs **-OR-** challenge yourself on a hike through the Mediterranean shrub to view the rugged landscape from above.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Courtyard Marriott Paris Gare de Lyon, Paris
- Days 4 - 7** Grand Hotel Roi René or Boutique Hotel Cezanne, Aix-en-Provence
- Days 8 - 10** Hotel Massena, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Truffle Hunting

Day 1: Paris, France

Arrive in Paris, the brilliant capital of France. A 3-night stay in the "City of Light" showcases its vibrant atmosphere, cuisine, and history. Meet your fellow explorers this evening over dinner as you toast "santé" to the beginning of a grand adventure. (D)

Day 2: Paris - Île de la Cité - Seine River Cruise

Do as the locals do when you step aboard *Le Métro* – your main mode of transportation while in Paris. As you learn to navigate the city with your Tour Manager, embrace the freedom to set off later as you wish. The first stop is the hip and historic district of Le Marais. Join a local foodie and venture to the neighbourhood's beloved venues, getting a taste of the cosy shops and Parisian flavours before pausing at a local bistro for a glass of wine and the *plat du jour*. In the early afternoon, walk down to Île de la Cité and take in the progress of restoration efforts of Notre Dame Cathedral. Later, glide along the banks of the Seine (UNESCO) on a river cruise, admiring the Eiffel Tower and the city's famous bridges. Spend the evening as you please. (B, L)

Day 3: Paris

The day is totally yours, so experience Paris at your own pace today. Perhaps you'll venture to bohemian Montmartre, pausing to observe modern artists at work in Place du Tertre. Or

maybe you'll stroll along the grand Champs-Élysées or venture to the Louvre Museum. You may want to experience Paris' nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B)

Day 4: Paris - High-Speed Train to Marseilles - Aix-en-Provence

Au revoir, Paris! Grab your bags and let a TGV – France's high-speed train – whisk you away to colourful Provence. Arrive in Marseille in the early afternoon. Get a quick look at France's oldest city before transferring to Aix, your home for the next 4 nights. This evening, savour the flavours of Provence during a tasting dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Aix-en-Provence - Truffle Hunting - Aix-en-Provence

Let a memorable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt led by a local chef and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. *Avant la chasse* (before the hunt), visit a goat farm nestled among rich landscapes that inspired van Gogh, Picasso, and Renoir to learn the secrets of regional cheese production and sample the results. Then savour a lunch featuring freshly prepared Provençal specialties whipped up by your chef. Back in Aix, the balance of the afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll take a stroll along *Le Cours Mirabeau*. This tree-lined, pedestrianised avenue is dotted



Perfume Workshop



Cassis

by fountains and cafés cherished by locals and visitors alike. (B, L)

Day 6: Aix-en-Provence - Cassis - Aix-en-Provence

Journey to the fishing village of Cassis. Sheltered by the Calanques National Park on one side and the mighty Cap Canaille on the other, Cassis charms with its multicoloured houses and array of small fishing boats, yachts and sailboats quietly bobbing in its harbour. Then, explore the National Park's coves and inlets by land or sea because **it's your choice!** Relax on a scenic cruise for views of the towering cliffs **-OR-** challenge yourself on a hike through the Mediterranean shrub to view the rugged landscape from above. No matter your choice, once back in Cassis make the most of your free time, perhaps tasting a traditional *bouillabaisse* (fish stew) before returning to Aix in the mid-afternoon. (B)

Day 7: Aix-en-Provence

The day is yours to explore Aix-en-Provence at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the *atelier* (artist's studio) of Aix's most renowned citizen, Paul Cézanne, frozen in time since the painter's death in 1906. Or you may choose a full-day

optional tour exploring the historic village of Saint-Rémy, with its bustling weekly market and the cobbled streets of Les Baux-de-Provence, a picture-perfect hilltop village. Before returning to Aix, experience an impressive multimedia presentation at the *Carrières de Lumières*. Making use of a former quarry, iconic works of art are projected onto the surrounding rock, accompanied by stirring music. (B)

Day 8: Aix-en-Provence - Grasse - Nice

This morning, traverse southern France en route to the French Riviera. Pause in Grasse to learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as "Nez" (Nose). Arrive in Nice in the late afternoon, and settle in for a 3-night stay in the leading resort town of the Côte d'Azur. This evening taste Mediterranean-inspired French cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Villa Rothschild

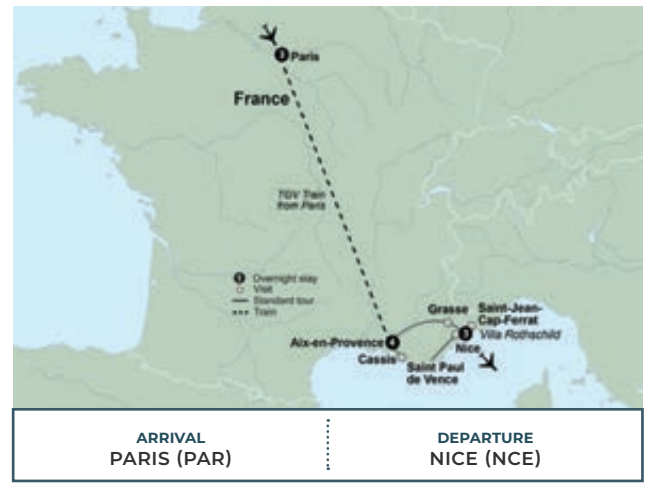
Head to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, the crown jewel of the French Riviera, and visit the impressive Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Uncover the lush gardens replete with lovely views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with a celebratory lunch served in the villa's charming tearoom. (B, L)

Day 10: Nice - Saint Paul de Vence - Nice

This morning, discover Nice's famed flower market and be enchanted by the brightly coloured blooms before journeying to historic Saint Paul de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. Explore this charming walled medieval village, soaking in its distinctive light, said to have inspired artists such as Matisse and poet Jacques Prévert. Back in Nice this afternoon, bask in the sunshine at a local café or perhaps take in an artist's perspective at the Chagall National Museum. Gaze over the Bay of Villefranche as you compare notes and experiences with fellow travellers as you say "*au revoir*" to the magic of France. (B, D)

Day 11: Nice - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of the essence of France. (B)



ARRIVAL
PARIS (PAR)

DEPARTURE
NICE (NCE)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$7199**
SOLO Starting at **\$9149**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 26 February 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

December 2024 - May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June 2025 - May 2026
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2025 - May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Paris (1-2 NIGHTS)



French Riviera

NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & FRANCE

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Amsterdam • Canal Cruise • Impact Moments • Kinderdijk • Bruges • Reims
- Route du Champagne • Paris • Parisian Bakery Workspace • Parfum Workshop
- Le Marais • Île de la Cité • Seine River Cruise • Eiffel Tower Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Connect with local traditions in the storybook Belgian town of Bruges (UNESCO).
- Immerse yourself in France's countryside during an exploration of its *Route du Champagne* (UNESCO).
- Learn the secrets of perfume making in Paris.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Be connected by food during Impact Moments at Amsterdam's A Beautiful Mess and at L'Extra restaurant in Reims.
- Tour a traditional brewery in Bruges and sample some legendary Belgian beers.
- Meet local cheese enthusiasts in Meaux and sample their famous Brie.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- Day 4** — Take the opportunity to walk along the winding paths and venture inside of a working windmill at Kinderdijk **-OR-** spend the morning on a bike with a local guide pedaling through Kinderdijk landscapes full of wind, water, and canals.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** The Manor Amsterdam, Amsterdam
- Days 4, 5** Hotel Aragon, Bruges
- Days 6, 7** Continental Hotel, Reims
- Days 8 - 10** Renaissance Paris Republique Hotel, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Amsterdam

Day 1: Amsterdam, Netherlands

From iconic Dutch windmills and cosy Belgian streets to the world-renowned Champagne region and the "City of Light," experience the essence of three European countries - Netherlands, Belgium, and France. Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes - this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel, an impressive historic building with rich history and your home for the next three nights. Get a taste of the local flavours and meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Amsterdam

See the city the way it's meant to be seen - by canal on a private boat. Cruise under sloping bridges and pass by classic Dutch houses. Continue discovering Amsterdam on a walking tour with a local guide. Spend the late afternoon chatting with a local about the city's progressive (and often controversial) culture. Enjoy an evening at leisure to spend time in the city however you wish. (B)

Day 3: Amsterdam

Make the most of a free day in Amsterdam. Perhaps you'll visit the Van Gogh Museum and explore the Anne Frank House. Maybe you'll opt to spend the day in Royal Delft. This picture-perfect town has mostly stayed the same since the times of Johannes Vermeer's iconic paintings of the Dutch Golden Age. Conclude your guided

tour with a visit to the Royal Delft porcelain manufacturer which has been producing hand-painted blue motives since the 16th century. Try your hand at painting a tile before returning to Amsterdam. Complete your day with an **Impact Moment** at "A Beautiful Mess" - a restaurant that helps refugees find independence in the Dutch community. Be united by food and enjoy locally sourced, environmentally conscious ingredients over dinner with your inspiring hosts. (B, D)

Day 4: Amsterdam - Kinderdijk - Bruges, Belgium

Today, **it's your choice** as you visit Holland's storied windmills. Perhaps you'll stroll along the winding paths and venture inside of a working windmill **-OR-** bike alongside a local guide through Dutch landscapes. No matter what you choose, take in the wind, water, and open spaces that make Dutch history come to life in Kinderdijk (UNESCO). End your day in storybook Bruges, your home for the next two nights, and join for an evening stroll in the city. (B, D)

Day 5: Bruges

Wander the cobblestone streets of Bruges and get familiar with this cosy Belgian town on a walking tour with a local guide this morning. Then, cruise through fairytale canals before connecting with local traditions. Taste Belgian chocolate and learn about the intricate craft of lace making. After an afternoon at leisure, cheers to the day with a visit to a local brewery where



Bruges



Eiffel Tower

you'll taste Belgium's most classic beverage. Continue tasting your way across local cuisines and enjoy dinner on your own. (B)

Day 6: Bruges - World War I Battlefields - Reims, France

Traverse Flanders with a local expert. Witness the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives on the Western Front during the First World War inspiring John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields." Take time to unwind with a glass of wine as you enter the heart of France's illustrious Champagne region - Reims. Settle into your hotel before tasting your way through French cuisines paired with a glass of champagne. (B, D)

Day 7: Reims - Champagne Winery - Reims

Uncover the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture during a guided walking tour in Reims. Step into the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims and gaze up at a sea of colourful stained glass. Enjoy an extraordinary culinary experience during a lunch and **Impact Moment** at L'Extra, an inclusive, eco-responsible restaurant. This afternoon, cityscapes give way to vineyard rows

as you make your way along the *Route du Champagne*. Learn all about this world-famous artisan production during a tour and tasting at a nearby *maison du champagne*. Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Reims - Meaux - Paris

Make your way to the French capital this morning. Pause in Meaux - the capital of the famous brie cheese. Learn about the artisanal production methods and aging process from a local cheese enthusiast before sampling some for yourself. Say *bonjour* to Paris this afternoon and learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as "Nez" (Nose). Explore your new neighbourhood - your new home for the next three nights - until the sun fades and the "City of Light" debuts its sparkling grandeur. Enjoy your evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Paris

Start your day alongside your Tour Manager wandering through one of the most popular quarters of Paris - *Le Marais*. This neighbourhood is famous for old-world charm, narrow cobblestone streets, hidden courtyards, and tranquil gardens among a vibrant Jewish community. Enter the kitchen of an authentic Parisian bakery to see the workspace and learn the history behind how these bakers make their delicious bread. Explore Paris as you please this afternoon. Perhaps you'll take a stroll through the Tuileries Garden or elegant Place Vendôme displaying jewelry and high fashion. Experience Paris' nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B)

Day 10: Paris

Be romanced by Paris today. Join a guided walk to discover the city's oldest settlement, Île de la Cité. Sparkling with history, it is a home to iconic Notre Dame and the beautiful bridges that straddle the Seine. Enjoy essential Paris views during a cruise on the Seine before continuing to legendary St. Germaine de Press with free time to explore one of the city's most beautiful areas on your own. End the day with an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views. (B, D)

Day 11: Paris - Tour Ends

Say *au revoir* to Europe as you depart for home. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$7899**
SOLO Starting at **\$9249**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 2 November 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May 2025
(different itinerary - see note*)

June - November 2025
May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT:**
Amsterdam (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT:**
Paris (1-2 NIGHTS)



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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Zurich • Glacier Express Train • Zermatt • Lake Maggiore • Borromeo Palace • Island Dinner • Bernina Express Train • St. Moritz • Lucerne • Mount Pilatus



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Cruise through Lake Maggiore and visit one of the beautiful Borromean Islands.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of St. Moritz.
- Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Discover a sweeter side of Zurich on a locally guided history and chocolate tour.
- Indulge in local products over lunch on a family-owned farm.
- Sit down for dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Lake Maggiore.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — In Verbania, wander through the enchanted gardens of Villa Taranto **-OR-** visit Pallanza and tour the Troubetzkoy statuary collection housed in the town's museum, Museo del Paesaggio.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Hotel Krone Unterstrass or Novotel Zurich City West, Zurich
- Days 2, 3** Resort Hotel Alex, Unique Hotel Post or Beausite Hotel, Zermatt
- Days 4 - 6** Zacchera Hotels, Lake Maggiore
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Day 7** Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
- Days 8, 9** Radisson Blu Hotel, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Glacier Express

Day 1: Zurich, Switzerland

Welcome to Switzerland's largest city - Zurich. Enjoy some free time exploring its charming Old Town or one of its many museums on your own. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Zurich - Andermatt - Zermatt

Say "good morning" to Zurich with a walking tour of the city. A local guide will teach you the city's history and make a few sweet stops along the way. Learn the history behind the chocolate shops and taste some delicacies for yourself. Treat your taste buds to even more flavours of Zurich with free time for lunch on your own. After that, it's all aboard! You're off to Andermatt to experience the world-renowned Glacier Express train. Natural backdrops of the Swiss Alps, thick forests, gurgling streams, and deep valleys bring this mountain dream to life. Complete your day in the unique, car-less village of Zermatt. (B, D)

Day 3: Zermatt

Start your morning with a Tour Manager-led walk to get familiar with the quaint mountain village of Zermatt. With free time for the rest of the day, let your curiosity get the best of you while uncovering history in the Matterhorn Museum. Perhaps your adventurous side will bring you on the Gornergrat Railway to experience elevated views of the Matterhorn. (B)

Day 4: Zermatt - Lake Maggiore, Italy

Take on the day as you depart Zermatt and head towards Italy. Enjoy scenic mountain

views on a drive through the Simplon Pass, used for centuries as a main trading route between northern Italy and Switzerland. Learn how Napoleon used the Simplon Pass to cross the Alps into Italy and gain control of Milan and Venice. Soak in spectacular views travelling through Val di Ossola and visit a local family-owned cow farm. Meet the owners and learn about life on the farm, and their family business before enjoying some of their home-made products over lunch. Continue to a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters set against the backdrop of the Alps, known as Lake Maggiore. Take time this afternoon to stroll the cobbled streets of Stresa. Long-favoured by European aristocracy because of its blend of elegance, Stresa has inspired artists and writers since the late 1800s. As the day draws to a close, settle in for a 3-night stay at your hotel. (B, L)

Day 5: Lake Maggiore

The entire day is yours. You might want to soak up the sun along the waterfront, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour to picture-perfect Lake Orta - a hidden gem surrounded by romantic villages and filled with quaint islands. As the evening approaches, board a private boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori. On the island, toast to your Italian experiences during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Lake Maggiore

Today, explore the twin towns of Verbania



ARRIVAL ZURICH (ZRH) | **DEPARTURE ZURICH (ZRH)**

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6999** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$8799**

Prices based on 20 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024	June – October 2025
April – May 2025	April – May 2026
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

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and Pallanza where **it's your choice!** In Verbania, wander through the enchanted gardens of Villa Taranto. Among the dreamy landscapes and captivating reflections are mysterious flowers from the farthest corners of the world -**OR-** visit Pallanza and tour the Troubetzkoy statuary collection housed in the town's museum, Museo del Paesaggio. This afternoon, set sail to Isola Bella – known as the “beautiful island.” With an expert guide beside you, journey into the Borromeo Palace – a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. (B)

Day 7: Lake Maggiore - St. Moritz, Switzerland

Experience sweeping coastal views on your drive along the picturesque shores of Lake Como during your full morning bus transfer to Tirano. Spend the afternoon travelling along one of the world's most scenic railways. Take a journey through the Bernina Express en route to St. Moritz, Switzerland. Witness the striking landscapes of the Swiss Alps throughout your voyage – including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Make your final stop in St. Moritz and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or stroll the lakeside boulevard. (B)

Day 8: St. Moritz - Lucerne
Slow and steady wins the race today,

Enjoy a leisurely start in St. Moritz before heading to Lucerne, the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake.” Follow the ancient pathways of the city on a walking tour through an Altstadt (Old Town), passing through the covered 14th-century Chapel Bridge. Along the way, see the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison. Pause at the renowned Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate heroic soldiers. The evening is yours to relax or explore. (B)

Day 9: Lucerne

Today, enjoy the splendour of pure nature while gliding over a clear landscape in panoramic gondolas and spectacular cable cars. Ascend Pilatus on a unique excursion along the steepest railway in the world. From the top, soak in the magnificent Alpine views from 7,000 ft. above sea level. Enjoy leisure time at the summit, where you can stroll the walkway for new vantage points. Venture back down the mountain by panoramic gondola for another bird's eye view. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner featuring Swiss specialities. (B, D)

Day 10: Lucerne - Tour Ends
Your scenic journey comes to an end today in Lucerne. (B)

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + PRE-NIGHT: Zurich (1-2 NIGHTS)**
- + POST-NIGHT: Lucerne (1-2 NIGHTS)**



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 4-6: Zacchera Hotels

During your stay at the Zacchera Hotels, you may choose to enjoy views of Lake Maggiore by upgrading your accommodation to a lake view room.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking

PEAKS OF EUROPE: THE ALPS TO THE DOLOMITES

12 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$7649

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Chamonix • Anney • Mont Blanc • GoldenPass Train • Gstaad • Jungfrau • Lucerne • Alpine Walks & Nature Experiences • Innsbruck • Dolomites • Cortina • Prosecco Region • Venetian Villa Stay



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Inhale fresh alpine air with 3 unique mountaintop experiences.
- Discover the local flora and fauna during a nature walk with a local alpinist.
- Visit Barryland, a foundation that protects the heritage of Switzerland's national dog – the St. Bernard.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste the fruits of Italy's Prosecco region, with a vineyard visit and tasting.
- Toast to the end of your scenic journey during a farewell dinner in a Venetian villa.
- Savour the flavours of Switzerland during a *raclette* brunch at a dairy farm.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Ascend the Aiguille du Midi via cable car **-OR-** take in the views aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 – 3	La Folie Douce Hotel, Chamonix
Day 4	Golf Hotel Le Hauts de Gstaad, Gstaad
Days 5, 6	Sunstar Alpine Hotel, Grindelwald
Days 7, 8	Seelos Hotel NIKO, Seefeld
Days 9, 10	Hotel Ander, Brunico
Day 11	Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



The Dolomites

Day 1: Chamonix, France

Say *bonjour* to Chamonix – the perennial ski-hub nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. Take the afternoon to wander the pedestrian-friendly streets of this quaint town steeped in hundreds of years of history. Tonight, join with new friends and toast to the beginning of your alpine adventure. (D)

Day 2: Chamonix - Anney - Chamonix

Journey to one of France's most picturesque cities, Anney – often called the “Venice of the Alps” due to its storybook charm. Join a local guide on a walking tour through an old medieval town featuring canals, crisscrossing bridges, and pastel coloured houses. Take advantage of some free time to explore the town's vibrant outdoor market. This afternoon, we return to Chamonix where the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Chamonix

Today, decide how to explore the legendary Mont Blanc – the birthplace of mountaineering – because **it's your choice!** Ascend the Aiguille du Midi by cable car to an elevation of over 3,842 metres. This is the closest you can get to the summit of Europe's tallest peak **-OR-** relax aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc rack-railway taking in its vintage charm and the

impressive views from the Eagle's Nest, located 2,372 metres above sea level. This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the woods in the bottom of the valley. (B)

Day 4: Chamonix - Gstaad, Switzerland

Bid Chamonix and France *adieu* and set out for Switzerland. During today's **Impact Moment**, learn all about the pups of Barryland, a local foundation that promotes and protects the heritage of the St. Bernard, the official dog of Switzerland. An afternoon train ride on the GoldenPass whisks you through the pastoral Swiss landscape en route to Gstaad. Check in to your hotel before relaxing over dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Gstaad - Grindelwald

Travel through the alpine meadows of the Bernese Oberland, an area renowned for its cheese production. Visit an artisanal creamery producing *raclette* cheese and taste the local produce during brunch on the farm. This afternoon, head on to Grindelwald, nestled at the base of legendary Mount Eiger. Settle in for a 2-night stay in this charming alpine village. This evening is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Grindelwald - Jungfrauoch - Grindelwald

A short cogwheel train ride brings you to Jungfrauoch (UNESCO), known as the “Top



Aiguille du Midi



Seefeld Carriage Ride

of Europe." Take your time to explore this eternal winter wonderland with impressive views of the imposing triple peaks of Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau. Wander the frosty halls of the Ice Palace to see works of icy art carved by local artists or stand next to the Swiss flag to capture your time above it all. Tonight is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 7: Grindelwald - Lucerne - Seefeld, Austria

Before departing Switzerland, spend some time to learn for yourself why

the lakeside city of Lucerne is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Make your way through Liechtenstein, the only country to lie entirely within the Alps on your way to Austria. This evening is yours to relax and to get to know your home in Seefeld for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 8: Seefeld

This morning explore the idyllic town of Seefeld in a horse-drawn carriage, pausing to take in the unspoiled beauty of the Tyrolean mountains and forests. Enjoy a free afternoon or elect to cross into Germany on an optional tour of Oberammergau, the world-renowned home of the Passion Play. This Bavarian village of traditionally painted houses comes together every 10 years to perform a marathon 10-hour folk theatre rendition of the Passion in thanksgiving for escaping the plague of 1633. After visiting the theatre site and town, indulge in homemade Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant before returning to Seefeld. (B)

Day 9: Seefeld - Innsbruck - Brunico, Italy

Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck. Walk the charming streets, discover the historic old town, and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof. Depart Austria for Italy to witness the unique jagged limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive in Brunico, a historic town dating back to the 1200s, and your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

Day 10: Brunico - Dolomites - Brunico

Journey into the Dolomites (UNESCO) mountain range and discover natural beauty and local traditions. During



DOUBLE Starting at **\$7649** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$8999**

Prices based on 11 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024	June – October 2025
April – May 2025	April – May 2026
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

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a walk in the Val Badia valley, learn about the centuries old Ladin culture. Stop at a nearby *maso* – an alpine farm – for a taste of local Ladin fare. After lunch, a cable car ride brings you to Rifugio Lagazuoi for a feast of stunning views of the Dolomites. The evening is yours to explore Brunico as you wish. (B, L)

Day 11: Brunico - Cortina - Mogliano Veneto

Discover the charm of Cortina, a ski town encircled by the scenic backdrop of sky-skimming Dolomite peaks. The rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region bring you to a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling speciality. This evening, explore the frescoed halls and grounds of your historic countryside villa before you gather for dinner and toast to new friends, fond memories, and unforgettable scenery. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Mogliano Veneto - Tour Ends

Your alpine adventure comes to a close today. (B)

+ Optional 2-Night Venice Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$1350 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 12: Mogliano Veneto - Venice

Continue your exploration of Italy with a 2-night stay in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic." After a motorboat transfer, meet your local guide for a walking tour of this incredible city, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Clock Tower, and St. Mark's Square. You'll also learn about the Venetian art of glassblowing during an interactive demonstration.

Day 13: Venice

Enjoy a day to explore Venice at your

leisure. From your centrally located hotel, the city is yours to uncover. Meander amongst the historic streets, taking in the city's unique architecture and gondola-laden canals. You may choose to experience the local cuisine at a typical *bacaro*, a small wine bar where locals stop for a glass of wine – traditionally called *ombra* – and a quick bite of local tapas – that Venetians call *cicchetti*. Or take a local public waterbus ride to the nearby island of San Giorgio which offers spectacular views of St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace. (B)

Day 14: Venice

Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your tour comes to a close. (B)

EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace •
Classical Concert • Danube Cruise •
Salzburg • Munich • Oberammergau •
Linderhof Palace • Black Forest •
Freiburg • Lucerne



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore incredible Schönbrunn Palace.
- Enjoy a performance by opera singers and ballet dancers set to the music of Strauss, Mozart, and more, in Vienna.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Savour a dinner of local Swiss specialties in Lucerne.
- Dine on Black Forest cake in the region where it originated.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Discover Salzburg on a leisurely-paced walking tour of the Old Town **-OR-** feel like you've joined the Von Trapp family on a city tour featuring iconic film locations from *The Sound of Music*.
- **Day 5** — Take a panoramic tour of Munich to see the National Theatre of Bavaria and much more **-OR-** visit the lavish Treasury of the Munich Residence.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Intercontinental Hotel Wien, Vienna
Days 3, 4	NH Collection Salzburg City Hotel, Salzburg
Days 5, 6	Hotel Alte Post, Oberammergau
Days 7, 8	Hofgut Sternen, Titisee
Days 9, 10	Radisson Blu Hotel or Hotel Astoria, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Vienna, Austria

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's stately capital city. Built by the Habsburg Empire and amplified by classical composers, Vienna exudes an old-world charm that can be found in its cobblestone streets and elegant architecture. This evening, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner in the city. (D)

Day 2: Vienna

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. Visit the 17th-century Schönbrunn Palace, containing more than 1,440 rooms, and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is yours. Enjoy free time to explore the avenues of Vienna or perhaps visit one of its many museums. In the evening, enjoy a performance by opera singers and ballet dancers set to the music of Strauss, Mozart, and more. (B)

Day 3: Vienna - Salzburg

Journey through the countryside before taking a cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most renowned waterways. Continue to Salzburg, the "City of Music," and find lush gardens and old-world charm. Dine on Austrian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Salzburg

Choose how you spend your morning because **it's your choice!** Discover Salzburg on a

leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town **-OR-** feel like you've joined the Von Trapp family on a city tour featuring iconic film locations from *The Sound of Music*. No matter how you choose to spend the morning, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the beloved town on your own. (B)

Day 5: Salzburg - Munich - Oberammergau, Germany

Look out upon the Bavarian Alps en route to the most popular Bavarian city, Munich. Upon arrival, **it's your choice!** Take a panoramic tour of Munich, highlighting the National Theatre of Bavaria and much more **-OR-** visit the lavish Treasury of the Munich Residence. Both choices end with a viewing of the Rathaus - Glockenspiel chiming at Marienplatz. Continue on to Oberammergau, renowned for its 380-year tradition of producing a Passion Play every 10 years, and your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

Day 6: Oberammergau - Ettal - Oberammergau

Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modelled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. Later, fairytales become reality during a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's third palace, Neuschwanstein. Regarded as the most photographed castle in Germany it was the



Oberammergau



Lucerne



ARRIVAL
VIENNA (VIE)

DEPARTURE
ZURICH (ZRH)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5999**
SOLO Starting at **\$7199**

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Prices based on 03 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – October 2025
April – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT:
Vienna (1-2 NIGHTS)



POST-NIGHT:
Lucerne (1-2 NIGHTS)



inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. (B)

Day 7: Oberammergau - Black Forest

You're off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. End your day trying the region's famous Black Forest cake with the tree-studded mountains as your backdrop. (B, D)

Day 8: Black Forest - Freiburg - Black Forest

This morning, hop on the train and journey to Freiburg, a vibrant city in southwest Germany's Black Forest region. With a local guide by your side, explore Freiburg, a city with a rich medieval flair including its Gothic cathedral at the centre of town and Bächle -- narrow channels with flowing water alongside the roads that once acted as a water supply for the town. Before returning to your hotel, stop at Lake Titisee and enjoy a short boat ride to take in the Black Forest scenery from a different perspective. (B, D)

Day 9: Black Forest - Zurich, Switzerland - Lucerne

Enjoy a scenic drive through the Black Forest region before arriving to Zurich,

Switzerland's luxurious cultural hotspot, also known as a global leader in banking and finance. Join a local guide for a tour of the city on foot, and then enjoy some free time to have lunch on your own in Zurich. After, head to Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Upon arrival, set out on a scenic walking tour of the city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. (B)

Day 10: Lucerne

The day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Perhaps you will embark on an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus, ascending the world's steepest railway on a panoramic gondola to the summit. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialities and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B, D)

Day 11: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Wish the Alps goodbye as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



Schonbrunn Palace

“We had a small group and really enjoyed the friendships with all of them. Loved doing the train up the mountain and coming down, and touring Lucerne.”

– Thelma R.

DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS
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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Bern • Alphorn Maker • Yodeling Demonstration • Fondue Lunch • Lucerne • Austrian Alps • Innsbruck • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens • St. Peter's Restaurant • Bavaria • Linderhof Palace • Tyrolean Folklore Show



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Witness the creation of Alpine music during an alphorn and yodeling demonstration.
- Experience a Tyrolean folklore show in Innsbruck.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Savour lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Experience a fondue lunch in a picturesque Alpine town.
- Dine on Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Join a local guide as you discover Innsbruck's history, culture and popular attractions **-OR-** you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 4 Hotel Bern, Hotel Ambassador, Swissotel Kursaal, or Hotel Kreuz, Bern

Days 5 - 8 Hotel Innsbruck or AC Hotel by Marriott, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Bern, Switzerland

Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobble Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you'll take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 metres) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (B)

Day 3: Bern - Habkern - Bern

Today, depart Bern and head to the small mountain village outside of Interlaken - Habkern. Boasting classic postcard imagery of Switzerland, enjoy a tour with a local workshop owner learning how the alphorn is made, and even entertain your musical side by playing one. After, explore the world of yodeling through a professional demonstration.

Perhaps you're a natural and never knew. Finish your afternoon with a fondue lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Bern. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: Bern - Liechtenstein - Innsbruck, Austria

En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, **it's your choice!** Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" **-OR-** you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)



Salzburg



Alphorn Workshop

Day 6: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Complete your afternoon with a delightful lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, L)

Day 7: Innsbruck

Savour a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. (B)

Day 8: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck

Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modelled

after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. After, make your way to the Ettal Abbey - a Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 by Louis IV. Here, you'll tour the Basilica followed by a brewery tour complete with tastings. Next, return to Innsbruck. Tonight, you are treated to a farewell dinner at a traditional Tyrolean restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Innsbruck - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)

+ Optional 3 Night Vienna Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1950 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 9: Innsbruck - Vienna

Travel by train to Vienna, the largest city in Austria. As the country's capital, Vienna is home to age-old traditions and well-known heritage. It was the former centre of the Habsburg Empire, as well as the home for historical figures such as Freud, Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. Enjoy this evening with dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 10: Vienna

Start your day alongside a local guide to explore the best of Vienna, making your way through the city by hopping on public transportation like the locals do. Marvel at Vienna's most popular sites like the 12th-century St. Stephen's Cathedral, standing at nearly 450-feet tall and featuring an eye-catching mosaic roof. In the afternoon, take some time to explore on your own. This evening, you may choose an optional excursion to explore the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a classical performance at the palace's Orangerie. (B)

Day 11: Vienna

This morning, stroll through the unique collections of the Kunsthistorisches Museum. Take in the museum's exceptional atmosphere with its vast and valuable art treasures. At the museum's magnificent Café-Restaurant, savour a taste of Viennese coffee house culture. The rest of the day is yours to soak up the Austrian culture and experience the best of this capital city. (B)

Day 12: Vienna - Extension Ends

Today your extension comes to an end. (B)



ARRIVAL
ZURICH (ZRH)

DEPARTURE
MUNICH (MUC)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4949**
SOLO Starting at **\$5799**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024

April – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June – November 2025

April – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

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Innsbruck

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– Joni D.

NEW TOUR

EUROPE: THE GRAND TOUR

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Amsterdam • Canal Cruise • Lier
• Luxembourg • Strasbourg • Basel •
Mercedes-Benz Museum • München •
Salzburg • Vienna



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Be immersed in the Franco-German culture of Strasbourg.
- Experience a scenic train ride through Switzerland's stunning beauty.
- Visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy Belgium's gastronomic heritage in a famous Brussels restaurant.
- Indulge in Bavarian specialties in München.
- Dine on Viennese cuisine.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Explore the famed sights of Brussels on a locally guided tour **-OR-** follow the Comic Strip Route, discovering street murals and other representations of comic strip heroes throughout the city.
- **Day 12** — Join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to Gustav Klimt's iconic painting, *The Kiss* **-OR-** stroll through the unique collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum and savour a taste of Viennese coffee-house culture.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Maritim Hotel, Amsterdam
Days 3, 4	Cardo Hotel, Brussels
Days 5 - 7	Maison Rouge Hotel & Spa, Strasbourg
Days 8, 9	Eurostars Grand Central Hotel, Munich
Days 10 - 12	Intercontinental Hotel or Andaz am Belvedere Hotel, Vienna

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



The Grand Place

Day 1: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes - this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel located in a bustling quarter in Amsterdam's north, a convenient hub for using the city's public transport to reach all the must-sees. Get a taste of the local flavours and meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Amsterdam

See the city the way it's meant to be seen - by canal. On a private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by classic Dutch houses. Then, continue discovering Amsterdam on a walking tour with a local guide. The remainder of the day is yours to explore this exciting city on your own. (B)

Day 3: Amsterdam - Lier, Belgium - Brussels

Get off the beaten track and uncover Lier's rich history. On a guided stroll, explore Lier's *beguinage*, where small houses feature biblical scenes upon the doors, and see the historic town hall, formerly a Cloth Hall, among this town's charming architecture and sights. This afternoon in Brussels, **it's your choice!** Explore the famed sights of Brussels on a locally guided tour **-OR-** follow the Comic Strip Route, discovering street murals and other representations of comic strip heroes

throughout the city. Enjoy dinner in a local restaurant in the heart of the town. (B, D)

Day 4: Brussels

The day is yours to explore more of Brussels and discover its rich history, architecture, gastronomy, and so much more. Or perhaps you will choose to visit the famous site of the Battle of Waterloo, where the Napoleonic Wars came to an end in 1815. (B)

Day 5: Brussels - Luxembourg - Strasbourg, France

Explore the unique blend of Luxembourg's historic fortresses, lush landscapes, and cosmopolitan elegance of the only Grand Duchy in the world. In the Old City of Luxembourg, join a local guide and hear the city's stories as you take in landmarks and memorials, followed by time on your own in this unique capital. This afternoon, make yourself comfortable in your centrally located hotel in Strasbourg, your home for the next three nights. Tonight, experience famous Alsace cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Strasbourg

This morning, learn more about the provincial capital of Strasbourg, where centuries of Roman, French, German, and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre



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SOLO Starting at **\$9399**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
 June – November 2025
 March – May 2026

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Amsterdam (1 NIGHT)

+ POST-NIGHT: Vienna (1 NIGHT)

Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy the city on your own or perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to traverse the picturesque wine route of the Alsace wine region. (B)

Day 7: Strasbourg - Basel, Switzerland

Travelling from Strasbourg to Basel, take in the beauty that surrounds the rich culture and history of Switzerland and France. The train whisks you through the stunning scenery, as it runs along the Rhine River much of the way. In Basel, wander through the winding streets and alleyways of the well-preserved medieval Old Town as a local guide brings history to life. Explore it further on your own before returning to Strasbourg in the late afternoon. (B)

Day 8: Strasbourg - Stuttgart, Germany - Munich

This morning, say "au revoir" to France and greet Germany. Visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart. Explore the museum's collection of legendary vehicles on an audio guided tour and have an opportunity for lunch on your own in the museum's cafeteria,

before continuing your journey to the Bavarian capital, Munich. Tonight, enjoy Bavarian specialities during dinner at a restaurant popular among locals. (B, D)

Day 9: Munich

Explore Bavaria's capital during a locally guided tour this morning. Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and the central Marienplatz Square, known for its popular glockenspiel show that chimes and reenacts stories from the 16th century. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy this exciting city. (B)

Day 10: Munich - Salzburg, Austria - Vienna

This morning your journey continues to Austria. Explore Salzburg, the "City of Music" and enjoy its old-world charm. This evening, Vienna welcomes you with its' elegant architecture and cobblestone streets. Tonight, join an evening stroll before dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Vienna

This morning, meet your local guide for a scenic walking tour to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. For the rest of the day, take the opportunity to explore

Vienna as you wish. Tonight, you may choose to explore the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a musical performance at the famous Orangerie, where the past comes alive. (B)

Day 12: Vienna

Choose how you spend your day because **it's your choice!** Join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to Gustav Klimt's iconic painting, The Kiss -**OR**- stroll through the unique collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum and savour a taste of Viennese coffee-house culture. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and toast to the end of your journey through so many unforgettable destinations of Europe. (B, D)

Day 13: Vienna - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

MAJESTIC CITIES OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

FEATURING BERLIN, PRAGUE, VIENNA, BUDAPEST & KRAKOW

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Berlin • Dresden • Prague • Prague Castle • Vienna • Impact Moment • Viennese Candy Workshop • Budapest • Matthias Church • Krakow • Auschwitz



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Learn from a Berliner their experiences living in East Germany prior to the fall of the Wall.
- Be whisked by train from Prague to “The City of Music” – Vienna, Austria.
- Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy traditional Czech cuisine and folklore performance.
- Learn the secrets of Viennese confectionery during a candy-making demonstration.
- Experience Viennese coffee house culture during an Impact Moment.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 9** — Visit the House of Terror Museum to learn about Hungarian history -OR- indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest, one of the largest spa baths in Europe.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Arcotel John F. Hotel, Berlin
- Days 3, 4** Majestic Plaza Hotel, Prague
- Days 5, 6** Hotel Erzherzog Rainer, Vienna
- Days 7 - 9** Up Hotel or Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center, Budapest
- Days 10 - 12** Mercure Krakow Old Town, Krakow

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Charles Bridge, Prague

Day 1: Berlin, Germany

Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin, a blend of deep-rooted history, modern flair and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Berlin

This morning, head out with your local guide and get to know Berlin's rich history by visiting the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm, and the Reichstag Building. Finish your morning city tour by meeting with a Berliner to learn about life in communist East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Later, enjoy some free time for lunch on your own in one of the neighbourhood's many restaurants. This afternoon, end your Berlin guided tour by visiting an area once known as “Checkpoint Charlie” where you will see the remains of the Berlin Wall and West Berlin. The rest of the day is yours to discover and explore at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic

Depart for Prague this morning, the “City of a Thousand Spires.” En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony. Meet a local guide for a tour highlighting its baroque splendour and architectural treasures such as Frauenkirche, the Cathedral of our Lady and the Royal Palace. Enjoy time on your own to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe.

After arriving in Prague, enjoy your evening savouring classic Czech cuisine in a local restaurant together with a folklore performance. (B, D)

Day 4: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Prague Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Home to kings and emperors, the complex at Prague Castle is one of the most important sites in the Czech Republic and is easily the highlight of the city. Enjoy some free time for lunch in the afternoon before taking a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town. Visit the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. Learn about the poignant history held in Prague's Jewish Quarter when you pass the Old Jewish Cemetery and Synagogue. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy Prague during your free time. (B)

Day 5: Prague - Vienna, Austria

This morning, hop on a train and depart for your next adventure to Vienna, the “musical city.” Upon arrival in Vienna, enjoy a short orientation drive through the city followed by our **Impact Moment** at a Viennese coffee house. At this café, the baked goods are authentically made by real grandmas. This social enterprise aims to give local retirees a chance to connect with locals and travellers around the world. Later, enjoy an evening in one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants with rich Viennese tradition where



Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin



ARRIVAL
BERLIN (BER)

DEPARTURE
KRAKOW (KRK)

dinner mixes with local cultural flavour to create an unforgettable night. (B, D)

Day 6: Vienna

This morning, meet your local guide on a scenic walking tour to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. Learn more about Vienna's sweet confectionary history when you visit a candy workshop where candies are still being made according to traditional recipes dating back over 150 years. Finish your day by participating in one of Vienna's most treasured traditions during a Viennese Waltz lesson. Tonight, you may choose to explore the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a musical performance at the famous Orangerie where the past comes alive. (B)

Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the picturesque countryside en route to Budapest. Make a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history during an orientation walking tour with your Tour Manager before taking time to enjoy lunch on your own. After lunch, head towards a true historical gem and UNESCO site - Pannonhalma. Get to know more about the history dating back a thousand years and present life in the Archabbey from one of the monks. The succession of history can be seen clearly in the various architectural styles of the monastic buildings. Top off your day in this region with a delicious meal in a local restaurant. Continue to lovely Budapest, a city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. (B, D)

Day 8: Budapest

The beautiful city of Budapest is yours to discover. This morning a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament and Gellert Hill with a special stop at Heroes' Square, a unique monument to the many diverse leaders of Hungary. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore how you like. This evening, perhaps you'll take in the essence of the region during an optional dinner followed by a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. (B)

Day 9: Budapest

This morning, **it's your choice!** Choose to visit the House of Terror Museum and Memorial and gain an important perspective of 20th-century Hungarian history -**OR-** indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest, one of the largest spa baths in Europe. This afternoon is yours to uncover "the Queen of the Danube" however you wish. (B)

Day 10: Budapest - Banská Bystrica, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop for lunch in Banská Bystrica, a historic town nestled on the banks of the Hron River with architecture dating back to the Middle Ages. Your home for the next three nights is the lively city of Krakow, a historic city offering old world charm. This evening, get to know traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour complete with stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the university. In Market Square, marvel at the Gothic city hall tower and the

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March – May 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

June – December 2025

March – May 2026

(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Berlin** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT: Krakow** (1-2 NIGHTS)

beautiful palaces that surround you. You'll also get an inside look at Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. This afternoon, embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp, where you will learn about the sobering history and resilience of the human spirit. The evening is yours to spend it as you wish. (B)

Day 12: Krakow

This morning, join a local guide and discover Krakow's most known city district, Kazimierz. On a walking tour, you'll visit many synagogues along with one of the most prominent ones - the Remuh Synagogue and Cemetery. Walk the former Jewish Market with your guide and connect with the Jewish history, culture, and religion along the way. The rest of the day is yours to explore the town on your own. Toast to the end of this memorable trip as you sit down with your fellow travellers at a Jewish restaurant, feeling connected to the cultures and traditions of Central and Eastern Europe. (B, D)

Day 13: Krakow - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

IMPERIAL CITIES

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VIENNA & BUDAPEST

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Prague • Prague Castle • Cesky Krumlov
- Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Classical Music Performance • Bratislava • Lunch with Locals • Budapest • Matthias Church
- Fisherman's Bastion • Visegrad • Renaissance Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Tour the majestic Prague Castle.
- Get a glimpse into Hungary's communist past during an exclusive talk with a local.
- Get to know Bratislava's 4,000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy traditional Czech cuisine and folklore performance during dinner.
- Join local residents for a community-hosted lunch in Dunaalmás.
- Savour a Renaissance-style dinner at a medieval castle restaurant near Budapest.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- Day 6** — Head to the medieval town of Durnstein and cruise to Melk Abbey **-OR-** join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to *The Kiss* **-OR-** attend a Viennese Waltz lesson.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Grandior Hotel, Prague

Days 4 - 6 InterContinental Hotel, Vienna

Days 7 - 9 Up Hotel, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Charles Bridge, Prague

Day 1: Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires" to witness ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Prague

Feel the magic and wonder of Prague. Your first chapter in this fairy-tale city begins with exploring the best of the Prague Old Town and its iconic landmarks. Marvel at the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge – a picturesque structure stretching over the Vltava River. After, enjoy some time at leisure for lunch on your own and spend the rest of the afternoon and evening with free time to discover the city how you like. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum and Europe's oldest Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. (B)

Day 3: Prague

Start your morning with a panoramic tour and continue on to explore the "Castle District", the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the majestic Prague Castle, and the Golden Lane. The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure. You may consider shopping for Bohemian crystal or visiting the

city's museums, such as the Lapidarium. Tonight, savour dinner and traditional folklore dances at a famous Prague restaurant where the menu is created based on original recipes from Czech grandmothers. (B, D)

Day 4: Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Travel through the scenic countryside on your way to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov. Lined with towering Baroque architecture, explore the quaint preserved streets before continuing to the grand city of Vienna. This evening, join your Tour Manager for an evening stroll before having dinner on your own. (B)

Day 5: Vienna

Join a local guide at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure where perhaps you'll partake in the city's famous café culture as you walk the streets, watching locals take a moment out of their day for a hot coffee and bite of cake. Tonight, hear Vienna's past come alive and experience a classical performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B, D)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$3999** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5199**

Prices based on 7 August 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – November 2024 **June – October 2025**
February - May 2025 **February - May 2026**
(different itinerary - see note)* *(featured itinerary)*

**Itinerary featured is for June 2025 - May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT:**
Prague (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT:**
Budapest (1-2 NIGHTS)



Day 6: Vienna

Choose how you spend your day because **it's your choice!** Venture down the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein and cruise to the 11th-century Melk Abbey **-OR-** join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to Gustav Klimt's iconic painting *The Kiss* **-OR-** enjoy a leisurely morning before attending a Viennese Waltz lesson in the afternoon. The rest of the day is yours. (B)

Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Say hello to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Continue to Hungary to connect with the villagers of Dunaalmás during a community-hosted lunch, learning how to make traditional strudel. Arrive in Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube" and your home for the next 3 nights. Enjoy the evening on your own. (B, L)

Day 8: Budapest

Join a local expert for a panoramic tour of the city. Discover the incredible

Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill, the Fisherman's Bastion, the historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, and the Parliament House. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Budapest on your own. Perhaps you'll head to the city's famous thermal pools for an afternoon of relaxation, or maybe you'll join an optional excursion to discover Budapest by Night. (B)

Day 9: Budapest - Visegrad - Budapest

This morning, talk with a local and listen to stories about his life during the former communist era. Enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure. This afternoon, head out of the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Embrace the lifestyle of the 14th-century castle, a former residence of Hungarian kings, and enjoy an exclusive Renaissance-style dinner in the castle. (B, D)

Day 10: Budapest - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to these regal cities as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



“Excellent tour guide, personal, knowledgeable and dependable. He clearly explained daily visit schedules and gave useful information for us to enjoy and learn more from each city.”
 – Elvita A.

TREASURES OF EUROPE

FROM LONDON TO ROME

13 DAYS • 18 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

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HIGHLIGHTS

London • Eurostar Train • Paris • Seine River Cruise and Dinner • TGV High-Speed Train • Lucerne • Venice • Italian Vineyard Experience • Florence • Rome • The Vatican Museums & St. Peter's Basilica



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Enjoy free time in London to explore the vibrant local culture of a city where history, modernity and tradition come alive at every corner.
- From Parisian café culture and the ancient ruins of Rome, immerse yourself in a world of diversity and charm.
- Travel across 3 countries on high-speed trains, experiencing this common European means of transportation.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Seine River and drift past famous landmarks as you dine on French cuisine.
- Sample delectable wines and traditional cuisine at a vineyard in the Chianti region.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — In Paris, take in the most iconic sights on a panoramic city tour **-OR-** explore the hilltop Montmartre district by Métro.



ACCOMMODATION

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| Days 1, 2 | Clayton Hotel City of London, London |
| Days 3, 4 | Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile, Paris |
| Days 5, 6 | Radisson Blu Hotel, Andermatt, or Radisson Blu Hotel or Hotel Astoria Lucerne |
| Days 7, 8 | Leonardo Royal Venice, Mestre, Venice |
| Days 9, 10 | FH55 Hotels Mediterraneo Grand Hotel, Florence |
| Days 11, 12 | Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome |

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Embark on an unforgettable journey to some of the most beloved countries in Europe. Your tour opens in London, England's sophisticated capital. Discover a bustling city where centuries of history meet an evolving modern culture. Join your fellow travellers and toast to the start of an incredible journey during a welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: London

Start your morning on a tour of the quintessential sights of London. Alongside a local guide, see the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. The remainder of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to explore this iconic city on your own. (B)

Day 3: London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Venture inside St. Pancras' railway station – a masterpiece of Victorian engineering – and board the high-speed Eurostar train. Relax in style as you're whisked away to Paris, the "City of Light." Famous for its world-renowned art, food, and fashion, Paris' captivating energy can be found around every corner. This evening, enjoy views of the Eiffel Tower as you gently float down the Seine River, tasting savoury French cuisine on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 4: Paris

This morning, **it's your choice!** See Paris at its best during a panoramic city tour featuring views of the endangered Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées and more **-OR-** step into the shoes of a local and navigate *Le Métro* on your way to the hilltop neighbourhood of Montmartre and its iconic Sacré-Cœur basilica. Enjoy an afternoon on your own to explore Paris independently. Then, experience Paris' nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B)

Day 5: Paris - TGV Train - Basel, Switzerland - Andermatt

On board the TGV – France's high-speed train – depart Paris and make your way to Basel. Take in the scenery on your journey into Switzerland, passing gentle hills and verdant fields. Then, enjoy views of Alpine lakes and snowcapped mountains as you transfer to the quaint village of Andermatt, nestled in the Ursern Valley. (B, D)

Day 6: Andermatt - Lucerne - Andermatt

Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Upon arrival, set out on a walk through its romantic Altstadt (Old Town), passing through Lucerne's iconic covered Chapel Bridge. During free time, seek out the renowned Lion Monument commemorating the heroic Swiss Guard or visit the *Alpineum* museum dedicated to alpine landscape painting. Perhaps, you'll embark



Lucerne



Westminister Abbey

on an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus, ascending the world's steepest railway on a panoramic gondola to the summit. Return to Andermatt in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Andermatt - Como, Italy - Mestre

Travel south through the pastoral landscapes of Switzerland. Crossing into Italy, traverse through the heart of the Alps, taking in vistas of rugged mountains as far as the eye can see. Pass through the picturesque Italian Lake District - a holiday destination since Roman times, and pause in the lakeside city of Como, famous for its silk production. In the early evening,

settle in for a 2-night stay in Mestre, situated on the Venetian mainland. (B, D)

Day 8: Mestre - Venice - Mestre

Cruise to the island of Murano, renowned for its age-old glass-blowing tradition. After leaving Murano, embark on a walking tour of Venice, a collection of 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. In this floating city, see the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, and marble palaces along boat-filled canals. The afternoon is yours to explore the hidden secrets of this charming city. Perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride through the narrow waterways. (B)

Day 9: Mestre - Florence

Traverse the Po River Valley en route to Tuscany. Stop at a vineyard in the heart of the Chianti region and enjoy a tour, tasting, and traditional bites. Continue to Florence, where you'll spend 2 nights in the "Cradle of the Renaissance," home to masterpieces of art and iconic symbols of centuries-old history. (B, L)

Day 10: Florence

On a full day walking tour, explore Florence, the legendary city of the Medici and the iconic Duomo. Enjoy a real-life history lesson as you discover the 4 pillars of city life: art, architecture, food, and fashion. (B)

Day 11: Florence - Rome

Say *arrivederci* to Florence and journey to Rome, Italy's capital city. Upon arrival, a panoramic tour allows you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and views of the majestic Colosseum. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour and taste your way around Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

Day 12: Rome

Start your morning with a tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at **\$7799**
Starting at **\$9749**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 - May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June 2025 - May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: London** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT: Rome** (1-2 NIGHTS)

Basilica. Explore Papal palaces, halls and galleries housing priceless statuary from classical Greece and Rome. Admire the Gallery of Maps and works by great Renaissance masters such as Perugino, Botticelli, Ghirlandaio. In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling and brilliant *Last Judgement*. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in the Eternal City. Tonight, toast the end of an epic journey through Europe at a farewell dinner paired with local musical entertainment. (B, D)

Day 13: Rome - Tour Ends

Your European adventure comes to a close today. (B)

+ **Optional 2-Night Rome Post-Tour Extension**
Starting at \$1500 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 13: Rome, Italy

With the luxury of having extra time in Rome, begin this morning with a locally guided walking tour of the Eternal City's most iconic monuments and piazzas. Walk over the cobblestoned streets through the old centre of this bustling city to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Navona Square. The remainder of the day is yours to continue exploring independently.

Day 14: Rome

This morning, join your local guide for a fascinating visit to the Catacombs of Rome and walk along the ancient Roman Appian Way. During free time this afternoon, perhaps you'll consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meandering through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. Enjoy this evening at leisure to soak in Rome's charms at leisure. (B)

Day 15: Rome

Bid Rome farewell and say *arrivederci* to Italy as your European exploration comes to an end. (B)

MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL JOURNEY

15 DAYS • 24 MEALS

STARTING AT \$8549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Barcelona • La Casa Batlló • Parc Güell •
Costa Brava • Impact Moment • Aix-en-
Provence • French Riviera • Monaco-
Montecarlo • Portofino • Cinque Terre •
Florence • Truffle Hunting •
San Gimignano



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Soak up the views from the medieval city walls of Girona.
- **Impact Moment:** Dine at a restaurant *solidale* (solidarity restaurant) in Marseille that uses its profits to give meals to the poor.
- Set out through the rolling hills and of Tuscany in the company of a truffle hunter and his truffle-sniffing dogs.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Visit an ancient abbey turned winery for a tour and a tasting.
- In Italy, dine at a restaurant renowned for its cheese-filled focaccia and home-made pesto sauce.
- Dine on traditional Catalan specialties in a 17th-century farmhouse transformed into a local restaurant.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — In Marseille, explore the Cosquer Cave replica, an outstanding example of primitive rock art **-OR-** discover the city's 600-year soap heritage during a visit to the museum of "Marseille" soap.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 H10 Art Gallery, Barcelona
Days 4, 5 Park Hotel San Jorge, Costa Brava
Days 6, 7 NH Collection, Marseille
Days 8, 9 Hotel Apollinaire, Nice
Days 10 - 12 NH Collection Genova Marina or NH Genova Centro, Genoa, Italian Riviera
Days 13, 14 Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda, Chianti Countryside or Park Hotel Chianti, Barberino Tavarnelle, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Costa Brava

Day 1: Barcelona, Spain

Welcome to the Mediterranean coast. Begin your journey in the spirited city of Barcelona, famed for its exceptional architecture and vibrant culinary scene. Settle in for a 3-night stay in this cosmopolitan city. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Barcelona

This morning, explore the ever-changing Catalan capital as it was meant to be explored – on foot. Ramble along the bustling *La Rambla* boulevard, famous for its street artists and performers. Wander along the Gothic Quarter's labyrinthine streets and delve into one of Barcelona's lively food markets. This afternoon, gain a different perspective on Barcelona during a panoramic tour showcasing the expansive Plaça de Catalunya and the Columbus Monument. End at the hilltop Parc Güell (UNESCO), an enormous garden with stunning and distinct architectural elements designed by the renowned Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí. (B)

Day 3: Barcelona

The day is yours to explore the city. You may want to visit Gaudí most famous work at *La Sagrada Família*. Perhaps visit *Palau de la Musica Catalana*, one of the most emblematic works of Catalan modernism right in the heart of Barcelona? Or walk through Poble Espanyol, where you will find representative examples of

popular Spanish architecture and some great local food! However you choose to spend your day, gather in the afternoon to visit *Casa Batlló*. Locally known as the House of Bones, this is one of Gaudí's masterpieces. As the day draws to a close, dine on traditional Catalan specialties at a farmhouse turned restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava

Set out for Girona, a medieval town known for its atmospheric Old Quarter. Explore the Barri Vell in the company of a local guide and enjoy some free time to stroll along its riverbanks. Admire Girona's colourful houses before heading to the Catalan coast for a 2-night stay at a seaside hotel. Costa Brava is an incredibly alluring place, and the perfect region to spend your days relaxing in your sea-view room or exploring its secluded coves and beaches. This evening, relax over dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Costa Brava - Figueres

Take in the Spanish coastline during a coastal walk between the charming villages of Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc. Then, travel to nearby Figueres, where the surreal outside architecture of the Dalí Theatre-Museum matches the artist's legendary works inside. (B)

Day 6: Costa Brava - Marseille, France

Bid *adiós* to Spain this morning as you cross into France during a full-day transfer. Along the way, pause at the Abbey of Fontfroide founded almost 10 centuries ago. Explore its tumultuous history during a guided visit that concludes with



Truffle Hunting

lunch and a taste of its locally produced wine. Check into your hotel in the early evening and make yourself at home in multicultural Marseille, France's second-largest city. Tonight, gather for an **Impact Moment** that comes in the form of dinner at a socially responsible restaurant that uses its profits to provide meals to the impoverished for a symbolic cost. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Marseille 🇫🇷

Founded over 26 centuries ago, Marseille is France's oldest city. In the company of an expert guide, explore *Le Panier* district, the city's eminently walkable old town. Narrow lanes lined with flowers and street-art embellished facades suddenly open onto the blue waters of the Old Port, the city's museum and cultural hub. The area was entirely rejuvenated when Marseille was elected European Capital of Culture in 2013. Then, **it's your choice!** Delve into the area's prehistoric past with a visit to the Cosquer Cave, an outstanding example of primitive rock art admirably replicated in the Villa Méditerranée Museum -**OR-** hop on a local ferry and discover one of the city's heritage trades during a visit to the museum of "Marseille" soap, which has been crafted in the area for over 600 years. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll venture to the hilltop cathedral of Notre Dame offering panoramic views of the city or take a scenic cruise of the Calanques National Park, or maybe you'll join an optional excursion to a winery to learn about local production and sample their vintages. (B)

Day 8: Marseille - Aix-en-Provence - Nice, French Riviera

Let the colours and light of southern France captivate you as you explore Aix-en-Provence. Acquaint yourself with the Provençale lifestyle by browsing the town's food shops in search of the perfect olive tapenade. An afternoon

transfer takes you to Nice, a coastal pearl known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. Join an orientation walk of the old town before setting off for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Nice

The day is yours to explore Nice. Perhaps you'll stroll along the lively seafront *Promenade des Anglais* before finding your favourite café and soaking in the local life. Or join an optional tour of historic St. Paul de Vence. After exploring this charming walled medieval village, continue to Grasse, the capital of French perfume. Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as a *nez* (nose) before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. This evening, savour a tasting menu highlighting the delights of the South of France. (B, D)

Day 10: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Genoa, Italy

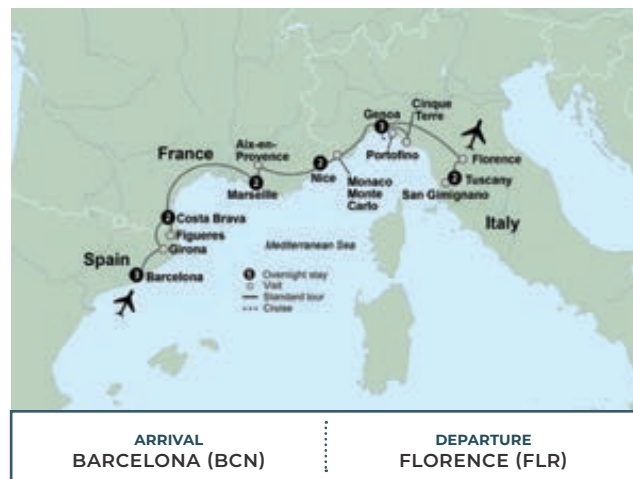
Bid *au revoir* to France this morning as you head to Monaco, the second smallest country in the world. On a walking tour, view the changing of the guards and visit the Cathedral of Monaco - the permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Explore the tiny Principality on a panoramic Little Train tour taking you across to Monte Carlo for views of its famous casino. Take in the coastal views as you cross into Italy during an afternoon-long transfer to the bustling port city of Genoa. In the early evening, settle into your hotel for a 3-night stay in the Italian Riviera. (B)

Day 11: Genoa - Portofino - Genoa

Make your way across Genoa's old town during a walking tour of this ancient Maritime Republic, once so affluent that it rivalled Venice. For lunch, savour flavours of the Italian Riviera at a local restaurant renowned for its cheese-filled focaccia and homemade pesto sauce. Later this afternoon, board a boat to one of the most glamorous spots on the Italian Riviera. Spend time in Portofino. Take in its colourful harbour, dotted with fishing boats and yachts set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. (B, L)

Day 12: Genoa - Cinque Terre - Genoa

Spend the day exploring the colourful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. Make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing



ARRIVAL
BARCELONA (BCN)

DEPARTURE
FLORENCE (FLR)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$8549**
SOLO Starting at **\$10499**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 15 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

March – May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

June – November 2025
March – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Barcelona** (1-2 NIGHTS)

villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 13: Genoa - Florence - Tuscan Countryside

A morning-long transfer takes you to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. Home to Italy's best art and architecture, Florence is a work of art all on its own. Marvel at Ghiberti's 'Gates of Paradise' and Brunelleschi's imposing dome at the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral complex. Take in the towering Palazzo Vecchio - the centre of power of the Medici dynasty, before concluding your guided walking tour in the expansive Piazza Santa Croce. Enjoy an hour at leisure before savouring Tuscan specialities for dinner at a local restaurant. In the early evening journey further into the surrounding hills for a 2-night stay in the Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

Day 14: Tuscan Countryside - Truffle Hunting - San Gimignano

Let a memorable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Set out on foot through rolling hills and silvery olive groves in search of the elusive tuber-shaped fungi before sampling the results for lunch. Then spend time in San Gimignano, whose slender medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Tuscan Countryside - Tour Ends

Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey along the Mediterranean coast comes to an end today. (B)

EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

FEATURING PRAGUE,
VIENNA & BUDAPEST

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS
STARTING AT \$3899

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Prague's Christmas Markets • Prague Castle • Dresden's Christmas Markets • Český Krumlov • Vienna's Christmas Markets • Viennese Candy Workshop • Train Ride to Bratislava • Budapest's Christmas Markets • Matthias Church • Fisherman's Bastion



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Tour the majestic Prague Castle.
- Be whisked by train from Vienna to Bratislava.
- Visit 5 different countries filled with the holiday spirit.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Experience how to make typical Hungarian strudel.
- Learn the secrets of Viennese confectionery during a candy making demonstration.
- Dine at the famous Marchfelderhof, an iconic restaurant with a rich Viennese tradition.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Learn about Prague's Jewish history on a heritage tour **-OR-** experience a different side of Prague on a Vltava River cruise.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Grandior Hotel, Majestic Plaza Hotel, or Grandium Hotel, Prague
- Days 4, 5** InterContinental Hotel, Vienna
- Days 6, 7** Courtyard by Marriott Center Hotel or Up Hotel, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Vienna Christmas Markets

Day 1: Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Behold ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Prague

Feel the magic and wonder of Prague amid the holiday season. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Then decide how to further explore Prague because **it's your choice!** Learn more about the city's Jewish heritage and visit Europe's oldest active synagogue on a heritage tour **-OR-** board a boat to see a different side of Prague on a Vltava River cruise. The remainder of your afternoon and evening is at leisure to take in the best Prague has to offer independently. Take in the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge, a picturesque structure stretching over the Vltava River, and don't miss the famous Christmas market in Prague's Old Town Square, where brightly decorated wooden huts are filled with the work of local artisans, and traditional food and drink are prepared right in front of you. (B)

Day 3: Prague - Dresden, Germany - Prague, Czech Republic

Travel to Dresden, Germany, known as

"Florence on the Elbe." Meet a local guide for a tour highlighting its baroque splendour and architectural treasures such as Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) and the Royal Palace. Visit the world's oldest Christmas market – the Striezelmarkt – which has been delighting travellers and locals alike since 1434. Take time to explore the stalls overflowing with ornaments, sample local sweets and get lunch on your own before returning to Prague later in the afternoon. (B)

Day 4: Prague - Český Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Depart Prague and travel through the scenic countryside on your way to Vienna, Austria. En route, make a stop in the medieval town of Český-Krumlov. Lined with towering Baroque architecture, explore the quaint-preserved streets independently and have time for lunch on your own. Continue to the one-of-a-kind Marchfelderhof Restaurant, a favourite since the 1800s of locals, visitors, and the famous alike. Indulge in dinner at the iconic Viennese restaurant rich with tradition. Arrive in the grand city of Vienna, capital of Austria, aglow with holiday lights, and perhaps join your Tour Manager for an evening stroll. (B, D)

Day 5: Vienna

This morning, meet your local guide on a scenic bus ride and walking tour to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the



ARRIVAL PRAGUE (PRG) | **DEPARTURE BUDAPEST (BUD)**

DOUBLE Starting at **\$3899** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4899**

Prices based on 7 December 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

December 2024 (different itinerary - see note*) | **November – December 2025** (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT:
Prague (1-2 NIGHTS)



+ POST-NIGHT:
Budapest (1-2 NIGHTS)



city. Learn more about Vienna's sweet confectionary history when you visit a candy workshop where candies are still being made according to traditional recipes dating back over 150 years. An afternoon at leisure allows time to visit the Christkindlmarkt, perhaps the biggest and most famous in the city, at the neo-gothic Rathaus City Hall. Tonight, you may choose an option to explore the Christmas market and the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, together with a classical music performance at the famous Orangerie where the past comes alive. (B)

Day 6: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary
Hop aboard a train to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Enjoy free time to have lunch and explore some of the city's 4,000-year-old history independently – don't miss the charming Christmas markets! Continue through the Hungarian countryside to spend an afternoon at a beautiful rustic local restaurant preserving 200-years of typical Hungarian cultural and architectural traditions. Learn how to make traditional strudel before enjoying a typical Hungarian dinner.

Later this evening, arrive in Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube" and your home for the next 2 nights. Enjoy the evening on your own or join your Tour Manager for an evening walk. (B, D)

Day 7: Budapest
Join a local expert for a panoramic tour of the city, where you'll discover the incredible neo-gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill, the Fisherman's Bastion, the historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, and the Parliament House. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Budapest on your own. Perhaps you will visit the cosy Christmas market at St. Stephen's Basilica with its ice rink and gorgeous tree, or head to the city's largest market at Vörösmarty Square brimming with food and crafts stalls where local musicians often perform. This evening join your fellow travellers to toast the end of a festive trip at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Budapest - Tour Ends
Say goodbye to these regal cities as your tour comes to a close today. (B)





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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Tokyo • Asakusa Sensoji Shrine • Tea Ceremony • Ginza • Hakone • Lake Ashi Cruise • Matsumoto Castle • Takayama • Sake Tasting and Hida Beef Dinner • *Kaiseki* Dinner • Shirakawa-go • Kanazawa • Kyoto • Bullet Train • Hiroshima • Maiko Show



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Try your hand at the centuries-old art of the Japanese tea ceremony, gold leaf decorating and stencilling.
- Tap into Japan's train culture as you travel by the famous Shinkansen bullet train.
- Explore Tokyo's famous Ginza District, the first Western-style shopping district in Japan where modern and old charms blend.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a Hida beef dinner with *sake* at a local brewery.
- Participate in a sushi-making class.
- Experience a traditional *kaiseki* dinner.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Choose to glimpse into the past at the 19th-century Takayama Jinya, a former government building **-OR-** visit the Matsuri Yatai Kaikan and view intricate, traditional, hand-carved floats used in festivals.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, Tokyo
- Day 4** Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone
- Days 5, 6** Takayama Green Hotel, Takayama
- Days 7, 8** Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel, Kanazawa
- Days 9 - 12** Hotel Nikko Princess Kyoto, Kyoto

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Fushimi Inari

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan

Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Arrive in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned all the way up and traditions are rich and long-kept.

Day 2: Tokyo

Amid a lush forest outside of Tokyo, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Feel the excitement start to build as you pass by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Niju Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Imperial Palace. Later, walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world, where modern landscape meets rich history. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. (B)

Day 3: Tokyo

Begin the day exploring Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district. Visit the famous Buddhist temple, Senso-ji, the colourful temple famous for the red *chochin* (lantern) hanging at the entrance gate. Experience the long-standing tradition of the Japanese tea ceremony, dating back to the 15th century. During your free time, explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade and feel the energy of the oldest shopping street in Japan. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of Tokyo. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. (B, D)

Day 4: Tokyo - Hakone

Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone, renowned for its hot springs. In the shadow of Mt. Fuji (UNESCO), this scenic town hugs the shorelines of Lake Ashi. Make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone. The Owakudani crater was created some 3,000 years ago, when Mt. Hakone erupted. Climb aboard the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car descending from Owakudani for a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji. Next, take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise where you'll see epic views of the local mountains before stopping in the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B, D)

Day 5: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama

This breathtaking day begins in Matsumoto at Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" because of its striking black exterior. Later, you'll step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, 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 200-year-old sake breweries. Afterward, experience a true Japanese epicurean treat - traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Takayama

The ancient cultures of Takayama come alive during a guided walk in the town's historic



Tea Ceremony



Miyajima Island, Hiroshima

district. Stroll through the morning market, a 600-year-old open air market with locally grown and produced products, located along the Miyagawa River. Circuit the winding streets, where the town's traditional charms are preserved in the inns and houses. Here, **it's your choice!** Choose to glimpse into the past at the 19th-century Takayama Jinya, a former government building **-OR-** visit the Matsuri Yatai Kaikan and view intricate, traditional, hand-carved floats used in festivals. This afternoon, relish some free time to continue your exploration of Takayama on your own before enjoying a traditional multi-course *'kaiseki'* dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa

Today, embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountain, this harmonious village is famous for its *gassho-zukuri*-style houses – thatched-rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer. Journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making since the 16th century. Visit the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea district, and then onto the beauty of Japan's most stunning gardens, where more than 25 acres of

absolute beauty awaits you at Kenroku-En – Garden of Six Qualities. (B)

Day 8: Kanazawa

Visit the Samurai district where we will enter the former home of the Nomuras, a wealthy samurai family who served the ruling Maeda family. Dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a hands-on lesson in decorating your own lacquer box! In the centre of town, take in the action of the Omicho fish market before venturing out on your own to really immerse yourself in Kanazawa's dynamic culture. (B)

Day 9: Kanazawa - Kyoto

Today, Kyoto awaits! Explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the spectacular rows of orange torii (made famous in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*) that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. The former Imperial capital of Japan is now one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. At the same time, Kyoto's connection with its past is strong; you won't need to look far to see one of its 2,000 temples and shrines. Later, visit the Women's Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. Here, delve into a wide array of enlightening Japanese activities, guided by your knowledgeable hostess. Try your hand at making sushi and learn to fold intricate origami shapes. (B, D)

Day 10: Kyoto

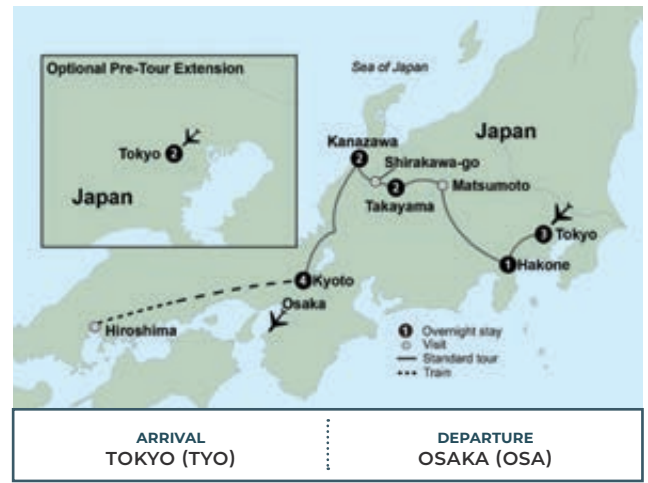
This morning, visit Kinkaku-ji Temple (UNESCO), known as the Golden Pavilion for its top two floors that are completely covered in gold leaf. Enjoy the remainder of your day to explore more of Kyoto at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto

All aboard the Shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Afterwards, head into Hiroshima city to visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO). Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. As this long and moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by the Shinkansen bullet train. (B)

Day 12: Kyoto

Today, visit the home of the first Shogun, Nijo Castle (UNESCO), and see intricate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Next, learn about the ancient



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
November 2024 - May 2025 (different itinerary - see note*)
June 2025 - May 2026 (featured itinerary)

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Tokyo: 2-Night Pre-Tour

EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

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craft of stenciling during a hands-on lesson. This afternoon, spend some time relaxing or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Fully immerse yourself in Japanese culture tonight during a special farewell dinner and maiko show. (B, D)

Day 13: Kyoto - Tour Ends

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

JAPAN: PAST & PRESENT

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Tokyo • Ginza • Asakusa • Tea Ceremony • Tokyo National Museum • Bullet Train • Ise Grand Shrine • Kaiseki Dinner • Mikimoto Pearl Museum • Ama Pearl Divers Dinner • Kyoto • Golden Pavilion • Arashiyama Bamboo Forest • Women's Association of Kyoto • Gion • Okunoin Cemetery • Monastery Stay • Hiroshima • Okonomiyaki Cooking Class & Lunch • Peace Memorial Park & Museum • Discussion with an A-Bomb Survivor • Osaka



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Stay among Buddhist monks at a monastery on Mount Koya.
- Meet Japan's *ama* pearl divers and learn more about their elite profession.
- Visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and Memorial Museum and hear accounts of the atomic bomb's devastation.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Dive deep into the culture and social norms of Japan over dinner with the Women's Association of Kyoto.
- Enjoy a traditional, multi-course *kaiseki* meal.
- Make delicious *okonomiyaki*, savoury pancakes that are a Japanese favourite.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Prince Park Tower Hotel, Tokyo
Days 4, 5 Nemu Resort, Ise-Shima
Days 6 - 8 Hotel Granvia, Kyoto
Day 9 Sekishoin, Mt. Koya
Days 10, 11 ANA Crowne Plaza, Hiroshima
Day 12 ANA Crowne Plaza, Osaka

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



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Day 1: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Say "*Konnichiwa!*" to the incredible, eclectic city of Tokyo. Japan is a land of contrasts, and you're about to discover the thousand facets of culture, art, and life that make up its incredible spirit. From neon-lit streets filled with people to quiet shrines filled only with silence, you'll come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making.

Day 2: Tokyo

Feel the excitement start to build as you head to Asakusa, passing by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Nijubashi Bridge. Next, witness the subtle art of preparing green tea. Prepare your own cup of this local staple and learn the gentle practice of making tea using a traditional method. Enjoy free time exploring Nakamise shopping street, where you can stroll between the stalls leading to the Sensoji temple to buy local souvenirs and sweets. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of the city. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. Tonight, sit down and get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Tokyo

This morning, start your day in Tokyo like a true local - by hopping on the subway. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world. Follow

your Tour Manager on a walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. This afternoon, visit Zojoji Temple, standing in the shadow of Tokyo Tower and painting a powerful picture of Tokyo's ancient roots and modern culture. Zojoji is the centre of Japanese Buddhism in the region, and the resting place of the royal Tokugawa family. Head back to the hotel through the lush and beautiful Shiba park, a green oasis in the urban landscape. area. (B)

Day 4: Tokyo - Ise-Shima

Climb aboard the high-speed *shinkansen*, or bullet train. Sleek, modern, and comfortable, the bullet train will flash through the idyllic Japanese countryside at 200 miles per hour, but you'll barely feel or hear a thing. Keep an eye peeled for Mt. Fuji in the distance. Arrive at one of the most important shrines in Japan - Ise Shrine. This grand shrine is built to honour the Shinto sun goddess Amaterasu. Wander among the thatched roofs and raw wood of buildings, taking in the serenity of this spiritual wonder. Tonight, your meal will be a traditional and delicious Japanese *kaiseki* dinner, an artfully prepared and presented, multi-course meal using ingredients at the absolute peak of freshness. (B, D)

Day 5: Ise-Shima

This morning, you'll head to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum. Explore the island and the legacy of the

skilled ama pearl divers, women who defied conventional gender roles to dive in the sea to harvest oysters and their pearls. Watch divers take the plunge and learn about the history and science of pearl diving. This evening, set out for Azurihama Beach, where you'll venture across the sands to an ama hut for an incredible dining experience. Whilst local seafood is grilled in a charcoal fire right before your eyes, hear tales from the ama women about their lives and the sacred rights of their profession. (B, D)

Day 6: Ise-Shima - Kyoto

Kyoto awaits! Before arriving in Japan's former capital city stop at Nara Park and Todaiji Temple. Venture inside the massive building to take some time in this sacred place and find the huge bronze Buddha statue. Wander the grounds outside and discover the famous "bowing" deer of Nara. Next, it's off to Kyoto, one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. (B)

Day 7: Kyoto

Begin your day at Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Once the lavish retirement home of a shogun, it was converted to a Zen temple in the 1400s. It has survived wars, been rebuilt after fires, and still stands as an impressive piece of historic architecture. Depart for the Arashiyama bamboo forest. Set out among the towering bamboo stalks that shade the forest paths and gently sway in the breeze. Later, visit the Women's Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. Here, delve into a wide array of enlightening Japanese activities, guided by your knowledgeable hostess. Sip different sakes, try your hand at making sushi, fold intricate origami shapes, and speak to your hostess about Japan, its culture, and women's roles in this complex society. (B, D)

Day 8: Kyoto

Head to Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district. Here, your Tour Manager leads you through the narrow cobblestone streets and if you're lucky, you may see a woman in full traditional geisha regalia headed to one of the hidden, exclusive tea houses. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore how you want. Perhaps you'll stay in the Gion district to wander among its temples, shrines, traditional shops and charming cafes. Or, you could make your way to the Nishiki Market, where colourful stalls are filled with fresh foods and local specialities, like pickles, dried seafood, and sushi. (B)

Day 9: Kyoto - Mt. Koya

This morning, explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a glimpse into the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the rows of orange torii that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Then, head for the mountain village atop Mount Koya. A special and sacred site, Mount Koya is filled with shrines, temples, and monasteries. This afternoon, walk into the heart of the awe-inspiring Okunoin Cemetery, and make your way to the mausoleum of Kobo Daishi, the founder of Shingon Buddhism. Kobo Daishi hasn't passed on - Buddhist belief says he waits in eternal meditation, answering the calls of those who would pray to him. After, settle into your accommodations for the night - a traditional Japanese monastery, complete with sliding paper doors and tatami mats. Meet with one of the monks of the temple and learn about life there before sitting down for dinner, where you'll eat a vegetarian meal, featuring tempura-fried favourites. (B, D)

Day 10: Mt. Koya - Hiroshima

If you so choose, you can rise in the early morning to join the Buddhist monks in prayer. Sit in the serenity of the temple shrine as the monks ring their gongs, chant, burn incense, and centre themselves for the activities of the grand day ahead. Then, you'll once again board the *shinkansen* bullet train and be whisked away to Hiroshima. Enjoy lunch at a local cooking studio, where you'll learn how to make the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savoury pancake, a favourite of Hiroshima residents. After, visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO), a sobering reminder of the devastation caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II. Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. (B, L)

Day 11: Hiroshima

Head back to the Peace Park and Memorial Museum this morning for a powerful **Impact Moment**, a meeting with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the Atomic bomb firsthand. They'll talk about what it was like to live in Japan during that time, the aftermath of that terrible day, and how they keep the memories of those who were lost alive. After, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO), famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic O-torii Gate standing proudly in the water. (B)

Day 12: Hiroshima - Osaka

Today, journey to your final destination,



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

December 2024 - February 2025

(featured itinerary - see note*)

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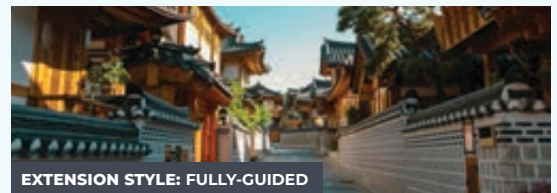
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the energetic city of Osaka. Set out on a walking tour through the famous Dotonbori district. From shopping, to dining, to nightlife, Dotonbori has it all - bathed in the neon glow of huge electric signs. Learn why Osaka is known as the "Kitchen of Japan" as you sample its famous and delicious street food. Tonight, sit down and say your fond farewells to your travel companions at a farewell dinner. Raise a cup of *sake* and toast to the colourful spirit of Japan, and the adventures you've had. (B, D)

Day 13: Osaka - Tour Ends

Take a quiet moment to reflect on all the new memories you have created before heading home. (B)

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MYSTERIES OF INDIA

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Old Delhi • Jaipur • Hawa Mahal • Amber Fort • Home-Hosted Dinner • Ranthambore National Park • Abhaneri Stepwell • Taj Mahal • Chandela Temple Complex • Varanasi • Ganga Aarti Ceremony



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Travel to Khajuraho on an exciting train journey.
- Venture through the main streets and back roads of Old Delhi via rickshaw.
- Marvel at the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a home-hosted dinner.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — Return to your hotel to simply relax while in Ranthambore -OR- visit Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local artisans.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 The Suryaa Hotel, Delhi
Days 4 - 6 Radisson Jaipur City Center, Jaipur
Days 7, 8 Juna Mahal, Ranthambore
Days 9, 10 Grand Mercure, Agra
Day 11 Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho
Days 12, 13 Radisson Hotel, Varanasi
Day 14 Lemon Tree Premier, Delhi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Day 1: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

A paradise of contradiction, Delhi features a bustling energy, age-old monuments, and an all-encompassing vitality. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi.

Day 2: Delhi

Start your morning at the expansive Humayun's Tomb, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments dating back to the 1500s. This sprawling complex inspired countless mausoleums, including the legendary Taj Mahal. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather with your group in the evening for a welcome dinner featuring Indian specialities. (B, D)

Day 3: Delhi

Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw - your mode of transport for an exhilarating tour of old Delhi. See the city's friendly vendors as you travel down narrow streets and busy corridors. Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, and stand in awe before its iconic red sandstone towers. Your exploration of New Delhi continues on a journey by the city's famous monuments, including the India Gate and Parliament building. (B, L)

Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur

Wish the city goodbye and embark on a scenic drive through the countryside. Stop for lunch in a local restaurant before arriving in Jaipur, the

"Pink City." See Hawa Mahal, the former home of a *maharaja* (Indian prince). Marvel at the city's architectural brilliance as you stroll through the heart of the Old City during your free time. (B, L)

Day 5: Jaipur

Take in the extensive palace complex of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power. Head to the palace by means of a vintage jeep, scaling the hills overlooking Jaipur. In the evening, get to know a local family as you join them for a hosted dinner in their home. (B, D)

Day 6: Jaipur

Set out to explore the beautiful city of Jaipur, starting with the City Palace. Nearby, take in the impeccable masonry of the Jantar Mantar - the world's oldest stone sundial. The afternoon is yours to discover Jaipur however you please. (B)

Day 7: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park

Travel to Ranthambore National Park where we will seek out tigers in their natural habitat. Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organisation has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary. Connect with a naturalist, introducing you to India's extensive wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Ranthambore

Board a *canter* (open-air truck) for your first game drive. Seek out barking deer, Indian gazelles, and exotic birdlife. Follow the tigers' paths in search of the sanctuary's renowned wildlife. Then, **it's your choice!** Return to your

hotel to relax -OR- experience an **Impact Moment** with a visit to Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local women artisans. No matter what you choose, return to the wild for another chance to seek out marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, and the park's famous Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore - Agra

Today we depart early as we make our way to Agra. Along the way, visit the impressive Abhaneri step well. Built over 1,000 years ago it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently. Then stop for lunch and get another taste of local flavours. Home to stone forts and marble mausoleums, Agra features a lively culture and picture-perfect architecture. (B, L)

Day 10: Agra

The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was built as an expression of love by Emperor Shah

Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning, when the colours of the sky dance on the bright façade and shimmer in its reflective pool. Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. During a second **Impact Moment**, enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout – a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

Day 11: Agra - Khajuraho

Start your morning with a train ride to Jhansi where you will connect with your coach and make your way to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range, find a city of stone temples and mystifying sculptures. Make the most of time at leisure this afternoon to explore the area on your own. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Khajuraho - Varanasi

Take in the Chandela Temple complex, home to unparalleled temple architecture and intricate stone carvings.

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EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi

Spend the night in Delhi before getting a fresh start on your Nepalese adventure tomorrow morning.

Day 15: Delhi - Kathmandu, Nepal

Step into a world of dynamic locals and bustling streets as you feel the energy of Kathmandu. With an expert local guide, discover the beloved Thamel neighbourhood, mingling amongst locals and mountain climbers alike. End your day with a discussion with a local Everest climber. Finally, get a taste of the local flavours and enjoy dinner in a nearby restaurant. (B, D)

Day 16: Kathmandu

Perhaps you will take an early morning optional flightseeing tour of iconic Mount Everest, getting an up-close look at the world's highest peak. Today, stand in awe before Swayambhunath, the Buddhist temple that is home to holy monkeys. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Patan Darbar Square (UNESCO), a famous temple complex that was restored after the devastating earthquake of 2015. Make your way through the square and visit with Kumari,

a local girl who is worshipped as the living incarnation of a goddess. Attend a private audience with the revered girl in her temple and take part in a blessing ceremony. Later, spend time at Bodhnath Stupa, an iconic Himalayan temple. (B, L)

Day 17: Kathmandu - Panauti - Dhulikhel - Kathmandu

Today, travel to Panauti, the gateway to the Thrangu Tashi Yangtse Monastery. Embark on a moderate one-hour hike, enjoying the views of the mountains before arriving at this Buddhist monastery, one of the most important pilgrimage sites for both Buddhists and Hindus today. Here, we will meet with the high Lama and partake in an offering ceremony. Continue to a local restaurant for lunch and then transfer to Kathmandu where the rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy. (B, L)

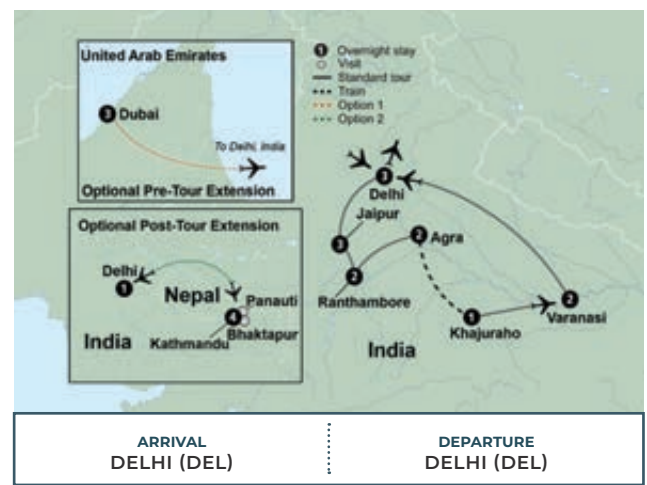
Day 18: Kathmandu - Bhaktapur - Kathmandu

Travel to Bhaktapur today, the former stronghold of the Malla Dynasty. Virtually unchanged since the 17th century, Bhaktapur's Durbar Square is one of the most intact ancient cities in Nepal. See famous temples such as the Nyatapola Temple and explore the city's historical sites. After a guided visit, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Kathmandu. This evening, join a local family for a home-hosted meal and celebrate the end of your adventure in the Himalayan nation of Nepal. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Kathmandu - Delhi - Extension Ends

Today, fly to Delhi where a room has been reserved for you to freshen up before your flight home. (B)

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – April 2025 September 2025 – April 2026
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EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

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Fly to Varanasi – India's holiest city – where spiritual energy radiates from the ground up. Sail along the River Ganges and pass by the *ghats* (banks) where locals wade into the river. From the Dasaswamedh Ghat, enjoy a reserved seat to experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky. (B)

Day 13: Varanasi

Take advantage of a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the River Ganges. Travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama – later known as Buddha – gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Discover this holy site and gain insight into the country's divine past. Celebrate your adventure through India alongside new friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

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

KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

VIETNAM, CAMBODIA,
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18 DAYS • 31 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi • Walking Food Tour • Discussion with Vietnam War Veteran • Ha Long Bay • Hoi An • Ho Chi Minh City • Reunification Palace • Mekong Delta • Siem Reap • Angkor Wat • Luang Prabang • Wat Xieng Thong • Pak Ou Buddha Cave • Monk Alms Offering • Bangkok



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter on an exciting walking tour.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Visit with a Vietnam war veteran and learn about the war from his perspective.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

17 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- A local Laotian family welcomes you into their home for dinner.
- Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking during an interactive class.
- Sample several famous Vietnamese dishes on a walking food tour.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 14** — In Luang Prabang, venture into the lively outdoor markets at night **-OR-** return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 – 3	Mercure Hanoi la Gare, Hanoi
Day 4	<i>Bhaya Classic</i>
Days 5 – 7	Little Oasis Hotel & Spa, Hoi An
Days 8 – 10	Novotel Saigon Centre, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 11 – 13	Borei Angkor Resort & Spa, Siem Reap
Days 14 – 16	Souphattra Hotel, Luang Prabang
Day 17	Pullman Bangkok Hotel G, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Hanoi Old Quarters

Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam

Arrive today in Hanoi. Layers of the city's complex past can be found interwoven into its modern culture. Known for its French colonial architecture, tree-lined streets, and vibrant street food scene, Hanoi is Vietnam's dynamic capital and second most populous city.

Day 2: Hanoi

Start your morning with a city tour of Hanoi and the Old Quarter. Visit Ba Dinh Square and the Temple of Literature. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes such as banh mi and pho. Enjoy coffee and views of Hoan Kiem Lake – the "Lake of the Restored Sword" – at a rooftop café. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Hanoi

Today you may choose to start your day early by joining your Tour Manager and locals as they practice tai chi at a local park. After, visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison. This historic site, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs, is now a museum that tells the story of colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Following your visit, sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War to chat and connect with him as he recounts his history. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you see fit.

You may choose to join an optional tour to see the famous water puppets of Hanoi followed by dinner. (B)

Day 4: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

Journey to Ha Long Bay and board a charming junk boat for an overnight cruise - the perfect vantage point for soaking up the landscape. Once on board, enjoy fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history, and archaeology. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An

Your day begins with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck at sunrise. After a light breakfast we head off to visit Sung Sot cave, one of the many limestone grottos accessible by boat in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage that is Halong Bay. It is time to say farewell to this stunning natural wonder and cruise back to the mainland. Fly to Da Nang and travel to Hoi An (UNESCO), an ancient trading port. (B)

Day 6: Hoi An

Start your day with a walking tour of the old town, stroll by the ornate Chinese-style temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the famous 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge and the vibrant market on the banks of the Thu Bon. Finish with

an introduction to the local tailoring culture in Hoi An, a tradition dating back to the days of the silk route. See the process of making cotton and silk cloth, and you may even choose to have some tailor-made clothes made. Enjoy a free afternoon to walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town on your own, uncovering a preserved history interwoven into the modern way of life. Perhaps you'll visit an art gallery, wander through a cultural museum, or go shopping for the perfect souvenir, before joining the group for a local dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Hoi An

Explore the flavours of Hoi An. Board a basket boat and journey along the Co Co River for an immersive cooking class. Learn how to catch seafood in the river and grind rice into flour. Use your ingredients to cook four classic local dishes which you'll enjoy for lunch. Soak up the local atmosphere with a free afternoon and evening. (B, L)

Day 8: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the energetic urban capital formerly known as Saigon. On an eye-opening city tour, you'll see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Reunification Palace. Head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1. (B)

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City. (B, L)

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City

Spend your morning at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia

This afternoon, board your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia's gateway to the wonders of Angkor. In this ancient city, you'll discover a world where colonial and Chinese architecture melds into a sophisticated urban and culinary scene. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local

restaurant accompanied by a traditional Khmer dance performance. (B, D)

Day 12: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Siem Reap

Depart for a sunrise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture. Enter its eastern gate and exit to the west, watching the sunlight dance along stones. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces at the centre of the city. (B)

Day 13: Siem Reap - Preah Dak - Siem Reap

Start your day with an **Impact Moment** experience at the Visitor Centre of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Learn about the country's history with war and meet the professional rats at a demonstration. Then travel to the village of Preah Dak to learn about daily life and see how Nom Banh Jok (rice noodles) are created. Get a peek into the local culture at the palm sugar market, where tree sap is gathered and cooked for sugar. Make your way to Les Chantiers Ecoles, where local apprentices are trained in fine arts, and peruse the different workshops of sculpture, carving, and more. You may choose to end your day with a visit to Phare, the Cambodian Circus. (B, L)

Day 14: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos

Board a flight to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. Get acquainted with the city with your guide. Then, **it's your choice!** Venture into the lively outdoor markets at night **-OR-** return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 15: Luang Prabang

Hop into a tuk tuk with a guide and make your way to the city centre, including a visit to the National Museum – the former Royal Palace. Continue to Wat Xieng Thong monastery, decorated in eye-catching gold. Meander along the Nam Khan River to Wat Khili, highlighting the local culture and history. After lunch, cruise to the Pak Ou Caves, shrouded in mystery and home to thousands of Buddha statues. End your day with a home-hosted dinner and traditional Baci ceremony – celebrating a significant event in someone's life. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Luang Prabang - Ban Long Lao - Luang Prabang

You may choose to rise early and begin



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October 2024 – May 2025 | **September 2025 – May 2026**
(different itinerary - see note)* | *(featured itinerary)*

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your day with a traditional alms offering to local monks. After breakfast back at the hotel, journey to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao and learn about this ethnic group and their way of life. Set out on a hike through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the incredible Kuang Si Waterfall. Return to Luang Prabang for lunch in a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 17: Luang Prabang - Bangkok, Thailand

Board your flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. A feast for the senses, this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure on a Klong dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 18: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of your travels through the kingdoms of Southeast Asia. (B)

WONDERS OF THAILAND

15 DAYS • 24 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Bangkok • Reclining Buddha • Emerald Buddha • Bangkok Street Food • Sukhothai • Chiang Rai • The Golden Triangle • Chiang Mai • Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai • Lanna Home Visit • Home-Hosted Meal • Phuket • Tuk Tuk Rides



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk tuk.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's Old Town on a boat trip.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour the sweet, spicy, and salty flavours of Bangkok's famous street food.
- Join a Lanna family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Choose between a visit to the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum in Bangkok, known for its Thai antiques **-OR-** take the coach to visit the Marble temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting.
- **Day 9** — Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage experience in Chiang Mai **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Amari Bangkok, Bangkok
Days 4, 5 Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa, Sukhothai
Days 6, 7 The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai
Days 8 - 10 Kantary Hills Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai
Days 11 - 13 Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket
Day 14 Kantary House, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Day 1: Bangkok, Thailand

Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history.

Day 2: Bangkok

Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's Old Town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha. Enjoy some free time before sitting down with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 3: Bangkok

Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace. Enjoy some free time or choose to join an optional tour to the Jim Thompson house and museum, featuring lunch. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a completely fresh perspective. Climb aboard your tuk tuk – a motorised rickshaw – for a front row seat to the bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. The streets are alive with excitement and energy as your tuk tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavour. End with a visit to the flower market – this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 4: Bangkok - Sukhothai

Today, **it's your choice!** Choose between a walk from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques **-OR-** take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Sukhothai

Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling. (B, L)

Day 6: Sukhothai - Chiang Rai

Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun – an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple. Arrive in Chiang Rai. (B, L)

Day 7: Chiang Rai

Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's all aboard for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Laos, Thailand and Burma. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch before driving to the

hill tribe village to learn from locals about the long, rich traditions of this beautiful area. Most of the Thai ethnic groups are set off in remote locales, and the hill tribes relocated here to warmly welcome visitors and introduce them to each of the ethnic groups. Meet with Akha and Karen Long Neck people. As the women weave during the visit, you have the opportunity to support these local artisans by purchasing some of the products they make for tourists. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar, experiencing the culture of this region in a whole new way. (B, L)

Day 8: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai

Today, it's off to Chiang Mai, where elaborate Buddhist temples reflect a rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep – one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand. Marvel at the stunning views before taking the ornate steps back down. Flanked by jeweled naga – lavish serpents – these steps are the perfect spot for a photo! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B, L)

Day 9: Chiang Mai

See elephants in their natural setting today during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means “relaxed elephants.” This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander through country roads to reach the camp. Then walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants. From a distance watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam

the lush forest, socialize with one another – and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a mahout on changes to the elephant trade practices and the impact to the mahout community. Travellers who wish to observe the elephants grazing can set off for a 20-minute hike to do so. Tonight, **it's your choice!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 10: Chiang Mai

Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, and see their herb garden. Together with hosts you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labour with a simple lunch. (B, L)

Day 11: Chiang Mai - Phuket

Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in. (B)

Day 12: Phuket

Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores and cafes. Explore charming Old Town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beach-front resort to soak up those saltwater vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day. (B)



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – April 2025 **September 2025 – April 2026**
(different itinerary - see note*) (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Bangkok (1-2 NIGHTS)

Day 13: Phuket

It's a completely free day today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture and incredible discoveries in Thailand. (B, D)

Day 14: Phuket - Bangkok

Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories. (B)

Day 15: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Say farewell to Thailand and return home today. (B)

+ Optional 4 Night Singapore Pre-Tour Extension
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EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Singapore

In Singapore, old and new are combined seamlessly, with impressive sights regardless of where you look - from atop skyscrapers that soar above colonial buildings to age-old places of worship.

Day 2: Singapore

Start your day on a tour through Chinatown and the Hawker Centre. With your guide, explore places like the Telok Ayer area, Thian Hock Keng Temple, Ann Siang Hill, and Club Street by foot. Your city tour will end at Maxwell Food Centre where you'll get a tasting of local snacks and coffee. Not sure what to get? Don't worry - your guide will share advice as you walk through the market. Then, return to your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure, exploring how you like. (B)

Day 3: Singapore

Today, learn the history of the 19th century Peranakan houses. Explore the area around Neil and Pertain Road and visit the restored homes with your guide. Next, visit a

Chinatown shop to see traditional enamel, also known as “tingkat” sets, and hand drawn porcelain rooster bowls. Satisfy your appetite this afternoon with a delicious Peranakan lunch at the local Blue Ginger restaurant. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Singapore

Enjoy a morning at leisure. Later this afternoon, visit the Gardens by the Bay. Get ready to step into two climate conservatories: Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Flower Dome is the largest glass greenhouse and boasts a variety of changing flowers and plants from the Mediterranean regions. At Cloud Forest, take in breathtaking mountain views surrounded by a diverse collection of vegetation and hidden floral gems. End your visit with a local meal. (B, D)

Day 5: Singapore - Bangkok, Thailand

Bid farewell to Singapore as you head to Bangkok. Your journey has only just begun.

† Additional air segment purchase required.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Auckland • Bay of Islands • Rotorua •
Maori Cultural Experience •
Wellington • Christchurch • Mt. Cook
Region • Dunedin • Milford Sound •
Queenstown • Lake Wakatipu
Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and experience a traditional Maori Welcome Ceremony.
- Overnight in the spectacular Mt. Cook region where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks.
- Visit Walter Peak High Country farm for a sheepdog demonstration.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

16 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a BBQ on the western shore of Lake Wakatipu.
- Experience an authentic Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 14** — Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -**OR-** take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the region.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Rydges Auckland, Auckland
Days 3, 4	Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, Bay of Islands
Days 5, 6	Sudima Lake Rotorua Hotel, Rotorua
Days 7, 8	Novotel, Wellington
Days 9, 10	Distinction, Christchurch
Day 11	The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook
Days 12, 13	Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin
Days 14 - 16	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Hole in the Rock,
Bay of Islands

Day 1: Auckland, New Zealand

Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the world's best places to live. Auckland's Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Auckland

Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The full afternoon is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city on your own. (B)

Day 3: Auckland - Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and travel north to the Bay of Islands, your home for the next 2 nights. This sun-soaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life. Visit the Waitangi Treaty House, the site where Maori and British leaders signed the 1840 treaty establishing New Zealand as a nation, to enjoy a traditional Welcome Ceremony and tour. (B, D)

Day 4: Bay of Islands

Begin the day with a cruise that features the bay's famous Hole in the Rock. Look out at the Cape Brett Lighthouse, standing nearly 500 feet above sea level at the edge of the Cape Brett Peninsula. The rest of the day is yours to independently explore Paihia - the quaint town known as "the jewel of the Bay of Islands." (B)

Day 5: Bay of Islands - Matakohē - Rotorua

Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind and head to Matakohē in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum and come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that can live for 2,000 years. Discover how the early settlers used this abundant tree to build a life for themselves. Later, continue on to the town of Rotorua, known for geothermal activity and Maori culture. (B, D)

Day 6: Rotorua

Find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua, known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Whakarewarewa, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Explore an authentic Maori village where people live using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have done for centuries. In the evening, experience ceremonial Maori rituals at an authentic Hangi dinner and performance. (B, D)

Day 7: Rotorua - Wellington

Today we travel to Wellington - New Zealand's capital city, known as the "Windy City," a coastal city nestled against the mountains. (B, D)

Day 8: Wellington

Embark on a city tour of Wellington. See the Beehive - New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building, the largest wooden building in the Southern



Hemisphere. Explore the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating centre dedicated to art, history, and the Maori culture before enjoying an afternoon and evening at leisure. With your free time, perhaps you'll consider a ride on the Wellington Cable Car to the suburb of Kelburn for stunning panoramic views of the city. (B)

Day 9: Wellington - Picton - Christchurch

Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. Experience what is considered to be one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world. Arrive in Picton on the South Island and continue along the breathtaking east coast to the largest city on the South Island, Christchurch. (B)

Day 10: Christchurch

Christchurch, the "Garden City," is recreating itself after a devastating earthquake in 2011. See firsthand how this city is evolving on a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, a leader in the conservation of New Zealand species. Here, you'll have the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" – kiwi, kaka, tuatara, kea, and takahe – up close and personal. Learn about the local indigenous culture of the Maori, with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional canoe or 'waka'. (B)

Day 11: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region

Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Mt. Cook region, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. The Maori word for Mt. Cook is Aoraki, which means "cloud piercer." This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You can take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour

(weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

Day 12: Mt. Cook Region - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, situated on the southeast coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Visit Baldwin Street – the world's steepest public road as awarded by the Guinness World Records. (B)

Day 13: Dunedin

Start your morning with a panoramic tour visiting Larnach Castle the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these otherworldly birds. Albatrosses are the focus in many seafaring myths, and their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet. Enjoy a free afternoon before dinner at a local Ale House. (B, D)

Day 14: Dunedin - Queenstown

Drive past vineyards, amazing landscapes and the charming towns of Central Otago as you head to Queenstown. Dubbed the "adventure capital of the world," it's a mountainside town set against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. In the afternoon, **it's your choice!** Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. (B)

Day 15: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

During a cruise of the beautiful Milford Sound, you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sites on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. On your return to Queenstown, perhaps you will consider an optional scenic flight, allowing you to see the landscape from an entirely new perspective. (B, L)



ARRIVAL AUCKLAND (AKL) | **DEPARTURE QUEENSTOWN (ZQN)**

DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$8999** | Starting at **\$11649** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 24 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – May 2025 | **September 2025 – May 2026**
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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + **PRE-NIGHT: Auckland** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- + **POST-NIGHT: Queenstown** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- + **TOUR EXTENSIONS**

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EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

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Day 16: Queenstown

Enjoy a relaxed start to your day or head out to explore. Try an optional tour taking you through the stunning Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed and learn about the gold rush that first brought travellers to the region. This evening, cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a barbecue dinner lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before cruising back. (B, D)

Day 17: Queenstown - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)



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NAMIBIA & SOUTH AFRICA: EPIC LANDSCAPES & WILDLIFE

16 DAYS • 33 MEALS

STARTING AT \$12839

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Sossusvlei Dunes • Swakopmund • Etosha National Park • 5 Wildlife Safaris • Cape Town • Table Mountain • Cape of Good Hope • Kruger National Park



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit a local non-profit in Windhoek dedicated to empowering women through traditional craftwork and skill sharing.
- Join a local Capetonian family at home and learn about their daily life.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

15 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 11 Dinners (D)

- Experience an authentic South African Braai lunch inside Kruger National Park.
- Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a winery set against Namibia's Erongo Mountains.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Southern Sun O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 2, 3	Desert Grace Lodge, Sossusvlei
Days 4, 5	Strand Hotel, Swakopmund
Days 6 - 8	Etosha Safari Lodge, Etosha
Day 9	Weinberg Hotel, Windhoek
Days 10 - 12	The Cape Milner Hotel, Cape Town
Days 13 - 15	Kruger Gate Hotel, Kruger National Park

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa

Embark on an adventure to South Africa and Namibia, two nations with intertwined histories and some of the most incredible landscapes, wildlife, and cultural diversity in the world. Get ready for a truly unique experience, from the dunes of Sossusvlei to the coasts of Cape Town. Arrive in Johannesburg after your overnight flight. Get settled at your airport hotel and rest before tomorrow's morning flight to Namibia.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Windhoek, Namibia - Sossusvlei

Today, fly to Windhoek, Namibia's capital city. One of Southern Africa's most fascinating destinations, Namibia is one of the youngest countries in Africa and one of the least populated in the world. With its recent independence from South Africa, this frontier nation is a surprise to most. After landing in Windhoek, travel to Sossusvlei, one of Namibia's most stunning landmarks. Arrive at your lodge at the end of the day just in time to settle in and enjoy your first dinner with your travelling companions. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Sossusvlei

Embark on the experience of a lifetime. Start the day early to ensure the best experience at one of Namibia's most dramatic landscapes – the red sand dunes of Deadvlei in the Namib desert. A landscape reminiscent of science fiction movies, the Sossusvlei region is home to

some of the world's tallest dunes. Climb one of these epic dunes to access Deadvlei, a salt pan famous for its ancient petrified trees. A paradise for photographers and scenery enthusiasts alike, the Namib desert will leave lasting memories. See firsthand how animals survive in this harsh environment, and look for its most famous resident – the oryx! (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sossusvlei - Swakopmund

Say farewell to the Namib desert and travel to the coastal town of Swakopmund. With its German colonial architecture, marine wildlife, and access to the Skeleton Coast, Swakopmund is a unique desert oasis. This afternoon, visit the Welwitschia Plains and Moon Valley for another look at what makes Namibia so unique – its hyper-arid landscape creates the perfect conditions for endemic species of plants seen nowhere else. (B, D)

Day 5: Swakopmund

This morning, drive to Walvis Bay and join a marine cruise to search for seals, pelicans, and dolphins. Learn from your cruise guides what makes this area so unique for these marine animals. Continue your exploration to Pelican Point for a glimpse of some pink feathered friends and a view of what makes this coastline so famous – its numerous ship wrecks. (B)

Day 6: Swakopmund - Etosha National Park

Leave this coastal beauty behind as we head to your second Namibian National Park – Etosha. On

the way, stop for a tasting and lunch at a winery paving the way for Namibian wines and spirits. Later this afternoon, check in to your rustic lodge and settle in before dinner overlooking the African bush. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Etosha National Park

Early this morning, depart for your first game drive. In open safari vehicles, search for rhino, giraffe, lions, elephants, and several types of antelopes. Ostriches will welcome you at every corner and wildebeest will greet you at watering holes. Return to your lodge for lunch before departing for your afternoon game drive. End the day with memories of salt flats and wild animals thriving in a surreal landscape. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Etosha National Park

Today, take a break from safari vehicles and join a full day game drive in an enclosed vehicle. If you wish, you may choose to upgrade to open vehicles (if your adventurous side has not yet been satiated!). (B, D)

Day 9: Etosha National Park - Windhoek

Travel your last Namibian leg of this journey and arrive back in its capital city, Windhoek. Despite it being the capital, enjoy its calm atmosphere during your free afternoon before you join your fellow travellers at dinner to reminisce about your adventure in Namibia. (B, D)

Day 10: Windhoek - Cape Town, South Africa

End your time in Namibia with a meaningful visit to Penduka during an **Impact Moment**. With its mission to support gender equality and empower women, learn how Penduka supports the local community through traditional craftwork and skill sharing. Then, travel to the airport for your flight to Cape Town, South Africa, and end your day

as a guest of honour in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 11: Cape Town

Get to see the natural side of Cape Town today. Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, contrasting the bright blue waves below. Visit the Cape of Good Hope and stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Return to the city via Table Bay. (B, L)

Day 12: Cape Town

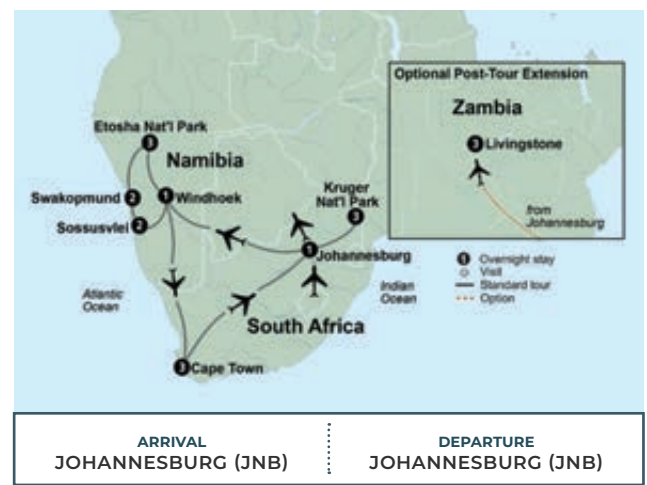
Today, explore South Africa's eclectic cultural mecca. Rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Then, view the city's heritage sites, historic landmarks, and bustling city centre during a city tour. Enjoy a free afternoon to relax at your hotel or to further explore this fascinating city as you wish. (B)

Day 13: Cape Town - Johannesburg - Kruger National Park

Say goodbye to city life and hello to South Africa's stunning natural beauty. Board your flight to Johannesburg as you make your way to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Check in to your hotel, ideally located at the entrance of the park on the banks of the Sabie River. (B, D)

Day 14: Kruger National Park

Pack your camera as you head off on a full day game drive! Search for the "Big 5" from your open-air vehicle and experience some iconic South African scenery. Relax with an authentic South African Braai lunch featuring local meats,



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DOUBLE Starting at \$12839 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at \$15539

Prices based on 6 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May - October 2025
April 2026

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Johannesburg (1-2 NIGHTS)

before gathering again for your afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Kruger National Park

Head out again on another full-day game drive for your last opportunity to see all the majestic scenery and animals you have come this far to experience. Tonight, join your fellow explorers for dinner and toast farewell to all the extraordinary places you've encountered during this epic African adventure. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Kruger National Park - Johannesburg - Tour Ends

Bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave Kruger for Johannesburg and head back home. (B)

Optional 3 Night Livingstone Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$1800[†] pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 16: Kruger National Park - Johannesburg - Livingstone, Zambia

Travel to Kruger Mpumalanga International

Airport and board your flight to Livingstone, Zambia. Located on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, Livingstone is the perfect access point to the extraordinary Victoria Falls – one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Check in to your lodge before heading out on a sunset sundowner cruise. Enjoy views of the river, its banks, and the animals that call it home. Look out for hippos and elephants as they may surprise you with an afternoon appearance.

Day 17: Livingstone

Experience the Falls! With your local expert, learn about the majestic Victoria Falls and

its surrounding areas. Experience the roar as you approach and see for yourself why this is one of the most visited sites in the world. After lunch, visit the Mukuni village where you'll be welcomed by its chief and where you may get a glimpse into the traditions and customs of the Leya people. Return to your lodge at the end of the day for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 18: Livingstone

Experience local culture at its best with a visit to a local market. From animals and vegetables to curios and fabrics, observe how people barter for goods and maybe give it a try for yourself. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon on your own to further explore or relax at the lodge on your last day in Zambia. (B, D)

Day 19: Livingstone - Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends

Today, board your flight to Johannesburg, South Africa before continuing on to your flight home. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

14 DAYS • 29 MEALS

STARTING AT \$9325

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Victoria Falls • Chobe National Park • Pilanesberg National Park • 8 Wildlife Safaris • Cape Winelands • Cape Town • Table Mountain



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Head out for an African sundowner via 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Learn about African elephants during a sanctuary visit.
- Explore the Dutch architecture and vineyards of the Cape Winelands.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

- Sample South African wines at a vineyard tasting.
- Get to know a Capetonian family over dinner in their home.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river for a different perspective on a safari cruise.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Southern Sun O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 2, 3	The Wallow, The Elephant Camp, or Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls
Days 4, 5	Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane
Days 6 - 8	Ivory Tree Game Lodge or Bakubung Bush Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park
Days 9, 10	Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West
Days 11 - 13	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hote or Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Game Drive

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins

Your adventure starts in Johannesburg – a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls today – an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge – an authentic African tent camp with all the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when the chance to see rainbows is highest, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. (B, D)

Day 3: Victoria Falls

Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and witness some of their unique behaviors. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** during our visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and learn how their programs are having a positive impact in the local communities and animals. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead, meet the village chief, and come

to understand more about traditional ways of living in this part of the world. Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe – an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chobe National Park

On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Tonight, gather by the river for an unforgettable dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional *braai*, complete with some local favourites and delicacies. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Chobe - Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park

This morning transfer to Victoria Falls Airport where you will fly to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg transfer to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater and where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of – now laid out before you just waiting to be discovered. Venture out in a 4x4 in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes, and while you're out there, enjoy a traditional African sundowner with a drink and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. (B, D)

Day 7: Pilanesberg National Park

Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in your 4x4 on a search for the elusive "Big 5." Later on, an afternoon game drive could take you past the big cats preparing for the hunt. Back at the lodge tonight, indulge in a bush dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Pilanesberg National Park

Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Pilanesberg - Cape Town, South Africa - Somerset West

The winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Head to Johannesburg and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the town of Somerset West - located in South Africa's most famous wine region. Settle in for a two-night stay among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

Day 10: Somerset West - Franschhoek - Somerset West

Sip the South African specialities with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the Pinotage, a local favourite. Travel

to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Somerset West - Cape Town

Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Return to the city via Table Bay. Pass through the Moorish Malay Quarter and pause at Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

Day 12: Cape Town

Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events - a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honoured guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 13: Cape Town

Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travellers for



DOUBLE SOLO

Starting at **\$9325**
Starting at **\$10575**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 25 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 - April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May 2025 - April 2026
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2025 - April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Johannesburg** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT: Cape Town** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River

Experience amazing views during one of the most magical times of the day - sunset. It is Africa's fourth largest river and a lifeline for crocodiles, hippos, elephants and other wildlife. Be welcomed aboard with a glass of champagne and enjoy an all-inclusive bar menu and complimentary hot and cold snacks as you sit and gaze at the calm waters of the river. Get your cameras ready as the sun sets and fills the sky with a warm glow.

Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.

+ Optional 3 Night Dubai Pre-Tour Extension Starting at \$1400+ pp



Day 1: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: Dubai

Today, take a 4x4 vehicle for a light dune drive through the desert. Later in the

morning, stop at a flamingo hide where you'll see wild flamingos mingle in their sanctuary. Then, visit the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood where a local guide will take you on a walking tour to see the sites. Along the way, stop at the coffee museum before heading to Sheikh Mohammad Cultural Centre of Understanding (SMCCU). Whilst visiting SMCCU, enjoy a cultural Arabic lunch followed by a Q & A session hosted by a local. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Dubai

This morning, visit the Dubai Museum - located in the oldest existing building in Dubai - then head to the Al Shindagha Museum located on the waterfront. After, venture across the creek in a private Abra and visit the Spice and Gold Souk to get a closer look at local culture found in Dubai. This afternoon, take an optional tour to visit Burj Khalifa - the world's tallest building. (B)

Day 4: Dubai - Johannesburg, South Africa

Today, board your flight to Johannesburg, South Africa. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

a farewell dinner to taste the country's beloved flavours, starring a host of South African specialities and delicacies. (B, D)

Day 14: Cape Town - Tour Ends

Today you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)

AFRICAN SAFARI: KENYA AND TANZANIA

15 DAYS • 40 MEALS

STARTING AT \$9999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi • David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust
▪ *Out of Africa* Farmhouse • Amboseli National Park • Shanga Workshop •
Karatu • Ngorongoro Crater • Serengeti • Lake Eyasi • Tarangire National Park •
12 Game Drives



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- See how a local workshop empowers citizens with disabilities through the Shanga Project.
- Get a peek into the daily lives of two local tribes at Lake Eyasi.
- Seek out the elusive “Big 5” on 12 different game drives.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 13 Lunches (L) • 13 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy five picnic lunches on your game drives, taking in the natural landscape around you.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 12** — Chat with a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village -OR- spend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi
Days 3, 4 Kilima Safari Camp, Amboseli
Days 5, 6 Country Lodge, Karatu
Days 7 - 9 ThornTree Camp, Serengeti
Days 10, 11 Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge, Lake Eyasi
Days 12, 13 Sangaiwe Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park
Day 14 Kibo Palace Hotel, Arusha

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Game Drive

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

Day 2: Nairobi

Visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which rehabilitates young or injured elephants. See the gentle giants up close as they are fed and bathed by their caretakers. Head to Karen Blixen's *Out of Africa* farmhouse for lunch before stepping outside to visit the sanctuary's inquisitive Rothschild giraffes. Visit the Kazuri Beads Factory, where mothers are employed and trained as jewelry artisans. In the evening, toast to the start of your African adventure at a savoury welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

Make your way to Amboseli National Park, looking out on the great Mt. Kilimanjaro. After lunch, get a glimpse into Kenyan culture and interact with locals at a Masai village. Settle into your accommodation for the next two nights – a tented camp with the comfort amenities of a proper lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Amboseli National Park

Embrace your wild side on a full day of game drives in Amboseli National Park. This is your first chance to seek out Africa's elusive Big 5 – the safari “bucket list” of animals includes lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and water buffalos. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the open plains, watching for herds of wildebeest and grazing zebras. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Amboseli National Park - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu

Enter Tanzania, a country devoted to harmony among its people and animals. Today will be an **Impact Moment** as you visit Shanga, a local jewelry workshop that trains and employs citizens with disabilities. Your day ends in Karatu where you'll overnight in a charming lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu

Enjoy a full day of game drives in Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Containing one of the densest mammal populations in the world, this “African Eden” is one of the best places to seek out the Big 5. Allow the sheer magnitude of the area to wash over you as you enjoy a picnic lunch in the highlands, taking in the flourishing habitat around you. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Karatu - Serengeti

Your path continues to the renowned Serengeti, a Masai word meaning “endless plains.” Enjoy lunch and venture out on your first Serengeti adventure on an afternoon game drive, returning to camp at dusk. Relax in your exclusive safari abode, your home for the next three nights. The camp includes all of the amenities of a lodge but allows you to remain immersed in nature. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Serengeti

Say good morning to the Serengeti! Take to the grasslands on an early morning game drive, then return to camp for breakfast before enjoying a full day of animal-seeking safari adventures and a

picturesque picnic lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Serengeti

Lions. Gazelles. Cheetahs. Hippos. There's no telling what you might spot on your morning and afternoon game drives. Under the careful guidance of an expert, discover the savanna's wild residents. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Serengeti - Lake Eyasi

You're on your way to Lake Eyasi, an unexpected splash of blue amidst the plains and mountains. Pause for a picnic lunch along the way, providing more chances to view the local wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Eyasi

See how native communities live in harmony with the environment. Start your morning with the Hadzabe tribe, hunter-gatherers that strive to leave no lasting impact on their surroundings. After lunch back at your lodge, continue with a visit to the Datoga tribe - another community based at Lake Eyasi - and see how their vast farms contribute to day-to-day life. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Lake Eyasi - Tarangire National Park

Decide how you spend the morning because **it's your choice!** Learn from a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village about their trade -**OR-** spend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria. Then, head to Tarangire, the forested national park known for its giant baobab trees and elephant migration. After lunch, embark on a thrilling game drive. Don't be surprised if you see a pride of lions lounging in the shade, a herd of buffalos wading into the water, or a parade of elephants passing by. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Tarangire National Park

Enjoy a full day of game drives, venturing out in the morning and afternoon on your quest for animal sightings with a break for a picnic lunch in between. Make sure you look to the skies because Tarangire is an aviary paradise, home to more than 500 bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for various starlings, weavers, and guinea fowl. Wish Africa goodbye at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Tarangire National Park - Arusha

Return to Arusha and settle into a dayroom to relax before lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Arusha - Tour Ends

Depart with memories of the endless plains and unparalleled wildlife. (B)

+ Optional 4-Night Zanzibar Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$2500+ pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 1: Arusha - Zanzibar - Extension Begins

Fly from Arusha to Zanzibar and transfer to your hotel, where you'll be met by a local guide. Then, spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing. (B, L)

Day 2: Zanzibar

This morning, tour Stone Town, delving into this UNESCO World Heritage Site's intricate blend of Arabic, Indian, Persian, and European influences, while exploring the Darajani town market and the former slave market. After lunch, venture into the lush countryside for a spice tour, discovering why Zanzibar earned the nickname "Spice Island." Visit small spice farms, learning about the cultivation of cloves, vanilla, nutmeg, and more, while gaining insights into their culinary and medicinal uses. (B, L)

Day 3: Zanzibar

Today, embark on an unforgettable adventure in the vibrant marine world of the Indian Ocean. Taking a state-of-the-art semi-submarine, explore coral reefs and encounter a kaleidoscope of colourful fish, all from the comfort of a "splash-free" underwater viewing deck. Following the underwater exploration, be whisked away to a nearby sandbank for a Zanzibar-style brunch, sunbathing, and swimming. (B, L, D)

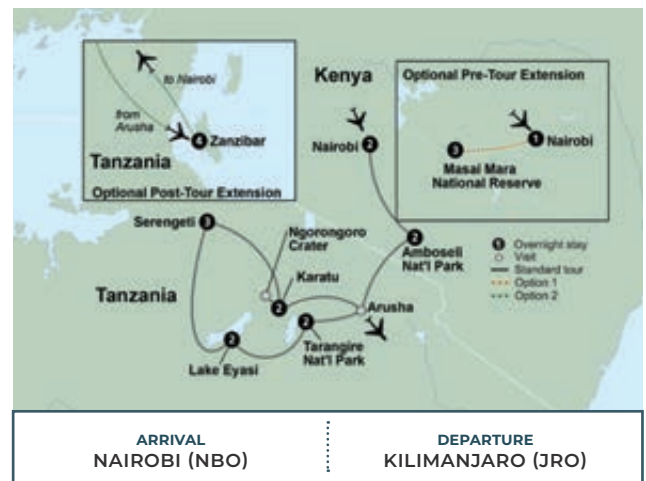
Day 4: Zanzibar

On your final full day in Zanzibar, indulge in leisure time at your seaside hotel. If you're still longing for more adventure, embark on an optional Jozani forest tour, immersing yourself in the natural beauty of the island's last remaining natural forest. Here you have the chance to encounter the endangered red colobus monkey, known for its friendly demeanor, while exploring diverse habitats such as coastal evergreen bushland and mangrove forest under the guidance of knowledgeable local experts. (B)

Day 5: Zanzibar - Flight Home - Extension Ends

On your final morning in Zanzibar, savour a tranquil start with a leisurely breakfast. Then transfer to Zanzibar Airport for the flight back to Nairobi, marking the beginning of your journey homeward. With memories of Zanzibar's captivating landscapes and warm hospitality, you depart carrying cherished experiences of your time in this island paradise. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



DOUBLE Starting at **\$9999**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 27 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 - April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May 2025 - April 2026
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2025 - April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

Itinerary details are subject to change. See our website for more information.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

+ Optional 4-Night Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve Pre-Tour Extension Starting at \$2500 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Extension Begins

Today you arrive in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, where you'll be met by a local representative and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon is at leisure to relax. Join your fellow

travel companions this evening for dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2: Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve

Today, travel to Kenya. You'll arrive in Masai Mara in time for lunch followed by a siesta and your first game drive! (B, L, D)

Day 3: Masai Mara National Reserve

After breakfast, depart on an early morning game drive, returning to camp mid-morning. The wildlife in the Mara is robust: hippo, lion, hyena, zebra, wildebeest, elephant, and Cape buffalo all call this home. After lunch, you'll have some time to enjoy the grounds of the camp. Then, set off on another game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Masai Mara National Reserve

By now, you've become an expert at spotting wildlife! After breakfast, depart on an early morning game drive, returning to camp mid-morning. Perhaps you'll spend some time in one of the camp's treehouses, spotting giraffes in the distance. Then, set off on another game drive returning to camp as the sun sets. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Masai Mara National Reserve - Nairobi

Depart after breakfast and drive to Nairobi to start the main tour. (B)

THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI

13 DAYS • 33 MEALS

STARTING AT \$8354

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi • Shaba National Reserve • Samburu National Reserve • Sundowner • Lake Nakuru • Masai Mara • Karen Blixen Home • Amboseli National Park • 13 Game Drives • Africa's Big 5



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit Rothschild's giraffes at a sanctuary that serves to educate thousands of Kenyan school children each year.
- Learn the traditions of the Samburu people during a visit with a tribe member.
- Immerse yourself in the culture during a visit to a Masai village.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 11 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature at Lake Nakuru.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Day 2	Sarova Maiyan, Mount Kenya
Days 3, 4	Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
Day 5	Panari Resort Nyahururu, Nyahururu
Days 6, 7	Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
Days 8, 9	Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara
Day 10	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Days 11, 12	Oi Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Game Drive

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya

Prepare to see the Africa of your dreams and one that's so much more than you could imagine. Explore Kenya's wildlife, up close and personal, against stunning vistas across the plains of Africa. Adventure stirs the soul in Kenya. Arrive in the heart of safari country today.

Day 2: Nairobi - Mount Kenya

After breakfast, travel towards Mount Kenya, an extinct volcano where peaks reach as high as 17,000 feet. In the foothills, indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil stirs under brilliant waterfalls. This afternoon, set out on your first game drive of the trip at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to an astounding variety of animals. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Mount Kenya - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves – home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife – particularly two species you can only find north of the Equator: Grevy's zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs – a starkly beautiful semi-desert that's a mecca for birds and wildlife. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" – lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos. (B, L, D)

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

Marvel at the striking contrast of sand, sky, and bush during a morning game drive inside Samburu National Reserve, a tiny gem of Kenya's North Country. Return to Shaba Reserve for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5." Make sure to look up for the approximately 350 species of birds that call this region home. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, enjoy a traditional Sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Nyahururu

Journey to Nyahururu, its name derived from the Maasai word for waterfall, *e-naiwurruwurr*. Enjoy a free afternoon to relax in your luxury hideaway, a resort situated in the heart of 20 acres of tranquil forest. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Nyahururu - Lake Nakuru

Hit the road for a spectacular, mountain-kissed journey on the way from Nyahururu waterfalls to Lake Nakuru National Park. One of the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and wooded, bushy grassland. Set out on a game drive this afternoon. (B, L, D)



Lake Nakuru



Ocean Sole

Day 7: Lake Nakuru

Wake up in the embrace of Nakuru's acacia forest. During this morning's game drive, make sure your binoculars are ready - this is rhino country. Find this park absolutely brimming with wildlife, on the ground and in the air. Regale in a true taste of Africa: a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush. Unwind at your lodge before continuing your journey through the park on an afternoon game drive. Return just in time to witness one of Nakuru's unforgettable sunsets. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

Welcome to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, one of Kenya's best spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodation in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience on your game drive this afternoon. Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." During a full-day game drive, enjoy the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. This is truly nature's greatest theater, where savanna, cloud shadows and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. After a Mara sunset, head over to your tent and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

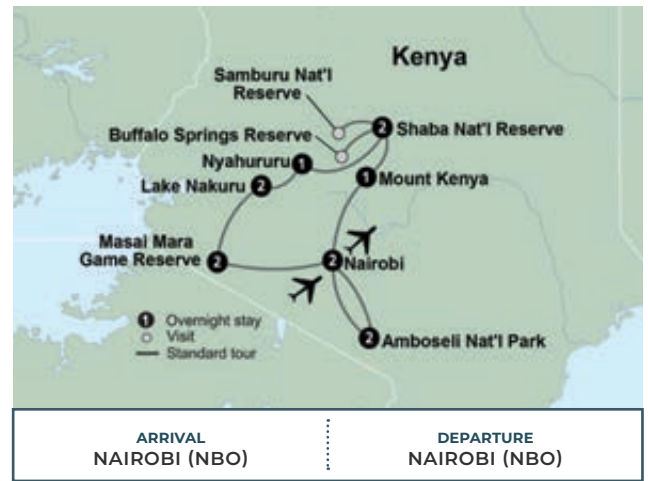
Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true *Out of Africa* experience. Then, visit a giraffe sanctuary that also serves as an environmental education centre and get an up-close experience with majestic Rothschild's giraffes. (B, L)

Day 11: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

This morning, experience an **Impact Moment** when you visit Ocean Sole, a social enterprise that turns ocean debris into colourful works of art. Learn about their mission to clean the waterways and grow the Kenyan economy. You'll also get a chance to peruse their collection of products before continuing on to Amboseli National Park. Later, learn about Masai culture during a visit to a local village (an *enkeng* in Maa, the Masai language). Take to the plains for an afternoon game drive accompanied by the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a seedball. The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your stay in Amboseli. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Amboseli National Park

Today will start with sunrise game drive followed by breakfast back at the lodge. Then all of Amboseli is at your feet during a morning and afternoon game drive. Derived from the Masai word meaning "salty dust," this unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last



ARRIVAL NAIROBI (NBO)	DEPARTURE NAIROBI (NBO)
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DOUBLE Starting at **\$8354** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$10004**

Prices based on 9 June 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 - April 2025 (different itinerary - see note*)
May 2025 - April 2026 (featured itinerary)

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🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Nairobi (1-2 NIGHTS)

“The most enjoyable part of the tour was all of it. We had an amazing, fun tour manager, knowledgeable drivers, a wonderful group of people and had outstanding luck in what we were able to see on safari!”
 – Abbey I.

chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make an impact on the continent you've grown to love. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Amboseli National Park - Nairobi - Tour Ends
 Return to Nairobi for your departure home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight. (B)

WILDERNESS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: SAFARI BY LAND & WATER

14 DAYS • 33 MEALS
STARTING AT \$10649

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS



HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe National Park • 3 Cruises on the Chobe River • Hwange National Park • Private Lake Kariba Safari Boat • Victoria Falls • 6 Game Drives & Game Cruises • Home Hosted Meal



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Cruise Chobe River for a unique way to search for game species in Chobe National Park.
- Board a privately chartered safari boat on Lake Kariba for 3 nights.
- Immerse yourself in nature and seek out the elusive "Big 5" during land & water safari experiences.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 10 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

- Share a simple traditional meal during a home hosted lunch in Victoria Falls.
- Enjoy a beach barbecue on the shores of Lake Kariba.
- Savour an al fresco dinner on the banks of the Zambezi River.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — While at Hwange National Park choose to join a morning game drive **-OR-** a morning game walk with a specialized ranger. A privilege few people ever get to experience!



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 2 - 4	Chobe Bush Lodge, Chobe National Park, Kasane
Days 5 - 7	Iganyana Tented Camp, Hwange National Park
Days 8 - 10	Lake Kariba Safari Boat
Days 11 - 13	Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Lake Kariba Cruise

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city! This afternoon, transfer to your hotel for the evening and enjoy a relaxing evening before your adventure in search of the Big 5 begins.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, ZW - Chobe National Park, Botswana

This morning, board a plane for a short flight to Victoria Falls, where you will meet your Tour Manager before continuing to your lodge for the next three nights in Botswana. Enjoy some time at leisure at the lodge before gathering with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Chobe National Park

Rise early with the sounds of the local wildlife ahead of your first game drive in Chobe National Park, an excellent location to search for the Big 5. You and your fellow travellers will ride in open-air vehicles with a local expert who will be able to tell you all about the creatures you'll see along the way. Later in the morning, enjoy some free time, either at the lodge or to drive into the nearby town of Kasane. After lunch at the lodge, board your private boat and take to the waters of the Chobe River, in search of elephants and aquatic birds whilst sipping on cool beverages. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Chobe National Park

Start your day early with a private game cruise on the Chobe River and see the animals visiting the water first thing in the morning. After your

search, return for some free time at the lodge, perhaps relaxing at the pool or stopping by their beauty salon. After lunch this afternoon, enjoy a game drive in Chobe National Park, where you may spot buffalo, hyenas, or zebras. Later, enjoy a dinner cruise along the gentle waters of the Chobe River during an exclusive boat ride with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park

Enjoy a leisurely final morning in Chobe National Park. After breakfast, take a 90-minute drive to Victoria Falls, where we will stop for lunch. Savour fresh, local ingredients while you look over the gorge to the Zambezi River below. Next, it's off to Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, for a late afternoon game drive. This national park is home to over 100 types of mammals and 400 bird species, giving you the chance to look out for cheetahs, lions, giraffes and so much more. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Hwange National Park

Today is another day to rise early in search of the Big 5. After breakfast, spend a full day on a game drive in Hwange National Park. By enjoying a picnic lunch break, you can venture deep into the bushland and maximize your chances to spot buffalo, elephants and other animals gathering in the park. Return to the lodge for dinner. You'll savour your meal and the memories of the day's extensive safari. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Hwange National Park

This morning, search for the Big 5 your way, because **it's your choice!** Return to an open-air vehicle and enjoy a morning game drive -**OR**- join an expert national park guide on a game walk, giving you the rare opportunity to search for wildlife up close, including seeing some plants, insects, and reptiles you may not spot otherwise. After, return to the lodge and relax over tea and pastries. This afternoon, you will be returning to the park for another glimpse into the animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls - Lake Kariba

Enjoy a final morning in the park before driving to Lake Kariba, the world's largest artificial lake. Board your private safari boat which will be your home for the next three nights. With limited access to technology, revel in the experience of floating along the still waters, seeing breathtaking sunsets, and searching for local wildlife in the water. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Lake Kariba

Trade in your safari boat for a smaller tender boat, perfectly sized to cruise upriver channels off the lake. You will return to the safari boat for brunch. Later, enjoy the chance to try your hand at fishing in Lake Kariba from a tender boat on an afternoon game cruise. Before having dinner on the safari boat, take time to admire the stunning red and orange hues of the setting sun over Lake Kariba. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Lake Kariba

Start your day relaxed as you sail past the unspoiled wilderness and rugged scenery. Savour brunch later this morning and enjoy a trip and chance to fish on tender boats in the afternoon. This

evening, you and your fellow travellers will take to the shore and enjoy a barbecue dinner on the beach. The stargazing conditions overhead, coupled with the delicious meal, will be a dining experience you won't soon forget. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Kariba - Victoria Falls

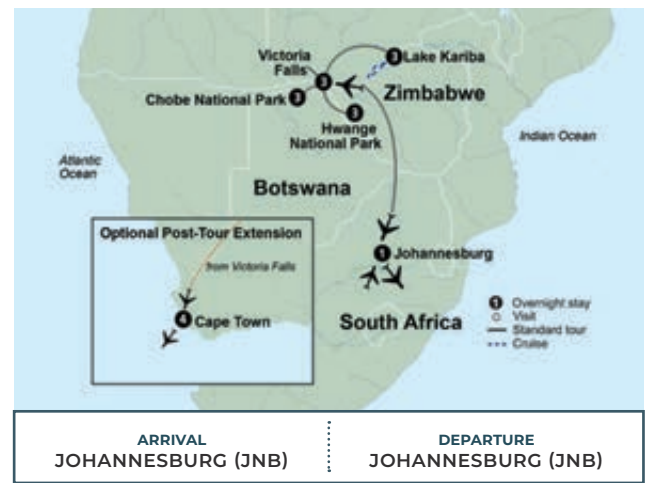
Your safari boat experience will come to a close this morning as you drive back to Victoria Falls. Upon arriving at the Ilala Lodge, enjoy lunch. Then grab your poncho because this afternoon you will visit the exhilarating natural wonder of Victoria Falls! At 5,600 feet wide and 354 feet tall, this waterfall is one of the world's largest. (B, L)

Day 12: Victoria Falls

This morning, start your day with a visit to Chinotimba township. Visit a local market, where you can barter for goods and experience daily life. After, you will visit the modest home of a local family for lunch. Your host will prepare an authentic, simple meal with you and share what life is like in around Victoria Falls. Following your home visit, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional tour taking a relaxing cruise on the Zambezi River, a body of water that separates Zimbabwe and Zambia whose banks are frequented by the local animals. (B, L)

Day 13: Victoria Falls

Your last full day on tour will bring you up close to elephants at a local sanctuary. Hear stories from these gentle giants' caretakers and learn about the efforts to understand, care for, and protect these intelligent and inspiring creatures, all while marvelling at the animals interacting and walking by their side. Continue learning about animal conservation and care with a visit to the



ARRIVAL
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DEPARTURE
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DOUBLE Starting at **\$10649**
SOLO Starting at **\$12499**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 6 June 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024

January - April 2025

(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2025 - April 2026

(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Johannesburg (1-2 NIGHTS)

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, Collette's **Impact Moment**. The staff at the VFWT will review some of the incredible work they do, ranging from wildlife rehabilitation to community outreach and disease research. You will have the afternoon free to do as you wish. This evening, you will join your fellow travellers for a 3-course farewell dinner under the stars on the bank of the Zambezi River. (B, D)

Day 14: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to your safari companions as you depart your African adventure and head home. (B)

Optional 4 Night Cape Town Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$1960[†] pp



Day 14: Victoria Falls - Cape Town, South Africa

Fly from Victoria Falls and arrive in Cape Town, South Africa for a 5-day tour - the

perfect way to extend your holiday.

Day 15: Cape Town

Today, set off for a half-day city tour of Cape Town, South Africa's oldest city. Climb aboard a cable car for a ride up Table Mountain, voted the 8th Wonder of the World. Then, explore Cape Town, known as the Mother City. Founded in 1652 by Dutch sailors, Cape Town boasts intricate, layered Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

Day 16: Cape Town

Today, enjoy a full-day Peninsula tour that explores the length and both sides of the Cape Peninsula. Visit Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope - the south-western most point of the African continent. Behold amazing and dramatic scenery as the road winds

along steep cliffs overlooking the ocean far below. Visit the famous penguins that live on Boulders Beach. Finally, get a true taste of the local culture during a home-hosted dinner in Cape Town. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Cape Town

With a full day at leisure, explore Cape Town in depth. This is the perfect location to end an epic tour of southern Africa. This vibrant, cosmopolitan city celebrates culture, beauty and charm, with its strong Euro-Africa blend, great sights, shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Visit the Victoria and Alfred waterfront - a mecca of shops, restaurants, bars, harbour rides. Sit down for a farewell dinner complete with a cultural performance and local dishes. It is the perfect finale to a truly unforgettable experience. (B, D)

Day 18: Cape Town - Extension Ends

Bid farewell to South Africa when you leave beautiful Cape Town! Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

COLOURS OF MOROCCO

14 DAYS • 27 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5599

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Rabat • Fes • Sahara Desert Luxury Tented Camp • Camel Ride • Khamlia Music Village • Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou • High Atlas Mountains • Marrakech • Cooking Class • Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit a nomad family and learn about their ancient traditions.
- Experience the desert by 4x4 and during your two-night camp stay.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Select your own ingredients for a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.
- Experience a dish prepared by the women of the Ksar following traditional recipes.
- Indulge in a tour and tasting at a winery estate.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 11** — Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops of traditional craftsmanship **-OR-** relax in a traditional hammam and experience this ancient form of wellness **-OR-** return to the hotel to relax by the pool.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Flower Town Hotel & Spa, Rabat
Days 3 - 5	Riad Yacout, Fes
Day 6	Kasbah Hotel Xaluca, Erfoud
Days 7, 8	Sahara Desert Camp, Merzouga
Day 9	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 10 - 12	Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakech
Day 13	Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Sahara Desert

Day 1: Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat - Tour Begins

Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca you'll transfer to Rabat. Depending on your arrival time, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat, your home for the next two days.

Day 2: Rabat

Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour with a local guide who'll share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Visit the Chellah, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. Explore the mausoleum of Mohammed V and see its ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations. See the Kasbah de Oudaia and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Rabat - Fes

Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route to Fes, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting, and lunch. Explore the winery's grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, taking in sweeping views of vines and tasting some of the vintages. End your tour with lunch at the estate. Then continue on to Fes, where you'll spend the next three nights at a riad. (B, L)

Day 4: Fes

Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion.

Visit the royal palace and Al-Qarawiyyin University (UNESCO), the oldest continuously operating university in the world, admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. On a walking tour of the ninth-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. (B, D)

Day 5: Fes

Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or visiting a museum. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour of Meknes and Volubilis. On this full-day tour, experience Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco, where you'll see the Bab Mansour gate. After an included lunch, travel to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. (B)

Day 6: Fes - Midelt - Erfoud

Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Midelt to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called the "Door to the Desert," and where many famous movies were filmed, including *The Prince of Persia* and *The Mummy*. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Erfoud - Sahara Desert

This morning, get to know about local life at El Maadid Ksar, a village with narrow lanes surrounded by ancient fortified walls. Spend some time walking through town and get an authentic look into how local people live, like the farmers who spend their days tending to fields on the outskirts of the village. This evening, make your way into the Sahara aboard a Jeep 4x4 for a two-

night stay in a luxury tented camp in the desert, under the stars. (B, D)

Day 8: Sahara Desert

Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow, and red. This morning you'll have the opportunity to ride through the dunes on the back of a camel. Continue your day by travelling to the village of Khamlia. Meet with locals for an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan Gnawa music. Next, you'll meet a nomadic group and learn about this ancient way of living and how its traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the desert. This evening, sit with your Tour Manager and learn more about the importance of Islam in Morocco through the centuries and its impact on day-to-day life. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sahara Desert - El Khorbate - Boumalne du Dades

Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the sweeping sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artefacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Enjoy a simple lunch at a local restaurant. This **Impact Moment** supports a business whose profits are used to conserve the cultural heritage and improve the living conditions of this small community. Later, arrive in Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeriaes, and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand

Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the Ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, enjoy a homemade meal, then continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains, and Berber villages. (B, L)

Day 11: Marrakech

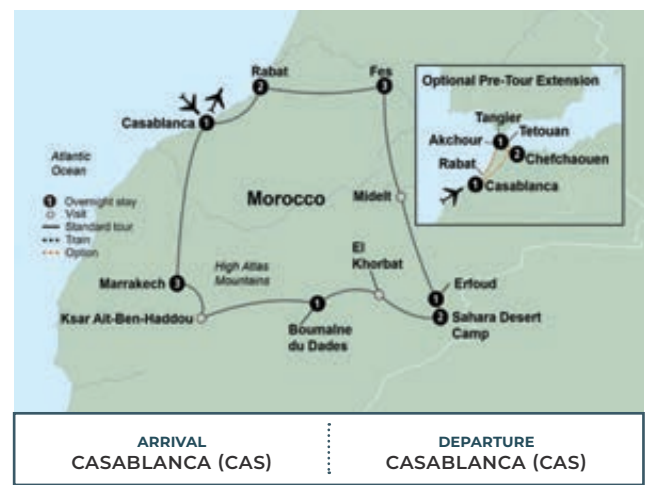
Among the mosques and palaces, souks, and riads, visit the Jardin Majorelle, an iconic site that showcases the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage. Next, visit the ancient El Bahia palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Then **it's your choice!** Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops along the way **-OR-** relax in a traditional hammam, a community bathhouse where locals still gather to relax, cleanse, and socialize today **-OR-** return to the hotel to relax by the pool. (B, D)

Day 12: Marrakech

Today experience an **Impact Moment** and join a local women's training centre for an interactive cooking class. Head to a garden on the property to source your herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: tagine. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, perhaps you'll join an optional horse-drawn carriage ride through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 13: Marrakech - Casablanca

Depart Marrakech for Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival in Casablanca, visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa,



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5599** Starting at **\$6849** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 01 December 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2024 – April 2025 **May 2025**
(different itinerary - see note)* **September 2025 – May 2026**
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- PRE-NIGHT: Rabat** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- POST-NIGHT: Casablanca** (1-2 NIGHTS)

the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privately led tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colourful artistry of the ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then say goodbye to your Tour Manager and fellow travellers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 14: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)

Optional 4-Night Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier Pre-Tour Extension
 Starting at \$1960 pp



Day 1: Casablanca, Morocco
 Arrive in Casablanca today! The best representation of modern Morocco,

Casablanca's Moorish buildings meld French-colonial design with traditional Moroccan style. Get acquainted with this old pirates' lair at your centrally located hotel.

Day 2: Casablanca - Chefchaouen
 Transfer to Chefchaouen today - "the blue city" situated in the Rif Mountains. A photographer's paradise, Chefchaouen's narrow, steep cobbled streets and red-walled Kasbah are remarkable sights. (B, D)

Day 3: Chefchaouen - Akchour - Chefchaouen
 Explore Chefchaouen with your Tour Manager today. See the 15th-century Kasbah and the town's Grand Mosque. Explore the narrow lanes and walk by the many handicraft shops,

where you can find the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. After your city tour, transfer to Akchour for lunch. Return to Chefchaouen for a free afternoon and night. (B, L)

Day 4: Chefchaouen - Tetouan - Tangier
 Say farewell to "the blue city" and head to Tangier today. Stop in Tetouan and learn about Spanish influence in northern Morocco during a city tour that includes a visit to the old medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive in Tangier in the early afternoon and get a glimpse of this port town before going to your hotel. (B)

Day 5: Tangier - Rabat
 Start your day with a guided tour of Tangier, the main port city of northern Morocco and the gateway between Europe and Africa. Visit the old town and the American Legation Museum for a better understanding of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Morocco. Then, travel like a local aboard a train to Rabat to join the main tour and continue your Moroccan adventure. (B)

JOURNEY THROUGH EGYPT & JORDAN

13 DAYS • 26 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6539

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Grand Egyptian Museum • Giza Pyramids & Sphinx • Historic Cairo • Aswan • 3-Night Nile River Cruise • Kom Ombo • Edfu • Luxor • Valley of the Kings Amman • Wadi Rum • Petra • Impact Moment • Dead Sea • Home Hosted Lunch



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river, on a 3-night cruise.
- View the tomb of King Tut during a tour of the Valley of the Kings.
- Connect with locals at a cooperative advancing women's employment in Jordan.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a Bedouin lunch baked in the sand of Wadi Rum's desert.
- Prepare your meal and eat family-style at an Arabic cooking class.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Visit the expansive ruins of Karnak Temple **-OR-** admire spectacular views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace.
- **Day 10** — In Petra, trek up to the legendary "Monastery," **-OR-** join a local family at their home for tea and learn about life in their community **-OR-** visit a Nabatean outpost.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Upgrade your stay to a Partial Nile View room and enjoy views of the Nile River. CALL FOR DETAILS
- Day 4** Anakato Wadi Kiki Nubian Houses, Aswan
- Days 5 - 7** Sonesta St. George 1
- Day 8** Amman Marriott Hotel, Amman
- Days 9, 10** Movenpick Resort, Wadi Musa, Petra
- Days 11, 12** Movenpick Resort and Spa, Dead Sea

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Great Sphinx of Giza

Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Your adventure starts in Cairo, the capital of Egypt. A constant thrum of energy wrapped around you, feel the ever-present heartbeat of the country in the city streets. Located strategically along the banks of the Nile, generations of wanderers have traversed these grounds just as you do now.

Day 2: Cairo

This morning, join your Tour Manager-Egyptologist for an introductory talk on ancient Egypt. Get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties before navigating Cairo's famous traffic on your way to the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, a collection featuring some of the country's oldest artefacts. This evening, connect with your fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner featuring local specialties. (B, D)

Day 3: Cairo

Early this morning, venture to nearby Giza and embrace the Egypt you have always imagined. Stand in awe before the iconic Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the stoicism of the Great Sphinx, a colossal structure jutting out of the desert sand, full of mystery and intrigue. This afternoon, walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-

famous souk of Khan el-Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

Day 4: Cairo - Aswan

Pre-dawn this morning, transfer to the Cairo airport for the 2-hour flight that takes you to Aswan, a breathtaking port city up the Nile. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated there during the construction of the High Dam. Experience the Nubian culture of Upper Egypt as you transfer by motorboat to your rustic riverside lodge, with its colourful decorations and naïve architectural style. This afternoon, learn more about the Nubian people, their ancestral heritage and language during a walk in the nearby village, before relaxing over dinner at your lodge. (B, D)

Day 5: Aswan - Board Ship

This morning, discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. Then, board your cruise ship and settle in for the next three nights. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artefacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western

shore of the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kom Ombo - Edfu

Coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by as you sail on to the mesmerising Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the ancient god Horus. Relax during an afternoon on board as you glide down the Nile, before enjoying a festive Galabeya Party, where you might don a traditional Egyptian gown. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Luxor

As dawn breaks, venture to Luxor's West Bank, trekking along the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for lunch. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit the expansive ruins of Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic proportions **-OR-** admire expansive views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace which hosted esteemed guests such as Agatha Christie, Winston Churchill and the great Egyptologist Howard Carter. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Luxor - Disembark Ship - Amman, Jordan

Pre-dawn this morning, say goodbye to the land of the pyramids as you fly to Cairo, where you connect to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Get a peek into this innovative city housing both modern technologies and ancient relics on your way to tonight's street food dinner which includes local specialities such as hummus, falafels and kunafa. (B, D)

Day 9: Amman - Wadi Rum - Petra

This morning, cross Jordan all the way to the south as you leave Amman for the isolated desert of Wadi Rum where you arrive by lunchtime. Nicknamed the Valley of the Moon, this ethereal landscape resembles nothing found on earth. Cruise through the reserve on the back of a pick-up truck and take in the vast landscape around you. Enjoy lunch at a local camp before venturing onward to Petra, the fabled "Rose Red City." In the evening, stroll down the street to an authentic Arabic cooking

class. Prepare your meal, featuring fresh ingredients from local markets and traditional Jordanian recipes, before digging in family-style. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Petra

At daybreak, weave along sandstone carvings as you tour the vast archeological site of Petra with your guide. Serving as a crossroads between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, Petra contains ages of hidden wonders just waiting to be explored. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Keep exploring Petra's vast archeological site on your own. Perhaps you'll travel up to the "Monastery," one of Petra's legendary monuments **-OR-** join a local family at their home for tea and friendly conversation about life in the Bedouin community of Wadi Musa **-OR-** visit Little Petra, a Nabatean outpost located a few miles from its famous big sister, and featuring a 2000-year old Nabatean fresco that finds no corresponding in its larger neighbour. (B)

Day 11: Petra - Dead Sea

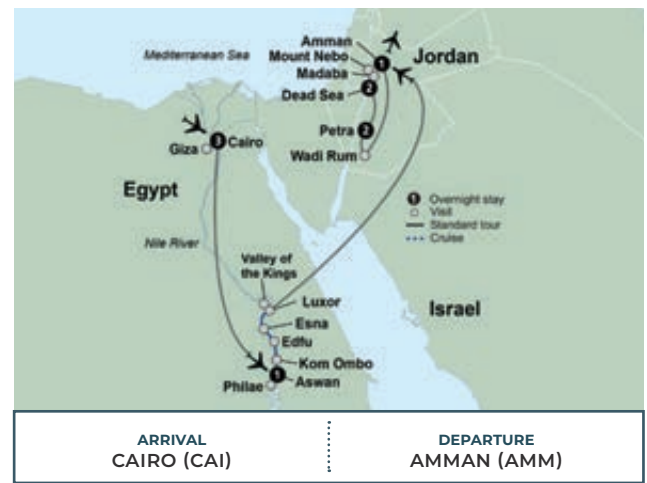
A full morning transfer takes you north to the fertile basin of the Jordan Valley. Here, connect with the local community during an **Impact Moment** at a cooperative promoting the conservation of traditional crafts through the employment of Bedouin women. After lunch at the cooperative, descend to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea for a 2-night stay at a hotel featuring direct access to the legendary sea. (B, L)

Day 12: Dead Sea

Journey to Madaba and delve deep into St. George's Church and its famous Byzantine mosaic representing the Holy Land. Then, connect with the local community during a home hosted lunch. Experience traditional Jordanian hospitality and authentic home cooking as you share stories and connect with your hosts over a traditional meal. Gaze upon the Promised Land at Mount Nebo like Moses long before you. This evening, celebrate the end of your Middle Eastern journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Dead Sea - Tour Ends

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



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at \$6539
Starting at \$8039

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Prices based on 20 January 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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+ PRE-NIGHT: Cairo (1-2 NIGHTS)



Sonesta St. George

TREASURES OF EGYPT

11 DAYS • 22 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Giza • Pyramids • Sphinx • Luxor
• Temple of Karnak • 4-Night Nile River
Cruise • Valley of the Kings • Queen
Hatshepsut Temple • Kom Ombo • Aswan
• Philae Temple • Khan el-Khalili Bazaar



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Dress up and join the fun at a traditional *galabeya* party.
- Journey by motorboat to Philae Temple, rescued stone by stone during the construction of the High Dam.
- Embark on a 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Experience freshly prepared traditional local cuisine each night on your Nile cruise.
- Get a first-hand introduction into how Egyptian cuisine is prepared during a cooking demonstration.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology and how they influence the active digs on the Giza plateau **-OR-** channel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
During your stay at the Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino you may choose to enjoy views of the Nile River by upgrading your accommodations to a partial Nile River View room. CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 4 - 7 Movenpick Royal Lily

Day 8 Movenpick Resort, Aswan

Days 9, 10 Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Pyramids of Giza

Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Cairo, a modern megalopolis with an intriguing past.

Day 2: Cairo

Get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during an introductory talk before navigating Cairo's famous traffic on your way to the extensive collection of artefacts at the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 3: Cairo - Pyramids of Giza

Fulfill a lifelong dream and head to nearby Giza (UNESCO). Embark on an in-depth visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the world's oldest and largest monuments. Then, **it's your choice!** Meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology and how they influence the active digs on the Giza plateau **-OR-** channel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel, winding through the inner chamber. (B, L)

Day 4: Cairo - Fly to Luxor - Board Cruise Ship

Depart your hotel before dawn for your flight to Luxor, home to the expansive Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic

proportions. This afternoon, board your cruise ship for a voyage on the Nile River. Relax aboard, taking in the views from the sundeck. In the early evening, opt to join a visit to Luxor temple, all lit up and boasting fascinating plays of light and shadow, ending at a local café for a taste of mint tea before returning to the ship. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Edfu

Venture thousands of years into the past. As the sun rises, cross the Nile for a day in ancient Thebes. Explore the Valley of the Kings, including the world-renowned tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for a late lunch. This afternoon, take in the views of the fertile banks of the Nile as you sail down the river towards Edfu. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan

Beat the heat with an early morning visit to the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. Later this morning, participate in an informative talk covering Egypt from past to present. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo and explore the unique double temple before continuing to Aswan, the Nubian City. Join a culinary demonstration and learn about the staples of Egyptian cuisine from your chef before dressing up and joining the fun during a traditional *galabeya* party after dinner on board this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Aswan

Pre sunrise, consider an optional tour to Abu Simbel to visit the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artefacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum or stroll along the Corniche, Aswan's waterfront promenade. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship

Disembark the ship this morning for a motorboat ride to the sanctuary island dedicated to the goddess Isis. Philae Temple (UNESCO) is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the building of the High Dam. Then, gain a different perspective on the epic construction of the High Dam during an up-close visit of the area before arriving at your hotel for lunch at leisure. This afternoon, sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island where you embark on a stroll through the botanical gardens. Aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before regrouping for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 9: Aswan - Fly to Cairo

Early this morning, return to Cairo. Head towards Historic Cairo (UNESCO) where you can stroll along el-Moez Street, admiring its elegant Islamic architecture, or enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

Day 10: Cairo

The day is yours to experience the energy of Cairo's buzzing streets. Perhaps you will join a full-day optional exploration of Cairo's spiritual side with visits to the Citadel's Alabaster Mosque, an ancient church belonging to the Coptic Christian community and views of the ancient Ben Ezra Synagogue. Or you may choose to join a local guide for an optional tour of Sakkara and Djoser's Step Pyramid, erected over 47 centuries ago. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 11: Cairo - Tour Ends

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

+ Optional 4 Night Jordan, Petra & the Dead Sea Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1960+ pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 11: Cairo - Amman, Jordan - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Petra

An early morning transfer brings you to the airport in Cairo for your flight to Amman. Upon arrival, embark on an afternoon-long bus ride towards the ancient city of Petra. Arrive in Wadi Musa, Petra's modern-day settlement, for a 2-night stay. This evening, experience the flavours of the region during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 12: Petra

Early this morning, travel to the archeological site of Petra (UNESCO). Enjoy a full day walking tour of this remarkable stone-carved city, one of the new Wonders of the World. This remarkable treasure of the ancient world remained "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812, after being lost for over 500 years. Explore these breathtaking ruins, 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)

Day 13: Petra - Wadi Rum - Dead Sea
Depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in this stark and unspoiled desert. Pause for lunch at a local campsite before an afternoon-long transfer to the Jordanian shore of the Dead Sea. Arrive in the early evening. (B, L)

Day 14: Dead Sea - Madaba - Mt. Nebo

Take advantage of your hotel's private access to the beach and enjoy a morning at leisure to experience the Dead Sea's natural buoyancy. Then travel to Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Enjoy a home hosted lunch and savour traditional Jordanian hospitality as you connect with your hosts over a traditional meal. In the afternoon, visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region. Then pause at Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land - present day Israel - and is believed to be laid to rest. (B, L)

Day 15: Dead Sea - Extension Ends
Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 - April 2025

(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Cairo (1-2 NIGHTS)



+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Abu Simbel

Visit the great sun temples of Abu Simbel, built by Ramses II. The Temple of Ramses II was constructed so that the sun's rays would illuminate four statues of Egyptian deities on his birthday and on the anniversary of his coronation, October 20 and February 20. The temple is fronted by four colossal figures of Ramses II seated with the gods and attended by his Queen and daughters. The smaller temple is dedicated to Queen Nefertari. This excursion must be purchased at time of booking. Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.



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15 DAYS • 33 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Boundary Ranch • Lake Louise • Banff
• Peyto Lake • Rocky Mountaineer •
Kamloops • Grouse Mountain • Stanley
Park • Vancouver • 7-Night Holland
America Alaska Inside Passage Cruise



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- In Ketchikan, explore the Totem Heritage Centre and learn about the First Nations of Alaska.
- Enjoy a welcome lunch at Calgary's iconic Boundary Ranch.
- Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in historic Skagway.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 9 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a traditional Albertan barbecue.
- Savour elegant meals, as well as unlimited drinks, aboard Rocky Mountaineer.
- Indulge in fresh local seafood and French dishes on your Alaskan cruise.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — In Banff, take a fun ride across a 1,000-foot thick mass of glacial ice **-OR-** take a walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley from the glass-floored platform.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel, Calgary, AB
- Day 2** Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, AB
- Days 3, 4** The Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff, AB
- Day 5** Kamloops hotel, Kamloops, BC
- Days 6, 7** Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC
- Days 8 - 14** Holland America Line Zaandam or Koningsdam

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Holland America Line Cruise Ship

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Get ready for an adventure that brings together the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies, the emerald-green forests of British Columbia, and the grandeur of Alaska's Inside Passage. Arrive today in the province of Alberta.

Day 2: Calgary - Lake Louise

Discover the cowboy spirit of Western Canada with a stop at a local ranch for a line dancing lesson and a wagon ride in search of buffalo. With soaring peaks serving as your backdrop, sit down for a traditional Albertan barbecue lunch. Arrive this afternoon in the picturesque village of Lake Louise and settle into the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a stunning property nestled on the banks of the lake. This evening, dine at one of the great restaurants at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Lake Louise - Banff

Enjoy a leisurely morning and admire the tranquil turquoise waters of the lake. Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its picture-perfect panoramic views. Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone, found only in Alberta. During an afternoon at leisure, perhaps you'll take a stroll through Banff's charming downtown. (B)

Day 4: Banff - Icefields Parkway - Banff

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as you

set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Marvel at impressive waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs, and snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Athabasca Glacier, where **it's your choice!** Take a fun ride across this 1,000-foot-thick mass of glacial ice, the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle **-OR-** take a walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and take in the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. We'll also make a stop at Peyto Lake on our return to Banff. (B, D)

Day 5: Banff - Rocky Mountaineer - Kamloops, British Columbia

Onboard Rocky Mountaineer, embark on an awe-inspiring rail journey through some of the world's most majestic scenery. Beyond your sparkling glass window, history comes alive as you travel the legendary rail route that united Canada as a nation, through the century-old Spiral Tunnels, and along the powerful Kicking Horse River. Traverse the Continental Divide and keep an eye out for moose, elk, and bighorn sheep – not to mention osprey, soaring eagles, and even the occasional bear. Arrive this evening in the city of Kamloops for your overnight stay. (B, L)

Day 6: Kamloops - Rocky Mountaineer - Vancouver

Continue west this morning through river canyons and snowcapped mountains. Inside



©Rocky Mountaineer Train



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

your single-level dome coach, gaze out at the stunning panorama of the mighty Fraser River and the raging white waters of Hell's Gate. Watch the landscape transform again as you enjoy views of the coastal deep-green forests and the towering peaks of the Coast Mountains. After another beautiful day onboard Rocky Mountaineer, arrive in the cosmopolitan city of Vancouver. (B, L)

Day 7: Vancouver

This morning, ascend Grouse Mountain on an enclosed gondola and enjoy views in every direction while you enjoy breakfast on the peak of Vancouver. Then, join a ranger to meet two grizzly bears that were rescued in 2001. Later, begin your Vancouver sightseeing tour at Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Follow the park's famous seawall and discover views of the mountains along trails, beaches, historical landmarks, and colourful gardens. Make your way to picturesque Granville Island Public Market and stroll past stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers. Tonight, toast the end of the Canadian part of your journey at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Vancouver - Board Cruise Ship

Enjoy a free morning in Vancouver before heading to the port to embark on your Holland America cruise of Alaska's Inside Passage. (B, D)

Day 9: Cruising - Inside Passage Northbound

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as your ship sails along the amazing Inside Passage, an extensive coastal route known for its natural beauty and abundant wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Cruising - Tracy Arm Inlet - Juneau, Alaska

This morning, discover the Tracy Arm Inlet, a fjord flanked by steep cliffs and glacier-covered mountains. This afternoon, arrive in beautiful Juneau, the most remote U.S. state capital, surrounded by water, forests, and mountains. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cruising - Skagway

Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in the "Gateway to the Klondike" and home of the famed Chilkoot Trail. In historic Skagway, Alaska's past lives on in a spectacular natural setting and cries of "gold in the Yukon!" can still be heard. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Cruising - Glacier Bay

Cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve that's a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands. Its rich world of marine life and glaciers is Alaska at its best. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Cruising - Ketchikan

Your port of call today is Ketchikan, known as the "salmon capital of the world" and the "city of totems." Located on tranquil Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan is home to the world's largest collection of totem poles. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Cruising - Inside Passage Southbound

Arguably one of the greatest cruising routes in the world, the Inside Passage offers opportunities to spot some of Alaska's most iconic wildlife, with humpback whales and orcas plying the water alongside the ship, bald eagles soaring overhead, and brown bears lumbering on the shoreline. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Vancouver, B.C. - Disembark Cruise - Tour Ends

Your cruise ends this morning back in the vibrant city of Vancouver, leaving you with many wonderful memories of your tour through one of the last great frontiers. (B)



ARRIVAL
CALGARY (YYC)

DEPARTURE
VANCOUVER (YVR)

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May – September 2025

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Calgary** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **TOUR EXTENSION**

Victoria, B.C.: 2-Night Post-Tour



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Extend your Canadian adventure at The Fairmont Empress, known as Canada's Castle on the Coast. With its iconic luxury and classic British styling, it offers unparalleled views over the Inner Harbour and the best afternoon tea in Victoria. Also included is a city tour and a visit to Butchart Gardens.

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UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 5 & 6: Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service

Whilst travelling on the Rocky Mountaineer Train, you may choose to upgrade to Gold-Leaf Service. Pamper yourself with panoramic views from your luxurious seat in the upper level of a bi-level glass domed coach with full-length windows; access to a private dining room downstairs where you'll enjoy gourmet à la carte meals, and a large, exclusive outdoor viewing platform; and complimentary beverages.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

CANADIAN ROCKIES

FEATURING ROCKY MOUNTAINEER EASTBOUND

8 DAYS • 13 MEALS
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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

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HIGHLIGHTS

Vancouver • Grouse Mountain • Stanley Park • Rocky Mountaineer • Kamloops • Lake Louise • Banff • Icefields Parkway • Peyto Lake • Calgary



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Spend two days onboard Rocky Mountaineer viewing coastal forests, roaring river canyons and lofty mountain peaks.
- Enjoy an overnight in Lake Louise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy breakfast atop Grouse Mountain – the Peak of Vancouver!
- Savour elegant dining and unlimited beverages aboard the Rocky Mountaineer.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — In Banff, take a fun ride across a 1,000-foot thick mass of glacial ice **-OR-** take a walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley from the glass-floored platform.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre or Georgian Court, Vancouver, BC
- Day 3** Kamloops hotel
- Day 4** Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, AB
- Days 5, 6** The Rimrock Resort, Banff, AB
- Day 7** Calgary Marriott Downtown or Westin Calgary, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE: CLASSIC



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Day 1: Vancouver, British Columbia

Set out to explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies by train. Arrive today in the city of Vancouver.

Day 2: Vancouver

This morning, ascend Grouse Mountain on an enclosed gondola and enjoy views in every direction while you enjoy breakfast on the peak of Vancouver. Then, join a ranger to meet two grizzly bears that were rescued in 2001. Later, begin your Vancouver sightseeing tour at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Follow the park's famous seawall and discover views of the mountains along trails, beaches, historical landmarks and colourful gardens. Make your way to picturesque Granville Island Public Market to stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Vancouver - Rocky Mountaineer - Kamloops

Onboard Rocky Mountaineer, embark on an awe-inspiring rail journey as you travel through some of the world's most majestic scenery. Beyond your sparkling glass window, enjoy views of coastal deep-green forests, roaring river canyons, and snowcapped mountain peaks.

From Vancouver, B.C. to Banff, Alberta, let the Rocky Mountaineer bring you on a spectacular voyage through the verdant farmlands of the Fraser Valley and the towering peaks of the Coast Mountains. Inside your single-level dome coach, gaze out at the stunning panoramas of the mighty Fraser River and the raging white waters of Hell's Gate. Watch the landscape transform again, this time to a semi-arid desert, as you travel towards the city of Kamloops for your overnight stay in a hotel. (B, L)

Day 4: Kamloops - Rocky Mountaineer - Lake Louise, Alberta

Continue east this morning to the spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountains. History comes alive as you travel this legendary rail route that united Canada as a nation, through the century-old Spiral Tunnels and along the powerful Kicking Horse River. Traverse the Continental Divide and keep an eye out for moose, elk, and bighorn sheep – not to mention osprey, soaring eagles, even the occasional bear. After another beautiful day onboard Rocky Mountaineer, raise a glass for a final toast. Arrive this evening in the picturesque village of Lake Louise and settle into the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a stunning property nestled along the banks of the lake. This evening, dine at one of the great restaurants at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. (B, L, D)



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise



Stanley Park



ARRIVAL
VANCOUVER (YVR)

DEPARTURE
CALGARY (YYC)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$11399** Pricing is per person, land only,
SOLO Starting at **\$13799** and varies by departure date.

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May – September 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + **PRE-NIGHT: Vancouver** (1-2 NIGHTS)
- + **POST-NIGHT: Calgary** (1-2 NIGHTS)

📅 UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 3 & 4: Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service

Whilst travelling on the Rocky Mountaineer Train, you may choose to upgrade to GoldLeaf Service. Pamper yourself with panoramic views from your luxurious seat in the upper level of a bi-level glass domed coach with full-length windows; access to a private dining room downstairs where you'll enjoy gourmet à la carte meals, and a large, exclusive outdoor viewing platform; and complimentary beverages.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

Day 5: Lake Louise - Banff

Enjoy a leisurely morning and admire the enchanting turquoise waters of the lake. Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its picture-perfect panoramic views. Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During an afternoon at leisure, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's charming downtown. (B)

Day 6: Banff - Icefields Parkway - Banff

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as you set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Marvel at impressive waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and the picture-perfect snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where **it's your choice!** Take a fun ride across this 1,000-foot-thick mass of glacial ice – the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle **-OR-** take a walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness

the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. This afternoon, stop at Bow Lake – a beautiful crystal clear lake fed by Bow Glacier – for photographs and a walk along its shore. We'll also make a stop at Peyto Lake on our return to Banff. (B, D)

Day 7: Banff - Calgary

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Banff before heading to Calgary – where the wild West meets industrial skyscrapers. Stop at Cave and Basin National Historic Site, whose protected land led to the birth of Canada's first national park. Tonight, join in a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 8: Calgary - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many memories of your extraordinary journey through the awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies. (B)

CANADIAN ROCKIES BY TRAIN

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS
STARTING AT \$9249

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

British Columbia • Vancouver •
VIA Rail • Alberta • Jasper •
Maligne Lake • Athabasca Glacier •
Lake Louise • Banff • Calgary



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- See the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area's most spectacular landmarks.
- Behold spectacular Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Choose a fun ride across the Athabasca Glacier **-OR-** take in breathtaking views on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, a glass-floored platform.

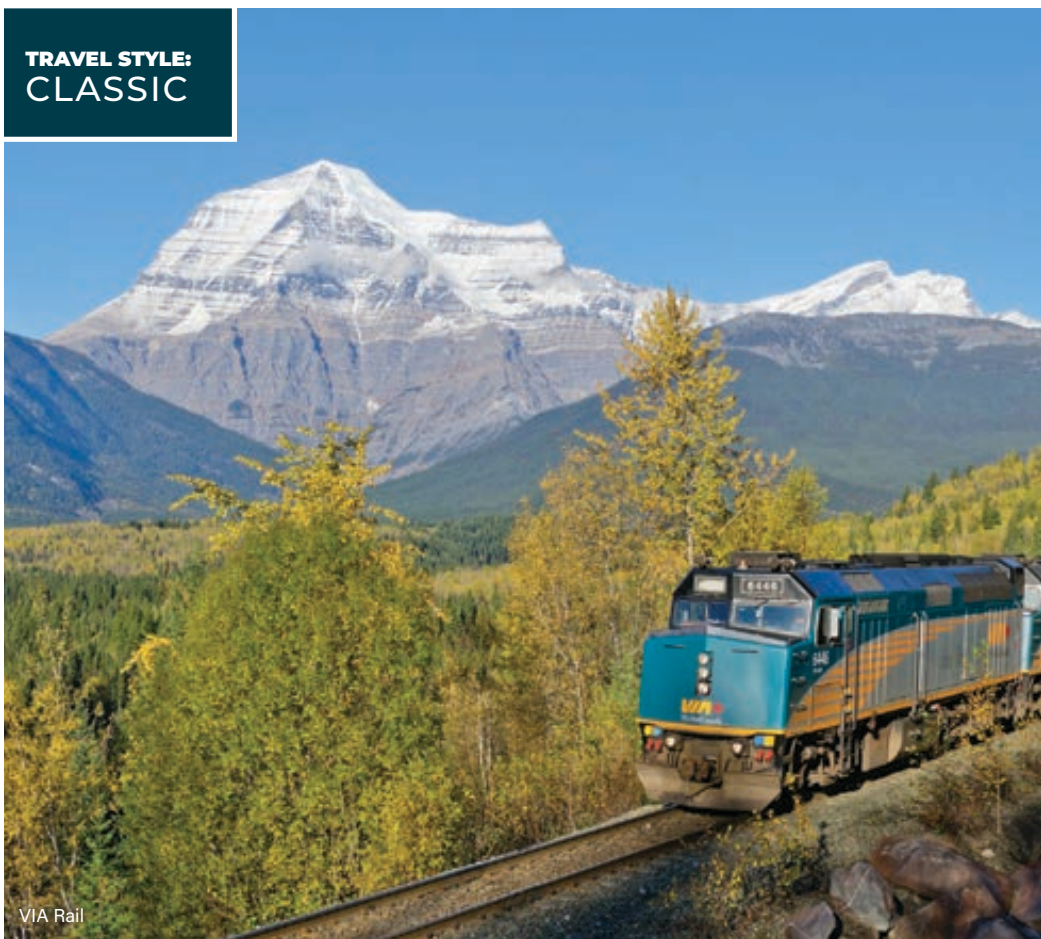


ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC
Day 2	VIA Rail's <i>The Canadian</i> , Vancouver, BC
Days 3, 4	Forest Park Hotel or Chateau Jasper, Jasper, AB
Day 5	Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, AB
Days 6, 7	Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, AB
Day 8	Calgary Marriott Downtown or The Westin Calgary, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



VIA Rail

Day 1: Vancouver, British Columbia

Take a remarkable journey through the stunning landscapes, charming towns and beautiful lakes of the Canadian Rockies. Your adventure opens in Vancouver.

Day 2: Vancouver - VIA Rail

Begin your Vancouver sightseeing tour at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Follow the park's famous seawall and discover views of the mountains along trails, beaches, historical landmarks and colourful gardens. Make your way to picturesque Granville Island Public Market to stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers. Later, board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* to begin your journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Relive train travel in the days of old as you are rocked to sleep tonight in your private accommodations. (B, D)

Day 3: VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta

Your eastbound train whisks you past the peaks of the Monashee Mountains and the stunning sight of Pyramid Falls cascading down Mt. Cheadle. Relax in the dome car as you experience 360-degree views of the glistening glaciers of the Albretha Icefields and on a clear day, view Mt. Robson - the highest peak of the Rockies! Moose, mountain goats, bears and caribou call this wonderland home.

This afternoon, arrive in Jasper, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies at the gateway to the incredible Icefields Parkway. (B, D)

Day 4: Jasper

This morning, travel to Maligne Lake, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rockies. Enjoy breakfast against the backdrop of the picture-perfect sparkling waters of the lake before choosing to embark on an optional cruise highlighting the beauty of Spirit Island. Later, enjoy the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area's most spectacular landmarks. Return to your hotel with time to independently explore this lovely town. (B)

Day 5: Jasper - Icefields Parkway - Lake Louise

Set off for a wonderful day of sightseeing en route to Lake Louise. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped peaks paint the breathtaking canvas - so have your camera handy! Enjoy a stop at the Athabasca Falls and marvel at its sheer beauty and power. Then, **it's your choice!** Stop at the Athabasca Glacier and choose a fun ride across this mass of glacial ice which is over 1,000 feet thick - the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle **-OR-** take a walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and



The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise



Moraine Lake



ARRIVAL
VANCOUVER (YVR)

DEPARTURE
CALGARY (YYC)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$9249** Pricing is per person, land only,
SOLO Starting at **\$10899** and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 25 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2025
April 2026
(featured itinerary)

**itinerary featured is for May 2025 - April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Vancouver (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ POST-NIGHT: Calgary (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Victoria Day Trip

A scenic ferry crossing transports you to Vancouver Island to visit the incomparable and lovely Butchart Gardens. Set on over 55 acres, Butchart Gardens are among the world's most beautiful and are a veritable explosion of colour and fragrances. Then, take a short sightseeing tour of the "City of Gardens," Victoria, and enjoy leisure time to explore this charming, seaside city. This evening you will journey back to the mainland via a short ferry ride.

Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.

witness the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. Continuing down the parkway, be on the lookout for bears, furry marmots and stately elk. Enjoy a stop at Bow Lake – a beautiful crystal-clear lake fed by Bow Glacier – before arriving in Lake Louise. (B, D)

Day 6: Lake Louise - Banff

Today, view the spectacular Moraine Lake and the awe-inspiring Valley of the Ten Peaks, distinctively saw-toothed, standing out amidst stunning Alpine scenery. Continue on a scenic drive through Banff and witness the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its panoramic views. Arrive in the charming mountain town of Banff for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Banff

Start your day at Cave and Basin National Historic Site where the first conservation efforts began to protect land that led to the birth of Canada's first national park. Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During leisure time, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's delightful downtown. (B)

Day 8: Banff - Calgary

Leave the wonders of the Rockies for the prairies of Alberta en route to the Kananaskis Valley. Visit a local ranch for a line dance lesson and enjoy a wagon ride in search of buffalo. Then, delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue with beautiful views of the mountains in the background. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies before you reach the vibrant city of Calgary. Tonight, join in a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Calgary - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Calgary. (B)



OVERNIGHT TRAIN ACCOMMODATION

VIA Rail whisks you past forests, prairies, lakes and the breathtaking landscape of the Canadian Rockies! Your trip aboard this train necessitates an overnight stay in a small cabin with a bunk bed. On arrival to the Rockies, some of the most awe-inspiring scenery in the world awaits.

CANADIAN ROCKIES & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

7 DAYS • 10 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5349

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Calgary • Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump • Waterton Lakes National Park • Glacier National Park • Going-to-the-Sun Road • Banff • Athabasca Glacier • Lake Louise • Heritage Park Historic Village



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Experience the past at Heritage Park Historic Village in Calgary.
- Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, one of the world's oldest buffalo jumps.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy lunch at Ski Lake Louise Lodge.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where you can ride across this mass of glacial ice -**OR**- take a walk onto a glass bottom platform at the Columbia Icefield Skywalk.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Marriott Downtown, or Westin Calgary, Calgary
- Days 2, 3** Bayshore Inn Resort and Spa, Waterton Lakes National Park
- Days 4, 5** Banff Inn, Banff, AB
- Day 6** Marriott Downtown or Westin Calgary, Calgary

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Glacier National Park

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Get ready for an adventure that brings together the beautiful expanse of the prairies, the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliance of Montana's Glacier National Park. Arrive today in the province of Alberta.

Day 2: Calgary - Waterton Lakes National Park

This morning, journey south to the prairie lands while enjoying the distant views of the spectacular Rockies. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world's oldest, best preserved buffalo jumps. Head-Smashed-In, in the foothills of the Rockies, has been used continuously by Aboriginal people for over 5,500 years. A Blackfoot guide brings to life the culture of the Plains people, the Buffalo Hunt, and the many secrets uncovered in archaeological digs. Continue travelling south to Waterton Lakes National Park. En route, pass through quaint villages and travel along roads sometimes traversed by grizzly bears, black bears, mountain goats, cougars, wolves, moose and elk. You'll

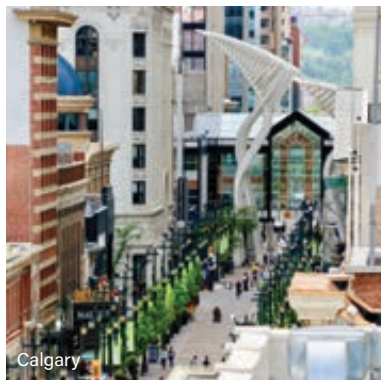
even get to view and photograph the famous Prince of Wales Hotel. Tonight, enjoy dinner overlooking Waterton Lake. (B, D)

Day 3: Waterton Lakes - Glacier National Park, Montana, USA - Waterton Lakes, AB

Today, experience Glacier National Park, a naturalist's paradise. Glacier preserves over one million acres of forests, Alpine meadows, and lakes, and is home to over 70 species of mammals and 270 species of birds. Enjoy a ride aboard one of its famous Jammer cars – built in the 1930s – along one of the most breathtaking roads in North America. Going-to-the-Sun Road stretches across the Continental Divide and offers incredible views of the valley and Glacier National Park. (B)

Day 4: Waterton Lakes National Park - Banff

Relax during your journey to Banff and soak in a backdrop of wonderful wildlife and the majestic Canadian Rockies. This afternoon, arrive in Banff and enjoy stops at the powerful Bow Falls and



ARRIVAL CALGARY (YYC) | DEPARTURE CALGARY (YYC)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5349** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$6849**

Prices based on 27 July 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
 June – September 2025

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Calgary (1-2 NIGHTS)

Surprise Corner known for its picture-perfect panoramic views. (B, D)

Day 5: Banff - Icefields Parkway - Banff

Set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway and behold lofty waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where **it's your choice!** Choose a fun ride across this mass of glacial ice nearly 1,000 feet thick, the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle **-OR-** take a walk onto a glass bottom platform at the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape. This afternoon, stop at stunning Peyto Lake, a glacier-fed lake that evokes pure serenity. Be on the lookout for bears and stately elk on your return to Banff. (B)

Day 6: Banff - Lake Louise - Calgary

The famous glacier-fed, turquoise waters of Lake Louise are yours for admiring this morning. Perhaps you will choose to hike along the lakeshore or simply relax in the majesty of your surroundings. Enjoy lunch at the Ski Lake Louise Lodge before boarding the gondola, which ascends the mountain in fourteen minutes to a height of 6,850 feet above sea level. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies while en route to Calgary. Join your fellow travellers at Heritage Park for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Calgary - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with a wealth of memories from your outstanding journey to two of the world's most beautiful areas: the incomparable Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. (B)



Wildlife in Glacier National Park

“It is too difficult to choose one favourite location from this tour. You could have stopped me at any point and pointed me toward any direction, and it would have been beautiful.”
 – David W.

THE BEST OF EASTERN CANADA

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Toronto • Niagara Falls • Niagara-on-the-Lake • Thousand Islands National Park • Indigenous Heritage Farm Visit • Quebec City • Montmorency Falls • Maple Sugar Shack • Montreal



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Discover Niagara-on-the-Lake with quaint local shops and a charming atmosphere.
- Admire some of the 1,864 islands of the Thousand Islands National Park with a boat tour along the St. Lawrence River.
- On an Ottawa farm, make Bannock over a fire, sip traditional tea, and hear stories of Indigenous Peoples.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour breakfast at a local sugar shack nestled in the Quebec countryside.
- Enjoy an evening out and sample the local cuisine at a lovely restaurant on Ile d'Orleans.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Join a local guide and stroll the streets of Old Quebec City on foot -OR- embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Sheraton Centre or Intercontinental Centre, Toronto, ON
- Days 3, 4** Lord Elgin, Ottawa, ON
- Days 5, 6** Hilton Quebec, Quebec City, QC
- Days 7, 8** Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, Montreal, QC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Niagara Falls Boat Ride

Day 1: Toronto, Ontario - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in cosmopolitan Toronto, capital of Ontario and Canada's largest city. Enjoy spending the rest of your day discovering the city's multicultural neighbourhoods and sites before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: Toronto - Niagara Falls - Toronto

This morning travel to the Niagara Falls, home to the awe-inspiring set of waterfalls nestled along the border between the United States and Canada. Embark on a boat cruise to the base of the Falls and witness the thundering water from up-close. Continue on to Niagara-on-the-Lake and take advantage of some free time to discover the "loveliest town in Canada." This evening, experience Toronto's culinary scene as you join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Toronto - Ottawa

This morning depart Toronto for Rockport, gateway to the spectacular Thousand Islands National Park. Enjoy a memorable cruise through this unspoiled region, located along the St. Lawrence River. Then, take in the surrounding landscape of Ontario as you set off for Ottawa, Canada's culturally rich capital. A seamless blend of French and Canadian customs, the

city's dynamic energy will capture your spirit. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (B, D)

Day 4: Ottawa

Get acquainted with Ottawa as you explore the city. Venture past the prime minister's residence, multiple embassies, and the impressive National Art Gallery. You'll also see the Gothic parliament buildings and the Rideau Canal, which becomes the world's largest skating rink in wintertime. During a visit to an Indigenous heritage farm this afternoon, make connections with Indigenous Peoples' cultural heritage as you cook Bannock bread over an open fire, sip teas, and hear traditional stories and teachings. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 5: Ottawa - Quebec City, Quebec

Say *bonjour* to Quebec City, the heart of Canada's French heritage. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon to explore the Old Town (UNESCO), strolling along picturesque cobblestone streets and 17th-century buildings. Sample local cuisine at a restaurant on Ile d'Orleans, a farmland island on the Saint Lawrence River. (B, D)



Quebec City



Bannock Bread Making



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at **\$5299**
Starting at **\$6749**

Pricing is per person, land only,
and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 16 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024

(different itinerary - see note)*

May – October 2025

(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May – October 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[🌐 See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Toronto (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ POST-NIGHT: Montreal (1-2 NIGHTS)

Day 6: Quebec City 🇻

This morning, **it's your choice!** Join a local guide and stroll the streets of Old Quebec City on foot; see the Place Royale and listen to stories of days gone by in historic squares -**OR-** embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec; you'll see the stately Chateau Frontenac, the provincial Parliament, and the St. Louis Arch. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Quebec City - Montreal

Begin your day with breakfast at a local sugar shack, situated in the heart of the Quebec countryside. Learn about the traditions of maple syrup-making and enjoy samples of delicious traditional foods. Before leaving, try a favourite regional treat – maple taffy on the snow! Next, enjoy a visit to the impressive Montmorency Falls and marvel at this natural wonder plunging 272 feet off the Canadian Shield, approximately 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Your journey continues to Montreal. From skyscrapers and

cathedrals to rushing waterways and lush gardens, Montreal is a blend of all things old and new. The evening is yours to continue exploring the city independently. (B)

Day 8: Montreal

Today, enjoy a fantastic sightseeing tour of Montreal highlighting Jacques Cartier Square and McGill University, among other spots. Your city tour will include a stop high atop Mount Royal from which the surrounding view is spectacular. Ascended by Jacques Cartier in 1535, Mount Royal is a small mountain in the city that gave its name to Montreal. After your guided visit to the renowned Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal, your tour will end in Old Montreal where the afternoon is yours to explore the city at leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 9: Montreal - Tour Ends

Your journey draws to a close today. (B)



Maple Taffy in the Snow

“ Cities we visited were spectacular. Our Tour Coordinator was exceptional! He was very detailed and organised and provided very good historical perspective.

He was also very entertaining! ”

– Joseph B.

CANADIAN MARITIMES AND COASTAL WONDERS

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5349

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax • Peggy's Cove • Mahone Bay • Lunenburg • Cape Breton Island • Cabot Trail • Prince Edward Island • Anne of Green Gables Museum • Hopewell Rocks • Fundy Trail • Grand Pré National Historic Site



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore interesting inventions at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum.
- Learn a few handy Gaelic phrases and join in the fun of a "milling frolic."



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour tastes of traditional Maritimes foods and dine beside the Bay of Fundy.
- Crack into an essential Maritimes feast of fresh lobster and PEI mussels.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Delve into the local heritage at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic **-OR-** take a locally guided walking tour to discover Lunenburg's unique architecture.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** The Westin Nova Scotian or The Hollis Halifax by Hilton, Halifax, NS
- Days 4, 5** Inverary Resort, Baddeck, NS
- Days 6, 7** The Holman Grand Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI
- Days 8, 9** Hilton Saint John, Saint John, NB
- Day 10** The Westin Nova Scotian or The Hollis Halifax by Hilton, Halifax, NS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Peggy's Cove

Day 1: Halifax, Nova Scotia - Tour Begins

Explore the picture-perfect region known as Canada's Maritime Provinces. Venture along its rugged and pristine beauty, all while getting to know its Acadian, Mi'kmaq, and Gaelic cultures. Settle into Halifax with a free evening.

Day 2: Halifax - Peggy's Cove - Halifax

Stunning landscapes await. Head to one of the most picturesque spots in all of Canada – Peggy's Cove. Set along the Atlantic coast, the cove is home to a historic lighthouse that offers incredible views of the surrounding area. Continue to Halifax, exploring its charming downtown on a tour highlighting the waterfront, Public Gardens, Spring Garden Road, and the famous Citadel. (B, D)

Day 3: Halifax - Mahone Bay - Lunenburg - Halifax

Experience the small fishing village of Mahone Bay before travelling along the beautiful Lighthouse Route towards Lunenburg. Choose how you explore this town because **it's your choice!** Delve into the local heritage at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic **-OR-** embark on a locally guided walking tour to discover Lunenburg's unique architecture. End your day back in Halifax for an evening on your own. (B)

Day 4: Halifax - Cape Breton Island - Baddeck

Start your morning at the Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre to learn about the Mi'kmaq lineage and Glooscap legends. Travel the Canso Causeway on the way to stunning Cape Breton Island. You'll spend time at the Gaelic College, where you'll see a brief kilt-making demonstration and learn a few handy Gaelic phrases. Join in the fun of a "milling frolic," singing a Gaelic song and tapping to the rhythm. This evening, enjoy a dinner of local flavours. (B, D)

Day 5: Baddeck - Cabot Trail - Baddeck

Set off for a full-day exploration of the Cabot Trail. Fall in love with its rugged terrain and spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Visit the famed St. Peter's Church in Cheticamp. Enjoy a picnic lunch in Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Take in the quaint charms of nearby fishing communities along the coast, including the lovely Neil's Harbour. (B, L)

Day 6: Baddeck - Prince Edward Island

Explore the amazing range of inventions on display at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. Afterward, take a short ferry ride to Prince Edward Island, the "Land Cradled on the Waves." Arrive in Charlottetown with time to explore this fascinating city on your own. (B)

Day 7: Prince Edward Island

Get to know the rolling landscapes of Prince Edward Island, the backdrop of the acclaimed



Hopewell Rocks



Charlottetown



ARRIVAL
HALIFAX (HYZ)

DEPARTURE
HALIFAX (HYZ)

DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at **\$5349**
Starting at **\$6749**

Pricing is per person, land only,
and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 25 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May – October 2025

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST NIGHT: Halifax (1-2 NIGHTS)



REMOTE + RUSTIC ACCOMMODATION

In Baddeck and Charlottetown, you'll stay in remote locales which necessitate lodging in more rustic accommodation. Though the quality is not at our usual standards, the locations allow you to experience the rugged beaches and charming villages that truly reflect the Canadian Maritimes.

novel, *Anne of Green Gables*. Arrive in Cavendish and view Prince Edward Island National Park's pristine beaches. Visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum to learn the craft of potato farming from a farmer, with a first-hand lesson on the island's leading agricultural industry. This evening, pick up your shell crackers for an essential lobster supper including PEI mussels. Hone your technique with a lesson on how to crack and eat lobster. (B, D)

Day 8: Prince Edward Island - Saint John, New Brunswick

Leave Prince Edward Island behind as you cross the Confederation Bridge. Travel along the shoreline to the amazing Hopewell Rocks. A New Brunswick icon, these flowerpot-shaped rocks were carved by the Fundy tides and rise 4-stories high at low tide, only to disappear into tiny islands after the tide rolls back in. Continue to the city of Saint John where you'll enjoy a 2-night stay in the bustling waterfront area. (B)

Day 9: Saint John

Greet the awe-inspiring Fundy Trail early this morning. Stop along the way to take in an endless stretch of breathtaking vistas. Sample

authentic Maritimes dulse (seaweed) and fiddleheads, accompanied by traditional fiddle music. Savour a traditional seafood feast at a restaurant on the world-famous Bay of Fundy. On your way back, gaze out your window at St. Martin's covered bridges. The rest of the day is yours back in Saint John. Perhaps you'll decide to join an optional walking food tour highlighting Saint John's history and flavours. (B, L)

Day 10: Saint John - Halifax, Nova Scotia

Onboard a ferry for Nova Scotia, make a stop at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site. Uncover the complex history of the Acadian people. Continue on to Halifax and enjoy time for yourself before a farewell dinner, toasting to the end of your Maritimes journey. (B, D)

Day 11: Halifax - Tour Ends

Today you depart the Maritimes, taking home countless memories of this coastal wonderland. (B)



Cabot Trail

“ This is the first time we've ever taken part in a guided tour. It was a pleasure and comfort to have lodgings, tours, and many meals arranged on our behalf. ”

– Jack R.

ALASKA: AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIER

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Fairbanks • Gold Mining • Museum of the North • Trans-Alaska Pipeline • Dog Mushing • Denali National Park • Tundra Wilderness Tour • Talkeetna • Musk Ox Farm • Anchorage • Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit a Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.
- Get a local's perspective on the Alaskan way of life during an interactive discussion.
- Learn about Alaska's gold mining past through the voices of two local sisters and try your hand at panning for paydirt.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)**
- Dine on the grounds of the champion owned Trail Breaker Kennel.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Take an easy hike in Denali National Park and discover wildflowers in bloom and gorgeous views in every direction **-OR-** meet a park ranger who will introduce you to the park's sled dogs – the traditional mode of Alaskan wilderness transport.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 – 3** Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks
Days 4, 5 Denali Bluffs Hotel, Denali
Day 6 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna
Days 7, 8 Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Denali National Park

Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your Alaskan adventure begins with a 3-night stay in Fairbanks – the “golden heart city.” Discover this gold rush boomtown’s unique mix of contemporary culture and rich history.

Day 2: Fairbanks

Tap into Alaska’s “golden heart” with a visit to a locally owned gold panning experience, where you’ll learn about the region’s gold mining past and try your hand at panning for some pay dirt yourself. Get to know Fairbanks on a city tour, including a stop at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, an engineering marvel that delivers oil across the state to the port city of Valdez. After some free time this afternoon, you’ll visit legendary Trail Breaker Kennel where you’ll meet mushers and their happy pups. Witness the dogs in their element on a training run before enjoying dinner on the kennel’s scenic property. (B, D)

Day 3: Fairbanks

This morning, visit the Museum of the North at the University of Alaska where light filled spaces and expansive windows highlight the spectacular views of the Alaskan range. Inside, the museum tells the state’s rich history through art, artefacts and film. The afternoon is at leisure

or take a cruise on the Riverboat Discovery to get a glimpse into everyday life along Alaska’s rivers. (B)

Day 4: Fairbanks - Denali

Behold beautiful scenery as you relax and have breakfast in a deluxe domed railcar on your way to Denali National Park. Upon arrival in Denali, enjoy an included lunch and some free time. After, **it’s your choice!** Join your Tour Manager on an easy hike and discover wildflowers and gorgeous views in every direction **-OR-** take a bus into the park where a ranger will introduce you to the park’s sled dogs – the traditional mode of Alaskan wilderness transport. The evening is yours to discover Denali as you please. (B, L)

Day 5: Denali National Park

Bring your binoculars and camera as you head into Denali National Park on a full-day Tundra Wilderness Tour. Travel over 40 miles into the park and enjoy a wide range of incredible scenery, narrated history, and some of the best opportunities to view the park’s abundant wildlife. (B, L)

Day 6: Denali - Talkeetna

Leave Denali National Park behind and step into



Panning for gold



Musk Ox Farm



ARRIVAL
FAIRBANKS (FAI)

DEPARTURE
ANCHORAGE (ANC)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
DEPARTURE DATES AND RATES

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May - September 2025

**Itinerary details are subject to change.
See our website for more information.*

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Anchorage (1-2 NIGHTS)



small-town life in Talkeetna. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and witness the park's breathtaking beauty from the air before landing on a glacier for incomparable views of the Alaskan Range. Later, meet up with a local for a discussion on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle. (B, D)

Day 7: Talkeetna - Anchorage

On your way to Anchorage, discover the pastoral charm of Matanuska Valley. Enjoy free time in Palmer for lunch before you take a step into the past with a visit to a Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project – a sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these woolly creatures since 1954. Get acquainted with Anchorage on a panoramic city tour before enjoying an evening at leisure to discover what Alaska's largest city has to offer. (B)

Day 8: Anchorage

Delve into the area's indigenous culture this morning at the Alaska Native Heritage Centre where you'll learn about Alaska Native customs, dances, songs, and local crafts. Head to Whittier and embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty on a glacier cruise through Prince William Sound. Listen to an expert narrate your journey through a geological wonderland as blue skies collide with stark white glaciers and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Tonight, gather at a local restaurant to toast to your journey through America's last great frontier. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Anchorage - Tour Ends

Your Alaskan adventure comes to a close today. (B)



Prince William Sound

ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS

7 DAYS • 11 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5949

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Anchorage • Northern Light Excursions
• Winter Glacier Cruise • Prince William
Sound • Talkeetna • Alaska Railroad •
Fairbanks • Dog Mushing



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Search for the northern lights in Fairbanks' star-filled sky.
- Hop in a sled and experience dog mushing like a local.
- Visit Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
 - Learn all about the Iditarod as you dine on the property of a legendary racing kennel.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage
- Day 3** Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Days 4 - 6** Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Alaska's Northern Lights

Day 1: Anchorage, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your journey starts in Anchorage, a city on the edge of the snowcapped Chugach Mountains and 60 sparkling glaciers. This is your gateway to wilderness and adventure.

Day 2: Anchorage - Winter Glacier Cruise - Anchorage

Head to Whittier and embark on an incomparable glacier cruise of Prince William Sound, narrated by an expert guide. Blue skies collide with stark white glaciers, and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty as you venture through a geological wonderland. Feel like a true explorer during a beach landing. In the evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Anchorage - Palmer - Talkeetna

Take a step into the past when you visit Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project - a sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these woolly creatures since

1954. Continue on to Talkeetna as Denali, North America's tallest mountain, looms large over the landscape. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and experience a breathtaking perspective of Denali. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. Later, perhaps you will spend some time on the Lodge's expansive deck; a great place to search for the Northern Lights, or just enjoy some hot cocoa by the roaring fireplace in the great room. (B, D)

Day 4: Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad - Fairbanks

Begin your day with a lecture on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle before hopping on Alaska Railroad's Aurora Winter Train for a full-day journey to Fairbanks. Sit back and relax as you are whisked away, through snow-covered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready - the train conductor will point out wildlife as you pass by. Dinner is included in the train's dining car. This evening you arrive in Fairbanks, your home for the next three nights and one of the best places in Alaska to see the northern lights. (B, D)



Dog Mushing



Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise



ARRIVAL
ANCHORAGE (ANC)

DEPARTURE
FAIRBANKS (FAI)

DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at **\$5949**
Starting at **\$6999**

Pricing is per person, land only,
and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 26 March 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

February - March 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for February - March 2025 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Anchorage (1-2 NIGHTS)



+ ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Day 3: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

During your stay at the Talkeetna Lodge, upgrade to a Mountain Side room and enjoy north-facing views towards Denali and the Alaska Range.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

Day 5: Fairbanks

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax or flex your sense of adventure with optional excursions: consider flightseeing to the Arctic Circle. Late this evening, chase the legendary northern lights, considered to be one of the most amazing natural spectacles in the world. Walk out in the snow under an unspoiled bed of stars and search for the shimmering hues of purple and green. (B)

Day 6: Fairbanks

Feel the brisk air and discover Fairbanks, the perfect combination of nature and civilisation. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage cars sit between timely artefacts and fashionable designer dresses from times gone by. Hop in a car yourself, throw on some flapper accessories, and pose for a perfect souvenir snapshot. In the afternoon,

embrace the Iditarod spirit and try your hand at dog mushing, stepping into a sled with an expert guide and gliding over the snow with your very own pack of sled dogs. Stay for dinner at the kennel owner's home and learn more about what the life of a musher is like. Later in the evening, enjoy a final chance to spot the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 7: Fairbanks - Tour Ends

Enjoy a relaxing morning before heading to the Museum of the North, the University of Alaska's collection featuring 2.2 million years of biodiversity and thousands of years of human history. The remainder of your day is at leisure. A day room has been extended for your use before your transfer to the airport. (B)

ALASKA DISCOVERY LAND & CRUISE

FEATURING A 7-NIGHT
HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE

12 DAYS • 26 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6909

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Fairbanks • Sternwheeler Discovery • Music of Denali Dinner Theater • Denali National Park • Tundra Wilderness Tour • Luxury Domed Rail • Anchorage • Hubbard Glacier • Glacier Bay • Skagway • Juneau • Ketchikan • Inside Passage



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Enjoy an unforgettable rail journey from Denali to Talkeetna in a luxury domed railcar.
- Enjoy an expert guided Tundra Wilderness Tour in Denali National Park.
- Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in historic Skagway.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a lively dinner theatre performance about the first brave men to summit Denali.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks, AK
Days 2, 3	McKinley Chalet Resort, Denali National Park, AK
Day 4	Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna, AK
Days 5 - 11	Holland America Cruises' Noordam or Nieuw Amsterdam

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Holland America Cruise Ship

Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Fairbanks, in the great state of Alaska, on an adventure that brings together the best of both land and sea.

Day 2: Fairbanks - Denali National Park

Step aboard the popular Sternwheeler Discovery, an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. Make stops along the way to meet the people and get a taste of local life. Take a scenic motor coach ride to Denali National Park. Tonight, enjoy a musical performance that tells the story of the first brave men to summit Denali followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Denali National Park

This morning, travel deep into Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness Tour which affords the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. Learn about the history of the park and see why Denali is one of the top three reasons that people visit Alaska. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Denali National Park - Talkeetna

Your day begins with a scenic train ride to

Talkeetna. Savour every moment inside your luxury domed railcar. View the incredible landscape from glass-ceiling railcars and open-air observation platforms as rail guides provide expert commentary. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. (B)

Day 5: Talkeetna - Anchorage - Whittier - Board Cruise Ship

Depart for your ship, stopping en route in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Continue with a scenic drive along the Alaska Range. Drive along the Turnagain Arm to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre. With a local guide, discover where orphaned or injured bears, wolves, porcupines, and moose are cared for in a 200-acre rehabilitation site. Arrive in the port of Whittier where you'll embark on your 7-night Holland America cruise aboard a fabulous floating resort designed to make your stay on board truly memorable. You will be dazzled by the entertainment in the state-of-the-art lounges and a myriad of dining options. Whilst on board, breakfast, lunch, dinner and nightly entertainment are included. (B, D)



Ketchikan



Denali National Park



ARRIVAL
FAIRBANKS (FAI)

DEPARTURE
VANCOUVER (YVR)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6909** Pricing is per person, land only,
SOLO Starting at **\$10559** and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 27 August 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May – September 2025

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.



Domed Railcar

Day 6: Cruising - Hubbard Glacier

Your ship cruises past the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska's largest glaciers. Have your camera ready and take in the natural beauty of the glacier's stunning surface. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Cruising - Glacier Bay

Cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve that is a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands. Its rich world of marine life and large concentration of tidewater glaciers is Alaska at its best. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Cruising - Skagway

Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in this "Gateway to the Klondike" and home of the famed Chilkoot Trail. In historic Skagway, Alaska's past lives on in a spectacular natural setting and cries of "gold in the Yukon!" can still be heard. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Cruising - Juneau

From massive scenic mountains to historic buildings, there is so much

to explore in Alaska's capital city of Juneau. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Cruising - Ketchikan

Your port of call today is Ketchikan, known as the "Salmon Capital of the World" and the "City of Totems." Located on the tranquil Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan is home to the world's largest collection of totem poles. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cruising - Inside Passage

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as your ship sails along the amazing Inside Passage. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Vancouver, B.C. - Disembark Cruise - Tour Ends

Your cruise ends this morning in the vibrant Canadian city of Vancouver, leaving you with many wonderful memories of your tour to the last of the great frontiers. (B)

“The fact that we went by bus, by sternwheeler, train and ship was fun... I am in awe of all we were able to experience.”

– Carol A.

NEW TOUR

SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

FEATURING SAN DIEGO & CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST

10 DAYS • 16 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6199

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS



HIGHLIGHTS

San Diego Harbour Cruise • Carlsbad Walking Food Tour • Los Angeles City Tour • Old Mission Santa Barbara • Pismo Beach • Paso Robles Wine Country Lunch • Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks • Getty Center



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Learn about the "birthplace of California" during a tour of San Diego's old town.
- Enjoy the many facets of Los Angeles, including Hollywood and the multicultural fabric of this amazing city.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Explore seaside Carlsbad on a walking food tour for lunch.
- Try some locally produced wine during lunch at a Paso Robles vineyard and winery.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — Explore Giant Forest with a local guide **-OR-** hike at a faster pace with your Tour Manager.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay Downtown, San Diego
- Days 3, 4** Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza, Los Angeles
- Days 5, 6** Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach, Pismo Beach
- Days 7, 8** Visalia Marriott, Visalia
- Day 9** Hyatt Regency Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Sequoia National Park

Day 1: San Diego, California - Tour Begins

From the cosmopolitan, cultural cities of San Diego and Los Angeles to the laid-back, beachy vibes of California's Central Coast and the awe-inspiring scenery of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, this journey has it all. Your tour opens in San Diego, known for its seaside location and idyllic climate.

Day 2: San Diego

This morning, join a local guide for a tour through the city's diverse neighbourhoods, including downtown, the Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park, Coronado Island, and Old Town San Diego. The afternoon is yours to experience San Diego at your leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: San Diego - Carlsbad - Los Angeles

Start the day on a harbour cruise of San Diego Bay. Cruise beside playful sea lions, Navy ships, and beautiful architecture while hearing fascinating stories that link the city's past and present. Later, head north to the coastal town of Carlsbad, where you'll explore the town centre on a walking food tour for lunch. This afternoon, arrive in Los Angeles, the entertainment capital of the world. (B, L)

Day 4: Los Angeles

Today, explore the City of Angels on a

combination bus/walking tour. Walk through the bustling Grand Central Market – a favourite with locals – and see the famed Bradbury Building, an ornate architectural landmark featured in several films. Take in the Hollywood Bowl and stroll along the Walk of Fame to Grauman's Chinese Theatre. Get a close-up look at the iconic Beverly Hills sign and soak in the glitz and glamour of Rodeo Drive. After lunch on your own at the Farmers Market, explore more sights, including the La Brea Tar Pits, the world's only actively excavated Ice Age fossil site found in the middle of city. (B, D)

Day 5: Los Angeles - Santa Barbara - Pismo Beach

Today, head to California's Central Coast. Stop for a tour of the Old Mission of Santa Barbara, the tenth of 21 Spanish Missions founded by the Franciscans and the only one the friars still occupy. Enjoy the gorgeous grounds of the "Queen of the Missions," the gardens, cemetery, and chapel. Later, enjoy free time in this beautiful city, admiring its Spanish colonial architecture and small-town atmosphere. Arrive this afternoon in Pismo Beach, another Central Coast gem, and your home for two nights. (B, D)

Day 6: Pismo Beach

Enjoy a day at leisure at your seaside hotel. Or, continue your exploration of the central coast by joining an optional excursion to Hearst Castle,



Carlsbad Food Tour



Paso Robles



ARRIVAL
SAN DIEGO (SAN)

DEPARTURE
LOS ANGELES (LAX)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6199**
SOLO Starting at **\$8149**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 1 October 2025 departure.

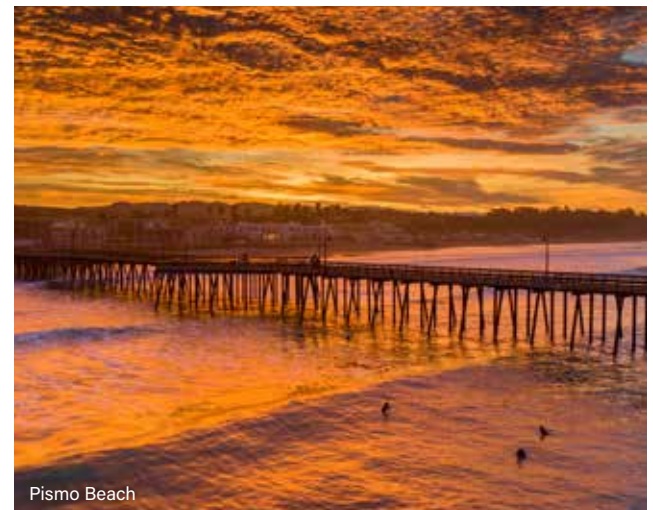
TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May – October 2025

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: San Diego (1-2 NIGHTS)



Pismo Beach

the historic estate built by publishing tycoon William Randall Hearst and his architect, Julia Morgan. Enjoy a tour of the opulent Grand Rooms, imagining what it must have been like to be a guest here during the Roaring Twenties. After lunch, visit an elephant seal rookery and see a colony of seals at the beach. Don't miss the spectacular sunset back in Pismo Beach this evening! (B)

Day 7: Pismo Beach - Paso Robles - Visalia

Today, travel inland to the Paso Robles wine region, home to more than 200 family-run wineries. This Central Coast wine region is less known than Napa, but no less beautiful. Stop for lunch here and later, arrive in the charming town of Visalia, gateway to Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks. (B, L)

Day 8: Visalia

Today, head to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in the southern Sierra Nevada, where a local guide will join you. See the General Grant tree on a guided walking tour. On the way to your picnic lunch spot, learn about the

park's ecology, flora, fauna, and history, including Native American history. This afternoon, visit the largest tree in the world, the General Sherman tree, on a half-mile walking tour. Then, **it's your choice!** Continue with your local guide **-OR-** take a brisk hike with your Tour Manager along the Congress Trail. Back in Visalia, join your travel companions for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. This day is sure to be the highlight of your California adventure! (B, L, D)

Day 9: Visalia - Los Angeles

This morning, bid farewell to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada range and head south to Los Angeles for a final night. But first, visit the Getty Centre, nestled on a hilltop in the Santa Monica Mountains. This world-famous museum is known for its private collection, with something here for everyone: fine art, impressive architecture, lush gardens, and spectacular city views. (B)

Day 10: Los Angeles - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

NEW TOUR

UTAH'S MIGHTY FIVE AND THE ROCKIES

FEATURING 2 DAYS ONBOARD ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$8399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Rocky Mountaineer • Glenwood Springs
• Moab • Arches National Park •
Canyonlands National Park • Dead Horse
Point State Park • Capitol Reef National
Park • Grand Staircase-Escalante National
Monument • Bryce Canyon National Park
• Zion National Park • Las Vegas



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Spend two days onboard Rocky Mountaineer enjoying panoramic views of the American Southwest.
- Spend two nights in Moab with time to explore Arches and Canyonlands National Parks.
- Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and learn about the Native Americans who existed here from an expert guide.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy elegant dining and unlimited complimentary drinks while riding aboard Rocky Mountaineer.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Hike Zion National Park independently -OR- visit Zion's Human History Museum.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver, CO
- Day 2** Glenwood Springs hotel, Glenwood Springs, CO
- Days 3, 4** Homewood Suites by Hilton, Moab, UT
- Day 5** Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel, Bryce, UT
- Days 6, 7** Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn & Suites, or SpringHill Suites, Springdale, UT
- Day 8** Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

204 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Photo courtesy of Rocky Mountaineer

Day 1: Denver, Colorado

Set out for an awe-inspiring train trip from Denver to Moab aboard Rocky Mountaineer and travel across the Southwest as you take in the sienna-coloured canyons, towering spires and desert landscapes found in Utah's five national parks. Your journey begins in the mile-high city of Denver – an urban gateway to America's natural beauty.

Day 2: Denver - Rocky Mountaineer - Glenwood Springs, Colorado

It's all aboard for a two-day train journey on the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer! Take in spectacular views of rugged canyons and valleys, cross the Continental Divide, and pass the Colorado River before arriving at the resort town of Glenwood Springs. Located at the confluence of the Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers, this historic town is famous for the hot springs at its centre. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Glenwood Springs - Rocky Mountaineer - Moab, Utah

Back onboard Rocky Mountaineer, continue your

scenic train ride enjoying stunning mountain views as you cross the Colorado-Utah border. Red rock sandstone landscapes emerge as you make your way to Moab, Utah's outdoor adventure centre and the gateway to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. (B)

Day 4: Moab - Arches - Canyonlands - Dead Horse Point - Moab

Journey through the otherworldly oases of two national parks. Hike along red rock features as you make your way through Arches National Park. Continue to Canyonlands National Park, resting in the heart of the Colorado Plateau, and discover a world of mesas and canyons. Close by, at the Island in the Sky, look out over a landscape of ethereal valleys and dreamy horizons. Today's park pilgrimage ends atop the sheer sandstone cliffs of Dead Horse Point State Park. (B, D)

Day 5: Moab - Capitol Reef National Park - Bryce

Travel through the dramatic Utah desert on Scenic Byway 24. Visit Capitol Reef National Park, named for the curved white walls that resemble the U.S. Capitol building. On the Million Dollar Road, take in views of Grand Staircase-Escalante



DOUBLE Starting at **\$8399** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$10049**

Prices based on 30 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
 May – October 2025

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Denver (1-2 NIGHTS)

POST-NIGHT: Las Vegas (1-2 NIGHTS)

National Monument, where layers of warm reds and oranges melt into smooth sided peaks. Spend the night in Bryce, your jumping-off point to Bryce Canyon National Park. (B, L)

Day 6: Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale (Zion)

Spend the day in Bryce Canyon National Park and see the famous hoodoos – vibrant rock formations likened to fairy chimneys. Perhaps you'll start your morning with a hike, getting up-close and personal with the graceful geology. Take in the sprawling vistas as you walk along Sunset Point, leading into Sunrise Point Rim Trail. As the day draws to a close, settle into Springdale, a small town perched just outside of Zion National Park. (B)

Day 7: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale

There are few places on earth that match the beauty of the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion. Make the most of an entire day exploring this

rock-ridden paradise. On Zion's open-air tram, wind along the Virgin River through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. Choose how you spend the afternoon because **it's your choice!** Hike independently **-OR-** visit Zion's Human History Museum. (B)

Day 8: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada

Age-old nature is replaced with captivating energy, vibrant lights, and endless excitement in Las Vegas. Toast with your travel companions at a farewell lunch. Then, the evening is yours – spend your time along the neon-lit strip however you please. (B, L)

Day 9: Las Vegas - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Las Vegas as you depart for home.



PAINTED CANYONS OF THE WEST

FEATURING UTAH'S FIVE NATIONAL PARKS

9 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5649

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado National Monument • Moab • Arches National Park • Canyonlands National Park • Dead Horse Point State Park • Utah's Scenic Byway 24 • Capitol Reef National Park • Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Las Vegas



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Meet the owners of a family-owned vineyard in Grand Junction.
- Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and learn about the Native Americans who existed here from an expert guide.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy dinner and a wine tasting in Colorado's wine country.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Hike Zion National Park independently -OR- visit Zion's Human History Museum.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Sheraton Denver Downtown or Hyatt Centric Downtown, Denver, CO
Day 2	DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Junction, CO
Days 3, 4	Homewood Suites by Hilton, Moab, UT
Day 5	Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel, Bryce, UT
Days 6, 7	Holiday Inn Express or Hampton Inn & Suites, Springdale, UT
Day 8	Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Arches National Park

Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins

Trek across the Southwest as you take in the sienna-coloured canyons, towering spires and desert landscapes found in Utah's five national parks. Your journey begins in the mile-high city of Denver – an urban gateway to America's natural beauty.

Day 2: Denver - Grand Junction

The Rocky Mountains are your travelling companions on the drive to Grand Junction. Look out at the natural scenery as you pass by Glenwood Canyon, a product of the Colorado River, carved more than 3 million years ago. Dine together at a family-owned vineyard and enjoy a wine tasting in the midst of Colorado wine country. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Junction - Colorado National Monument - Moab, Utah

Set out to explore the Colorado National Monument this morning along Rim Rock Drive. Make your way to Utah on the Upper Colorado Byway, known by the locals as "River Road." As the iconic Fisher Towers loom over breathtaking mesas, make your way to Moab, Utah's outdoor adventure centre. (B, D)

Day 4: Moab - Arches - Canyonlands - Dead Horse Point - Moab

Journey through the otherworldly oases of two

national parks. Hike along red rock features as you make your way through Arches National Park. Continue to Canyonlands National Park, resting in the heart of the Colorado Plateau, and discover a world of mesas and canyons. Close by, at the Island in the Sky, look out over a landscape of ethereal valleys and dreamy horizons. Today's park pilgrimage ends atop the sheer sandstone cliffs of Dead Horse Point State Park. (B)

Day 5: Moab - Capitol Reef National Park - Bryce

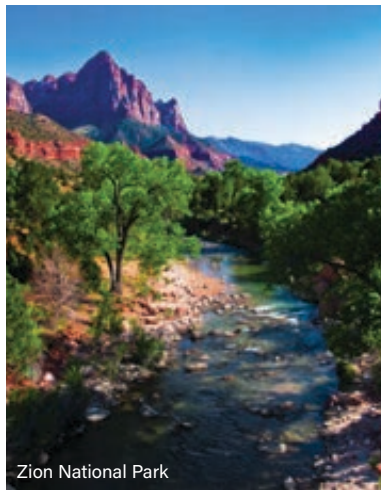
Travel through the dramatic Utah desert on Scenic Byway 24. Visit Capitol Reef National Park, named for the curved white walls that resemble the U.S. Capitol building. On the Million Dollar Road, take in views of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, where layers of warm reds and oranges melt into smooth sided peaks. Spend the night in Bryce, your jumping-off point to Bryce Canyon National Park. (B, L)

Day 6: Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale (Zion)

Spend the day in Bryce Canyon National Park and see the famous hoodoos – vibrant rock formations likened to fairy chimneys. Perhaps you'll start your morning with a hike, getting up-close and personal with the graceful geology. Take in the sprawling vistas as you walk along Sunset Point, leading into Sunrise Point Rim Trail.



Winery, Grand Junction



Zion National Park



ARRIVAL
DENVER (DEN)

DEPARTURE
LAS VEGAS (LAS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5649**
SOLO Starting at **\$7149**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 4 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024

April 2025

(different itinerary - see note)*

May – October 2025

(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May – October 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Denver (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ POST-NIGHT: Las Vegas (1-2 NIGHTS)



Colorado National Monument

As the day draws to a close, settle into Springdale, a small town perched just outside of Zion National Park. (B)

Day 7: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale

There are few places on earth that match the beauty of the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion. Make the most of an entire day exploring this rock-ridden paradise. On Zion's open-air tram, wind along the Virgin River through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. Choose how you spend the afternoon because **it's your choice!** Hike independently **-OR-** visit Zion's Human History Museum. (B)

Day 8: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada

Age-old nature is replaced with captivating energy, vibrant lights, and endless excitement in Las Vegas. Toast with your travel companions at a farewell lunch. Then, the evening is yours – spend your time along the neon-lit strip however you please. (B, L)

Day 9: Las Vegas - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Las Vegas and the painted canyons of the west as you depart for home.

+ Optional 1-Night Grand Canyon West Rim & Hoover Dam Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$1200 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 9: Las Vegas – Extension begins

This morning, travel to the Grand Canyon's West Rim and Eagle Point. Step onto the glass bridge known as the Skywalk, which extends 70 feet past the canyon's rim, for a breathtaking view of the canyon floor. At Guano Point, enjoy a hike or simply soak in the view. Then head to the Hoover Dam for a tour of the dam and power plant. The evening is yours at leisure. (L)

Day 10: Las Vegas – Tour Ends

Today, head home with memories of a spectacular tour.

“The parks were wonderful, and I appreciated the opportunity to see them and hike them a little.”

– Taylor P.

AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS & DENVER

14 DAYS • 20 MEALS

STARTING AT \$8799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Scottsdale • Grand Canyon • Lake Powell • Zion • Bryce Canyon • Salt Lake City • Jackson Hole • Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks • Old Faithful • Sheridan • Bighorn Mountains • Crazy Horse Memorial • Mount Rushmore • Denver • Rocky Mountain National Park



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to Buffalo Bill Cody.
- Meet Native Americans and discuss their unique and colourful culture.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Experience a chuck wagon dinner and cowboy entertainment.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Visit the Zion Human History Museum to learn more about the park **-OR-** continue to enjoy time in the great outdoors exploring the park.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ
Day 2	Yavapai East at South Rim, Grand Canyon, AZ
Day 3	Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ
Days 4, 5	Holiday Inn Express, Springdale, UT
Day 6	Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown, Salt Lake City, UT
Days 7, 8	Snow King Resort or Lodge at Jackson Hole, Jackson Hole, WY
Day 9	Yellowstone Lodges, Yellowstone National Park or Buffalo Bill Village Holiday Inn and Cabins, Cody, WY
Day 10	Best Western Sheridan Center, Sheridan, WY
Day 11	Courtyard by Marriott, Rapid City, SD
Days 12, 13	Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, CO

208 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona

Journey through six of America's most incredible national parks. Arrive today in Arizona where you will enjoy a stay in the world-famous resort town of Scottsdale. This evening, join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon

Begin the day with a visit to the artists' colony of Sedona and see the amazing rock formations that change hue with each turn in the road. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – the spectacular Grand Canyon. Upon arrival, relax at one of the many public seating areas overlooking the immense and colourful canyon. Take a moment to reflect as you stand in awe of this iconic natural treasure. Before dinner you may wish to take a short hike to explore the area. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Canyon - Lake Powell

Today, head to the Carl Hayden Visitors Centre and look out over Glen Canyon Dam to see the end of Lake Powell. Later, arrive at Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views of the lake. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake Powell - Springdale, Utah

On the way to Utah, take in the views across Marble Canyon from historic Navajo Bridge,

467 feet above the Colorado River. Later, stop in Kanab, which locals refer to as "Little Hollywood" due to its history as a filming location for many western movies and TV series such as *Stagecoach*, *The Lone Ranger* and *Gunsmoke*. Arrive in Springdale, gateway to Zion National Park and your home for two nights. (B)

Day 5: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale

Today's destination is Zion National Park, very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world, just in sheer magnitude and colour. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit the Zion Human History Museum to learn more about the park **-OR-** continue to enjoy time in the great outdoors exploring the park independently. (B)

Day 6: Springdale - Bryce Canyon National Park - Salt Lake City

Today's journey takes you to Bryce Canyon National Park, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within the park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidising within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that colour these formations. Enjoy a hike along the Rim Trail looking into the expansive Bryce Amphitheatre,



Grand Teton National Park



Wagon Ride

from overlooks at Sunrise and Sunset Points. A drive north takes you to Salt Lake City, the "City of the Saints," for a 1-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

En route to Wyoming, see the majestic Bear Lake Summit. Later, arrive in the cowboy town of Jackson and experience a fun-filled evening of cowboy entertainment and a traditional chuck wagon dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Jackson Hole

The day is yours to enjoy Jackson Hole. From hiking and river-rafting to shopping and sampling the local cuisine, there are endless activities to make the most of your day. (B)

Day 9: Jackson Hole - Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks

From Jackson Hole, pass through Grand Teton National Park. Towering more than a mile above the valley of Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton rises to 13,770 feet. Twelve Teton peaks reach above 12,000 feet and support a dozen mountain glaciers. The Teton Range is the youngest range in the Rockies

and displays some of North America's oldest rocks. Later, arrive at the amazing Yellowstone National Park and explore the park's incredible sights. Experience the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser, a fountain of steam that rises more than 130 feet in the air. (B)

Day 10: Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan

A delightful day of sightseeing begins with a trip along Yellowstone Lake and over Sylvan Pass. As you pass through Cody, stop at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. Before turning in for the night in Sheridan, drive through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and journey through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation. (B)

Day 11: Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota

Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument dedicated to Native Americans. Visit the Native American Cultural Centre to learn more about local customs, when Native Americans discuss the movements of their dances and the significance of different clothes. Later, see one of the country's most famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore, whose four figures carved in stone represent the first 150 years of American history. At tonight's dinner you will meet a local Lakota Native American and learn all about their fascinating way of life, past and present. (B, D)

Day 12: Rapid City - Denver, Colorado

Today's adventure takes you south into Wyoming and through Cheyenne, the state capital. Later, arrive in Denver, Colorado — the "Mile High City." Relax and make yourself at home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 13: Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park - Denver

Set out for spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park. Here, the beauty of the West is preserved and the term "sweeping vistas" takes on a whole new meaning. Return to Denver and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Denver - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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DENVER (DEN)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$8799**
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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

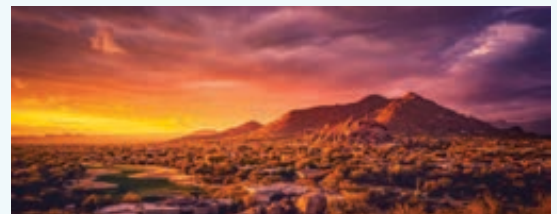
May - October 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May - October 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Scottsdale** (1-2 NIGHTS)



🏠 RUSTIC ACCOMMODATION + A FASTER PACE

On this tour you'll stay overnight right in or near the stunning national parks, which necessitates lodging in more rustic accommodation. Though the quality is not at our usual standards, the setting is incomparable. (Except on Day 13 where you'll travel from Denver to Rocky Mountain National Park and return to Denver for the night). Also, to see six national parks in 14 days, there will be some longer drives.

MONTANA: EXPLORING BIG SKY COUNTRY

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS

STARTING AT \$9399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Bozeman • Yellowstone • Old Faithful
• Mammoth Hot Springs • Yellowstone
Grand Canyon • Helena • Gates of the
Mountains • Glacier National Park •
Going-to-the-Sun Road • Whitefish •
Flathead Lake • Kootenai Traditions •
Impact Moment • Museum of Mountain
Flying • Holt Heritage Museum



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Learn about native culture at the Flathead Reservation.
- Explore both the Northern and Southern Loops of Yellowstone National Park.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample traditional food of the Kootenai people.
- Dig into a mouth-watering barbeque dinner.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center -**OR**- explore the exhibits of the C.M. Russell Art Museum.
- **Day 8** — Grab a paddle and get ready for a white-water rafting adventure -**OR**- take the calmer, scenic route on a float down the Flathead River.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	AC Hotel Downtown, Bozeman
Days 2, 3	Holiday Inn, West Yellowstone
Days 4, 5	DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown, Helena
Day 6	Great Bear Lodge at St. Mary Village, St. Mary
Days 7, 8	Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish
Days 9, 10	Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown, Missoula

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Glacier National Park "Jammer"

Day 1: Bozeman, Montana

Step outside, take a deep breath in, and look around you – you're in big sky country. Montana is wilderness, adventure, and beauty, and you're about to see what makes it unique, as well as its crown jewels. Today, arrive in Bozeman, the jumping off point to explore the northern and southern loops of Yellowstone, America's first national park. Get your cameras ready, there's a good chance you're going to come across roaming bison, roaring geysers, and more.

Day 2: Bozeman - Yellowstone Southern Loop - West Yellowstone

This morning, pass through Yellowstone's western gate and venture into the Lower Loop, the road that encircles the entire lower half of the National Park. Your first stop will be at the Grand Prismatic Spring, where you'll see steaming azure-blue waters. The best spot to take it all in is at the overlook, and you'll have enough time to take the 20-minute hike up if you choose. Afterwards, head to Old Faithful, the legendary geyser that you can "set your watch to." Enjoy lunch on your own and walk the boardwalk trails surrounding Old Faithful. As you drive through Yellowstone, perhaps you'll catch sight of the bison, elk, bears, eagles, wolves, or antelope who call this incredible slice of wilderness their home. (B, D)

Day 3: West Yellowstone - Yellowstone Northern Loop - West Yellowstone

Today, explore Yellowstone's northern loop. Your

first stop will be Mammoth Hot Springs. Here, bubbling pots of geothermal water trickle down the step-like terraces, creating incredible shapes and colours. Explore the boardwalks that wind through the steaming landscape. Next, head to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone lookout, where you'll find yourself standing over the massive, 20-mile-long canyon. Its craggy walls are streaked with brilliant whites, pinks, and oranges from the volcanic minerals contained in the rocks. The Yellowstone River roars along at the bottom over three different waterfalls. Later today, return to your hotel in West Yellowstone. (B)

Day 4: West Yellowstone - Paradise Valley - Helena

This morning, head through the sweeping vistas of Montana's Paradise Valley. In the distance, you'll see the Absaroka Beartooth Mountains to the east, and the Gallatin Range of the Rocky Mountains to your west. You'll arrive in the capital of Montana, Helena, a city with rich gold rush history and beautiful Victorian era architecture. These days, the "Queen City of the Rockies" is less known for gold and more known for its great local restaurants and microbreweries, as well as a stunning trail system. (B, D)

Day 5: Helena - Gates of the Mountains - Helena

Start your day today with a local guide showing you around the beautiful and welcoming mountain city of Helena on a narrated, train

trolley tour. See the opulent mansion district, marvel at the Cathedral of St. Helena, and roll by governor's homes. Pass by a restored miners' village, enjoy the unique architecture along Last Chance Gulch, and catch a glimpse of the Old Fire Tower. After exploring the city a bit, you'll have time on your own to enjoy the charm of downtown Helena before heading to the Gates of the Mountains. Here, on the shores of the Missouri River, you'll follow in the footsteps of the most renowned explorers in American history – Lewis and Clark. Climb aboard a boat and cruise these storied waters, follow the path Lewis and Clark took on their legendary journey across this vast wilderness, and take in the natural beauty. Meriwether Lewis himself named this stunning canyon the Gates of the Mountains, and you'll discover just how it must have felt to come across this awe-inspiring sight. Tonight, return to Helena for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Helena - Great Falls - St. Mary

Today, venture to Great Falls, where the mighty Missouri River thunders down from the Rocky Mountains, over five waterfalls to the great plains below. This was a massive obstacle for Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1805. They had to carry their boats over land for a month to make it from the lower falls to the upper falls. You will not have to work that hard, because **it's your choice!** Visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center where you can learn about the trials of the legendary expedition **-OR-** explore the exhibits at the C.M. Russell Art Museum during a guided tour, where you'll see the art of Charles Russell, a cowboy-turned-artist from the turn of the century, as well as his original home and log studio. Afterwards, continue to St. Mary, the eastern entryway to Glacier National Park. (B, D)

Day 7: Glacier National Park - Going-to-the-Sun Road - Whitefish

Head into Glacier National Park to board one of the 1930s vintage red buses and venture down one of the most breathtaking roads in North America, Going-to-the-Sun Road. Sit back and admire the views of the valley as your "jammer," one of the experienced guides, drives you through this natural landscape. Take in all the majestic sights, before heading to the town of Whitefish where forests, lakes, rivers, and mountains unfold in every direction. (B, L)

Day 8: Whitefish

This morning, enjoy some leisure time in the quaint, picturesque town of Whitefish. Always listed as one of America's 25 prettiest towns, enjoy time to stroll around, do some shopping, or just relax. Perhaps you'll stop for lunch at one of the great restaurants found along Central Avenue or buy some Huckleberry jam from a local shop. A true favourite in Montana, huckleberries can be found in snacks, drinks, candy, and more. Your morning leads into an adventurous afternoon, because **it's your choice!** Grab a paddle and get ready for a white-water rafting adventure **-OR-** take the calmer, scenic route on a float down the Flathead River. No matter which style river journey you choose, the awe-inspiring views of Glacier National Park await. Tonight, tell tales about your river escapades while sitting down for a mouth-watering barbeque dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Whitefish - Flathead Lake - Missoula

Depart Whitefish and drive south, journeying along the western edge of beautiful Flathead Lake. Carved by the ancient glaciers that give Glacier National Park its name, Flathead Lake stretches almost 200 square miles. Quaint, small towns dot the shores here, and you might even spot some orchards, growing Flathead cherries. Encompassing most of the lake is the Flathead Reservation, home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. At one point, these tribes had territories that stretched out of Montana and into Idaho, British Columbia, and Wyoming. The Hellgate Treaty of 1855 set aside Flathead Lake for the tribes, reducing their lands to a fraction of what it once was. Tribal land was once again shrunk in 1904 by over half a million acres. Despite all of this, the Tribal way of life continues on to this day, passed down from elders to children through a rich oral and spiritual tradition. Get a glimpse into these traditions when you meet a descendant of the last Kootenai chief, and learn about the importance of the land in native life. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** at the Smokejumper Visitor Center to learn about the heroes who fight fires in North America. Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing evening at leisure in Missoula. (B)

Day 10: Missoula

Your day in Missoula starts off with a visit to the Museum of Mountain Flying,



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DOUBLE Starting at **\$9399** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$12099**

Prices based on 9 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
June – September 2025

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Bozeman (1-2 NIGHTS)



where aircraft and interactive displays preserve the history of mountain flying and smoke jumping. Next, visit the Holt Heritage Museum, located on the Lolo Trail which was used by Lewis and Clark in 1805 and 1806. A private museum built by Bill and Ramona Holt, the extensive collection tells the story of Western Montana – from cowboys and rodeos, to the native Nez Perce and Salish/Kootenai cultures. This evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow travellers, where you can raise a glass and toast to a wildly fun Montana adventure. (B, D)

Day 11: Missoula - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Big Sky Country and its beautiful sights as you head home. (B)

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NATIONAL PARKS
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9 DAYS • 12 MEALS
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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Denver • Rocky Mountain National Park
• Colorado National Monument • Grand Junction • Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park • Museum of the Mountain West • Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad • Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO) • Pikes Peak Cog Railway
• Garden of the Gods



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Journey aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway to the top of Pikes Peak.
- Spend two nights in Durango, a fun-filled cowboy town where you can relive the excitement of the Old West.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy an authentic farm-to-table dinner on a 450-acre, family-owned ranch.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel or Hyatt Centric Downtown, Denver
- Days 3, 4** DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Junction Hotel, Grand Junction
- Days 5, 6** Strater Hotel, Durango
- Days 7, 8** Embassy Suites by Hilton, Colorado Springs

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins

Adventure awaits as you explore the towering peaks and rolling meadows of Colorado. This tour (which features four national parks) opens in the "Mile High City" of Denver where you will gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (D)

Day 2: Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park - Denver

Travel through Boulder, a scenic university town known for its iconic landmark; the striking, reddish-brown foothills known as the Flatirons. Stop in Estes Park, a mountain resort town and home of the Stanley Hotel, the inspiration for Stephen King's *The Shining*. Your adventure in Rocky Mountain National Park starts on the Trail Ridge Road, the highest paved, continuous highway in North America. It's a drive that should be on everybody's bucket list. At Rainbow Curve, marvel at the majestic mountains that stand in contrast to deep, rugged canyons. Later, return to Denver for a free evening in this dynamic city. (B)

Day 3: Denver - Colorado National Monument - Grand Junction

The spectacular Rocky Mountains are your travelling companion. Make a scenic drive from Denver to Grand Junction, passing through many of Colorado's famous ski resorts. This journey also takes you to one of the grand landscapes of the American West - Colorado National

Monument. Continue along the monument's historic Rim Rock Drive to see a colourful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers. Gather for dinner at a favourite local hangout in Grand Junction, a town that attracts outdoorsmen, foodies and all manner of free spirits. (B, D)

Day 4: Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park - Grand Junction

Today, venture to another amazing national park - Colorado's own "Grand Canyon"! Marvel at the steep-walled gorge and dramatic views of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park while travelling along its South Rim. Pause at one of the scenic viewpoints to soak in this stunning wilderness of rock, water, and sky. Enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking some of the steepest and oldest rock walls in North America, carved over 2 million years by the Gunnison River. Perhaps you'll even spot a peregrine falcon. Then, immerse yourself in the stories of the American west during a tour of the Museum of the Mountain West, a preserved and re-created pioneer town that captures life as it was over a century ago. Return to Grand Junction for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Grand Junction - Silverton - Durango

Head south to Silverton, a former silver mining town and now a National Historic Landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town



Mesa Verde National Park



Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park



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DENVER (DEN)

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SOLO

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May – September 2025

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Denver (1-2 NIGHTS)



A FASTER PACE

On this tour, see three incredible national parks, a national monument and travel on two scenic train trips. To experience it all, we must cover a lot of ground but the natural, awe-inspiring beauty is well worth the travels.

“Our tour manager and driver made every experience memorable. They went out of their way to give context and perspective to the beautiful places we visited.”

– Claire B.

blends spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture. Then it's "all aboard" the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive made its name hauling silver and gold ore from the San Juan Mountains, but you will soon realise it is the view that is its most precious asset. (B)

Day 6: Durango - Mesa Verde National Park - Durango

An incredible day awaits in Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO), home of the ancient Ancestral Puebloan civilisation. Join a local guide on a drive through the park making several photo stops including views of the famous Spruce Tree House, one of Mesa Verde's best preserved cliff dwellings and Cliff Palace, the largest in the park. This evening, experience a farm-to-table dinner on a family-owned ranch surrounded by red mountain peaks and lush green pastures. (B, D)

Day 7: Durango - Colorado Springs

Sit back and relax during a scenic ride to Colorado Springs. En route, marvel at the landscape as you make your way from the San Juan National Forest and across Wolf Creek Pass, a

section of the Continental Divide that would take pioneers two to three weeks to cross. Continue on through the Rio Grande National Forest, a vast expanse of wilderness named for the 1,800 miles of Rio Grande River that cuts through the forest. Your day concludes in Colorado Springs, an artistic and cultural hub. (B)

Day 8: Colorado Springs - Manitou Springs - Colorado Springs

Depart for Manitou Springs, home of Pikes Peak – the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush. Embark on a journey aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad, for an 8.9 mile trip to the top of Pikes Peak. During the journey you will see magnificent views and perhaps animals in their native habitat. Later, travel to the Garden of the Gods to take in the view of towering sandstone formations that dot the landscape set in the backdrop of majestic Pikes Peak. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and celebrate your adventure. (B, D)

Day 9: Colorado Springs - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Colorado Springs.

CANYON COUNTRY

FEATURING
ARIZONA & UTAH

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5199

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Scottsdale • Kaibab National Forest • Grand Canyon • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Las Vegas



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Enjoy time in Sedona, a cultural mecca for artisans of all kinds.
- Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and learn about the Native Americans who existed here from an expert guide.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy dinner overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Embark on a rafting tour of Horseshoe Bend **-OR-** cruise and hike to Rainbow Bridge National Monument.
- **Day 6** — Delve into the area's native heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum **-OR-** venture off on your own to explore the park independently.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ
- Day 2** Grand Canyon area hotel, Grand Canyon, AZ
- Days 3, 4** Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ
- Days 5, 6** Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn & Suites, or SpringHill Suites, Springdale, UT
- Day 7** Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Grand Canyon

Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona

Explore the famous canyons of the American West on a journey featuring three national parks. Start your journey in Scottsdale and join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon Area

Start your day in Sedona, where the sun shines on stunning sandstone formations. Soak in the inviting atmosphere and colourful vistas while browsing the many arts-and-crafts shops. Make your way through the Kaibab National Forest before reaching the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Canyon Area - Lake Powell

Follow the winding landscape along East Rim Drive, bringing you to Cameron Trading Post. For nearly a century, the post has acted as a haven for travellers, traders, and explorers. Continue north through the mesa-studded desert before arriving at your home for the next two evenings, overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell. Enjoy dinner and relax as you take in the picture-perfect canyon lake. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake Powell

This morning, **it's your choice!** Embark on a guided rafting adventure to iconic Horseshoe Bend and experience the peaceful grandeur of the Colorado River **-OR-** cruise and hike to Rainbow Bridge National Monument, one of the largest natural bridges in the world. On either tour, hear fascinating stories of the indigenous people who lived in this area. (B, L)

Day 5: Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale, Utah (Zion)

Your journey continues at Bryce Canyon National Park, famous for its ethereal spires known as hoodoos. These rock formations, created over thousands of years by wind and water, display natural orange and red hues that contrast with the deep green forests of the park. Take in the wide vistas as you wander along Sunset Point, leading into Sunrise Point Rim Trail. Your day ends in Springdale, gateway to Zion National Park. (B)

Day 6: Zion National Park

In sheer magnitude and colour, few places on earth match the beauty of Zion National Park. Marvel at red and white sandstone cliffs as you take a full day to explore Utah's first national



Bryce Canyon



Horseshoe Bend Rafting

park. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Delve into the area's native American heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum **-OR-** venture off on your own to explore the park independently. (B)

Day 7: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada

Trade nature's beauty for the lights of the Vegas strip. This four-mile stretch of road features neon-lit resorts and around-the-clock action. This afternoon, toast to the end of your journey at a farewell lunch with your fellow travellers. Make the most of your free time this evening to experience the best that Vegas has to offer. (B, L)

Day 8: Las Vegas - Tour Ends

Depart for home with memories of colourful canyons and winding valleys.

+ Optional 1-Night Grand Canyon West Rim & Hoover Dam Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$1200 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 8: Las Vegas - Extension Begins

This morning, travel to the Grand Canyon's West Rim and Eagle Point. Step onto the glass bridge known as the Skywalk, which extends 70 feet past the canyon's rim, for a breathtaking view of the canyon floor. At Guano Point, enjoy a hike or simply soak in the view. Then head to the Hoover Dam for a tour of the dam and power plant. The evening is yours at leisure. (L)

Day 9: Las Vegas - Extension Ends

Today, head home with memories of a spectacular tour.



ARRIVAL
PHOENIX (PHX)

DEPARTURE
LAS VEGAS (LAS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5199**
SOLO Starting at **\$6699**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 27 March 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March - April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2025
March - April 2026
(featured itinerary)

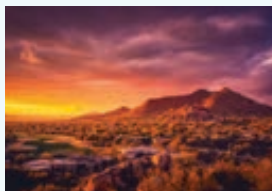
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+ See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT:
Scottsdale (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ POST-NIGHT:
Las Vegas (1-2 NIGHTS)



REMOTE + RUSTIC ACCOMMODATION

During this tour, you'll stay overnight right in or near the stunning national parks, which necessitates lodging in more rustic accommodation. Though the quality is not at our usual standards, the setting is incomparable.

“ We thoroughly enjoyed the entire trip. Our tour manager was excellent. She was extremely friendly, courteous, helpful, and very knowledgeable on each aspect of the trip ”

- Jeffrey J.

AMERICA'S COWBOY COUNTRY

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Badlands National Park • Custer State Park • Crazy Horse Memorial • Mt. Rushmore • Deadwood • Buffalo Bill Centre of the West • Yellowstone National Park • Jackson Hole • Grand Teton National Park



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Learn about Lakota Native Americans at Crazy Horse and *Tatanka: Story of the Bison*.
- Explore Deadwood, a National Historic Landmark that pays tribute to the Wild West.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 7 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)
- The Wild West comes to life during a traditional chuck wagon dinner.

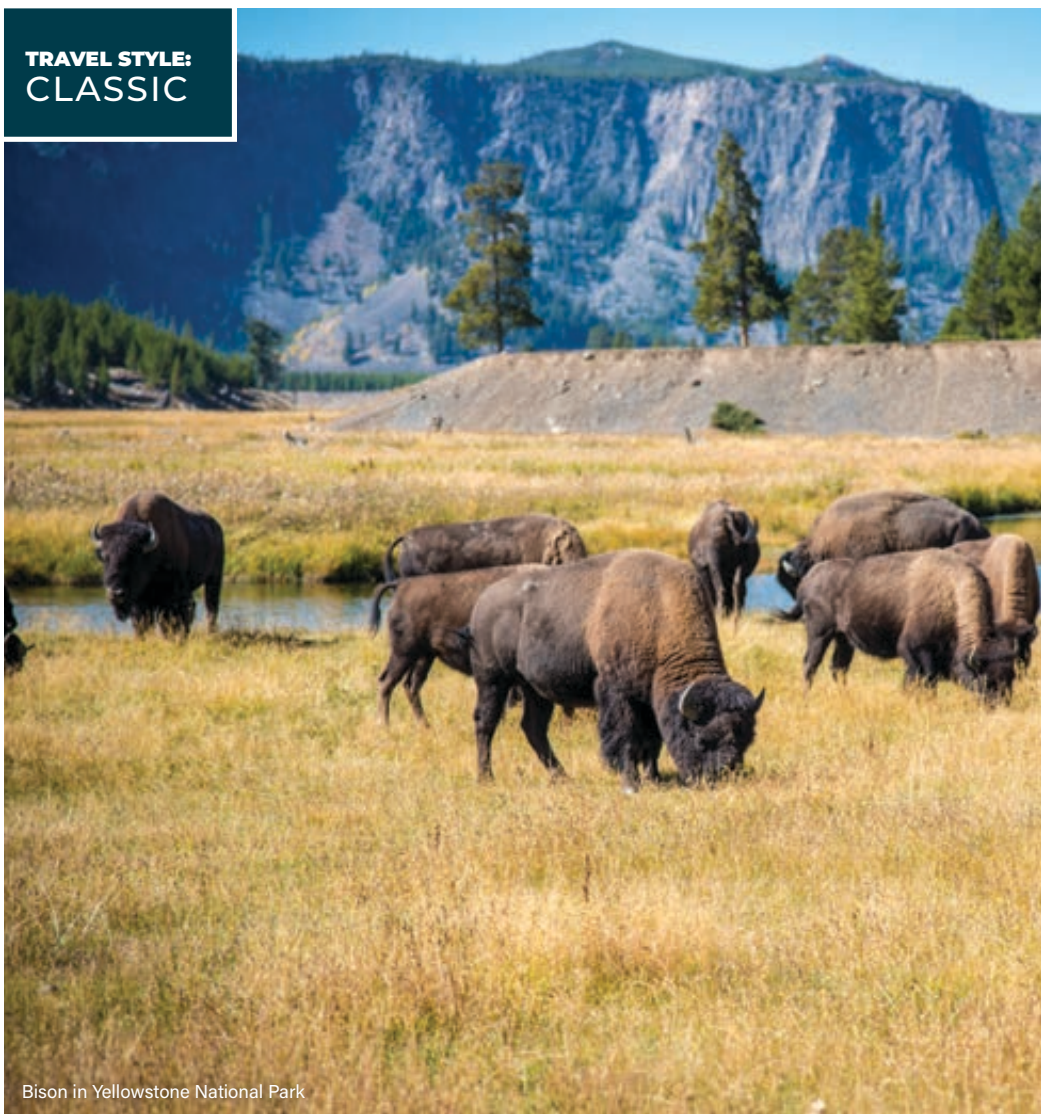


ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, SD
- Day 4** Hampton Inn & Suites, Buffalo, WY
- Day 5** Buffalo Bill Village Holiday Inn and Cabins, Cody, WY
- Days 6, 7** The Lodge at Jackson Hole, Jackson, WY

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Bison in Yellowstone National Park

Day 1: Rapid City, South Dakota - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills and your home for three nights.

Day 2: Rapid City - Badlands - Wall - Rapid City

Visit rugged Badlands National Park. Upon arrival at the visitor centre, view its informative exhibits and displays and watch a film that introduces you to the area. Follow the Badlands Loop Road, a wonder of rock formations and vibrant colours formed by mineral deposits. Stop at Wall Drug, a classic store from 1936, where there is time for lunch and browsing. This evening, a Lakota Native American will join you before your welcome dinner to discuss his dedication to his community and the Native American way of life, past and present. (B, D)

Day 3: Rapid City - Custer State Park - Crazy Horse - Mt. Rushmore

Travel to Custer State Park and search for a herd of over 1,000 roaming bison. Your guide will fill you in on the park's wildlife history and

facts. Next, prepare to be amazed by the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. The memorial includes the Indian Museum of North America, Native American Cultural Centre, the sculptor's studio, an orientation centre and theatres. Many Native American artists and craftspeople practice their art at the memorial and are on hand to discuss the influence their culture has on their work. Later, see Mount Rushmore, one of the country's most famous landmarks. (B)

Day 4: Rapid City - Deadwood - Buffalo, Wyoming

Stop in Deadwood, a rambling Western town and a National Historic Landmark. Recreations of turn-of-the-century streetlamps light the way through the restored architecture. A local guide introduces you to the history of the city, where gold, gambling and gunpowder were once the order of the day. Visit Mount Moriah Cemetery, final resting place of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and other figures from the Wild West. Continue to Kevin Costner's *Tatanka: "Story of the Bison."* This interpretive centre features large, awe-inspiring sculptures



Chuckwagon Ride



Mount Rushmore



ARRIVAL
RAPID CITY (RAP)

DEPARTURE
JACKSON HOLE (JAC)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4549**
SOLO Starting at **\$5949**

Pricing is per person, land only,
and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 5 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

May – October 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May – October 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Rapid City (1-2 NIGHTS)



depicting the relationship of bison and the Lakota Native Americans. Your day ends in Buffalo, Wyoming. (B)

Day 5: Buffalo - Cody

This morning, make your way through the Bighorn Mountains and cross through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation. This afternoon, visit the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. (B, D)

Day 6: Cody - Yellowstone National Park - Jackson, Wyoming

Visit Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park. Famous for its geysers, hot springs and incredible wildlife – including free-ranging herds of buffalo – Yellowstone lives up to its reputation. No visit to the park would be complete without seeing its most renowned attraction: Old Faithful. Watch in awe as the geyser sends a fountain of steam more than 130 feet in the air. Travel over the Sylvan Pass

and see Yellowstone Lake on the way to Jackson, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 7: Jackson - Grand Teton National Park - Jackson

Wind through Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest peaks in the Rockies. Keep your camera handy, as there are plenty of opportunities to take photos. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore trendy downtown Jackson. Look for the Antler Arch at the entrance to the historic town square. Get a taste of the Old West at your farewell dinner where your ride in a covered wagon takes you past the Cache Creek for a night of Western hospitality at a chuckwagon dinner with entertainment. (B, D)

Day 8: Jackson - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)



Lakota Tribe ©Robert Yellowhawk

“Honestly, I can't pick the most enjoyable part of this trip. The beauty of this part of the country is unbelievable. I look at our pictures and am still amazed.”

– Karen K.

ISLANDS OF NEW ENGLAND

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Providence • Newport • Lobster Trap Pull Demonstration & Cruise • Plymouth Rock • Cape Cod • Hyannis • Nantucket • Martha's Vineyard • Lobster Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Cruise Plymouth Harbour and watch your boat's captain pull lobster traps from the water.
- Travel Newport's breathtaking Ocean Drive past the sprawling mansions of Bellevue Avenue.
- Learn Massachusetts' history as the former whaling capital of the world at the Nantucket Whaling Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Celebrate the taste of Cape Cod with a traditional New England lobster dinner.
- Enjoy an informative talk from a passionate local at your welcome dinner in Rhode Island.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Explore Rhode Island's Creative Capital and visit the Rhode Island School of Design Museum **-OR-** join a local guide to learn about the city's art and architecture.
- **Day 6** — Spend the day enjoying your waterfront resort's amenities on Cape Cod **-OR-** visit the Sandwich Glass Museum and watch this unique art in person.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Aloft Providence
Downtown,
Providence, RI

Days 4 - 7 Sea Crest Beach Hotel,
Falmouth, MA

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Providence, Rhode Island - Tour Begins

Discover the natural beauty that lies along the shores of New England. Come to know its coastal charm, friendly people and fresh-from-the-sea cuisine. Your tour opens in Providence, the capital of Rhode Island.

Day 2: Providence

This morning, enjoy a panoramic city tour with your Tour Manager on your coach and see highlights including the Brown University Campus and Waterplace Park. Later, get to know the self-proclaimed Creative Capital of Providence where **it's your choice!** Learn all about Providence's art and architecture scene on a walking tour through the city **-OR-** spend part of your afternoon wandering through the RISD Museum where more than 2,000 pieces of art and design are displayed. Tonight, celebrate the beginning of your journey with your fellow travellers at a lively welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Providence - Newport - Providence

Head to Newport, a colonial port city that later turned into a summer home to America's wealthiest industrialists. On your way, look to the calm water and see why the city has earned the moniker of the "Sailing Capital of the World" and was home to the America's Cup sailing competition for more than 50 years. In Newport, travel along Bellevue Avenue. Lined with

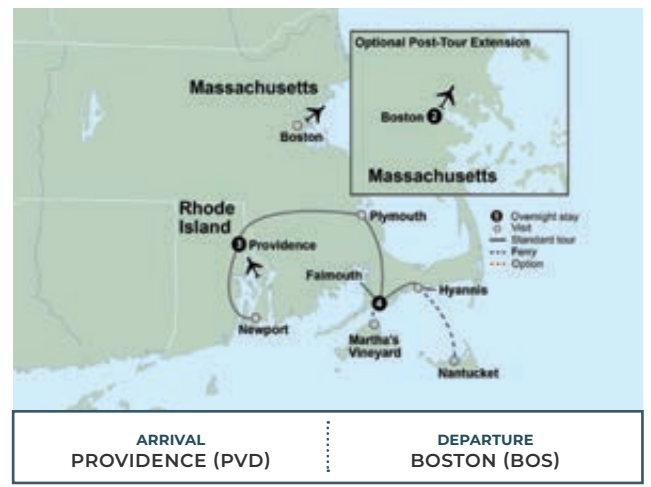
extraordinary 19th-century summer "cottages," this road is home to 7 mansions designated National Historic Landmarks. These extravagant homes were used by affluent families like the Astors and Morgans, for fewer than two months each year. Step back in time and get a taste of the Gilded Age at The Breakers, the most opulent of the Newport Mansions and 70-room summer getaway of the Vanderbilt family. (B)

Day 4: Providence - Plymouth, Massachusetts - Cape Cod

This morning, venture to the home of the first permanent colonial settlement in the country: Plymouth. Here, board a boat and cruise Plymouth Harbour. Your captain will share the importance of lobstering to New England culture and demonstrate how lobsters are pulled from the water. After returning to land, stop in the town of Plymouth to see where the Pilgrims disembarked the Mayflower in 1620: Plymouth Rock. Later, arrive at your beachfront hotel for a 4-night stay on the Cape. (B)

Day 5: Cape Cod - Hyannis - Nantucket - Cape Cod

Catch a glimpse of the Camelot era in Hyannis Port, home of the Kennedy compound, and visit the poignant Kennedy Memorial. Next, set off via ferry to explore the idyllic island of Nantucket. From its cobblestone Main Street to its beaches and lighthouses, this place lives up to its reputation. During time at leisure, meander the waterfront



ARRIVAL PROVIDENCE (PVD) DEPARTURE BOSTON (BOS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4799** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5949**

Prices based on 3 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)
May – October 2025 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May – October 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Providence** (1-2 NIGHTS)

🏠 **ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE**

Days 4-7: Sea Crest Beach Hotel

During your stay at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel, you may choose to enjoy a sea view by upgrading your accommodation to an Oceanview Room with a balcony or patio.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

where sailboats and yachts sway in the harbour or shop for a famous Nantucket basket. Next, head to the Nantucket Whaling Museum and learn about this island's history as the former whaling capital of the world. Peruse exhibits about the danger of this industry in the 18th century and even see the skeleton of a 46-foot-long whale. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Cape Cod - Sandwich - Cape Cod 🌳

Take in Cape Cod your way because

today, **it's your choice!** Take advantage of the amenities at your waterfront hotel, perhaps sitting by the pool or visiting the private beach on the resort's property -**OR-** join your Tour Manager for a trip to Sandwich where you'll visit the Heritage Museums & Gardens with 100 beautiful acres to explore followed by a visit to the Sandwich Glass Museum for a glimpse into the delicate artform of glassblowing. No matter which choice you choose, your evening is at leisure. (B)

+ **Optional 2-Night Boston Post-Tour Extension**
Starting at \$900 pp



Day 8: Cape Cod - Boston

Extend your stay in New England with 2 nights in Boston – Massachusetts' historic capital city. As the site of the famous "tea party," Boston has a long

history of fighting for independence since the time of the Revolutionary War. Explore the city on your own, perhaps grabbing a bite of some renowned seafood or a cup of famous clam chowder. Consider venturing to the North End for some authentic Italian food, keeping an eye out for a fresh cannoli.

Day 9: Boston

The day is yours. Consider a quick walk from your hotel to the Museum of Science or take a famous Duck Boat tour. As the home of 35 different colleges, Boston features a perfect blend of history and modern innovations. (B)

Day 10: Boston - Tour Ends

Wish Boston goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

Day 7: Cape Cod - Martha's Vineyard - Cape Cod

A ferry ride transports you to beautiful Martha's Vineyard. Known for visits by presidents and royalty, this summer home of many artists, writers and celebrities is full of surprises. You'll see all the highlights of "the Vineyard" (as the locals call it), including quaint gingerbread-styled cottages and a once-famous whaling port resplendent with sea captains' homes and widows' walks. Later, depart the island and cruise back to Cape Cod. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner and traditional New England experience as you indulge in a lobster feast. (B, D)

Day 8: Cape Cod - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many fond memories. (B)

COLOURS OF NEW ENGLAND

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Boston • Simon Pearce • Quechee Gorge • Stowe • Cold Hollow Cider Mill • Trapp Family Lodge • Rocks Estate • North Conway • Kancamagus Highway • Mount Washington • Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise • Portland • Lobster Dinner • Kennebunkport



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore the Rocks Estate and learn the importance of maple sugaring in the region on a farm tour.
- Learn the history of the famous von Trapp Family during a visit to their lodge in Stowe.
- View the most photographed lighthouse in America, the Portland Head Light.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Taste the essence of New England at a dinner featuring succulent fresh lobster.
- Enjoy lunch prepared from fresh, local ingredients at the Simon Pearce restaurant.
- Watch apple cider made the old-fashioned way.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Spend some time appreciating the great outdoors alongside your Tour Manager during a nature walk **-OR-** sit down comfortably at your hotel for a lecture with a local naturalist to learn all about the ecology of the North Woods.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** The Royal Sonesta, Boston, MA
- Days 2, 3** Stoweflake Mountain Resort, Stowe, VT
- Days 4, 5** White Mountain Hotel & Resort, North Conway, or Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield, NH
- Days 6, 7** Cambria Hotel Portland Downtown-Old Port or Hyatt Place Portland-Old Port, Portland, or Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Boston, Massachusetts

Welcome to Massachusetts, where your journey through charming and vibrant New England begins. Start your tour in the heart of Boston.

Day 2: Boston - Woodstock, Vermont - Stowe

This morning, set out for Vermont where tree-covered mountainsides dot a charming landscape of quaint villages with traditional, white steeple churches. Visit Quechee Gorge — known as Vermont's Little Grand Canyon. This afternoon, watch glassblowing artisans craft unique art at the Simon Pearce flagship store. Savour a lunch prepared with fresh, local ingredients served on Simon Pearce dinnerware. After lunch, arrive in Woodstock, "the quintessential New England village" with its beautifully restored Georgian homes, a covered bridge, and even a town green. This evening, settle into your resort in Stowe, nestled in the tranquil Green Mountains. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Stowe

Start off your day by heading to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. In this historic mill, watch — and learn — how fresh cider is produced the old-fashioned way, via rack and cloth press; a process that's been passed down for generations. This afternoon, visit the Trapp Family Lodge where you'll get to see the stunning alpine

architecture and mountain views that reminded the famous family of their home in Austria. Indulge in the charms of this spectacular Alpine inspired property and learn their family history as depicted in the film *The Sound of Music*. (B)

Day 4: Stowe - North Conway, New Hampshire

Today you will be New Hampshire bound! Soak in the lovely New England countryside as you journey through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Make a stop to explore the Rocks Estate, home to the North Country Conservation & Education Centre. On a tour of the farm, learn about the history and importance of maple sugaring in the region and visit a virtual tap room. Later, continue to North Conway via the Kancamagus Highway, a scenic byway offering spectacular views of the White Mountains region. (B, D)

Day 5: North Conway

After breakfast, make your way to Mount Washington — the highest peak in the Northeastern United States. Break into smaller groups and enjoy a tour up the twisting Auto Road. Take in the sight of the peaks jutting into the sky alongside a local expert who will teach you about the unique history, plant, and animal life you may see along the way. Once you reach the summit, take time to appreciate the fantastic view and spend some time inside the



Portland Head Light



White Mountains

museum to learn about the extreme, rapid changing weather conditions that impact the mountain's peak. Later, **it's your choice!** Spend some time appreciating the great outdoors alongside your Tour Manager during a nature walk **-OR-** sit down comfortably at your hotel for a lecture with a local naturalist to learn all about the ecology of the North Woods. (B, D)

Day 6: North Conway - Lake Winnepesaukee - Portland, Maine

Journey to New Hampshire's picturesque lakes region, a popular vacation spot for visitors year-round. Board the *M/S Mount Washington* and spend the next hour cruising stunning Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire's largest lake. Then, visit the charming town of Wolfeboro, the "oldest summer resort in America." Later, travel to Maine's seacoast. Arrive in Portland, once home to sea captains and now known as one of "America's coolest cities." (B)

Day 7: Portland

This morning, a locally guided tour includes Fort Williams Park to view the Portland Head Light, the most

photographed lighthouse in America and the oldest in Maine. As you take in the views of Portland Harbour and Casco Bay, four more lighthouses can be seen. Enjoy some free time this afternoon in beautiful Portland to stroll the historic Old Port neighbourhood's many shops and restaurants. Or perhaps check out one of the city's many museums or historical sites. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a very special farewell dinner featuring fresh native lobster, for which coastal Maine is renowned. (B, D)

Day 8: Portland - Kennebunkport - Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Ends

Today, travel along spectacular Ocean Drive through the seaside community of Kennebunkport. See Walker's Point, the home on a rocky promontory that's a summer residence to the family of the late President George H. W. Bush. Return to the Boston airport with the many wonderful memories of your adventure. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$6399** Starting at **\$8799** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 15 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

September - October 2024 (different itinerary - see note*) **September - October 2025** (featured itinerary)

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+ Optional 2-Night Boston Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$900 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

Day 8: Portland - Boston, Massachusetts

Extend your stay in New England with 2 nights in Boston - Massachusetts's historic capital city. As the site of the famous "tea party," Boston has a long history of fighting for independence since the time of the Revolutionary War. Explore the city on your own, perhaps grabbing a bite of some renowned seafood or a cup of famous clam chowder. Consider venturing to the North End for some authentic Italian food, keeping an eye out for a fresh cannoli.

Day 9: Boston

The day is yours. Consider walking along the harbour, grabbing a pint in one of the many Irish pubs, or even visiting one of the city's museums. As the home of 35 different colleges, Boston features a perfect blend of history and modern innovations. (B)

Day 10: Boston - Tour Ends

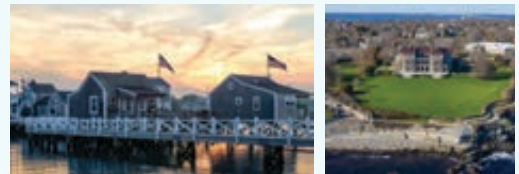
Wish Boston goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Boston (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ EVEN MORE TIME?

Combine Islands of New England with Colours of New England for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



ROAMING COASTAL MAINE

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Portland • Oyster Farm • Bar Harbor •
Acadia National Park • Lobster Trap
Pull Demonstration • Camden •
Freeport • Coastal Maine Botanical
Gardens • Boothbay



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park.
- Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 2 Dinners (D)
- Tour an oyster farm before digging into the local delicacies.
 - Learn about the people behind some of Maine's specialties during a fun and informative tasting.
 - Enjoy a rustic New England lunch at a traditional Maine lobster shack.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Stroll through Portland's historic Old Port District with a local guide and learn how this maritime hub transformed into modern restaurants and shops today **-OR-** take a tour of Portland's Victoria Mansion, known as one of the most important historic homes of the 19th century.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hyatt Place Portland Old Port, Portland
- Days 3, 4** Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor
- Days 5, 6** Harraseeket Inn, Freeport

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Portland Head Lighthouse

Day 1: Portland, Maine - Tour Begins

Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat.

Day 2: Portland

Discover the essence of this vibrant harbour city by means of a true New England classic – a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. Get ready to explore more of Portland how you like because **it's your choice!** Stroll through Portland's historic Old Port District to learn how this maritime hub transformed into modern restaurants and shops today **-OR-** take a tour of Portland's Victoria Mansion, known as one of the most important historic homes of the 19th century. Get a chance to delve into the culture of Portland with free time to explore this seafaring city on your own. (B, D)

Day 3: Portland - Bar Harbor

This morning, get an intimate look at a working oyster farm and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking

demonstration. Later, arrive in Bar Harbor, an iconic holiday spot featuring rich blue waters and home to Acadia National Park. With an evening at leisure, explore the bustling downtown, full of cosy cafes and indulgent ice cream shops just steps from your hotel. (B)

Day 4: Bar Harbor - Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor

This is Acadia National Park. Breathe in the crisp, fresh air and allow the nature around you to captivate your senses. Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide. Take in the sweeping views from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. Tonight is yours to explore Bar Harbor on your own. (B)

Day 5: Bar Harbor - Camden - Freeport

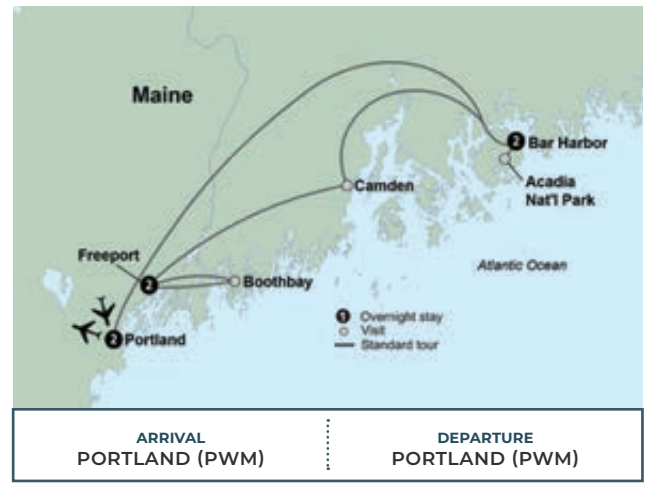
Head to Camden for some time at leisure. This quintessential town is home to the annual National Toboggan Championships and boasts many storefronts and 19th-century homes. Your scenic journey continues with a stop at a lobster shack to indulge in a must-try local favourite, the Maine lobster roll. Then, treat your palate again during an **Impact Moment!**



Acadia National Park



Oyster Farmer



ARRIVAL
PORTLAND (PWM)

DEPARTURE
PORTLAND (PWM)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4999**
SOLO Starting at **\$6649**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 10 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May – October 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Portland (1-2 NIGHTS)

Visit the Maine Tasting Center to try a variety of Maine's iconic foods such as: blueberries, seaweed, potatoes, and more. Learn more about the hardworking locals behind these specialties. Later, arrive in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Freeport - Boothbay - Freeport

Today, enter the natural wonderland of

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Enjoy some free time in Boothbay browsing this quaint, seaside town's cute shops and restaurants. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Freeport - Tour Ends

Your tour of coastal Maine comes to a close today. (B)

+ Optional 2-Night Boston Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$900 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

Day 7: Freeport - Boston, Massachusetts

Extend your stay in New England with 2 nights in Boston - Massachusetts's historic capital city. As the site of the

famous "tea party," Boston has a long history of fighting for independence since the time of the Revolutionary War. Explore the city on your own, perhaps grabbing a bite of some renowned seafood or a cup of famous clam chowder. Consider venturing to the North End for some authentic Italian food, keeping an eye out for a fresh cannoli.

Day 8: Boston

The day is yours. Consider a quick walk from your hotel to the Museum of Science or take a famous Duck Boat tour. As the home of 35 different colleges, Boston features a perfect blend of history and modern innovations. (B)

Day 9: Boston - Tour Ends

Wish Boston goodbye as you depart for home. (B)



Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

“The hotels were great. We loved the oyster farm and the lobster boat tour, the scenery and harbours, and Acadia National Park!”
- Frederick R.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW YORK CITY

5 DAYS • 5 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3949

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Greenwich Village • Wall Street •
Two Broadway Shows • Statue
of Liberty • Ellis Island •
9/11 Memorial • 9/11 Museum



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Pay tribute to the lives lost during a visit to the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum.
- Get around like a local – on your feet! The lights and energy of the Big Apple captivate as you walk NYC's bustling streets to dinner and Broadway shows.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 3 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Dinners (D)**
- Experience breakfast and a taste of NYC diner culture in the city's staple eateries.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 4 Sheraton New York Times Square, New York, NY

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST-NIGHT:
New York City (1-2 NIGHTS)



“Each stop had such different things to experience, and I enjoyed them all. It was wonderful being with people and living again.”
– Dorothy B.

TRAVEL STYLE: DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT



Empire State Building

Day 1: New York City, New York - Tour Begins

“Start spreading the news,” because today you arrive in America's most exciting metropolis for a getaway filled with shopping, sightseeing and endless entertainment. Relax as you enjoy a single-hotel stay in the heart of the city.

Day 2: New York City

An exciting day begins with breakfast at a local eatery, before embracing the city's energy on a locally guided tour of the “Big Apple.” Find yourself in Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Chinatown, and Central Park. See the Empire State Building and many other time-honoured landmarks. Take advantage of some free time this afternoon to discover the city at your own pace. Your Tour Manager has countless suggestions on how to spend your time. Maybe you are up for a shopping spree at some of the world's most legendary department stores, including Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue. Later, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Then, take your seat at a Broadway show! (B, D)

Day 3: New York City

Enjoy breakfast at a local diner, then, board a ferry for a cruise of New York Harbour. Take in the incredible views of the towering Statue of Liberty. Dock and get up-close to “Lady Liberty.” She has welcomed immigrants and visitors to New York Harbour since 1886. Created as a token of friendship between the U.S. and France, the Statue of Liberty has become a global symbol of freedom. Then it's on to Ellis Island. Step back in time on a self-guided tour of the museum. Come to know the personal stories of the immigration boom of 1892-1924 when 12 million people passed through this station on their journey to America. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore “the city that never sleeps.” Tonight, choose to join an optional walking tour of Greenwich Village including dinner. (B)

Day 4: New York City

This morning, reflect at the 9/11 Memorial and take a self-guided tour at the 9/11 Museum - two poignant tributes to the lives lost. This afternoon, the curtains rise for your second Broadway show. You'll choose from a selection of Broadway's biggest hits. Say farewell to this extraordinary city tonight as we gather for your final taste of New York with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: New York City - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close with many pleasant memories of your exciting tour of fabulous “New York, New York.”

DOUBLE Starting at **\$3949**
SOLO Starting at **\$4849**

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on 7 August 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – Nov. 2024
April 2025

(different itinerary - see note)*

May 2025 – April 2026

(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2025 - April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ARRIVAL: NEW YORK CITY (NYC) | DEPARTURE: NEW YORK CITY (NYC)

ALSO AVAILABLE

Spotlight on New York City featuring *Hamilton*

Experience the best of “the Big Apple” in this spectacular tour, including the hit musical *Hamilton*.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025

Spotlight on New York City Holiday

Experience “the Big Apple” alive with the holiday spirit on this spectacular tour.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: DECEMBER 2024; NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW YORK CITY HOLIDAY

5 DAYS • 5 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4849

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Greenwich Village • Wall Street •
Christmas Spectacular at Radio City
Music Hall • Statue of Liberty •
Ellis Island • 9/11 Memorial •
9/11 Museum • Broadway Show



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Pay tribute to the lives lost during a visit to the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum.
- Get around like a local – on your feet! The lights and energy of the Big Apple captivate as you walk NYC's bustling streets to dinner and Broadway shows.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

3 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Dinners (D)

- Experience breakfast and a taste of NYC diner culture in the city's staple eateries.



ACCOMMODATION

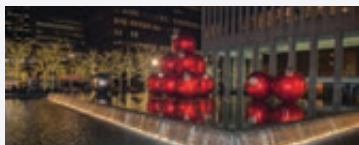
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Square, New York, NY

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

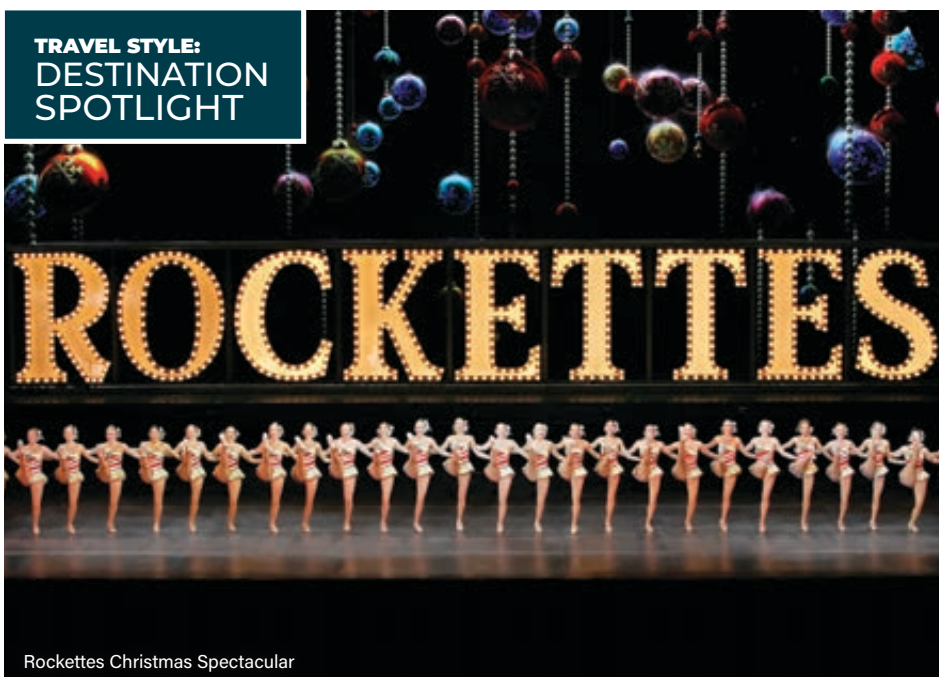
ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR



PRE OR POST NIGHT:
New York City (1-2 NIGHTS)



TRAVEL STYLE:
DESTINATION
SPOTLIGHT



Rockettes Christmas Spectacular

Day 1: New York City, New York - Tour Begins

"Start spreading the news," because today you arrive in America's most exciting metropolis as it shines during the holiday season. Your New York City getaway is filled with shopping, sightseeing, endless entertainment and holiday cheer.

Day 2: New York City

This morning, the day begins with breakfast at a local eatery, before setting out to embrace the energy of this fascinating city on a locally guided tour of the "Big Apple." You'll see Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Chinatown, the Empire State Building, Central Park and other time-honored landmarks decorated for the season. This afternoon enjoy time at leisure to discover "the city that never sleeps" at your own pace. Your Tour Manager has countless suggestions on how to spend your time. Maybe you are up for skating at Rockefeller Center or Central Park. Be sure to take a picture in front of the colossal Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and gaze at the elaborate 5th Avenue holiday window displays. After dinner at a local restaurant, you're in for the sweetest holiday treat – Radio City Music Hall and the incredible Christmas Spectacular featuring the high-kicking Rockettes – a short walk from your hotel! (B, D)

Day 3: New York City

Enjoy breakfast at a local diner, then board a ferry for a cruise of New York Harbor. Take in the incredible views of the towering Statue of Liberty. Dock and get up-close to "Lady Liberty." She has welcomed immigrants and visitors to New York Harbor since 1886. Created as a token of friendship between the U.S. and France, the Statue of Liberty has become a global symbol of freedom. Then it's on to Ellis Island. Step back in time on a self-guided tour of the museum. Come to know the personal stories of the immigration

boom of 1892-1924 when 12 million people passed through this station on their journey to America. Enjoy some time at leisure to partake in New York's fabulous holiday shopping at the world's most famous department stores including Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue, all dressed up in their holiday best, or choose to join an optional walking tour of Greenwich Village including dinner. (B)

Day 4: New York City

This morning, reflect at the 9/11 Memorial and take a self-guided tour at the 9/11 Museum – two poignant tributes to the lives lost. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a final toast as we gather for dinner at a local restaurant. Then, it's off to exhilarating Times Square to take your seat at an included Broadway show! You'll choose from a selection of Broadway's biggest hits. (B, D)

Day 5: New York City - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close with many pleasant memories of your exciting tour of fabulous "New York, New York" during the holiday season.

DOUBLE Starting at \$4849
SOLO Starting at \$6199

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on 12 December 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

December 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

*Itinerary featured is for
November - December
2025 tour departures. De-
partures prior to this date
may vary. Please confirm at
time of reservation.

Nov. - December 2025
(featured itinerary)

See this tour online for available departure
dates and pricing.

ARRIVAL DEPARTURE
NEW YORK CITY (NYC) NEW YORK CITY (NYC)

NEW TOUR

AMERICAN HERITAGE

FEATURING
THE GREENBRIER RESORT

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Smithsonian Museums • Twilight Monument Tour • Arlington National Cemetery • Greenbrier Bunker Tour • Monticello • Colonial Williamsburg • Mount Vernon • Tavern Dinner



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore the formerly secret bunker hidden under The Greenbrier.
- Enjoy day and twilight tours of D.C.'s iconic monuments and memorials.
- Stroll the grounds of historic Colonial Williamsburg.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Spend two evenings dining amid The Greenbrier's grandeur.
- Enjoy a farewell dinner, colonial-style, at a traditional Williamsburg tavern.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- Days 3, 4** The Greenbrier Resort, White Sulphur Springs, WV
- Days 5, 6** Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA
- Day 7** Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



The Greenbrier

Day 1: Washington, D.C.

Set forth on a grand historical tour featuring the timeless elegance and heritage of The Greenbrier. Experience this jewel of classic American resorts and come to understand its draw of over 200 years. A journey brimming with the history of America begins in Washington, D.C.

Day 2: Washington, D.C.

A picture-perfect day in D.C. starts at the White House Visitor Centre, seeing artefacts from the White House collection. Take a tour of D.C.'s world-famous memorials and monuments, including the National World War II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Uncover treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with free time to visit any of the museums surrounding the National Mall – perhaps you'll take one small step into space exploration at the National Air and Space Museum, or explore facets of the nation's story at the National Museum of American History. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant followed by a twilight tour to see more of the capital's iconic marble and granite monuments. (B, D)

Day 3: Washington, D.C. - Arlington, VA - White Sulphur Springs, WV

This morning, visit Arlington National Cemetery. A narrated tour takes you to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Kennedy gravesites. This afternoon, make a stop at historical Front Royal for some free time before travelling through the beautiful mountains of West Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, arriving at The Greenbrier, the world-class resort that's been welcoming guests since 1778. This evening, dine amid the grandeur of this historic resort. (B, D)

Day 4: The Greenbrier Resort

With a storied past to explore and every resort luxury available to you, it's time to enjoy all The Greenbrier has to offer. This is a place steeped in history, from its earliest days when its natural mineral springs drew guests to "take the waters," to its long-established status as an elite retreat, where five sitting presidents had already stayed before the Civil War. Imagine these same grounds, repurposed by the U.S. government as well as the army during periods of war over the centuries. Take an introductory tour of the vast property before continuing on a guided tour of the formerly classified government bunker built under the West Virginia Wing in the 1950s. The



Colonial Williamsburg



Vietnam Veterans Memorial



ARRIVAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. (WAS)

DEPARTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C. (WAS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6149**
SOLO Starting at **\$7799**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 23 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March – April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May – November 2025
March – April 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2025 – April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Washington, DC (1-2 NIGHTS)

ALSO AVAILABLE



American Heritage Holiday featuring the Greenbrier Resort

Experience the grandeur of The Greenbrier during the holiday season and explore American history across the Greater Washington area on a fascinating journey.

★ **DATES AVAILABLE: DECEMBER 2024 & NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2025.**



Lincoln Memorial

rest of the day is yours to spend as you please throughout the resort. Fill it with relaxing pastimes such as croquet, horseback riding, swimming, or shopping, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea, or try your luck at the Greenbrier Casino Club. Enjoy dining at the resort once again this evening. (B, D)

Day 5: White Sulphur Springs - Charlottesville - Williamsburg, VA

Feeling restored, bid farewell to The Greenbrier. Today, visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence. Tour the main house and take time to explore the area. Continue on to Williamsburg then settle into your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure with rich historical surroundings and local dining to explore nearby. (B)

Day 6: Williamsburg

Start your day with a step back in time. Explore Colonial Williamsburg, where historical reenactors and artisans

populate the streets and buildings, bringing 1770 to life. Enjoy time to tour this iconic site independently: wander the cobblestone streets, explore the historic buildings, and enjoy lunch on your own on the grounds and nearby Merchant's Square. Then, gather for a Colonial-style farewell dinner at an historic tavern. (B, D)

Day 7: Williamsburg - Washington D.C.

Depart Williamsburg today heading towards Washington, D.C. Stop in Old Town Alexandria with some free time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own. Then, visit Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. After a tour of the home, spend time wandering through the gardens and grounds before visiting the tomb of General Washington and his wife Martha. Continue to your hotel for the evening and join a final toast to this historic journey. (B)

Day 8: Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)

AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES

FEATURING NEW ORLEANS,
MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5649

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

French Quarter • Jazz Revue • Grammy Museum • Graceland • Civil Rights Tour • Barbecue Lunch • Ryman Auditorium • Grand Ole Opry Show • Country Music Hall of Fame • Historic RCA Studio B



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Trace ties to the Civil Rights Movement in Memphis on a one-of-a-kind tour.
- Step inside history at RCA Studio B for an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio.
- Take your seat at the Grand Ole Opry, the "home of American music."



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy Creole delights at a favourite French Quarter restaurant in New Orleans.
- Get a true taste of Southern barbecue tradition with a down-home lunch in Memphis.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — In Nashville, join a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop **-OR-** visit the Johnny Cash Museum where you'll be immersed in the life and legacy of Johnny Cash.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA

Day 3 The Inn at Ole Miss, Oxford, MS

Days 4, 5 The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, TN

Days 6, 7 Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



French Quarter

Day 1: New Orleans, Louisiana

Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. Take in the sights, flavours, and sounds of New Orleans on your own today before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: New Orleans

Explore the many sides of New Orleans and how jazz began and thrives here. Join a local guide for a panoramic city tour, seeing the famous St. Louis Cemetery #3 and Esplanade. Then, it's on to a walking tour of the French Quarter viewing St. Louis Cathedral, Pirates Alley and more. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a New Orleans-style dinner before continuing on to Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. (B, D)

Day 3: New Orleans - Oxford, Mississippi

Leave New Orleans on a high note and head to the next music landmark. Explore the history of one of the world's most prestigious awards in music at GRAMMY Museum Mississippi. Later, arrive in the charming college town of Oxford. (B, D)

Day 4: Oxford - Memphis, Tennessee

Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel before jiving along to "Jailhouse Rock" as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the "King" himself, and tour Elvis's 14-acre estate, including his home, private jets, and Meditation Garden. (B)

Day 5: Memphis

This morning, embark on a civil rights history tour via coach and follow the route of Martin Luther King Jr's last march, stopping at Mason Temple where he gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. Take time to explore how the era continues to shape equality and freedom to this day during a visit to the National Civil Rights Museum. Next, savour a lunch of down-home barbecue done Memphis-style: dry-rubbed and slow-smoked with sauce on the side! Get a taste of the Southern barbecue tradition and its deeply rooted spirit of community. Later, get acquainted with the musical history of Memphis with a visit to Sun Studio, perhaps the most famous recording studio in the world before continuing on to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum, highlighting



Beale Street



Grand Ole Opry



ARRIVAL
NEW ORLEANS (MSY)

DEPARTURE
NASHVILLE (BNA)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5649**
SOLO Starting at **\$6999**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 12 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May – October 2025
February – April 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2025 - April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + PRE-NIGHT: New Orleans (1-2 NIGHTS)**
- + POST-NIGHT: Nashville (1-2 NIGHTS)**

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 6-7: Gaylord Opryland Hotel

During your stay in Nashville, enjoy views of one of the Gaylord Opryland Resort's beautiful atriums by upgrading your accommodation to a superior room.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

the musical journey of this popular city. (B, L)

Day 6: Memphis - Nashville

Roll along Music Highway to Nashville - the "Music Capital of the World." Arrive in Nashville and tour the historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry. (B)

Day 7: Nashville ✔

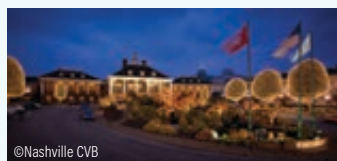
Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the world's largest museum of popular music, and check out the vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings, and instruments. Tour RCA Studio B and gain an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Charley Pride once recorded classic hits. You may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! After free time for lunch, **it's your choice!** Join a hands-on chocolate-

making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop **-OR-** visit the Johnny Cash Museum where you'll be immersed in the life and legacy of Johnny Cash, a "100 Greatest Artists of All Time" honouree. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends

Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today. (B)

ALSO AVAILABLE



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America's Music Cities Holiday

Take in the sights and sounds of the holidays in America's most famed musical cities - New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville.

★ **DATES AVAILABLE: DECEMBER 2024**
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025

“I enjoyed the “extras” that were included, the things you wouldn't see if you were just a tourist.”

– Carol A.

BLUEGRASS COUNTRY & THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Churchill Downs • Kentucky Derby Museum • Old Louisville Walking Tour • Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery • Lexington Horse Farms • Great Smoky Mountains National Park • Asheville • Biltmore Estate



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- In Lexington, Kentucky, connect with Horse Country's pride and traditions while visiting private horse farms.
- Get to know local artisans and their crafts in Berea, Kentucky's Folk Arts and Crafts Capital.
- Explore glass art and the American studio glass movement's history at GLASS National Art Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Sip on samples of Kentucky's home-grown spirit during a tasting at Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory **-OR-** explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum and its new Spirit of Kentucky exhibit.



ACCOMMODATION

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Days 1, 2 | The Seelbach Hilton, Louisville, KY |
| Days 3, 4 | The Campbell House, Lexington, KY |
| Days 5, 6 | Hilton Garden Inn, Gatlinburg, TN |
| Days 7, 8 | Cambria Hotel Downtown, Asheville, NC |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Great Smoky Mountains

Day 1: Louisville, Kentucky

Your tour starts in Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and baseball. Settle in for a 2-night stay at your hotel, ideally situated in downtown Louisville.

Day 2: Louisville

Enjoy a visit to Churchill Downs, the Thoroughbred racetrack famous for hosting the pinnacle of all horse races: the Kentucky Derby. Then, tour the Kentucky Derby Museum and learn about the legendary history of the "Sport of Kings." Enjoy a walking tour of Old Louisville, a historic neighbourhood of Victorian mansions. Later, head to "Museum Row" where **it's your choice!** Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory for an All-Star baseball experience **-OR-** explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum, and its Spirit of Kentucky exhibit, the official start of the Bourbon Trail. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Louisville - Lexington

Visit Buffalo Trace, the oldest continuously operating Bourbon distillery in America. Learn about the subtle craft, meet some of the people who make it all happen, and taste some of the home-grown spirit. Stop in the quaint,

historic town of Midway. Then, it's off to explore Kentucky's horse country. Learn about the area from a local guide and take in the rolling bluegrass pastureland and the horse farms that dot the landscape. Hear about time-honoured traditions during visits to private horse farms before settling into Lexington for your two-night stay. (B)

Day 4: Lexington - Berea - Lexington

Travel to Berea, the historic college town known as the Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky. Meet a few artisans while they demonstrate their craft. Then, explore musical artefacts and memorabilia during a visit to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Tonight, take in the tastes of Kentucky at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Lexington - Gatlinburg, Tennessee

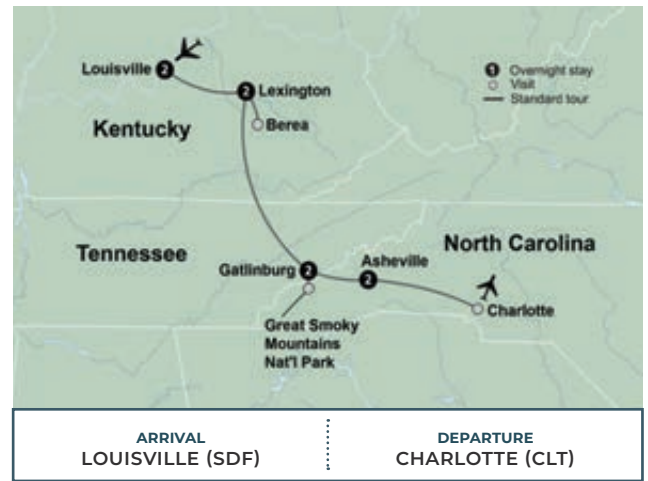
This morning, learn about contemporary art and the American Studio Glass movement with a visit to Kentucky's GLASS National Art Museum, displaying the works of prominent glass artists. Afterward, travel through Daniel Boone National Forest, named for the larger-than-life American pioneer who once blazed a trail across these rugged and wild lands, which extend across the western plateau region of the Appalachian



Kentucky Derby Museum



Buffalo Trace Distillery



ARRIVAL
LOUISVILLE (SDF)

DEPARTURE
CHARLOTTE (CLT)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4799**
SOLO Starting at **\$6199**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 19 June 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October – December 2024

May – December 2025

March – April 2025

March – April 2026

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May – December 2025 and March – April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Louisville** (1-2 NIGHTS)



ALSO AVAILABLE



Nashville & the Smoky Mountains Holiday

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Nashville, Gatlinburg and Asheville all decked out for the holidays.

★ **DATES AVAILABLE**
NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2024
NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2025



Biltmore Estate

Mountains. Arrive in the lively mountain town, Gatlinburg, gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and your home for a two-night stay. The rest of the day is yours! Perhaps you will go to Dollywood, Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountains theme park, or enjoy time in downtown Gatlinburg. (B, L)

Day 6: Gatlinburg - Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Gatlinburg

With a local guide, explore Great Smoky Mountains National Park (UNESCO) – the United States' most visited national park. Stop at various lookouts on your way to Newfound Gap, which boasts views of both Tennessee and North Carolina. Enjoy your picnic lunch at a scenic location before continuing through the park to Cherokee and spend time at Qualla, the oldest Native American arts cooperative. Learn about traditional crafts and customs. Afterwards, tour the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery with a tasting before enjoying an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Gatlinburg - Asheville, North Carolina

This morning, depart for Asheville, North Carolina, your Blue Ridge Mountains home for two nights. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore a city known for craft breweries, chocolate, and farm to table cuisine. (B)

Day 8: Asheville

Back in 1895, George Vanderbilt II decided to build himself a "little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The result was the impressive and decadent grandeur of the Biltmore Estate. Today, tour the sprawling mansion and the manicured grounds. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Asheville - Charlotte - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to an end. As you venture home, take the spirit and the warmth of America's Southeast with you. (B)

SOUTHERN CHARM

FEATURING
CHARLESTON, SAVANNAH
& JEKYLL ISLAND

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4949

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Historic Charleston • Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens • Savannah • St. Simons Island • Jekyll Island



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens, one of the country's oldest plantations still in operation.
- Learn about the life and history of the Gullah Geechee people during a visit to Pin Point Heritage Museum.
- Visit the intriguing Mercer Williams House, one of Savannah's renowned historic homes.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional specialties in Savannah.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Stroll through Charleston's historic center with a local guide **-OR-** take a harbour cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.
- **Day 4** — Take in the southern charm of Savannah's Historic District on a nostalgic, narrated trolley ride **-OR-** on a walking tour highlighting Savannah's haunted side.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Emeline Hotel, Charleston, SC
- Days 3, 4** Cambria Hotel Downtown, Savannah, GA
- Days 5, 6** Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



©Jekyll Island Club

Day 1: Charleston, South Carolina

Experience warm Southern hospitality in America's southeast. Come to know its rich history and deep traditions on this tour highlighted by stays in Charleston, Savannah, and Jekyll Island. Arrive in Charleston, a city that has defied all odds. Charleston has survived the Civil War, major fires, an earthquake, and hurricanes – and still exudes elegance, charm, and grace. If arriving early in the day, perhaps you'll venture out on your own to Patriot's Point Naval Museum or the Aiken-Rhett House before settling into your accommodation in the Historic District.

Day 2: Charleston

Decide how to see the city because **it's your choice!** Stroll through Charleston's historic center with a local guide, exploring hidden alleys and quaint areas that are only accessible by foot **-OR-** take a harbour cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first fired shots of the Civil War were fired, and chat with a ranger before exploring on your own. Later, make your way to bustling City Market, one of the country's oldest public markets and the central hub for Gullah sweetgrass basketry – an intricate handicraft

of African origin. Explore Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens, where you'll experience Southern living as you come to know one of America's oldest plantations. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Charleston - Savannah, Georgia

Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore Charleston on your own. Perhaps you will join an optional horse-and-carriage tour with lunch. Then, travel down the coast through South Carolina's Low Country to historic Savannah. This evening, spend some time exploring Factors Walk and River Street, where old cotton warehouses have been converted into trendy shops, taverns, and restaurants. Tonight, gather at a popular local restaurant on Savannah's famous River Street for a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional specialties. (B, D)

Day 4: Savannah

This morning, **it's your choice!** Take in the southern charm of Savannah's Historic District on a nostalgic, narrated trolley ride **-OR-** on a walking tour highlighting Savannah's haunted side. Either way, lively, informative commentary



Charleston



Forsyth Park



ARRIVAL CHARLESTON (CHS) DEPARTURE JACKSONVILLE (JAX)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4949 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at \$6449

Prices based on 28 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – April 2025 **May 2025**
(different itinerary - see note)* **September – April 2026**
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2025 – April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

PRE-NIGHT: Charleston (1-2 NIGHTS) **POST-NIGHT:** Jekyll Island (1-2 NIGHTS)



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brings the city to life as you travel along the cobblestone-paved streets and beneath moss-draped oaks. Allow the stately mansions, beautiful squares, and romantic riverfront promenades to capture your heart. Both tours will end at the Mercer Williams House, where you will receive a guided tour of the famed home from *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. The rest of the afternoon and evening is yours to do as you wish. (B)

Day 5: Savannah - St. Simons Island - Jekyll Island

Before saying so long to Savannah, stop at the Pin Point Heritage Museum to learn about the Gullah Geechee people. Then journey to Georgia's legendary Gold Coast and visit the quaint St. Simons Island. Enjoy time to explore the area on your own, meandering along the unique shops and restaurants in the village. Continue on to the exclusive Jekyll Island Club hotel, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 6: Jekyll Island

Situated grandly in the middle of the Golden Isles, Jekyll Island was once the beloved holiday spot for prominent families, including the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan. With a morning at leisure, enjoy the old-world atmosphere of this iconic resort. Gather for a tram ride that brings you on a tour of the island and the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District – one of the nation's largest restoration projects. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at the Jekyll Island Club hotel. (B, D)

Day 7: Jekyll Island - Jacksonville, Florida - Tour Ends

As your tour draws to a close, leave for home with memories of a trip well-travelled. Your days spent experiencing true southern charm and gracious hospitality will stay dear to your heart for years to come. (B)

“The most enjoyable part of the tour was meeting new people, seeing new places in a way you would not be able to see if you went on your own.”

– Steven H.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST & CALIFORNIA

FEATURING WASHINGTON, OREGON & CALIFORNIA

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Seattle • Mount St. Helens Visitor Center • Portland • Columbia River Gorge • Hood River • Yaquina Head Lighthouse • Newport • Bandon State Natural Area • Rogue River Cruise • Redwood National Park • Avenue of the Giants • San Francisco



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Visit lively Pike Place Market, Seattle's famous fish and vegetable market.
- Venture to Mount St. Helens Visitor Center to learn about its volcanic activity.
- Visit Columbia River Gorge and Multnomah Falls.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy lavender flavoured ice cream while you learn about the many benefits of lavender and how it's grown.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Thompson Hotel, Seattle, WA
Days 2, 3	Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, OR
Day 4	The Mill Casino, North Bend, OR
Day 5	Best Western Plus Bayshore Inn, Eureka, CA
Days 6, 7	Hyatt Regency Downtown SOMA, San Francisco, CA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Day 1: Seattle, Washington

Your tour opens with an overnight stay in Seattle, dubbed the "Emerald City" for its lush green surroundings. Get to know your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Seattle - Mt. St. Helen's - Portland, Oregon

Explore Seattle's colourful waterfront area and historic Pioneer Square with a local guide. Mingle with artisans at the lively Pike Place Market, a famous fish and vegetable market dotted with restaurants and shops. Travel by Washington State Ferry across Puget Sound to Bremerton - Seattle's skyline is spectacular from the water! Back on land, travel south through Olympia, stopping at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Centre. Learn about its 1980 volcanic eruption as well as the history and geology of the state park. Continue to Portland, Oregon for a two-night stay in the picturesque "City of Roses." (B)

Day 3: Portland - Columbia River Gorge - Portland

Drive along the Mt. Hood route to the lush Columbia River Gorge. Take in the unforgettable views of Mt. Hood as you leave the valley and enter the Cascade Mountains. Discover the awe-inspiring landscapes of the magnificent Columbia River and Multnomah Falls, a 611-foot-tall roaring cascade. Later, learn about the lavender growing process during a walking tour of the farm where this beneficial perennial

herb is grown. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Portland - Willamette Valley - Newport - North Bend (Oregon Coast)

On the way to the Oregon coast, journey through the Willamette Valley. Today known for its wine that rivals that Napa, this was once the "Promised Land" for the pioneers who followed the Oregon Trail. On the coast, stop at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse, a 93-foot tower buffeted by wind and rain since 1872. Enjoy time at the interpretive centre or make your way down to Cobble Beach to explore the tide pools of colourful sea anemones and starfish. Stop in the seaside town of Newport before travelling further along the coast. End your day strolling North Bend's lively boardwalk, perched along scenic Coos Bay. (B, D)

Day 5: North Bend - Bandon Natural Area - Redwood National Park - Eureka, CA

Drive to Bandon State Natural Area. Take in the breathtaking scenery as we travel along the striking Beach Loop. See Bandon Rocks and Face Rock, famous for their American Indian legends. Enjoy a cruise up the Rogue River, taking you into Oregon's rugged wilderness for a chance to see bald eagles, cormorants, seals and blue heron. Continuing south to California's redwood country, travel through Redwood National Park, home to trees that can reach nearly 300 feet. See for yourself why the sun seldom hits the ground. (B, L)



ARRIVAL SEATTLE (SEA) | **DEPARTURE SAN FRANCISCO (SFO)**

DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$4999** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Starting at **\$5999**

Prices based on 27 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April 2025 (different itinerary - see note*) | **May – October 2025**
April 2026 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2025 – April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ POST-NIGHT: San Francisco (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ EVEN MORE TIME?
Combine Pacific Northwest & California with California Dreamin' for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.

Day 6: Eureka - San Francisco

Return to the majestic beauty and splendid grandeur of the redwood forest as you traverse the "Avenue of the Giants," a scenic highway loaded with towering redwoods. Next, drive over the legendary Golden Gate Bridge and arrive in "the City by the Bay," San Francisco. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in this eclectic city. (B)

Day 7: San Francisco

Today, join a local guide to see a few of San Francisco's natural settings where scenery and the outdoors are the focus. Visit the recently developed Presidio Tunnel Tops garden for panoramic views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Marin Headlands and San Francisco Bay. Enjoy a brief walk to the hilltop neighbourhood of Alamo Square Park to see the Victorian homes known as the "Painted Ladies." After a farewell lunch, the remainder of your day is at leisure to explore San Francisco independently. (B, L)

Day 8: San Francisco - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, but the memories will stay with you forever. (B)

+ Optional 1-Night Seattle Pre-Tour Extension
Starting at \$560 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 1: Seattle, Washington

Arrive in Seattle, the "Emerald City." Check into your hotel and enjoy time to settle in. A local representative will meet you at the hotel to assist with recommendations on how you can spend your afternoon and evening.

Day 2: Seattle

After breakfast, join a local guide on a walking tour of the famed Pike Place Market – one of the country's oldest farmers markets – on Seattle's bustling waterfront. Have fun exploring the historic arcade and winding alleys. Later, travel like a local on Seattle's Monorail to the Seattle Centre. Take your time visiting the Space Needle and Chihuly Garden and Glass – a monument to art as glass featuring an astounding display of Dale Chihuly's installations. Your entry includes 8 galleries, the central Glasshouse, and a sculpture garden. (B)

“I enjoyed having everything planned out for me and the excellent selections of venues to visit.”

– Jeannette K.

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

MONTEREY,
YOSEMITE & NAPA

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4899

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Monterey • Scenic 17-Mile Drive •
Yosemite National Park • Sacramento •
Lake Tahoe Scenic Cruise •
Napa Valley Vineyard Tour and
Wine Tasting • San Francisco



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Marvel at the views along scenic 17-Mile Drive from Monterey to Carmel.
- Meet a local farmer and visit an almond orchard in the Central Valley.
- Enjoy a scenic cruise to the green and blue waters of Emerald Bay on Lake Tahoe.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Visit a family-owned olive oil producer for lunch and a tasting.
- Sample local vintages during a winery tour and tasting in Napa Valley.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Visit the California State Railroad Museum and explore the detailed exhibits with a guide **-OR-** peruse a collection of Californian art and European master drawings on a guided tour of the Crocker Art Museum.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa, Monterey
Days 3, 4	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Modesto
Days 5, 6	Hyatt Regency, Sacramento
Day 7	Hotel Zoe, San Francisco

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Lone Cypress

Day 1: Monterey, California - Tour Begins

From the rugged coastline of the Pacific Ocean to Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe to Napa Valley, the scenery, history, and culture of northern California is unparalleled. Your tour opens in Monterey, a seaside city with a rich history and gorgeous scenery.

Day 2: Monterey

The morning is yours to relax or explore this charming city independently. Perhaps you'll visit the renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium or walk along Monterey's Path of History – a self-guided tour of the city's historic landmarks. This afternoon, the scenery of your dreams comes alive as you travel along the famed 17-Mile Drive to Carmel. See the Lone Cypress Tree, Seal Rock, and prestigious Pebble Beach Golf Course before relaxing over dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Monterey - Modesto

Travel northeast towards California's Central Valley to Modesto, your base for visiting Yosemite and home for two nights. Whilst Modesto is a city, it has a small-town atmosphere. Once you get there, visit a family-owned olive oil producer for an informative presentation, olive oil tasting, and lunch. Afterwards, meet a local farmer and visit an almond orchard. Tonight, sit down with

your fellow travellers for dinner and continue to savour those local flavours. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Modesto - Yosemite National Park - Modesto

Dramatic waterfalls to soaring granite peaks, Yosemite will leave you in awe. Enjoy a scenic drive to the gates of the national park, where you'll travel by coach through Yosemite's unrivalled landscapes with an expert guide. Natural wonders abound as you stand before El Capitan, and take in breathtaking vistas including Half Dome, Tunnel View and Yosemite Falls. (B)

Day 5: Modesto - Sacramento

Arrive in Sacramento, enjoying time on your own for lunch in Old Sacramento – a historic Gold Rush-era neighbourhood filled with over 60 restored buildings, wooden sidewalks, and antique gas lamps. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the California State Railroad Museum and explore the detailed exhibits with a guide **-OR-** peruse a collection of Californian art and European master drawings on a guided tour of the Crocker Art Museum. Dinner is included tonight at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Sacramento - Lake Tahoe - Sacramento

Travel over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the



Yosemite



Napa Valley



ARRIVAL
SAN JOSE (SJC)

DEPARTURE
SAN FRANCISCO (SFO)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4899**
SOLO Starting at **\$5899**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 20 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024
March – April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May – October 2025
March – April 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2025 – April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

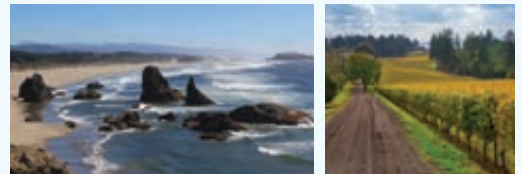
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+ PRE-NIGHT: Monterey (1-2 NIGHTS)

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resort town of Lake Tahoe. Board a classic yacht-style vessel for a narrated cruise of Lake Tahoe's pristine waters. Discover the history of the area and explore the enclosed and open-air decks for ideal places to snap photos of the dynamic landscape and breathe in the fresh air. (B)

Day 7: Sacramento - Napa Valley - San Francisco

The iconic rolling vineyards of Napa Valley welcome you today. Tour the grounds of a vineyard while learning about the wine-making process before enjoying a private tasting and a delicious farewell lunch. Raise a glass of locally produced wine and toast to your California adventure. Tonight, enjoy an evening to explore San Francisco as you please. (B, L)

Day 8: San Francisco - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

+ Optional 2-Night San Francisco Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$560 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

Day 8: San Francisco - Extension Begins

Continue your California adventure and independently explore San Francisco's iconic sights.

Day 9: San Francisco

Your day is free to enjoy San Francisco as you wish. Perhaps you'll discover Fisherman's Wharf, have lunch in Chinatown, venture to Alcatraz, or hop on a cable car - these are just a few of the things on offer in this vibrant City by the Bay. (B)

Day 10: San Francisco - Tour Ends

Your time in San Francisco comes to an end today. (B)

“Everything was so well organised, a lovely balance of scheduled activities and free time. Our guide was just outstanding.”

– Vicky G.



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NEW TOUR

ESSENTIAL SOUTH AMERICA

FEATURING CHILE, THE MENDOZA WINE REGION & BUENOS AIRES

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

STARTING AT \$8499

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Santiago • Central Market & Cooking Class • Mendoza • Vineyard Tour & Tasting • Wine-Paired Lunch • Buenos Aires • Tango Lesson • San Antonio de Areco • Draghi Silversmith Museum • *Estancia* Visit with Traditional *Asado* Lunch



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- In Buenos Aires, learn to tango with a professional dancer before mingling with the locals at a social club.
- Discover Argentina's yerba mate tea, a drink steeped in tradition.
- Learn about families tragically separated during Argentina's dictatorship and an organization that works to reunite them.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Experience Santiago's Central Market with a chef before preparing a seafood lunch with your finds.
- Enjoy wine tastings at two of Mendoza's breathtaking vineyards.
- Savour an *asado* barbeque on a sprawling ranch.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — In Santiago, visit the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art **-OR-** the Memory and Human Rights Museum, which commemorates the victims of human rights violations during the last Chilean military dictatorship.
- **Day 6** — Choose between two walking tours in Buenos Aires, either exploring the captivating Recoleta Cemetery **-OR-** discovering the colourful murals of the Palermo neighbourhood.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Renaissance Santiago Hotel, Santiago
- Days 3, 4** Diplomatic Hotel, Mendoza
- Days 5-8** Palladio Hotel Buenos Aires MGallery, Buenos Aires

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Day 1: Santiago, Chile

Set out to experience the sights, flavours, and rhythms of Chile and Argentina as you explore two countries, from bustling cities to sprawling ranches, vineyards, and natural landscapes. Your tour begins in Santiago, the vibrant capital city of Chile, nestled in a valley of the Andes Mountains. Settle in at your hotel where you'll enjoy early access to your room to recoup after your flight. This afternoon, meet your fellow travellers and head out on a panoramic tour of Santiago, getting a look at the city's blend of modern and colonial architecture and learning about its diverse history. Tonight, toast to the beginning of your South American adventure at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Santiago

Follow your curiosity about Chilean history and culture to a museum because **it's your choice!** Choose between the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artworks and artefacts from Central and South America **-OR-** the Memory and Human Rights Museum, which commemorates the victims of human rights violations during the last Chilean military dictatorship. After, set out to discover market-fresh Chilean food with a visit to the Mercado Central de Santiago. Joined by a local chef, walk through the fish market, stopping along the way to learn about the local seafood and pick up

some ingredients. Then join a hands-on cooking experience at the chef's restaurant and sit down to a fresh feast for lunch. Take the rest of day to enjoy Santiago as you please. (B, L)

Day 3: Santiago - Mendoza, Argentina

An early morning flight brings you to the desert region of Mendoza, known for its vineyards and Malbec wine, and the stunning views of the Andes Mountains. Upon arriving to a vineyard, a pick-me-up comes with a taste of yerba mate tea, a traditional South American caffeinated drink. As your guide demonstrates how to make a cup, learn about the cultural significance of this beverage that brings many Argentinean families together for daily "mate breaks." Enjoy a tour of the vineyard followed by a wine tasting and chef-prepared lunch. Later, settle into your hotel in the city of Mendoza for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Mendoza

Enjoy a leisurely morning before continuing your taste of the region's renowned wines with a visit to a family winery. Sample wines selected to show the richness of the terroirs and come to appreciate the unique qualities of the Luján de Cuyo wine-producing sub-region with its dry, almost desert-like climate and irrigation from the Mendoza River's pure Andean meltwater. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the laid-back city of Mendoza with its inviting restaurants and atmospheric plazas. (B)



La Boca, Buenos Aires



Estancia

Day 5: Mendoza – Buenos Aires

Say so long to Mendoza as you fly to Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Set out on a guided tour of Buenos Aires, sampling the local eats along the way and exploring the fusion of flavours that comes with the city's Spanish, Italian, and Jewish influences. During a panoramic tour, discover the San Telmo, Puerto Madero, La Boca, and Recoleta neighbourhoods. Then settle in at your hotel in the elegant Recoleta neighbourhood, full of historical and architectural charm. This evening,

come together for dinner and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (B, D)

Day 6: Buenos Aires

Today begins with an **Impact Moment** focused on the work of the Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo, a human rights organisation that has helped to restore the identities of children taken during Argentina's military coup from 1976 to 1983. Meet with someone who was personally impacted and learn about *los desaparecidos* ("the disappeared") and this time in Argentina's history. This afternoon, **it's your choice** how you see more of the city. Choose between two walking tours, either exploring the captivating Recoleta Cemetery **-OR-** discovering the colourful murals of the Palermo neighbourhood. This evening, it's time to live like the locals! Take a lesson from a professional tango dancer, and then take your moves to the dance floor at a local *milongas* social club. (B)

Day 7: Buenos Aires

Today is yours to explore Buenos Aires as you wish, taking your time to wander through neighbourhoods, savour Argentine cuisine, or maybe visit the city's fantastic opera house. Consider a full day optional excursion to Uruguay. Take an early morning ferry across the Rio de Plata to Colonia del Sacramento. Travel into the Uruguayan countryside to a family-run cheese farm for a tour and lunch, followed by free time to explore the city's charming Historic Quarter before returning to Buenos Aires by ferry. Tonight, perhaps you'll decide to join an optional tango show and dinner at a popular tango house. (B)

Day 8: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires

Set out into the countryside to explore Argentina's Pampas region. In San



DOUBLE Starting at **\$8499** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
September 2025 - April 2026

Pricing and itinerary details subject to change. See our website for more information.

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

Antonio de Areco, discover the small town's strong connection with silversmithing and *gaucho* culture. A visit to Museo Draghi offers the chance to see silversmiths at work and admire a private collection of silverware. Then it's on to experience a true taste of *gaucho* life by spending the rest of the day on a traditional *estancia*, following a bumpy, unpaved road to the gates of the ranch's sprawling land and inviting, rustic house. You may decide to explore the property by horse drawn carriage or head inside the main house to relax and take in views from the porch. Gather for a traditional *asado* lunch, with flame-cooked meats served at the table along with sides and wine. Later, sit back and enjoy a folk performance of *gaucho* traditions with singing, dancing, and displays of horsemanship – topping off an unforgettable encounter with this South American way of life. This evening back in Buenos Aires, gather for dinner at a local restaurant and toast to the end of a grand adventure. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Buenos Aires – Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end today. Transfer to the airport for your flight home later today. (B)

Optional 3-Night Iguazu Falls Post-Tour Extension

Call for details.



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 1: Buenos Aires – Iguazu Falls, Brazil

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

Day 2: Iguazu Falls

Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have both fought to protect the beauty and power of the falls by making each side a national park. You will see first-hand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed "Poor Niagara." The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the amenities at your resort. (B, D)

Day 3: Iguazu Falls – Buenos Aires

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. (B)

Day 4: Buenos Aires – Tour Ends

Transfer to the airport and depart for home. (B)

COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

12 DAYS • 23 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Tortuguero National Park • Cooking Demonstration • Sarapiquí • Tirimbina Rainforest Center • Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting • River Safari • Forest Reserve Guided Walk • Hanging Bridges • Arenal Volcano • Manuel Antonio National Park • Jungle Crocodile Safari & Bird Watching



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Learn about Costa Rica's ecosystem and local culture.
- Visit the world's first sea turtle research station.
- Stay in Tortuguero National Park and find yourself surrounded by wildlife.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Taste for yourself why cacao is called "the food of the gods" and observe the process of converting this seed from bean to bar.
- Learn how to cook using a coconut before tasting some delicious local candy.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — 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.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 2, 3	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
Days 4, 5	Tilajari Hotel Resort, San Carlos
Days 6 - 8	Hotel Lomas del Volcán, Arenal
Days 9, 10	Marriott Los Suenos, Playa Herradura
Day 11	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Nature Cruise

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Pura vida. In English, it translates to "the simple life." But *pura vida* is so much more: it's an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It's time to experience what *pura vida* means to you. You're on your way to explore a place that's unlike anywhere else in the world, where *pura vida* is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat to your hotel before heading further down the rivers and canals to the world's first sea turtle research station. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on a nature cruise, getting a glimpse

into the habitat of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, a local will teach you about his village and share stories about life in Tortuguero's remote town. Watch as he demonstrates how to harvest and prepare coconuts before sampling a local favourite: coconut candy. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - San Carlos

Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Centre. Today will be an **Impact Moment** as you visit a cacao plantation at the Tirimbina Rainforest Centre — an ecotourism destination that is vigilant of environmental, social, and economic impact. Learn the process of sustainably converting seed from bean to bar and taste for yourself why it's called "the food of the gods." Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the botanical garden lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D)

Day 5: San Carlos

Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the *finca* of a



Sloth



Hanging Bridges



ARRIVAL
SAN JOSE (SJO)

DEPARTURE
SAN JOSE (SJO)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4399**
SOLO Starting at **\$5799**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 2 December 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May 2025 – April 2026
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2025 – April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE- or POST-NIGHT: San Jose (1-2 NIGHTS)**



“The tour truly exceeded my expectations. It was focused on encounters with wildlife throughout Costa Rica and provided us several opportunities to learn about the people and culture of this beautiful country.”

- Kimberly C.

Day 11: Playa Herradura - Tárcoles - San Jose

See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)

local family and try homemade snacks such as banana bread, local coffee, and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: San Carlos - Arenal

Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at the natural world around you. Later, settle into your resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next three nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Arenal

Today, **it's your choice!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle **-OR-** make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please. Perhaps you'll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax by the hotel's pool. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned *finca* with an included farm to table lunch. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal

In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps, if you're feeling adventurous, you'll opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience. Or simply hang back at the resort, explore the grounds, and soak in the views. (B)

Day 9: Arenal - Playa Herradura

This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known beans. Take a tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next two nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every colour of the rainbow. (B, D)

Day 10: Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Playa Herradura

Welcome to Manuel Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. This evening is at leisure. (B)

TROPICAL COSTA RICA

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

STARTING AT \$2749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Cano Negro Refuge • Lake Arenal Cruise • Farm Tour and Lunch • Monteverde Cloud Forest • Guanacaste



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Catch a glimpse of local life as you explore a family-owned farm.
- Enjoy the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano.
- Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat cruise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)
- Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica during your visit to a coffee plantation.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Climb high into the trees for your choice of a “Hanging Bridges” tour **-OR-** zip lining in the cloud forest.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose
- Days 2 - 4** Mountain Paradise Resort & Spa, Hotel Lomas del Volcan, or Hotel Arenal Kioro Suites & Spa, Arenal
- Days 5, 6** El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Days 7, 8** Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows, Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Arenal Volcano

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Your trip to Costa Rica opens in the colourful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

Day 2: San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Arenal

Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, check in for a leisurely 3-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. (B, D)

Day 3: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal

Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax at your resort. (B)

Day 4: Arenal

Today, explore a family-owned farm, getting a

peek into the daily lives of the locals. During a tour of the gardens, learn how the plants are organically grown through the concept of sustainability. The farm considers itself a “classroom without borders.” Taste the exotic fruit harvest and experience the traditional way to process sugar cane. Enjoy a sip of cane liquor before engaging in a culinary demonstration and a farm-to-table lunch. (B, L)

Day 5: Arenal - Lake Arenal Cruise - Monteverde

Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica’s largest and most important lake. Then, it’s off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where you’re sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: Monteverde

It’s your choice! This morning, join an expert for a leisurely paced “Hanging Bridges” walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest’s lush ecosystem **-OR-** take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. No matter what you



Zip-lining



Sloth

choose, we all come together to explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens before lunch. Your afternoon is at leisure, or, if you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica. (B, D)

Day 7: Monteverde - Guanacaste

Today we make our way to breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerising ocean views. (B, D)

Day 8: Guanacaste

Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara for some local culture. Return to your hotel in time to catch a Costa Rican sunset and soak in

the spectacular colours as the sun illuminates the natural landscape before your final dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Guanacaste - Tour Ends

Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure. (B)

+ Optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Pre-Tour Extension Starting at \$1400 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Extension Begins

Arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica's capital city for an overnight stay.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

This morning set out for an exciting soft-adventure jungle experience in Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica, in search of wildlife such as macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Depart your San Jose hotel via private transportation for a transfer to the dock where you board an open-air boat with other travellers to journey into Tortuguero's unspoiled paradise. Check into an eco-lodge built in harmony with nature using the best sustainability practices - where fans create breezes instead of air conditioning and meals feature locally sourced ingredients prepared with Caribbean flair. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

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

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose

Depart Tortuguero National Park today to return to San Jose where the rest of your adventure awaits you! (B, L)



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at **\$2849**
Starting at **\$3549**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 13 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 - April 2025 (different itinerary - see note*)
May 2025 - April 2026 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2025 - April 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: San Jose** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **POST-NIGHT: Guanacaste** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Dolphin Watching & Snorkel Experience

Get a different perspective of the Costa Rican wildlife when you venture into the natural habitat of a dolphin family. With a guide, get a firsthand look at these elegant creatures and watch as they play along the water's surface. Home to an abundance of animals, keep an eye out for other creatures as well. If you're lucky, you may even spot some whales or turtles! Afterwards, try your hand at fishing as you cast your line into the blue waters of the Pacific. You'll also get a chance to swim and snorkel in the warm waves along the coast, getting a closer look at the sea life.

Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.

PERU: MACHU PICCHU AND LAKE TITICACA

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Local Andean Cultures • Ollantaytambo Ruins • Home-Hosted Lunches • Machu Picchu • Cuzco • Lake Titicaca • Uros Floating Islands



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
- Delight in a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch at a local Quechua community.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Travel above the city of Cuzco to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Hilton Garden Inn Lima Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	GHL Lago Titicaca, Puno
Day 10	Hilton Garden Inn Lima Miraflores, Lima

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Machu Picchu

Day 1: Lima, Peru

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings."

Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas and visit the Casa de Aliaga - former house of the conquistador Jeronimo de Aliaga y Ramirez - where the energy of colonial and republican Lima comes to life. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner featuring artfully crafted Peruvian dishes. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilisation. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. Whilst en route to your hotel, explore different towns in the valley, each a representation of the region's unique culture. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley

This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Deep dive into the cultures of modern Andean people and experience an **Impact Moment** as you mingle with a nearby community. Thanks to their effort and teamwork, tourism has become an additional income to agriculture which has positively impacted their quality of life. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialities. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard your train to Machu Picchu for breathtaking views through panoramic 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 and learn how to craft the perfect ceviche and pisco sour before your dinner featuring a Peruvian menu. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or you may choose to visit Machu Picchu at sunrise. Return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

Start your morning on a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later,

it's your choice! Travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuamán Fortress -OR- embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, dine at your leisure at a local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno

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

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

The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the centre of Incan legends. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca; experience walking on the island's spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, cruise to a local rustic village for a home-hosted meal and swap stories with Peruvian families before visiting the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani - an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. (B, L)

Day 10: Puno - Lima

Spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival, head to the Larco



DOUBLE Starting at **\$5799**
SOLO Starting at **\$6699**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on tour air.

Prices based on 19 April 2026 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 – April 2025
(different itinerary - see note)*

May 2025 – May 2026
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2025 – May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ PRE-NIGHT: Lima (1-2 NIGHTS)

Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artefacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

Day 11: Lima - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

+ Optional 4 Night Peruvian Amazon Cruise Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$2550[†]pp



Day 11: Lima - Iquitos - Nauta - Amazon River - Yacapana Creek

Rise and shine for an early morning flight to Iquitos. A local guide will briefly give an orientation on the city before taking private transport to Nauta. Settle into your new home aboard La Perla as

you sail down the Marañón River with a local naturalist guiding the way. This evening, get ready for a night excursion to look for animals that can only be seen when the sun goes down. Return to the ship for dinner and a night of rest. (L, D)

Day 12: Ucayali River - Vista Alegre - Yarapa - Ucayali River

Board the skiffs this morning to visit the banks and take in a variety of wildlife found on the Ucayali River. Back on the boat, enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet filled with Peruvian specialities and homemade goods. Journey down the Yarapa River and marvel at the array of wildlife before enjoying lunch and some time at leisure. Be welcomed into the town of Vista Alegre this afternoon where you'll meet the locals and learn about their customs. This evening, enjoy live music and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Ucayali - Confluence - Cocha Piranha - Casual - Marañon River

Learn about the Pacaya Samiria Reserve this morning during a lecture from a local guide. In the afternoon, embark on a boat expedition and discover where the Amazon River is born. Watch for wildlife as you explore the Piraña Cocha region. After lunch, take a stroll through the winding jungle trails in Casual and observe a variety of giant trees known by the locals as "Avatar." This evening, watch the majestic Amazon sunset before savouring a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Nauta - Iquitos - Lima

Start your morning with a quiet breakfast on board before visiting Nauta - the second largest city in the region. Once you disembark, visit the city's market where you'll get to know the local Amazonians through traditional foods, drinks, and craft stalls. On your way to the airport, visit Amazon Forever Bio Park where biologists and volunteers care for manatees, an endangered species. Continue your transfer to the airport where you will fly into Lima for your last night. (B)

Day 15: Lima - Extension Ends

Depart Lima for your flight home today. (B)

[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

MACHU PICCHU & GALAPAGOS WONDERS

FEATURING A
4-NIGHT CRUISE

15 DAYS • 28 MEALS

STARTING AT \$13739

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Cooking Class • Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio • Home-Hosted Meal • Machu Picchu • Cuzco • Colonial Quito • "Middle of the World" • 4-Night Galápagos Cruise



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Master two of South America's classics, ceviche and pisco sours, at an interactive cooking class.
- Indulge in a farm-to-table meal in a local community.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — While in Cuzco, choose to visit the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuamán Fortress - **OR** - explore the neighbourhood of San Blas' charming cobblestone streets.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Mercure Hotel Alameda, Quito
Days 10 - 13	M/Y Coral II
Day 14	Holiday Inn Quito Airport, Quito

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



M/Y Coral II

Day 1: Lima, Peru

Touch down in Lima, the "City of Kings." Across ancient lands and earthly legends, experience the mysticism of the Peruvian Andes.

Day 2: Lima

Become fascinated by Lima's history on a tour through the historic centre, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, where the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas stands out among the colonial architecture. Visit the former home of a conquistador and feel the surge of colonial and republican life. Get to know new friends over a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley

Fly over the Andes on your way to Cuzco – the heart of the Inca civilisation. Follow the trails of this Andean paradise with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Learn about centuries-old methods of traditional textiles at Awana Kanca – known as the "palace of weaving." Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market full of vibrant colours. Discover why Peru has consistently been named the world's top food travel destination during a fun-filled interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco sours. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley and relax in the calming surround of the Andes. (B, D)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley

Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo, the only Incan settlement that has remained continually inhabited since its inception. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see how he utilises the intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Deep dive into the cultures of modern Andean people and experience an **Impact Moment** as you mingle with a nearby community. Thanks to their effort and teamwork, tourism has become additional income for agriculture which has positively impacted their quality of life. Learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving, listen to their music and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-to-table meal of local specialities. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Hop aboard your train to Machu Picchu, where views of the Andes astound through panoramic windows as you climb towards the "Lost City of the Incas." Uncover the mysteries of this "Lost City" at the meeting point between the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu or *La Ciudadela* (the Citadel), is one of the world's most spectacular archaeological sites. (B)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Enjoy some leisure time this morning. You may

choose an optional excursion to Machu Picchu at sunrise, or maybe you'll explore the local markets before boarding your train back to the Sacred Valley. Continue to Cuzco and feel the local culture at a special community dining experience. (B, D)

Day 7: Cuzco 🌿

Start your morning with a local guide on your tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha Temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, **it's your choice!** Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuamán Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, enjoy flexible dining at a popular local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

This morning, fly to Ecuador's stunning capital city - Quito, your home for the next two nights. An intersection of mountains and colonial architecture, this city is a UNESCO World Heritage site full of lively culture and vibrant history. (B)

Day 9: Quito

Today, tour the Presidential Palace in Quito's colonial centre. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Quito - Baltra - Embark Ship - Santa Cruz Highlands, Galápagos

Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Baltra, to launch your eco-adventure aboard the *M/Y Coral II*, an exclusive yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After dry landing on Santa Cruz Island, head from the coast to the dense humid forests and the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. In addition to famed Galápagos Giant Tortoises, you may also spot many different kinds of birds, such as tree and ground finches, vermilion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets - usually found standing on the tortoises' shells. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Isabela Island - Fernandina Island

On Isabela Island soak in the wonders of one of the richest marine havens on earth during deep-water snorkelling

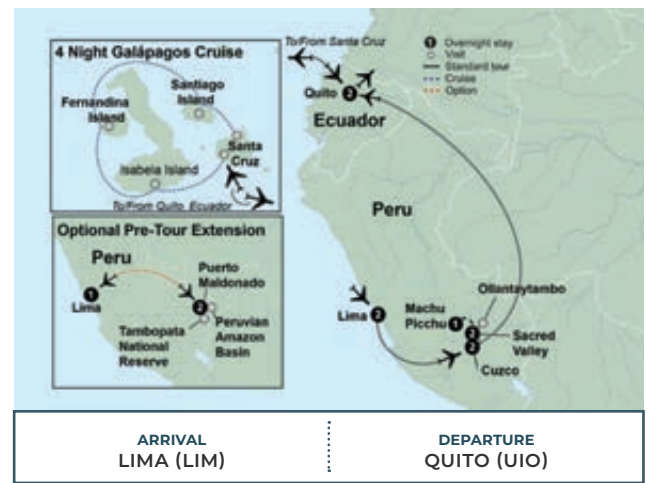
at the Bolivar Channel. Then, take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe a great diversity of sea and coastal birds; Nazca and blue-footed boobies, noddies, brown pelicans, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Continue on to make a dry landing on Fernandina Island, where the largest, most primitive-looking marine iguanas are found mingling with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. You may even encounter flightless cormorants at their nesting sites, Galápagos penguins and the "King" of predators on the islands, the Galápagos hawk! (B, L, D)

Day 12: Isabela Island

Make a wet landing today on the volcanic black beaches of Urbina Bay - home to giant tortoises, land iguanas, and the unusual flightless cormorant. Here, colourful varieties of plants and flowers attract unusual insects, birds, and reptiles. Enjoy time to snorkel, possibly swimming alongside with sea turtles, sea lions, and countless tropical fish. Don't miss the remarkable views of the Alcedo Volcano from the island's uplifted coral reef. Travel from Urbina to Tagus Cove for a dry landing. Take the trail that leads to Darwin's salt-water crater lake, offering excellent views of lava fields and volcanic formations. A dinghy ride along the shoreline full of marine wildlife highlights a variety of seabirds, such as Bluefooted Booby, Brown Noddy, terns, and - depending on the season - a large number of Galápagos Penguins which are only 35 cm tall and the only penguin species to live in the tropics. Keep an eye out for graffiti believed to have been left by 19th-century pirates. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Santiago Island

Walk in Darwin's footsteps today on Santiago Island. Begin with a wet landing at Egas Port's black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. Take a unique trail formed of volcanic ash that transitions halfway to uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of Santiago is home to the bizarre yellow-crowned night heron and marine wildlife such as lobster, starfish and marine iguanas that graze on algae alongside Sally Light-foot crabs. Colonies of fur seals swim in volcanic rock pools. After landing in Sullivan's Bay on southeastern Santiago Island, walk through the otherworldly landscape of solidified pa-hoe-hoe lava flows, formed during the last quarter of the 19th century. (B, L, D)



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Starting at **\$19889**

Prices based on 27 October 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024	August - November 2025
January - May 2025	January - May 2026
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

*Itinerary featured is for August 2025 - May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **PRE-NIGHT: Lima** (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ **TOUR EXTENSION**

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3 Night Pre-Tour | Starting at \$900[†] pp

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

† Additional air segment purchase required.

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Day 14: Santa Cruz - Disembark Ship - Quito
Your last landing in the Galápagos is on the north side of Santa Cruz at Bachas Beach where ponds entice Galápagos Flamingos to visit, iguanas to sunbathe, and coastal birds such as Darwin finches, mockingbirds, and gulls flit among the red and black mangroves. This beach is also one of the main sea turtle nesting sites in the Galápagos and home to the remains of barges that sank during World War II. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito. (B)

Day 15: Quito - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

PATAGONIA: EDGE OF THE WORLD

FEATURING ARGENTINA, CHILE,
& A 4-NIGHT PATAGONIA CRUISE

14 DAYS • 29 MEALS

STARTING AT \$13599

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Buenos Aires • Tango Show • Perito Moreno Glacier • Patagonian *Estancia* • Torres del Paine National Park • 4-Night Fjord Cruise • Ainsworth Bay • Tucker Islets • Pia Glacier • Glacier Alley • Cape Horn • Wulaia Bay • Ushuaia



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Get a glimpse into Argentine culture at a lively tango performance.
- Meet a local *gaucho* (cowboy) and learn all about life on the ranch.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

- Spend the afternoon at a family-owned Patagonian *estancia* and enjoy a traditional lamb roast.
- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with dinner while onboard your cruise ship.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 10** — In Ainsworth Forest, learn causes of glacier recession and explore a beaver habitat **-OR-** venture off on an active hike along a glacial moraine.
- **Day 11** — At Pia Glacier, traverse the Pia Boulders on a medium level hike for panoramic views **-OR-** venture on an easy walk towards the Pia Lookout for panoramic views of the glacier.
- **Day 12** — In Wulaia Bay, head towards the peak on the most difficult hike for a scenic lookout **-OR-** embark on a slower paced hike with a medium difficulty towards the Forest Lookout **-OR-** take a peaceful nature walk along the beach.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta or Recoleta Grand Hotel, Buenos Aires
- Days 4, 5** Mirador del Lago Hotel, El Calafate
- Days 6, 7** Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa, Torres del Paine
- Day 8** Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales
- Days 9 - 12** *Ventus Australis*
- Day 13** Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta or Recoleta Grand Hotel, Buenos Aires

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Perito Moreno Glacier

Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Snowcapped mountains towering in the distance. Vibrant teal waters lapping against the shore. Glaciers carving their way through the valleys. This is Patagonia – a rugged wonderland of nature nestled along Argentina and Chile. Arrive in Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Meet your fellow travelers for a welcome briefing at your hotel. Head to dinner with your new friends and indulge in savory Argentine flavors. (D)

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Start the day with a visit to the famous Recoleta Cemetery and take in the towering mausoleums – considered to be one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the world – and the final resting place of Eva Peron. After, embark on a panoramic city tour and coast down the famous Avenida 9 de Julio. Take in the Parisian architecture and verdant trees lining the world's widest avenue. Discover the city's most well-known sites before arriving to the colorful neighborhood of La Boca. Tonight, get into the Argentinian spirit with a tango show and dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires

Today is yours to spend in Buenos Aires as you please. Perhaps you'll take a tour of the Teatro Colon or meander your way through the San Telmo Market. (B).

Day 4: Buenos Aires - El Calafate

Fly to El Calafate, the gateway to Patagonia's natural splendour, known as the "National Capital of the Glaciers." Enjoy some free time this afternoon in this charming town. Gather this evening for dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

Day 5: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate

This morning, get ready to embark on a cruise that will take you up close to the Perito Moreno Glacier. This gigantic tower of vibrant ice rests against blue-green waters – an awe-inspiring wonder of the natural world. Then, catch many views of the glacier from a series of walkways. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs as you listen for the resounding cracks of ice sheets breaking free. (B)

Day 6: El Calafate - Torres del Paine National Park, Chile

Today, take in the vast landscape and learn more about Patagonian wildlife while traveling to the border and crossing into Chile. Arrive in Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most remote, unspoiled places in the world, a designated UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Soak the dramatic beauty of jagged mountains, expansive grasslands, and ethereal teal waters and marvel at cascading waterfalls on a panoramic tour through one of South America's most incredible national parks. Along the way, you may spot soaring condors, inquisitive *guanacos* (llamas),



Torres Del Paine National Park

and independent felines. After, check into your hotel for a two-night stay beside stunning views of the Serrano River and Paine mountain range. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Torres del Paine National Park

Set out to spend a full day exploring the wonders of Torres del Paine. Stretch your legs on a morning hike to the Salto Grande waterfall. Your guide will make sure you don't miss a thing, from this landscape's stunning features to the flora and fauna all around you. Following lunch, the adventure continues with a scenic hike around Lago Grey, leading to spectacular views of the Grey Glacier. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales, Chile

Enjoy a leisurely morning at your hotel, taking in those final views of the park or perhaps joining your guide for a nature walk. After lunch, head south to Puerto Natales. This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas - Board Ship - Chilean Waters

Today, make your way to the coastal metropolis of Punta Arenas. Along the way, stop to spend time at a family-owned Patagonian *estancia*. Enjoy a traditional lamb roast lunch as you chat and learn about the culture. Later in Punta Arenas, admire the sights, where brightly coloured houses meet modern skyscrapers. As the day draws to a close, leave the mainland on the *Ventus Australis* – your home for the next four nights. Head for one of the most remote corners of the world as you sail through Chilean waters. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ainsworth Bay - Tucker Islets

Dock in Ainsworth Bay. As you take your

Zodiac to shore, keep an eye out for the area's extensive birdlife or perhaps a colony of elephant seals. Get ready to choose how to spend the morning because **it's your choice!** Embark on new adventures by starting at the beach to discover Ainsworth Forest. Learn all about the evolution and vegetation as a cause of the glacier recession and explore a beaver habitat **-OR-** venture off on an active hike along a glacial moraine – a unique form of glacial sediment made from rock and soil. No matter what you choose, take in surreal views of the Almirantazgo Sound and Darwin Mountain Range. Back on the ship, sail to the Tucker Islets where you'll head to shore for a close-up view of the Magellan penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

Take a Zodiac to shore and stand in awe before the Pia Glacier, a colossal mass of ice slowly crawling down the mountains. Decide where you want to hike because **it's your choice!** Traverse the Pia Boulders on a medium level hike for panoramic views of the glacier **-OR-** venture on an easy walk towards the Pia Lookout for panoramic views of the glacier. Back onboard the ship, continue through the Beagle Channel and into Glacier Alley. These impressive masses of ice are so large that most of them are named after countries – including Holland, Italy, Germany, and France. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

Disembark at Cape Horn National Park, home to an archipelago of islands, and considered to be the "End of the Earth." This afternoon, anchor at fabled Wulaia Bay and visit the historic radio station, formerly used by the Chilean Navy.



DOUBLE Starting at **\$13599**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 30 September 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2024 - March 2025 (different itinerary - see note*)
September 2025 - March 2026 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2025 - March 2026 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

Itinerary details subject to change. See website for more information.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

➕ **PRE OR POST-NIGHT: Buenos Aires (1-2 NIGHTS)**



Explore the area by selecting a hike alongside an expert guide because **it's your choice!** Head towards the peak on the most difficult hike for a scenic lookout **-OR-** embark on a slower paced hike with a medium difficulty towards the Forest Lookout **-OR-** take a peaceful nature walk along the beach for a chance to witness even more wildlife. Each choice will offer sprawling vistas of the gentle bay and allows time to leave a postcard at the information centre. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Disembark Boat - Ushuaia - Buenos Aires

Your cruise through Patagonia comes to an end as you enter Argentine waters, docking at Ushuaia. Disembark in Ushuaia before flying to Buenos Aires. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner and share a toast with your fellow travel companions. (B, D)

Day 14: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends

Say *adios* to Argentina as your tour draws to a close this morning. (B)

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RESOLUTION

13 DAYS • 32 MEALS
STARTING AT \$26059

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGE 255 FOR DETAILS



HIGHLIGHTS

Santiago • Ushuaia • The Drake Passage • Next-Generation Expedition Ship • Zodiac Forays • Penguin Colony Close-Ups • Kayak Excursions • Photography Guidance • On Board Educational Sessions



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- Discover multitudes of Antarctic wildlife including seals, whales, albatross and chinstrap, gentoo and Adelie penguins.
- Enjoy nearly 24 hours of sunlight as you absorb your surroundings ashore and from the expedition ship's many observatory decks.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 12 Breakfasts (B) • 10 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)
- Savour fresh and varied meals aboard the expedition ship while admiring the scenery around you.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Hyatt Centric Las Condes, Santiago, Santiago
- Days 2 - 11** *National Geographic Resolution*
- Day 12** Hyatt Centric Las Condes, Santiago, Santiago

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



National Geographic Resolution
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Day 1: Santiago, Chile - Tour Begins

Arrive in Santiago, the capital city in Chile's central valley. Enjoy a panoramic city tour and discover sites like the Plaza de Armas and get a feel for the mix of old and new that makes this city so great. In the early evening, gather for an informal reception at the hotel.

Day 2: Santiago - Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship - At Sea

This morning we fly over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Enjoy lunch while cruising the Beagle Channel. Later, embark the National Geographic Resolution, a next-generation expedition ship uniquely equipped with a hull strengthened to "ice-class" and advanced navigation equipment for polar expeditions. With just 71 cabins and a maximum capacity of 138 passengers, the spacious and modern National Geographic Resolution offers a roster of tools for exploration and a variety of public areas for viewing the incredible passing landscape. In the ship's spacious lounge, you will have informative presentations and a nightly recap of the day's activities. (B, L, D)

Day 3: The Drake Passage - At Sea

Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage,

named after the explorer Sir Francis Drake. Set between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, a crossing of the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable - a milestone in any adventurer's personal travel history. Warmer waters of the north meet the colder, denser waters of the south here in the Antarctic Convergence, making the area rich in marine life. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Antarctica

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

Day 5: Antarctica

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

Day 6: Antarctica

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



National Geographic Resolution
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Santiago



ARRIVAL
SANTIAGO (SCL)

DEPARTURE
SANTIAGO (SCL)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$26059** Pricing is per person, land only,
SOLO Starting at **\$34309** and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 18 February 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2024 – February 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for November 2024 - February 2025 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

[See this tour online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

COMING SOON!

Antarctica: The White Continent 13 days, 34 meals

Discover the magic and wonder of the "White Continent" – Antarctica. Arrive in the "Paris of South America," Buenos Aires, before flying over Patagonia to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and seeing Terra del Fuego. Begin your Antarctic expedition by crossing the Drake Passage. See breaching whales crashing and scenes of pure ice walls as you observe from the deck of the ship. Explore on shore with our passionate ship's naturalists and learn about the local populations of penguins, seals, and humpback whales. Explore vistas of blue-white glaciers and busy penguin rookeries on an unforgettable expedition cruise.

DEPARTURES: NOVEMBER 2025 - FEBRUARY 2026



Day 7: Antarctica

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

Day 8: Antarctica

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

Day 9: Antarctica

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

Day 10: At Sea

Leave Antarctica and sail back to Ushuaia, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. The ship's spotters will keep an eye out for marine life, albatross and other seabirds that cross the ship's bow. (B, L, D)

Day 11: At Sea

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

Day 12: Ushuaia, Argentina - Disembark Ship - Fly to Santiago

After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia before proceeding to the airport for your flight back to Santiago. (B)

Day 13: Santiago - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

“There were two items that were most enjoyable. The first was the location - Antarctica! The second was the excellent staff - both the Ship's staff and the Naturalists/Technical Staff. Fantastic!”

– Christopher K

Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodation

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

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

Can my children travel on tour? Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5–12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults on certain tours only. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour. For safari tours, travellers must be at least 13 years of age.

Are single and triple rooms always available? Triple rooms are not always an option on every tour. Single rooms are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

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

Flights

Can Collette book our airline reservations?

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

Attractions and Sightseeing

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

Can you tell me more about the safaris?

For a fuller wildlife experience you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicles which requires frequently climbing in and out of jeeps and sometimes traversing bumpy roads. We recommend a good fitness level and to prepare properly.

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

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

Documentation

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

Extending your Stay

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region?

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

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

Extras

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include international air travel from Australia, travel insurance, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, pre/post tour accommodation, extensions, extension Air, presold optional excursions, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, government quarantine fees, and any incidental charges.

Gratuities

Are gratuities included? Collette offers a pre-paid tipping option for travellers. This allows guests to purchase the package up to 45 days prior to departure and know that all tipping is covered for the tour manager, driver and local guides. Gratuities are not included in the tour price and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Customary gratuities have not been included for hotel housekeeping staff, local sightseeing guides, transfer drivers, motor coach drivers, pre/post accommodation, extensions and tour managers. Gratuities should be given in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service extended to you. With this in mind, we have created a guide for you:

- Tour Manager: \$5–8 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Local Guide: \$2–3 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person
- Motor Coach Driver: \$3–5 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff: \$2–3 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per room per day
- Applicable gratuities for bellmen, doormen and dining room staff for group meals have been included.

Late Bookings

Do you accept late bookings? Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 90 days

prior for standard departures and 120 days prior for cruises.

On-tour Experience

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

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

Revisions/changes

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

Can I make changes to my reservation?

See section 5, Changes By You, on page 256 for full details.

Transfers

Are airport and hotel transfers available?

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

Tour Pacing & Activity Level

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, as well as day-by-day descriptions of the tour, please refer to the tour pages inside this brochure and on our website.

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

Level 1 | Light and Leisurely

You're a leisurely traveller. You typically take it easy and discover the energy of a new place by peoplewatching or soaking in the atmosphere at a local café. You can climb at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk unassisted at a relaxed pace for up to 60 minutes without difficulty. You can easily handle altitudes up to 1524 metres.

Level 2 | Moderate

You like a balanced approach to travel. Walking 3 to 5 kilometres over the course of a day is no problem. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to 3 km (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs

with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 4 to 7 kilometres over uneven terrain. You can handle altitudes up to 1828 metres

Level 3 | Active

You're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several kilometres, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem. Walking 6 kilometres over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 1828 and 2743 metres. Expect some longer days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

Level 4 | Very Active

You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering five kilometres at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late-nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 2743 metres or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travellers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

What is the private sedan service?

It's your ticket to and from the airport if you purchase international air through Collette. This personalised service is included within an 80km radius from Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth airports. Extended kilometres for travellers residing between 80-100 kilometres, will be available for a surcharge. A surcharge will be provided at the time of reservation.

Services are direct to/from the gateway, no stops.

* One transfer per room booking. More options

are available ask our Reservation staff for details.

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

Travel Loyalty

We design and deliver touring experiences to encourage travellers to choose to explore the world with Collette. We also reward travellers for making the choice to travel again with us. Travellers are automatically enrolled into our Passport Club on booking. Benefit details are available at gocollette.com.au/loyalty or simply ask our consultants for details when you book.

Reservation Information

1. Booking Conditions

These booking conditions, together with our privacy policy, and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Collette Pty Ltd (ACN 600 161 671) of Level 16, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000 ('we' or 'us'). Please read them carefully as they set out your respective rights and obligations. References to 'you' and 'your' include the first named person on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is transferred. By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

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

2. Making a Booking and Paying for Your Holiday

When you confirm your booking you must pay the applicable deposit or full payment detailed in the table below. If the arrangements you wish to book are available we will issue a confirmation invoice and send this to you or your travel agent. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with this confirmation invoice. Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the confirmation invoice (or any other document) are wrong, you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within 10 days of us sending it out (5 days for tickets). The balance of the cost of your arrangements is due in accordance with the table in section 3 below. If we do not receive all payments in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in the tables in section 7 below will become payable. In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full Australian dollars amount is received by us after all bank charges have been levied.

3. Deposits and Balances

Further to section 2, in order to confirm your chosen arrangements, you must pay a deposit. The deposit payable and the time that the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any surcharge where applicable) will become due will vary depending on the holiday you book. Your deposit includes Collette's Cancellation Waiver Policy. See point 6 for more details.

Land Package Deposit

- A \$395 per person non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises, a non-refundable \$695 per person deposit is required.
- An additional \$1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

Internal Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$895 per person non-refundable deposit is due with your internal air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises, internal air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$1195 per person deposit is required. An additional \$1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

International Flexible Purchase Air

- If you have selected International Flexible Purchase Air, a \$500 (per ticket and may vary dependent on Cancellation Fees imposed by the Airline) plus the land package deposit noted above, all of which is non-refundable.
- For Antarctica and Cruises, International Flexible Purchase Air reservations, a \$500 (per ticket and may vary dependent on Cancellation Fees imposed by the Airline/ check with Reservations) plus a \$695 per person deposit is required all of which is non-refundable. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.
- International Flexible Purchase Airfare includes round-trip airport /hotel transfers.

International Flexible Purchase Airfare requires the aforementioned deposit requirements at time of booking.

International Flexible Purchase Airfare is fully refundable less the land and Air deposit under Collette's Waiver Policy.

These tickets include an administration fee and round-trip airport to hotel transfers of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once paid in full, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges.

International Instant Purchase Air

- If you have selected International Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus the land package deposit noted above, all of which is non-refundable.
- For Antarctica and Cruises, International Instant Purchase Air reservations, the full cost of the airfare plus a \$695 deposit is required all of which is non-refundable. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.
- International Instant Purchase Non-refundable Airfare includes round trip airport /hotel transfers. International Instant Purchase, Non-refundable Airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% non-refundable at time of reservation. Tickets will be issued immediately and, once issued are non-refundable, may only be changed for a fee up to \$400 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and round trip airport to hotel transfers of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges.

Final Payment

The balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos. Payment may be made by Direct deposit, Credit, bank account details on invoice, charging to clients' MasterCard, Visa. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit.

The Price of your Holiday

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using exchange rates as at the date of advertisement of the holiday. We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays. The price of your confirmed holiday is subject at all times to changes in transport costs such as fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport provider; to cost changes arising from government action such as changes in GST or any other government imposed changes; and to changes in currency exchange rates and to dues,

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

4. Cutting Your Holiday Short

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

5. Changes By You

If you wish to alter your booking after your holiday has been confirmed, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable person provided that written notice is given no later than 28 days before you are due to depart. Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Change and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable.

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

6. Cancellation Waiver Policy

To assist you to avoid cancellation fees, we include a cancellation waiver policy for your Collette tour (land arrangements). The Collette waiver policy guarantees a full refund of all Collette tour payments (excluding deposit), in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable International Instant Purchase airline tickets, the cancellation waiver fee does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$400 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. The cancellation waiver protects you from forfeiting payments made in advance if you cancel your entire inclusive holiday package up to the day prior to departure. The cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to

cancel partial tour components or air. If you elect to partially cancel your holiday, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. The cancellation waiver does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

7. If You Cancel

If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing or by email by us at our offices. If cancellation is confirmed prior to 24 hours before date of departure, your non-refundable deposit will be retained.

If cancellation is confirmed within 24 hours of date of departure full payment will be retained.

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

Upon cancellation of transport or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above. You may be able to reclaim these charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us. If some, but not all party members cancel, additional charges may be payable by the remaining members, e.g. under occupancy charges or single supplements. No allowance or refund can be made for your meals, rooms, excursions etc., included in the price of your tour but not taken, nor can any refund be made for lost, mislaid, or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers. If any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you and satisfying all the conditions applicable to the arrangements for the land/cruise portion of the tour, excluding airfare) providing we are notified not less than 28 days before departure and you pay an amendment fee of \$25 per person transferring, meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers and the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

8. Alterations and Cancellations By Us

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

by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether. If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements. If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 9 below.

9. Compensation for Major Changes and Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any holiday departure in accordance with operational requirements or circumstances beyond our control. If a holiday is cancelled prior to the scheduled departure date, our only responsibility will be to refund the amount received for the reservation. Wherever possible, we will offer the same holiday with a different departure date, or an alternative similar holiday. If there is a difference in cost, it will be your expense. For air-inclusive holidays, we will try to confirm air schedules for the selected new dates, subject to availability. We are not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through us. The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation where we make a major change or cancel more than 60 days before departure or in the event that we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care. All holidays operate subject to a minimum number of bookings. Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see section 14) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure. If this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any from our suppliers), pay you compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting. Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Australian Passport Office (www.passports.gov.au). Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visit www.dfat.gov.au or www.smarttraveller.gov.au. If you fail to take the necessary steps, we have no liability

to you and you will have to pay us any costs which we incur through helping you because of such failure on your part. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice.

11. Single Traveller Occupancy

We levy a single traveller supplement for those travelling on their own because our contract with hotels is based on a price per room, while our holidays are sold per person including flights and other elements. Therefore, the per person price for a single traveller includes the entire room cost. It is not our intention to penalise anyone who is under occupying the accommodation we provide and we certainly do not make additional or excessive profits from these

sales: the price we charge merely reflects the real cost to us. If a hotel is able to offer accommodation designed for single occupancy only, we will normally charge a reduced supplement, considerably smaller than the one we apply when a single traveller occupies a double room. Allocation of rooms is at the discretion of each individual hotel and not something that we can influence.

12. Dealing with Complaints

We will make every effort to make your holiday as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Most problems can be sorted out straight away if we know about them. If you have a complaint, you must advise our representatives straight away and the supplier of the service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. You may also contact us directly using the emergency telephone number enclosed with your travel documents. That number will put you in touch with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you. If you feel that a complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you must write within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Level 16, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, quoting your booking reference number. We will need to investigate your complaint. An acknowledgement shall be sent no later than 14 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. A detailed reply, or a reply containing a detailed explanation for any delay, shall be sent no later than 28 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. The final date for dealing in full with such correspondence shall be 56 days from the date of receipt of that correspondence. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this section may reduce or even extinguish any right which you may have to compensation.

13. Behaviour

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

14. Force Majeure

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

15. Liability

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

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

You release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a holiday. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these booking conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. Our liability in respect of an Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) providing you with credit for a holiday of an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

16. Prompt Assistance In Resort

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

17. Conditions of Suppliers

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

18. Delays and Other Travel Information

If you or any member of your party miss your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately. Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any

failure by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to assist in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but we will not pay for them on your behalf. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in section 14 of these booking conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been despatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know. This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

19. Special Requests

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

20. Disabilities and Medical Problems

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

21. Advance Passenger Information

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

22. DFAT Advice

You are responsible for making yourself aware of warnings issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or

leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure (see section 14).

23. Law & Jurisdiction

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

24. Accuracy of Prices & Information

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

25. Insurance

It is a condition of your contract with us that you have adequate insurance in place. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including medical expenses, repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance in the event of accident or illness. The insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the holiday and at least an additional day. If you choose to travel without adequate insurance cover, we will not be liable for any losses howsoever arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available. The insurance policy and the receipt of premiums paid there under should be provided to us prior to departure. If you join the holiday without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the holiday, with no right to refund. If circumstances give rise to a claim the client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies). We will also ask you for details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency.

26. Baggage Disclaimer

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

27. Checked Baggage Charges

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

28. Holiday 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.

29. Motorcoach Washrooms

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

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