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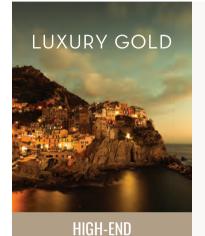
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Your experience starts the instant you leave home as your private transfer whisks you to your airport in style. From the moment you arrive, a Travel Concierge with you every step of the way.

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in Vienna, with champagne in hand. An exclusive apéritif sunset from the top of Cape Town's Cable Mountain. Flavours of spice from Delhi's street vendors. Delve inside the Pyramids of Giza, exploring its underground cave complex and caverns.

If passports were stamped with experience instead of place, they would be imprinted with exceptional moments just like these. With virtually everything included on your journey, every day with Luxury Gold is an unmatched experience. Curated exclusively for you.

## The Golden Touch.

At times during your Luxury Gold journey, you will be left wondering: "How did they do that?" Like all the best magicians, we won't divulge our insider secrets – so instead sit back and enjoy your journey of a lifetime, packed with A-lister access, subtle touches and opulent experiences you'll treasure forever. Here's a selection of truly special moments from some of our best-selling tours to set your imagination on fire.

#### La Dolce Venice, Italy

with few experiencing the heart of this Italian gem to themselves. But with Luxury Gold, stay in Venice's historic centre at the canal-side 5-star Palazzo Nani Venice, arriving by private water taxi – the preferred mode of transport of George Clooney, who is regularly photographed waving to fans from these exact vessels. Having observed the opulent waterside homes of the Grand Canal with Murano glass chandeliers, detailed wooden ceilings and bright mosaics that shine in the sun, later, your gondolier as you make your way to Piazza San Marco's Doge's Palace for your way through its imposing entrance, other tourists will ask: "How do you get a private visit?". Your Travel Concierge will reply: "With Luxury Gold, it is all included!" Even Clooney would be impressed. Full of historical, cultural and artistic relics, your time here culminates with an

#### Oh So Provence, France

Picture quintessential southern France. You may well be thinking of the iconic Citroen 2CV, meandering through the undulating hills of Provence in the sunshine. As a Luxury Gold guest, you will be living that fantasy. After another leisurely start at boutique 5-star spa hotel, Château de Fonscolombe, hop into this classic French automobile and drive from Lourmarin through 'Le Petit Luberon' – a real hidden gem that is only accessible to smaller vehicles and where the 'who's

who' of Europe holidays for the summer, away from prying eyes. The owner of these 2CVs is Laurent, a true local with a real passion for vintage cars. He and his team will share authentic insider information that you'd never get from the pages of a guidebook. After enjoying the meandering journey, you'll pull up at Domaine de la Citadelle Winery, where you'll be treated to a picnic of artisan local foods, served at the tables surrounded by the vineyard. There, you'll meet owners Yannick and Valerie, who have transformed the winery into a thriving the environment as you sample a glass - or three - and toast yet another special day in the French countryside. Experience

#### Royal Treatment, India

Many have made the pilgrimage to the Taj Mahal, but few have enjoyed the unforgettable, Luxury Gold experience of this world-famous tomb, created by to honour his wife and gueen Mumtaz Mahal. You'll be gently awoken before sleep in the opulent 5-star Taj Hotel. As day breaks in beautiful hues of orange, pink and yellow – enjoy the Taj Mahal in total peace and tranquillity. After your early start, journey to Bharatpur for lunch relaxing in air-conditioned comfort on the Jan Shatabdi Express train bound for Ranthambore National Park. You'll be staying at the superb Nahargarh Ranthambhore, a former royal retreat surrounded by a 16th century-style fortress. You'll wake the next day to meet a Local Expert naturalist, who'll join you on your quest to see something

truly special – an Indian tiger in its own habitat. If it eludes you, you can choose to return again at dusk and perhaps catch a glimpse of leopards and sambar deer. As well as pursuing these majestic creatures, they will give you an insider's understanding of the expansive park's flora and fauna, lakes, palace ruins, traditional Chhatri dome-shaped pavilions, old fortifications and a majestic 1,000-year-old fort. Experience on the 9-day, Essence of India journey.

#### Sail Through History, Egypt

After returning from a tour of the great Pyramids of Giza with our expert Egyptologist, you'll wonder how your Luxury Gold journey could get any better. Take a cooling dip in the pool and relax on a shaded cabana as the Egyptian sun begins to set. Retire to your suite with its old-world elegant decor before a night of feasting, dancing and games, kicking off your cruise in style. In the morning, you'll enjoy a visit to the 1st-century B.C. Temple of Hathor, one of the bestthe son of Julius Caesar. Witness the Dendera Light, which some believe depicts an ancient electric light bulb. But save some energy as when dusk falls. you'll have the privilege of an after-hours, Heritage Site of the Temple of Luxor.

For the full itineraries and all experiences throughout these featured tours, visit luxurygold.com





















Imagine sitting in the outback of the Kruger National Park in the fresh evening, darkness all around you and above – a blanket of twinkling stars. In your hand is a crisp, cold glass of sparkling wine and on the table a magnificent celebration feast specially created for you by local chefs at the luxurious Lion Sands Lodge – where you will have spent the last few days of your adventure in South Africa. As you dine, you can reflect on the oncein-a-lifetime experience of observing lions, elephants, leopards and a whole

During your time at the Lion Sands Game Reserve, part of an ecosystem boasting the largest concentration of wild animal species in the Southern Hemisphere, you will enjoy both dawr and evening game drives. Setting off as the sun begins to rise, you'll sip on fresh, hot coffee as you climb into an open-air safari vehicle driven by an expert ranger and tracker, setting off in pursuit of buffalo, rhinoceros and hippopotamus

On return to your safari-style villa, you can relax by the plunge pool and enjoy the view over the Sabie River – Lion Sands Villa is the only private reserve

to have access to the perennial stretch of water – while indulging in high tea. Or, if you are feeling more energetic, join your ranger for a bush walk. In the evening, you will set off by vehicle to a nearby watering hole to observe majestic creatures taking a last drink before sunset. Pause for a refreshing gin-and-tonic and local snacks before returning for an evening feast of slow-cooked meats, seasonal vegetables and sweet treats in your safari-style lodge

Experience on the 9-day, Spectacular South Africa journey. For the full itinerary, visit luxurygold.com

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#### UNRIVALLED INCLUSIONS

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#### Travel Concierge

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#### **Local Expert Guides**

Our network of Local Experts illuminates your journey on a deeper level. Their expertise in their fields, including local culture, customs and history, allows them to show you the world in ways you couldn't experience on your own.

#### Meals & Dining

Wake up to breakfast included every morning, and an array of incredible dining experiences infused with discovery and adventure.

#### Experiences

With all experiences included, you can look forward to special experiences, VIP and before or after-hours access to sites threaded throughout each day of your journey.

#### **Relaxed Start Mornings**

On days with a Relaxed Start, your day of experiences starts after 9 a.m.

#### Accommodation

Enjoy magnificent locations, glamorous properties, and superior service always included with in-room luggage porterage.

#### Transport

Customised 'Business Class' Style coaches for small groups on most journeys. Various modes of transport are included such as luxury train rides, private water taxis, or safari vehicles, depending on your itinerary.

#### Wi-Fi

Enjoy complimentary hotel Wi-Fi. And, on select coaches, on-board Wi-Fi is also available.

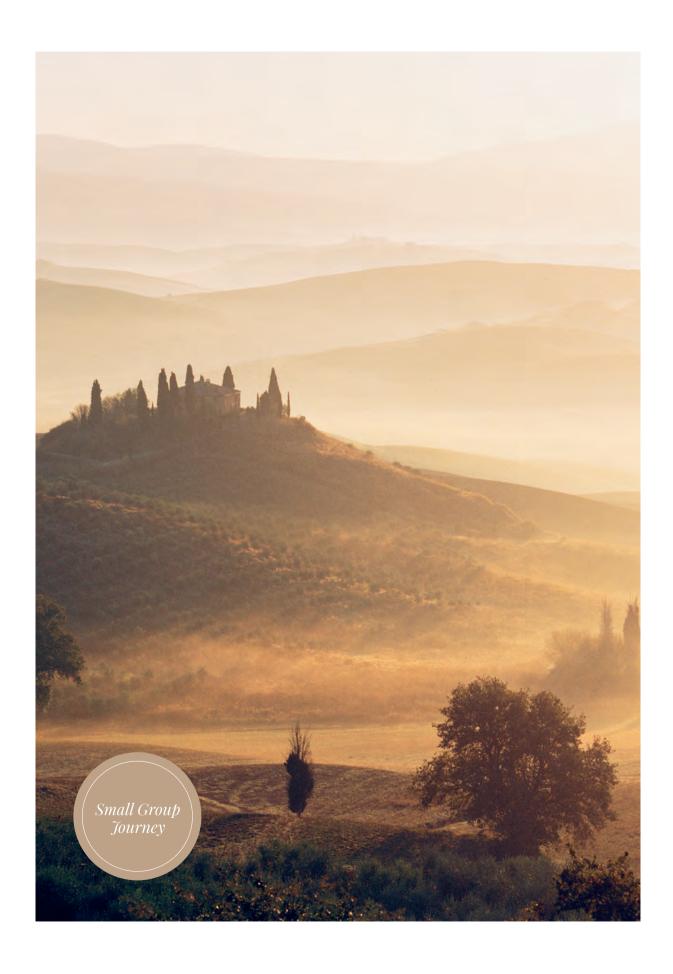
#### Taxes & Tipping

Hotel taxes, porterage and tips, as well as tips for included dining experiences, are included.

#### Private Airport Transfers

Private door-to-door transfers between the airport and your hotel are included on your journey start and end dates, and where additional accommodation has been booked in advance.





# Ultimate Italy

12 DAYS

The ultimate Italian experience. Sail to the sun-drenched island of Capri. Be invited to sweeping sea views and savour dishes made from fresh, seasonal ingredients. Iconic cities like Florence and Venice, with a choice of experiences. This is Italy, exclusively for you.

#### DAY 1

#### Buongiorno Rome

Upon arrival in Italy, your private transfer awaits to whisk you to your hotel. Settle into your elegant accommodation in the heart of Rome. Meet your Travel Concierge for a stroll through the city, winding along cobblestone streets, captivated by the classic architecture and aromas of Roman cuisine. In the evening, dine at a gourmet restaurant in Piazza della Rotonda, enjoying traditional fare paired with Italian wine beneath the gaze of the Pantheon. D

NH Collection Roma Palazzo Cinquecento.

#### DAY 2

#### Rome and the Vatican

Explore the Vatican with a Local Expert, delving into the religious history of the Papal State. Admire the soaring frescos of the Sistine Chapel and hear the stories behind Michelangelo's Pieta in St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the Tiber to see the Roman Forum and the mighty Colosseum before spending time this evening near the Spanish Steps or Trevi Fountain. B

#### DAY 3

## Pompeii and the Isle of Capri / Sorrento

Travel back in time to 79 A.D. at Pompeii with a Local Expert,

Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

uncovering the remains of shops, baths, and villas frozen in time by volcanic ash. Later, cruise to the Isle of Capri, a haven of culture and myth. With day-trippers gone, Capri becomes your exclusive oasis. Wander past boutiques or relax at a café with an aperitivo. Take time to enjoy the hotel pool or a spa treatment, or explore the island's floral perfumes. B. D

Quisisana Hotel, Capri / Sorrento Palace (Seaview Executive Rooms).

#### D A Y 4

#### Explore the Isle of Dreams

Enjoy a Relaxed Start on Capri, beginning with a private cruise to the White Grotto. In Capri town, refresh with a lemon granita before joining a local historian to visit the gardens of Caesar Augustus, offering views of the Faraglioni Rocks. Lunch is at the Michelinstarred Le Monzù, where you'll savour Mediterranean cuisine in a breathtaking setting. B, L

#### DAY 5

#### Assisi and Perugia

Say "Arrivederci" to Capri and journey north along the Highway of the Sun, passing medieval towns en route to Assisi. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site, either with a local historian at the Basilica of St. Francis or indulging in Umbrian specialties like truffle-

infused meats. Continue to Perugia for a stay in a five-star hotel nestled among medieval streets. B Brufani, Perugia.

#### DAY 6

#### San Gimignano and Tuscany

In the morning, join fourth-generation weaver Marta for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, where she demonstrates the ancient art of loomweaving in a medieval church. Journey past Lake Trasimeno into Tuscany for a private wine tasting at Guardastelle Estate before visiting San Gimignano, where you'll enjoy world-class gelato with a master gelato maker. B, L

Hotel Montebello Splendid, Florence.

#### DAY 7

#### Renaissance Florence

Florence is yours to explore through art or food. Join an art historian at the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David, or tour Mercato Centrale with a local foodie. Later, embark on a truffle foraging adventure and cap the day with a meal featuring Fiorentina steak in an elegant villa. B, D

#### D A Y 8

#### Tuscan Cuisine and Pisa

Start the next day learning to roll pasta and create tiramisu at a former

Medici hunting lodge. After lunch, explore Pisa with a Local Expert to see the famous Leaning Tower and the stunning Field of Miracles. B, L

#### DAY 9

## Exploring the Cinque Terre

Journey to the UNESCO-listed Cinque Terre, where a Local Expert will guide you through the fishing village of Manarola. Take a scenic cruise along the coast to Monterosso, enjoying picturesque towns and a leisurely lunch by the sea. B, D

Grand Hotel Bristol Resort & Spa, Rapallo.

#### **DAY 10**

## Venice and the Doge's Palace

Cross the Apennines to Venice, where a private water taxi glides you along the Grand Canal to your waterfront hotel. Experience the romance of Venice with a gondola serenade and an after-hours visit to the Doge's Palace. Your Local Expert will reveal the rich history and art of the Venetian Republic on this exclusive tour. B

Radisson Collection Hotel, Palazzo Nani Venice.



#### **DAY 11**

#### The Magic of Venice

Conclude your Venetian adventure with a visit to a glassblowing workshop and an exploration of hidden alleys with your Local Expert. Enjoy your final evening in a traditional Venetian restaurant, sharing stories of your journey through Italy. B, D

#### DAY 12 Arrivederci Venice

Bid farewell with a private boat ride to Marco Polo Airport. B



#### Journey Summary

#### Trip Overview

12 Days
2 Countries
12 Destinations

#### Dining

19 meals including lunch at the Michelin-starred restaurant Le Monzù in Capri and a hands-on Tuscan cooking class.

#### Activity Level

Dynamic

Cumulative daily walking of 4+ miles.

#### Accommodation

All accommodation is included, and enjoy 4 Relaxed Start Mornings after 9 a.m.

#### Concierge Services, Included On Every Journey

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#### Unique & Exclusive Experiences

#### Day 6

Meet Marta, a fourth-generation Umbrian weaver and recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant at Laboratorio Giuditta Brozzetti.

#### Day 6

Explore Guardastelle Estate with a wine expert, visit the cellars and enjoy a wine tasting with your lunch of Tuscan specialties.

#### Day 10

Discover the art, culture and history of the Venetian Republic as a guardian opens the Doge's Palace for a private, after-hours tour.

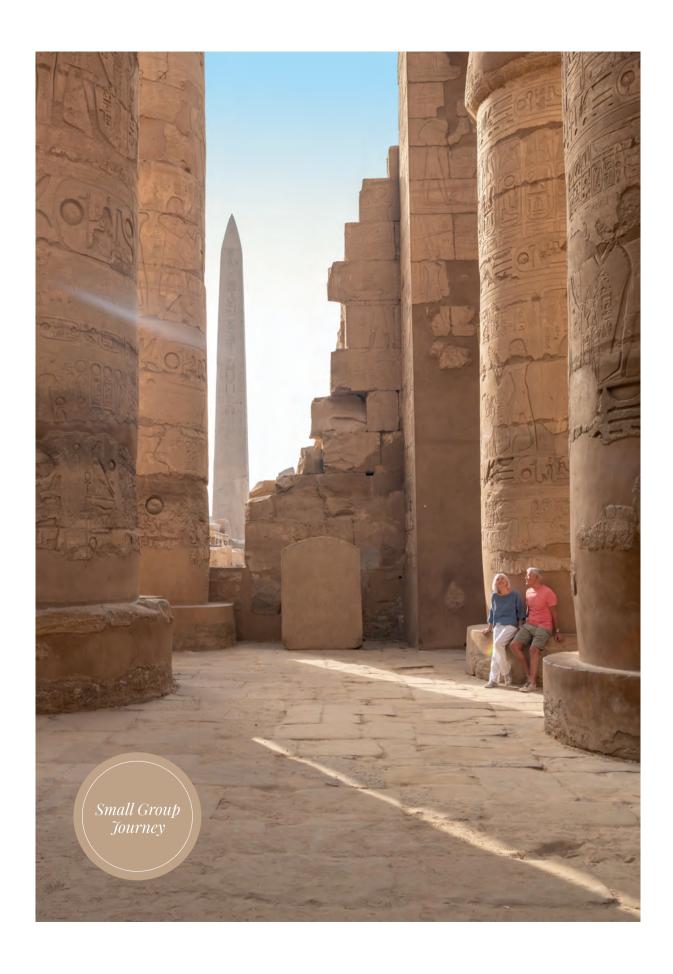
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## Elegance of the Nile

11 DAYS

Egypt's captivating history is yours to exclusively discover from joining an Egyptologist to the Pyramids of Giza to viewing the Temple of Luxor on a VIP, after-hours visit. Topped off with a luxury Nile cruise and high tea at the Cataract Hotel, where Winston Churchill once dined, it's an unforgettable journey.

#### DAY 1

#### Cairo at Leisure

Your private chauffeur awaits to take you to your room at Cairo's five-star Mena House Hotel.

Mena House Hotel, Giza.

#### DAY 2

#### Giza Sightseeing

Embark on a coveted experience to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the great Pyramids of Giza. Visit their guardian Sphinx and admire the hieroglyphs etched on the walls while your knowledgeable Egyptologist guides you through their fascinating history. Step up close to the Pyramid of King Zoser, the colossal statue of Ramses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx. B

#### DAY 3

#### Join your Cruise in Luxor

Delve into Egypt's history in Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ramheaded sphinxes, past the statue of Rameses II, to stand in awe among the huge columns of the vast Hypostyle Hall taking in how this daunting site was the most important place of worship in Egypt for nearly 800 years. This afternoon, board your stylish and spacious cruise ship, the River Tosca, for your luxury cruise on the Nile. B, L, D

Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

#### DAY 4

### The Temple of Hathor and Luxor

Visit the 1st-century B.C. Temple of Hathor. Explore the complex – one of the best-preserved temples in all of Egypt – to view rare images of Cleopatra VII and Caesarian, the son of Julius Caesar. Personalise your time in Luxor joining a yoga class on the sun deck. Or, gain an inside perspective meeting the boat captain. This evening you have the privilege to enjoy an after-hours VIP visit of the Temple of Luxor. B, L, D

#### DAY 5

## The West Bank and Valley of the Kings

Journey to the West Bank to stand in awe of the Colossi of Memnon – the gigantic twin stone statues of Amenhotep III that dominate the desert landscape. Venture to the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings. Gain a unique perspective of the area meeting a family on a tour of their village. Hear stories of local life and watch them bake traditional sun bread. Savour a taste of warm bread, paired perfectly with a cup of tea, before joining in the fun at a galabeya party. B, L, D

#### DAY 6

#### A Felucca Around Kitchener's Island

Visit the double-temple of Kom

Ombo. Curate your afternoon stretching out on a Nile felucca, a traditional sailboat, for a peaceful ride around Kitchener's Island or visit the lively Aswan Market and shop for local products. In Aswan, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet the members of a local women-owned co-operative whose mission is to support vulnerable women from local villages to learn new skills and become financially independent. Later, sit down for afternoon tea at the famous Old Cataract Hotel before tonight's bellydancing performance. B, L, D

#### DAY 7

#### Aswan and High Dam

Begin your day marvelling at the modern engineering of Aswan High Dam and the ancient Granite Quarries. Cross the Nile by motorboat to walk amidst the ancient columns of the immaculately preserved Philae temple complex. Tonight, dine on Egyptian classics before a mesmerising Sound and Light Show in Philae Temple. B, L, D

#### DAY 8 Relax upon the Nile

Relish a relaxing morning on board or opt to view Abu Simbel's fabulous temples carved out of the cliff side by Rameses II. Learn about the powerful women in Egypt's history such as Queen Cleopatra, Queen Hatshepsut and Nefertiti from an Egyptologist. Or, enjoy an on-deck cocktail demonstration and sampling of a delicious drink made from local herbs and ingredients some of which have been used since the time of the pharaohs. B, L, D

#### DAY 9

#### From Esna to Luxor

Unveil more of Egypt's treasures visiting the well-preserved Esna Temple. Take your time inside this fascinating and highly decorated building dedicated to the ramheaded deity Khnum, the god of creation. In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner toasting to all you've experienced aboard the River Tosca. B, L, D

#### **DAY 10**

#### Luxor to Cairo

Visit the Alabaster Mosque and the Citadel of Salah El-Din. Tempt your senses at Khan El Khalili bazaar and view treasures recovered from the Tomb of Tutankhamun at the Old Egyptian Museum. B

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence.

#### **DAY 11**

#### Depart Cairo

Your Egyptian voyage ends in style with a private transfer to Cairo Airport. B



#### Journey Summary

#### Trip Overview

11 Days 1 Country 10 Destinations

#### Dining

25 meals including tea at the Old Cataract Hotel, where Sir Winston Churchill once dined, and dinner onboard as you cruise the Nile.

#### Activity Level

Balanced

Cumulative daily walking of 1 to 3 miles.

#### Accommodation

All accommodation is included, and enjoy 2 Relaxed Start Mornings after 9 a.m.

#### Concierge Services, Included On Every Journey

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#### Unique & Exclusive Experiences

#### Day 2

Join your Egyptologist to explore the impressive city of Giza, where you encounter the enigmatic Sphinx.

#### Day 4

Approach the Temple of Luxor along the Avenue of Sphinxes and see the ancient stones on your after-hours visit.

#### Day 6

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Experience as you visit an organisation
in Aswan that provides support for
hundreds of local women.

#### Availability, Dates and Prices

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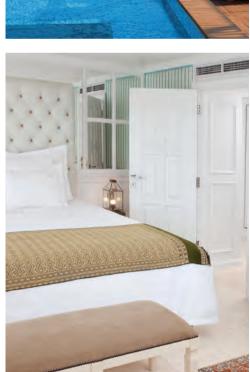




## Boutique River Cruise

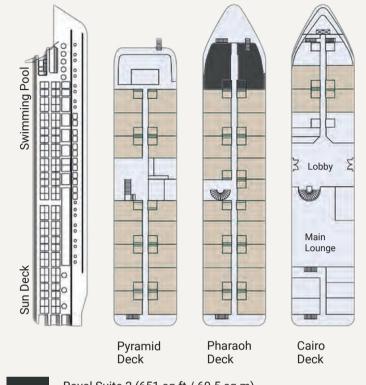
Your grand journey along the Nile takes you to ancient temples, Aswan High Dam, local markets and includes immersive experiences with locals.





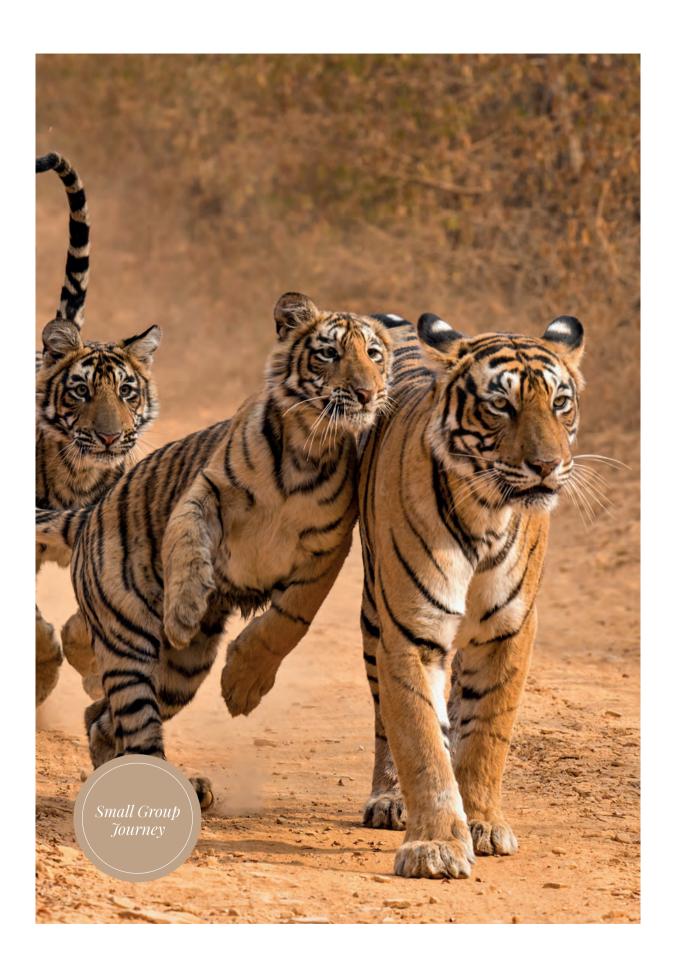
#### All-suite River Tosca cabin plan

To illustrate your choice of a Royal Suite or Grand Suite across three deck options, with all suites featuring a French balcony.



Royal Suite 2 (651 sq ft / 60.5 sq m) Grand Suite 39 (335 sq ft / 31.1 sq m)





## Essence of India

9 DAYS

Journey through India experiencing Delhi's grandeur at the Presidential Palace, Red Fort and Jama Masjid. Breathe in the beauty of Jaipur's pink city and the majestic Taj Mahal. Search out elusive tigers in their natural habitat in the former private hunting grounds of the maharajahs.

#### DAY 1 Delhi, a Rich Melting Pot

Your luxury tour from Delhi begins with a traditional welcome scarf before a private chauffeur to your elegant hotel, situated in the leafy Lutyens' diplomatic quarter amidst six acres of landscaped grounds. Step outside to take in Delhi's bustling backstreets, rich history and wealth of colours before dining on fine Indian cuisine as the sun sets over Delhi. D

The Leela Palace, Delhi.

#### DAY 2 Delhi Sightseeing

See Delhi's Red Fort and Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India. Curate your day and join a renowned chef for a foodie walk in Old Delhi or visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Qutub Minar. Take an exhilarating rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk, visit a Sikh temple and its community kitchen, and view the President Palace, India gate and Parliament House. B. L

#### DAY 3

#### An Agra Adventure

Journey to Agra, the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty and a historical fort of impressive buildings. Stand in awe of Sheesh Mahal, the "glass palace" dazzling you with light from the glittering mirrors and mosaics that decorate the walls and ceilings, and the spacious pavilion of gilded copper dome-topped Musamman Burj. Personalise your day with an eye-opening Mughal heritage walk meeting the locals to learn about their lives in the shadows of India's famous monument. Alternatively, visit a private colonial bungalow for an intimate high tea with a local family. B, D

Taj Hotel and Convention Centre, Agra.

#### DAY 4

## The Taj Mahal and Ranthambore

Admire the lustrous Taj Mahal, bathed in the first rays of dawn. Later journey to the historic city of Bharatpur and stop for lunch. Afterward, continue your journey by rail upon the Express Train to Ranthambore, where you'll relax in air-conditioned carriage. Transfer to your hotel, nestled in the foothills of the Aravalli Range, near the Ranthambore National Park. B, L, D

#### D A Y 5

### In Search of Tigers in Ranthambore

Experience the beauty of Ranthambore National Park, the former private hunting grounds of the maharajahs of Jaipur. Join a Local Expert on a quest for the elusive tiger. Explore the lakes and palace ruins of the park with an Expert Naturalist, including traditional Chhatri dome-shaped pavilions, old fortifications and a majestic 1,000-year-old fort. B, L, D

#### DAY 6 Jaipur, the Pink City

After a relaxed morning at your hotel, wind through the countryside to the Rajasthan capital of Jaipur, the Pink City. Tonight is free for independent activities. B, L

Taj Devi Ratn, Jaipur.

## DAY 7 Jaipur Sightseeing

Curate your morning seeing highly skilled artisans or focus on the art of block printing and blue pottery at a workshop. Attend a special blessing ceremony at Amber Fort, seek a blessing from the Gods in this unique experience. Locals believe that it can help alter the flow of "prana" or life energy in one's body, drawing awareness to deeper spiritual realms and, hence releasing more positive beliefs. Toast to your travels with a dinner at 1135 AD restaurant tonight. B, D

Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

#### DAY 8 In Jaipur

Enjoy a city tour of Jaipur and luxuriate in a VIP Indian high tea at The City Palace, the home of the royal family of Jaipur since 1732 AD. Learn about the large gold vessels filled with water from the river Ganges which the Maharaja of Jaipur would carry on his trips. See the Diwan-i-Aam and hear fascinating tales of the artefacts of the place. In the evening visit the Spice market and flower market during the Pink Rickshaw ride or visit Birla Mandir to witness the 'Aarti' - a traditional prayer ceremony. Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight. B, D

#### DAY 9 Depart Delhi

Concluding your India luxury tour, your transfer awaits to take you to Jaipur Airport for your onward flight to Delhi. B



#### Journey Summary

Trip	

9 Days 1 Country 5 Destinations

#### Dining

19 meals including Indian high tea at the City Palace in Jaipur.

#### Activity Level

Balanced

Cumulative daily walking of 1 to 3 miles.

#### Accommodation

All accommodation is included, and enjoy 1 Relaxed Start Morning after 9 a.m.

#### Concierge Services, Included On Every Journey

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#### Unique & Exclusive Experiences

#### Day 4

Rise in the morning light to view one of the greatest monuments in the world, the Taj Mahal.

#### Day 5

With an expert naturalist, witness a wealth of local animals as you search for the elusive tigers.

#### Day 8

Enjoy a private tour of Jaipur City Palace and savour Indian inspired high tea in one of the maharajah's private rooms.

#### Availability, Dates and Prices

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# Majestic Japan

11 DAYS

Pair Japan's traditions found at Giouji Temple, a Buddhist place of worship in a moss-covered forest, and a decadent Kyo-Kaiseki lunch while an apprentice geisha performs alongside. Be enthralled by bullet train travel and the flashy and fashionable neighbourhoods of Tokyo. Our Japan is elegant, captivating and ever-changing.

#### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Osaka, Japan!

Enjoy a private transfer to your five-star hotel. Tonight, awaken your tastebuds with tempura and sushi over stunning views across Osaka's skyline. D

Imperial Hotel, Osaka.

#### DAY 2 Highlights of Osaka

Take in 360-degree city views from the Floating Garden Observatory in the skyscraper, Umeda Sky. Continue your exploration of striking architecture at Osaka Castle, one of Japan's most famous landmarks and pivotal in the reunification of Japan during the 16<sup>th</sup>-century. B

#### DAY 3

#### A Local Perspective on Hiroshima

Travel in style - and as the locals do - arriving in Hiroshima by Shinkansen (bullet train), zipping past small towns, rice fields and snow-capped mountains on your swift and comfortable journey. In Hiroshima, explore the UNESCO Peace Memorial Park and Museum and meet a survivor who will share moving insights. Indulge in okonomiyaki pancakes before arriving in Kyoto. B, L

The Thousands, Kyoto.

Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

#### DAY 4

### The Temples and Geisha of Kyoto

Uncover Kyoto's ancient traditions and revered culture on a city tour with your Travel Concierge.

Marvel at the Zen Buddhist temple Kinkakuji's famed Golden Pavilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of classic architecture and extensive gardens. Discover a vastly different type of temple at Giouji Temple and take a quiet stroll through a grove of bamboo and maple trees. In the Gion district, dine on classic Kyo-Kaiseki cuisine and appreciate the talents of a Maiko, an apprentice geisha. B, L

#### DAY 5

#### Mt. Fuji and on to Tokyo

Board the bullet train to Mishima on the bullet train for views of the majestic Mount Fuji. Personalise your day: visit Itchiku Kubota Art Museum devoted to the artist who revived the lost art of Tsujigahana, a labour-intensive silk dyeing technique used to decorate kimonos. In this impressive setting, wander the serene gardens and admire the collection of beautiful kimonos depicting themes of nature and the seasons. Or, revel in mountain views from the Kachi-Kachi Ropeway cable car. B, L

Cerulean Tower Tokyo Hotel.

#### DAY 6 Explore Traditional Tokyo

Explore two of Tokyo's most notable landmarks, the Tokyo National Museum's large collection of artwork and artefacts from Asia and the sprawling gardens surrounding Meiji Jingu Shrine. Dive into Tokyo culture your way through a culinary or fashion-focused exploration. Learn to make sushi with a Master Sushi Chef or explore Omotesando and Harajuku. Tonight, you can select to dine on Japanese favourites, traditional Shabu-shabu (Japanese hotpot) or sizzling Teppanyaki. B, L, D

#### DAY 7 Journey to Sendai

Journey north to Sendai, the City of Trees and a truly off-the-beaten path region. Hear insights into life on one of Sendai's many islands, joining the owner of a local inn for a lunch of fresh seafood. Immerse yourself in the spectacular surroundings on a private cruise showing off the impressive views of Matsushima Bay before diving further into ancient culture as you take part in a traditional tea ceremony. B, L

The Westin, Sendai.

#### DAY 8

#### Tsugaru and Hirosaki Castle

Travel by bullet train to Neputa Village where you're invited to Hirosaki Castle to learn the stories behind the blooms from a cherry blossom doctor. Explore the Tsugaru-han Neputa Village to see the colourful decorations used during the summer Neputa Festival and watch skilled craftsman at work who spend a month lacquering to create the perfect chopsticks. Admire more of the traditional arts as you sit down to a private performance of traditional Tsugaru Shamisen guitar and Taiko drumming. B, L, D

Hoshino Resorts Oirase Keiryu Hotel, Oirase Gorge.

#### DAY 9

#### **Exploring Oirase**

Discover Japan's nature haven of Oirase Gorge's, admiring its waterfalls and crystal-clear streams. Enjoy a soothing Onsen bath in the nearby forest before ending the day with a visit to Miurashuzo familyrun sake brewery for a private VIP tasting and tour. B, L, D

#### DAY 10

#### The Highlights of Tokyo

Explore the Senso-ji Buddhist Temple, visit Nakamise Street and Kappabashi, Tokyo's foodie hub. Celebrate your travels over fine dining at Hoshinonaruki. B, D



Hiroshima •



Your journey ends with your private car to Narita or Haneda International Airport for your onward journey. B



#### Journey Summary

#### Trip Overview

11 Days 1 Country 8 Destinations

#### Dining

22 meals including Japanese favourites such as okonomiyaki, a savoury pancake style dish, and a sushi making class.

#### Activity Level

Dynamic

Cumulative daily walking of 4+ miles.

#### Accommodation

All accommodation is included, and enjoy 4 Relaxed Start Mornings after 9 a.m.

#### Concierge Services, Included On Every Journey

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Full-Service Porterage Small Group Tours, 18 Guests On Average Personalize Your Day, With Included Choices

#### Unique & Exclusive Experiences

#### Day 3

Experience a poignant moment, as you meet a survivor of the 1945 Hiroshima atomic bomb and hear their story.

#### Day 4

Enjoy a performance by a Maiko, an apprentice geisha, as you savour a traditional Kyo-Kaiseki lunch.

#### Day 8

Learn about the meticulous care and nurturing of cherry blossom trees from a cherry blossom doctor.

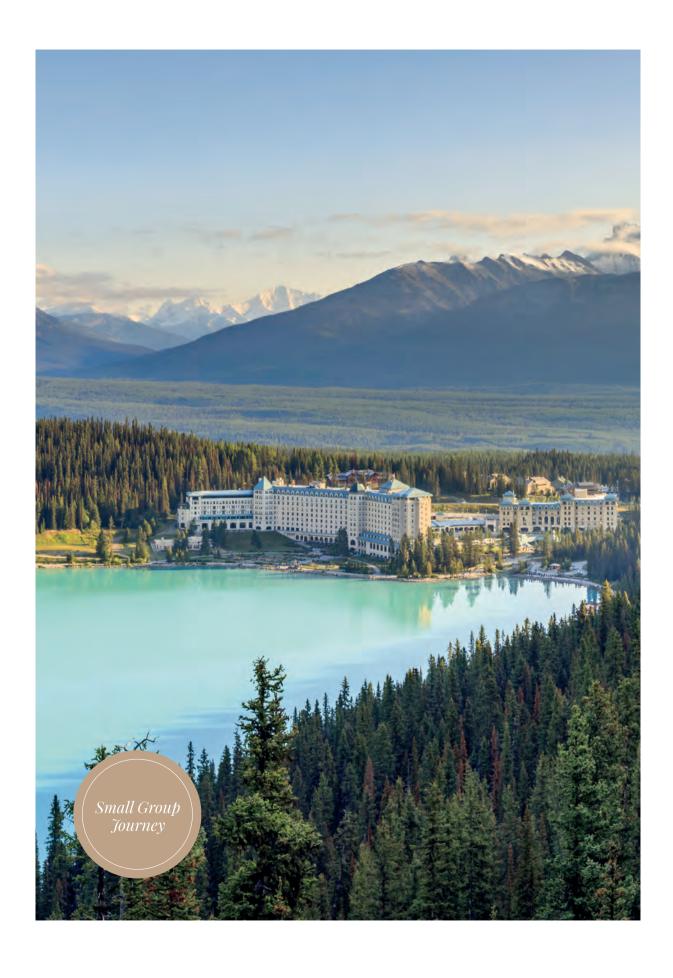
#### Availability, Dates and Prices

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## Majesty of the Rockies

9 DAYS

Travel through the majestic Rocky Mountains embarking on a world-renowned train journey aboard the incredible Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service. Delight in immersive nature experiences like setting foot on a glacier, gliding along placid lakes and traversing bridges spanning deep canyons. Your journey is punctuated by stays in the most luxurious mountain retreats.

#### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Banff

Your luxury tour of Canada begins at the iconic Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, a "Castle in the Rockies" in the heart of UNESCO World Heritage Site - Banff National Park. Settle in, perhaps indulging in a treatment at the spa or popping into the Ramsay Bar for a cocktail. Tonight, gather for a dinner, tasting exquisite local specialties on your culinary journey through a selection of the hotel's finest restaurants. D

Fairmont Banff Springs.

#### DAY 2 Banff at Leisure

Take the Banff Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain for a bird's eye view of the Canadian Rockies or perhaps you would prefer to unwind to the calming sounds of rushing waterfalls and bubbling mineral pools at the Willow Stream Mineral Pools and Spa. B

#### DAY 3

#### Lakes of Banff National Park

Take in Moraine Lake (in season) and bask in the natural beauty of this azure-coloured lake tucked beneath 10 towering peaks. More astounding scenery awaits at Lake Louise. Stroll the lakeshore

Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

admiring your surroundings and perhaps a few daring rock climbers tackling the distant peaks. After lunch and the afternoon at your leisure, feast on the local specialties on an included Dine-Around evening at your Chateau Lake Louise. Then relax in your decadent room. B, D Fairmont Château Lake Louise.

#### DAY 4

#### Along the Icefields Parkway to Jasper

Travel the Icefields Parkway and step aboard an Ice Explorer with a Local Expert onto the gleaming white surface of the Athabasca Glacier. Meet the First Nations Warrior Women, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, for an illuminating conversation about their Indigenous culture over a homecooked barbecue dinner with storytelling, drumming and songs. B, D

Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.

#### DAY 5 Jasper National Park

Glide across the crystal waters of magical glacier-fed Maligne Lake past mountain peaks to Spirit Island, a remote destination only accessible by boat (seasonal). Or, pedal your way on the scenic trails to take in sights only visible from

these winding paths. Embark on a gentle hike crossing inviting bridges in Maligne Canyon, the deepest canyon in Jasper National Park. B

#### DAY 6

#### Jasper to Kamloops

Enjoy majestic scenery in an unforgettable setting aboard one of the most famous train journeys in the world, the Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service. From your glass-domed coach or outdoor viewing platform, take in unobstructed views, be transported by engaging stories and spot wildlife, your journey enhanced by gourmet meals of locally sourced ingredients paired with local wines. B, L

Assigned by Rocky Mountaineer, Kamloops.

#### D A Y 7

#### Kamloops to Vancouver

Ease into another glorious day with a gourmet breakfast in the exclusive dining room of your dome coach. Marvel at the dramatic changes in scenery while you dine on a three-course gourmet lunch before arriving in Vancouver. Your sustainably designed hotel welcomes you with its rooftop urban park in the heart of the city. B, L

The DOUGLAS, Autograph Collection Hotel, Vancouver.

#### DAY 8 Vancouver Sightseeing

Take in the best of Vancouver touring downtown, the historic Gastown neighbourhood and along the seawall of Stanley Park to see the First Nations totem poles of Brockton Point. You're treated to an intimate historical and cultural immersion at Salmon n' Bannock savouring lunch prepared with traditional ingredients. This afternoon, personalise your day as you embark on a scenic cruise or visit the Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art. B, L

#### DAY 9 Depart Vancouver

Sit back and relax on your swift transfer to Vancouver International Airport as your awe-inspiring luxury tour of the Rockies comes to an end. B



#### Journey Summary

#### Trip Overview

9 Days 1 Country 10 Destinations

#### Dining

14 meals including a lakeside dinner and locally sourced cuisine aboard the Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service.

#### Activity Level

Balanced

Cumulative daily walking of 1 to 3 miles.

#### Accommodation

All accommodation is included, and enjoy 3 Relaxed Start Mornings after 9 a.m.

#### Concierge Services, Included On Every Journey

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#### Unique & Exclusive Experiences

#### Day 2

Unwind to the calming sounds of rushing waterfalls and burbling mineral pools at Willow Stream Spa.

#### Day 4

Meet one of the First Nations Cree Warrior Women learning about Indigenous spirituality, music and drumming.

#### Day 8

Dine at Salmon N' Bannock, a local restaurant owned and operated by members of Canada's First Nations.

#### Availability, Dates and Prices

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#### SPARK YOUR CURIOSITY

Experience your chosen destination... with a twist! Here are just a few experiences that are waiting for you...

#### A MEANDER TO REMEMBER

No journey to **Venice** is complete without a ride on one of the city's 400 gondolas, where your gondolier will expertly guide you through the timeless charm and romance of the city. Mastery of this skill requires approximately 400 hours of training in both the art of navigating and understanding the rich history. *Experience on Easy Pace Italy, Italian Intermezzo, and 7 other tours*.

#### A MONUMENTAL EXPERIENCE WITH A NAVAJO GUIDE

Discover ancient rock art, typically off-limits to independent travellers due to tribal regulations, on a captivating journey into Monument Valley Tribal Park (1). Explore Anasazi ruins and enjoy an education in ancient rock art with a Local Expert from the Navajo (Diné) tribe. Experience on Wonders of the American West.

#### WORLD-CLASS LUNCH WITH A WORLD RECORD HOLDER

Enjoy a lunch like no other with Martin Buser — the sled dog racing legend and four-time Iditarod champion. Expect an education into the demanding, 1,049-mile race across the harsh Alaskan wilderness as he hosts you at home in **Big Lake**, **Alaska**. Relive his record-setting 2002 journey where he completed the race in just eight days... and meet the remarkable dogs that made it possible. *Experience on Jewels of Alaska*.

#### LOVE AT FIRST BITE

Immerse yourself in the rich history of **Bran Castle** (2), the legendary home of Count Dracula. Uncover captivating tales while savouring Romanian dishes like Beef Goulash and Apple Fritters in this uniquely enchanting Romanian setting. *Experience on Treasures of the Balkans*.

#### MID-AIR IN METEORA

Teetering on towers of rock, prepare to be amazed at the ancient monasteries of Meteora, Greece. Join a Local Expert to learn about these extraordinary buildings, which are suspended at an average of 1,000 feet above the ground. Experience on Glories of Greece, Treasures of Greece & The Islands, and Grecian Fables.

#### A ROYAL EDUCATION IN MUNICH

Soak up Bavarian history while marvelling at around 1,500 pieces of royal regalia at the Munich Residenz. Notable treasures include the Crown of the King of Bavaria (3), which features the magnificent 31.06-carat Wittelsbach Blue diamond. Experience on Best of Germany, Christmas Markets of Germany and Country Roads of Bavaria, Switzerland & Austria.









#### **SAVOURING SICILY**

Experience the essence of Sicily through a curated evening in Palermo, where each course tells its own story. Guided by a Local Expert, you'll discover diverse eateries throughout the city as you enjoy each course in a different location, culminating in a memorable tuk tuk ride back to your hotel. Experience on Sicily in Depth and Southern Italy, Sicily & Malta.

#### A FIVE MILLION STAR EXPERIENCE

Enjoy exclusive after-hours access to Cusco's Planetarium and learn how the sky's expansive constellations influenced Andean cultures. Explore the Inca's deep connection with 'chaskas' (stars) over hot tea and peer through telescopes to marvel at the brilliant night sky. Experience on Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines.

#### SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Experience a truly French day as you join a seasoned pétanque player and uncover the secrets of this classic iconic sport in the village of Saint-Paul de Vence. Learn how to

elevate your game and sharpen your aim before participating in a friendly match. Enjoying a glass of pastis, a quintessential French apéritif, as either victor or gracious loser. Experience on Country Roads of France and French Heritage.

#### MACHIAVELLIAN CHARM

Explore the Tuscan villa where Niccolò Machiavelli lived in exile after 1512 and wrote "The Prince" – his influential work on political power that remains a best-seller to this day. Set within serene vineyards and olive groves, Casa Machiavelli remains a historical landmark and offers a window into the life of this pivotal thinker. Experience on European Dream and Romantic European.

#### HELP RIO'S BOTANICAL GARDENS FLOURISH

Discover another side of Rio de Janeiro at its expansive Botanical Gardens, home to an extraordinary 8,000 species of bromeliads, orchids, ancient trees, and exotic plants. Join a knowledgeable botanist to learn about its world-renowned research and conservation efforts. Experience on Argentina, Uruguay & Brazil Discovery.

## Your Insight Vacations' Experience

ALWAYS INCLUDED.

Choosing Insight Vacations means premium touches at every step.

## PREMIUM TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Trusted 4- and 5-star accommodation in central locations and areas of outstanding natural beauty.
- Small Group options. Choose up to 24 guests, or up to 40 guests depending on your preference.
- Luxury 'Business Class' Style Coaches for Smaller Groups.

## PREMIUM SERVICE

- Two-person Travel Director & Driver team.
- A range of Local Experts and leaders in their field Art Historians, Egyptologists, Naturalist Guides, and Specialists will enhance your travel experience.
- Porterage & tipping for experiences.

## PREMIUM EXPERIENCES

- All included experiences are outlined in your selected itinerary. Enjoy exclusive outside opening hours access to key locations and sights, and your choice of one, two or three experiences on select days.
- Optional Experiences are available for an additional cost (select destinations).

## PREMIUM DINING

- Breakfast included daily
- Many included meals at Top-Rated Restaurants. Dining features a regional and seasonal focus plus an industryleading vegetarian offering.
- Included meals are paired with wine, beer, tea and coffee.

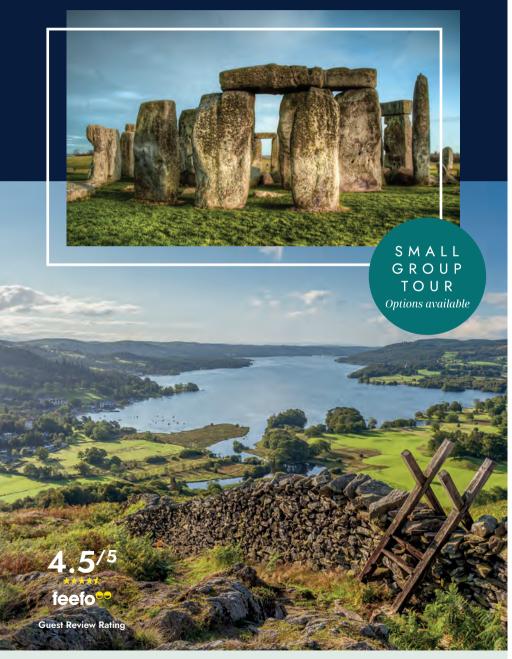


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# Britain & Ireland Discovery

Hear the story of Nessie on a Loch Ness cruise and visit the Orkney Islands' Skara Brae village. See prehistoric Stonehenge and experience Kilkenny Castle.

## 22 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 33 MEALS | BALANCED





## DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see insightvacations.com/ivdiscovery

## DAY 1 | LONDON TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Welcome to your discovery of Britain and Ireland. Travel to Oxford, home to one of the world's most famous universities. Continue via the Cotswolds to Stratford-upon-Avon and visit William Shakespeare's birthplace.

Tonight, dine at a local restaurant. (D)
Hotel: Swan's Nest, Stratford-upon-Avon

**WELCOME:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

## DAY 2 | MEDIEVAL YORK

Head to the historic city of York. Inside the ancient city walls, see the York Minster, the largest medieval church in northern Europe. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Hilton, York

## DAYS 3 - 4 | THE LAKE DISTRICT AND EDINBURGH

Travel to the picturesque Lake District. In Edinburgh, join a Local Expert to explore Princes Street, the New Town, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, and Edinburgh Castle. In the evening, select departures will attend the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Hotel: Edinburgh Marriott Holyrood

## **DAY 5 | FIFE AND ABERDEEN**

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife. Make your way to St. Andrews, home to the Old Course and birthplace of golf. Enjoy free time to explore. Perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed. Test your senses on a visit to a local Whisky Distillery for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before continuing to our hotel in Aberdeen, a 19th-century baronial mansion located within 30 acres of stunning grounds. (B) (D)

Hotel: Ardoe House Hotel and Spa, Aberdeen

## DAYS 6 - 7 | WICK AND ORKNEY ISLANDS

Visit the Culloden Visitor Centre then set sail on a Loch Ness Cruise. From Wick, visit John O'Groats and board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands.

Hotel: The Norseman Hotel, Wick

## DAY 8 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Cross to the magical Isle of Skye, the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. (B) (D)

Hotel: The Dunollie, Broadford

## DAY 9 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

Stop at Loch Lomond before travelling to Glasgow. **(B) (RS)** 

Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

## DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS ON THE WAY TO LONDONDERRY

Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) (D) Hotel: Da Vinci's, Londonderry

## DAY 11 | BELLEEK AND SLIGO BAY

Meet Ronan, one of the nation's great

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

storytellers in Londonderry. Meet artisans at Belleek Pottery and Visitor Centre. (B) (D) Hotel: Clayton, Sligo

## DAY 12 | GALWAY AND LIMERICK

Experience the rugged landscape of Connemara, a wonderland of rivers and lakes. In Galway, see St. Nicholas Cathedral. (B) Hotel: The George, Limerick

## DAYS 13 - 14 | ADARE TO KILLARNEY

Travel via the thatched village of Adare. The next morning, enjoy a trip around the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's greatest scenic journeys. For your Dine-Around evening choose from a handpicked selection of local restaurants.

Hotel: Great Southern/Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa, Killarney

## DAY 15 I BLARNEY CASTLE AND CORK

Visit Blarney Castle, home to the famous the Stone of Eloquence. Continue on to Cork for a city tour before checking into your hotel. (B) Hotel: Maldron South Mall, Cork

## DAYS 16 - 17 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

Visit Kilkenny Castle with a Local Expert and learn about its rich history on a guided tour. Head to the Guinness Storehouse for a tasting. A Local Expert shows you Dublin's elegant Georgian squares and O'Connell Street.

## Hotel: Trinity City, Dublin

## DAY 18 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO LIVERPOOL

Cross the Irish Sea for a stop in Wales at Conwy Castle. Return to England and stop in Liverpool

for an orientation of the city. Consider an optional experience tour featuring the history of The Beatles. (B) (D)

Hotel: Maldron, Liverpool

## **DAY 19 | THE WELSH MARCHES** TO CARDIFF

Continue through the countryside to the Welsh capital and see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

## DAYS 20 - 21 | BATH, SOMERSET AND PLYMOUTH

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a walk and scenic exploration in Dartmoor. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing cruise on Plymouth harbour, where 400 years ago the pilgrim ship, Mayflower, set sail for America. Back in Plymouth enjoy dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel/Crowne Plaza, Plymouth

## **DAY 22 | ANCIENT** STONEHENGE TO LONDON

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring megaliths are reputed to be up to 5.000 years old. Your discovery of Britain and Ireland concludes upon your return to the hotel in London. (B)







## HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

## Premium Experiences

St. Andrews | Visit the university town and see the golf course where the sport was created.

Belleek | Enjoy a guided tour of the porcelain production process and meet some of the specialist craftspeople.

Londonderry | Meet one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, as he takes you on a tour inside the city walls.

Blarney | Take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, the famous stone of eloquence sourced from 330-million-year-old limestone.

Kilkenny | Visit Kilkenny Castle and learn about the powerful family that came to call it home for so many centuries.

Plymouth | Insight Choice Set sail on a relaxing cruise from Plymouth harbour, where the pilgrims left over 400 years ago, or visit Dartmoor to learn about the history of stone circles and indigenous traditions from your knowledgeable Local Expert on a scenic exploration.

Giant's Causeway | At this legendary site of wonders learn about the efforts to protect biodiversity and ecosystems, participating in habitat restoration. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

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## Premium Dining

Stratford-upon-Avon | Savour British cuisine with dinner at a local restaurant.

Killarney | Choose from a fine selection of local restaurants on your Dine-Around evening.

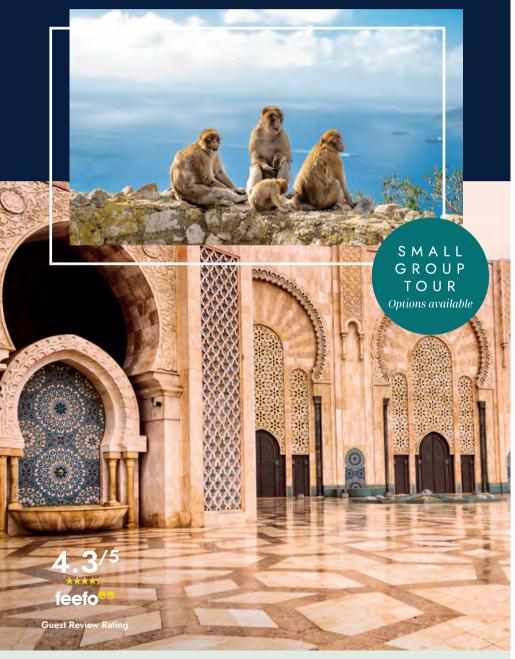
Cornwall | Celebrate the culmination of your travels in style with delicious wine and local cuisine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

# Treasures of Spain, Portugal & Morocco

Uncover Europe's and Africa's historical and cultural wonders, from Madrid's Prado Museum and Lisbon's Belém Quarter to Marrakesh's ancient Medina.

## 17 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 23 MEALS | BALANCED





March - November

**DEPARTURE MONTHS** 

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see insightvacations.com/treasuresspain

## DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner in a local restaurant and enjoy an evening of delicious food and wine. (D)

Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

TRANSFERS: Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at

09:00, 11:30, 13:30 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

## DAY 2 | PRADO MUSEUM AND ON TO **GOLDEN SALAMANCA**

With your Local Expert, travel along the main historical areas of the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Join an art historian to explore the Prado Museum. Journey past the walls of Ávila en route to Salamanca, with its honey-coloured cathedral and 16th-century university buildings. (B)

Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

## DAY 3 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND LISBON

Cross the Portuguese frontier and skirt the Estrela Mountains en route to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned religious site. Your travels continue to Lisbon. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Turim Saldanha

## DAY 4 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE **GREAT DISCOVERIES**

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you to see the Belém Quarter, enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém and visit National Coach Museum. This afternoon is free to explore further as you wish or perhaps decide to visit the Portuguese Riviera. (B) (RS)

## DAY 5 I TO SEVILLE. THE CITY OF CARMEN

Visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Explore the city with Insight Choice. (B)

Hotel: Catalonia Giralda Hotel, Seville

## DAY 6 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

This morning is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an optional experience to Córdoba? Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. (B) (RS)

## DAY 7 | THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR TO FES

Set sail across the Strait of Gibraltar to reach Morocco, a historic land of deeprooted tradition and compelling cultural character. (B) (D)

Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace, Fes

## **DAY 8 | EXPLORE FES**

Today, your Local Expert will guide you through the ancient Medina. (B) (D) (RS)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) RELAXED STARTS: (RS) HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard

and location may be used.

### DAY 9 | ON THE ROAD TO MARRAKESH

During today's journey, see traditional mud-walled villages set against the vast arid plains. Glimpse the Atlas Mountains as you approach Marrakesh, a bustling hub of culture and trade. (B)

Hotel: Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakesh

## DAY 10 | EXPLORE MARRAKESH

Join a Local Expert to explore the Medina, the historic heart of the city. Visit the intricatelydecorated Palais Bahia, a 19th-century mosaicladen masterpiece built to be the greatest palace of its day. (B)

## DAY 11 | PLAY IT AGAIN SAM IN CASABLANCA

lourney to the west coast of Africa to reach Casablanca, Your Local Expert will reveal the truth to this and other fascinating elements of this storied city. See the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. (B) (D) (RS) Hotel: Gray Suites, Casablanca

## DAY 12 | RABAT AND TANGIER

Travel north to Rabat to see the intricatelydecorated Royal Palace and Hassan Tower with your Local Expert. Your journey continues to Morocco's port of Tangier. You will be taken for a guided sightseeing tour of the city with a Local Expert. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Grand Hotel Villa de France, Tangier

## DAY 13 | ON TO THE COSTA DEL SOL

Cross the water to Spain and continue on to Gibraltar. Meet your Local Expert for a guided tour of the Rock of Gibraltar. Your travels

continue through Andalucía and on to the Costa del Sol, famous for its beaches. (B) Hotel: Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos

## DAY 14 | AT LEISURE ON THE **COSTA DEL SOL**

Enjoy the day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade, sayour the specialities in the local restaurants, or consider exploring Málaga, the birth city of Picasso. (B) (RS)

## DAY 15 | DINING WITH LOCALS AND THE ALHAMBRA PALACE

Continue to Alfarnatejo and stop at the rural mill-factory to taste a selection of different oils. In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious lunch. Continue to Granada, where overlooking the town stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace. (B) (L) Hotel: Gran Hotel Luna de Granada

## DAY 16 | TO MADRID IN SEARCH OF DON QUIXOTE

On return to Madrid, toast your travels with your newfound friends during dinner. (B) (D) Hotel: Barceló Emperatriz, Madrid

## **DAY 17 | DEPART MADRID**

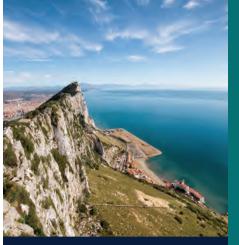
Today, bid a fond farewell to your memorable journey through Spain as you transfer to the airport and reflect on the experiences and adventures you've had. (B)

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.



Optional Place Visited . Cruise

**KEY** 



## HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

## Premium Experiences

Madrid | Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

Lisbon | Explore with your Local Expert.

Seville | Insight Choice See the city's top sights on a panoramic tour with your Local Expert, or stroll through Barrio de Santa Cruz with a Local Expert and learn about its history.

Marrakesh | Across from the Koutoubia Minaret, stroll past lemaa el-Fnaa Square and through the entangled streets of the Medina.

Gibraltar | Learn about this unique pocket of Britain in Southern Spain, and visit St. Michael's Cave to see the Barbary Apes.

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

Seville | Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11: Quality Education, and Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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## Premium Dining

Lisbon | Delight in a taste of the famous Portuguese custard tart, Pastéis de Belém, made in a 19th-century bakery.

Alfarnatejo | Taste freshly pressed olive oils with locally made farmer bread in Almazara, the oldest olive grove in the region.

Madrid | Toast to your travels and enjoy local specialities in one of the city's elegant central neighbourhoods.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

## Grand Scandinavia

Toast the midnight sun with Champagne and caviar, dine overlooking the Baltic Sea and see Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid in Copenhagen.

## 20 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | LEISURELY





## **DEPARTURE MONTHS**

April - August

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see insightvacations.com/grandscand

## DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

Welcome to Copenhagen, home to one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets, Strøget. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine. Visit Tivoli Gardens to round off your evening. (D) Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

**TRANSFERS:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 12:00 and 15:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

## DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

Meet your Local Expert and pay a visit to Hans Christian Andersen's iconic Little Mermaid statue. Later, see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle and Amalienborg Palace. Visit the cathedral. (B)

## DAY 3 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

Travel from Denmark to Sweden, crossing the incredible Øresund Bridge. Journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to Stockholm. (B)

Hotel: Scandic Continental, Stockholm/
Hilton Stockholm Slussen

## DAY 4 | STOCKHOLM AND BALTIC SEA CRUISE

Join a Local Expert and visit the City Hall. Continue to Gamla Stan to view the cathedral and the Royal Palace. Board your Baltic cruise to Finland and enjoy your sea-view cabin and dinner on board. (B) (D)

Hotel: Serenade/Symphony - Tallink & Silja Line Ships

## DAY 5 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI

Meet your Local Expert and wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market to sample local produce. (B) (RS)
Hotel: GLO Art, Helsinki

## DAY 6 | LAKES AND FORESTS TO KUOPIO

Journey through the Finnish Lake District to Kuopio and on arrival ascend Puijo Tower for stunning views. **(B) (D)** 

Hotel: Sokos Puijonsarvi, Kuopio

## DAY 7 | THE ROAD TO ROVANIEMI

Visit Oulu, northern Finland's oldest city. Travel to Lapland. (B) (D)

Hotel: Santa's Santa Claus, Rovaniemi

## DAY 8 | ROVANIEMI AND LAPLAND

Cross the Arctic Circle today, a highlight for many travellers. With your Local Expert, see the Town Hall and visit Rovaniemi Church. Explore Rovaniemi with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Santa Claus in his village, where it is Christmas all year round. Alternatively, immerse yourself in nature with a forest walk guided by your Local Expert. (B) (RS)

## DAY 9 | ACROSS THE ARCTIC TO IVALO

Continue along the Four Winds Road, where you may see herds of reindeer as you journey to one of the oldest churches in Lapland. Travel

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through Europe's last great wilderness to see the Urho Kekkonen National Park. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Ivalo

## DAY 10 | THE NORTH CAPE

Stop at Karasjok for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Sámi National Museum, and see the Sámi Parliament. Then continue to North Cape, the northernmost point of mainland Europe, and indulge in bubbles and caviar whilst seeking the midnight sun in one of the most special places on Earth. (B) (D)

Hotel: Scandic Nordkapp

## DAY 11 | THROUGH FINNMARK TO ALTA

Enjoy a morning at leisure before continuing onwards to Alta. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Scandic Alta

## DAY 12 | A WORLD OF ADVENTURE IN ALTA

Visit a working husky farm to meet the champion dog sledding Lyrek family. Here you'll discover the world of Alaskan huskies and the thrilling Arctic dog sled races and meet with puppies destined to become top racing dogs. Afterwards, delight in a wonderful oven-baked lunch with seasonal specialities from the region, such as salmon or reindeer. (B) (L) (RS)

### **DAY 13 | NARVIK**

Pass Kåfjord where the German battleship Tirpitz was stationed during World War II, before arriving into scenic Narvik. (B)

Hotel: Scandic Narvik

## DAY 14 | ACROSS TYSFJORD TO MOSIØEN

Board a ferry to cross Tysfjord, then continue past Rago National Park and bid farewell to the Arctic. (B) (D)

Hotel: Fru Haugans, Mosjoen

### DAY 15 | LAKSFOSS FALLS TO TRONDHEIM

Continue past the village of Hell to Trondheim. See the impressive Nidaros Cathedral, the world's northernmost medieval cathedral. (B) Hotel: Scandic Lerkendal. Trondheim

## DAY 16 | GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE FIORDS

Travel past lakes and snowcapped peaks to Lom. Arrive at Geirangerfjord to embark on a spectacular cruise beneath towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls. (B) (D)

Hotel: Union Geiranger

## **DAY 17 | GEIRANGER AT LEISURE**

Enjoy a whole day free for you to explore the fjords and mountains. (B) (D) (RS)

## DAY 18 | OSLO, THE CAPITAL

Travel through 'Peer Gynt' Country, inspiration for Edvard Grieg. Stop in Lillehammer and continue on to Oslo. Round off your travels with a dinner paired with wine. (B) (D)

Hotel: Thon Opera, Oslo

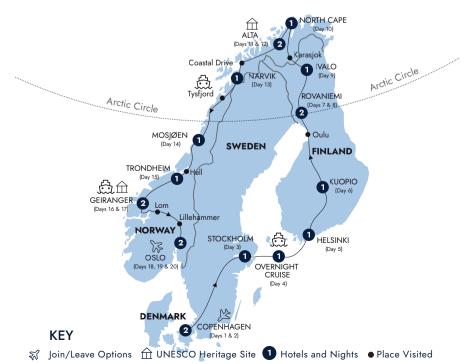
## DAY 19 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

Your Local Expert will show you the medieval Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Wander through Frogner Park with its intriguing sculptures by Gustav Vigeland and see the area around the Opera House. (B) (RS)

### DAY 20 | OUT OF OSLO

Your Scandinavian exploration has come to and end. (B)

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:15 and 10:15.







## HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

## Premium Experiences

Copenhagen | View Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace and the Rundertaarn, and visit Tivoli Gardens, the world-famous entertainment park.

Stockholm | Visit City Hall to see the Golden Hall, adorned with 18 million gilded mosaic tiles and the Blue Hall.

Helsinki | Explore the city of design, see its harbour and wander through a traditional food market.

Rovaniemi | Insight Choice Meet Santa Claus at his village and embrace the spirit of Christmas, or join your Local Expert for a nature walk in the forest and admire the tranguil surroundings.

North Cape | See the midnight sun, where the sun never sets, with champagne and caviar in this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Alta | Meet the Lyrek family at their husky farm for lunch and hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races.

Geiranger | Cruise Geirangerfjord's deep blue waters, surrounded by snow-covered mountains, waterfalls and lush greenery.

Oslo | See Akershus Castle, Oslo Harbour, the Royal Palace, and visit Frogner Park.

Karasjok | Visit the Sámi Museum, home to Norway's largest collection of indigenous Sámi cultural heritage, and learn about the community's resilience and the preservation of indigenous practices. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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## Premium Dining

Copenhagen | Savour local specialities in Denmark's capital city during dinner.

Helsinki | Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce, like liquorice or smoked reindeer.

# Country Roads of Croatia

Discover Croatia's rich heritage and stunning Dalmatian coastline. Enjoy fresh oysters in a coastal village and explore UNESCO-listed Plitvice Lakes National Park.

## 14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED







## **DEPARTURE MONTHS**

April - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see insightvacations.com/crcroatia

## DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Welcome to Croatia, the Land of a Thousand Islands. Your journey starts in Zagreb, where you will join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 14:30. WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

### DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town, Donji Grad and ride the funicular to the medieval Upper Town, Gornji Grad. (B) (RS)

## DAY 3 | POSTOJNA CAVES AND ON TO OPATIIA

At the world-famous Postojna Caves, descend into a stunning subterranean world. Marvel at the five-metre tall Brilliant, the cave's most beautiful stalagmite. Return to Croatia, where your hotel is located in the Belle Époque seaside resort town of Opatiia. (B) (D) Hotel: Palace Bellevue/Hotel Admiral, Optatija

## DAY 4 | DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA

Explore the Jewels of Istria with your Local Expert. Visit the well-preserved 1st-century arena at Pula. Continue to the charming old town of Rovinj, rising directly from the sea. (B)

## **DAY 5 | PRISTINE PLITVICE LAKES** NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning, where you will journey past sparkling deep blue seas studded with rocky islands, before heading inland to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice Lakes National Park and learn about its habitat restoration and efforts to protect the park's natural ecosystems and wildlife. Alternatively, meet one of the women behind the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts that support local employment and learn about their traditions. (B) (D)

Hotel: Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo

## DAY 6 | THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT

The green forests of Plitvice Lakes National Park give way to pebble-dashed shores lapped by turquoise waters. Walk through the Roman ruins and market to see the sea organ of Zadar. Witness the dramatic change in landscapes as you travel through Mediterranean olive groves on your way to Trogir, a city founded by the Greeks in 3rd century B.C. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic port of Split. (B) Hotel: President Solin, Split

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) RELAXED STARTS: (RS) HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard

and location may be used.

### DAY 7 | ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

In the morning, enjoy a walking tour of Split. 1,700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here and today it forms the nucleus of the Old Town. A Local Expert will lead you through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see St. Duje's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum, and the Temple of lupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate. Continue your venture underground, to explore the cellars. Your islandhopping adventure begins here. Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic to spend two nights on Hvar, famed for being the sunniest island in the country and boasting an interior dotted with lofty mountain peaks and aromatic fields of lavender. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort

## DAY 8 | EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the hidden coves, secluded beaches, old monasteries and villages of Hvar. (B) (RS)

## DAY 9 | ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO TO KORČULA

Cruise back to the mainland and continue your journey to the island of Korčula. (B) (D) Hotel: Liburna, Korcula

## DAY 10 | CAPTIVATING KORČULA

Join a knowledgeable Local Expert for a walking tour of the Old Town. Stroll towards the main square of Korcula where the Cathedral of St. Mark dominates the ancient skyline. (B) (RS)

## DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac Peninsula. Weather permitting, cruise

the tranquil waters of the bay of Mali Ston and admire the surrounding untouched natural beauty, as you enjoy a glass of traditional Croatian brandy. Stop at a shellfish farm and meet Tomislav, a local oyster farmer, to learn about the cultivation and harvest of oysters. Enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of the fresh shellfish, accompanied with a glass of wine. Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik, to meet your Local Expert. Explore the Old Town, passing Onofrio's Fountain, the Old Jewish Quarter, the cathedral and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (B)

## DAY 12 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

Spend the day at your leisure or enjoy an optional visit to Montenegro, travelling to Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a photographer's dream. (B) (RS)

## **DAY 13 | DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE**

Make the most of a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit Cavtat? This evening, should weather permit, embark on a cruise around the fabled bay. Gaze out at views of the Adriatic. Savour authentic flavours of local specialities over dinner with your fellow travellers. (B) (D) (RS)

## DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. (B)

**TRANSFERS:** Arrive at the airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30.





## HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

## Premium Experiences

Zagreb | Explore Donji Grad, the Lower Town, and see the Mimara Museum on Roosevelt Square and Ban Josip Jelačić Square.

Postojna Cave | Enter by mini-train into these world-famous cave systems, before walking through an illuminated fairyland of stalactites and stalagmites.

Hvar | Explore the coves and hidden beaches and ascend the lofty peaks from where there are magnificent views over this beautiful island.

**Split** | Explore the Jewish Quarter, Narodni Trg, the centre of Old Split, and Trg Brace Radic, the Square of the Radic Brothers.

Dubrovnik | Explore the stone-paved streets of the Old Town, see Onofrio's Fountain, Rector's Palace and the medieval city walls.

Plitvice Lakes National Park | Insight Choice Meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts enabling employment and engagement in the community. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5:
Gender Equality, or join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice Lakes National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 14 & 15: Life Below Water & Life on Land.

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## Premium Dining

**Zagreb** | Savour local cuisine at your hotel for dinner.

Ston | Discover the art of oyster cultivation with a local farmer, before a Sea-to-Table tasting of fresh shellfish.

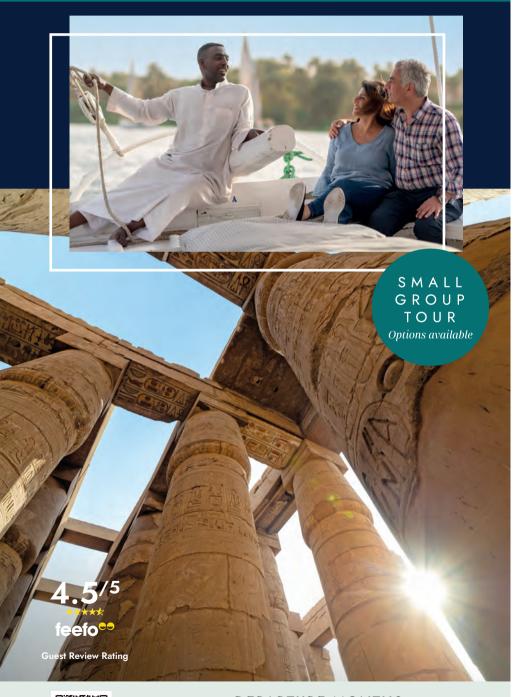
**Dubrovnik** | Toast the culmination of your journey with a typical Dalmatian Coast dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

## Splendours of Egypt

Learn the insights behind the Pyramids, cruise the Nile and follow in the footsteps of Sir Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie for high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel.

## 12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 25 MEALS | BALANCED



## **DEPARTURE MONTHS**

Year-round

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see **insightvacations.com/splendoursegypt** 

## DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO

Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs and home to the great Pyramid of Giza, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World. Relax and settle in your hotel.

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khavvam Casino

## DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next seven nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts. This evening, get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a drink followed by dinner. The rest of the evening is at leisure.

(B) (L) (D)

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam

## DAY 3 | EXPLORING DENDERA AND ON TO EDFU

In the morning, visit the Temple of Hathor in Dendera. One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, it contains a rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarion. At lunchtime return to your ship and enjoy a scenic journey via the Esna Lock to Edfu. (B) (L) (D)

## DAY 4 | EDFU TO ASWAN

Start the day with breakfast, as you cruise along the Nile to Kom Ombo before continuing on to the city of Aswan. Famous for its archaeological sites, such as the Philae temple complex and the Temple of Isis, Aswan is an agreeable mix of ancient and contemporary Egypt. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party. (B) (L) (D)

## DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM & TEMPLE OF ISIS

Today's sightseeing includes a visit to Aswan's High Dam and granite quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. Enjoy a retelling of the Nile flood and the stories of the goddesses Isis and Hathor in a Romanstyle theatre. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the facilities on your cruise ship.

(B) (L) (D)

## DAY 6 | FELUCCAS AND HIGH TEA

Throughout your journey you'll have seen many feluccas sailing along the Nile. Now it's your time to explore one for yourself. On this traditional vessel, you'll meet a local sailor who will teach you about the ancient art of sailing. Meet the ladies behind the local women's co-op on your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and see scrap materials come to life as they are being turned into fine handicrafts. The

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organisation provides an important source of income for the vulnerable women of the co-op. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, just like Sir Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie once did before you. The hotel is rumoured to be where Christie wrote her bestselling novel, "Death on the Nile." (B) (L) (D) (RS)

## DAY 7 | FREE TIME AND ON TO KOM OMBO

With the morning free, perhaps join an optional experience to Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Later, sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt, dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falconheaded Horus the Elder. (B) (L) (D) (RS)

## DAY 8 | CRUISING THE NILE TO LUXOR

Your cruise continues along the bustling waters of the Nile. Enjoy the facilities on board and have your cameras at the ready for the sights, as you leisurely make your way to Luxor. In the evening, visit Luxor Temple, where you dock for the night. (B) (L) (D) (RS)

## DAY 9 | EXPLORE LUXOR AND FLY TO CAIRO

Disembark from your cruise and travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun.

Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians, during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, whilst they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. (B)

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

## **DAY 10 | CAIRO SIGHTSEEING**

Ascend to the Citadel and visit the Alabaster Mosque, otherwise known as the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, regarded as the founder of modern Egypt. Continue to Tahrir Square and visit the Egyptian Museum with your Egyptologist. (B)

## DAY 11 | CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Head to Memphis, the famous capital of the ancient world. See the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back to 2700 B.C. In the afternoon, it's on to Giza to explore the magnificent pyramids. Here you'll come face-to-face with the enigmatic Sphinx. Venture inside one of these ancient wonders to see the chambers where the pharaohs were sent to meet their gods in the afterlife. (B)

## **DAY 12 | DEPART CAIRO**

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)





## HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

## Premium Experiences

Karnak | Stand among columns in the largest temple complex, walk the avenue of sphinxes, see Rameses II statue and the Hypostyle Hall.

Aswan | Insight Choice Tour the Captain's quarters and learn how he navigates the Nile with generations of knowledge passed down, or satisfy your curiosity and your taste buds over an Egyptian Cooking Demonstration with your talented onboard chef.

Aswan | Meet a sailor on a traditional Nile felucca and learn the art of sailing this ancient craft, and visit the High Dam and Granite Quarries.

Luxor | Meet the Bahirat family at their home for a tasting of authentic Egyptian sun bread and enjoy stories of village life.

Valley of the Kings | Explore the Valley of the Kings, home to the magnificent tombs of Egypt's Pharaohs, with an Egyptologist.

Cairo | Accompanied by your Egyptologist at the Egyptian Museum, marvel at the treasures of Tutankhamun.

Giza | Admire the remaining Wonders of the Ancient World, explore the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

Aswan | Visit Aswan's Women Cooperative whose mission is to support vulnerable women to learn new skills and become financially independent. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

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## Premium Dining

Kom Ombo | Learn about traditional Egyptian attire and immerse yourself in local culture at an Egyptian dinner and galabeya party.

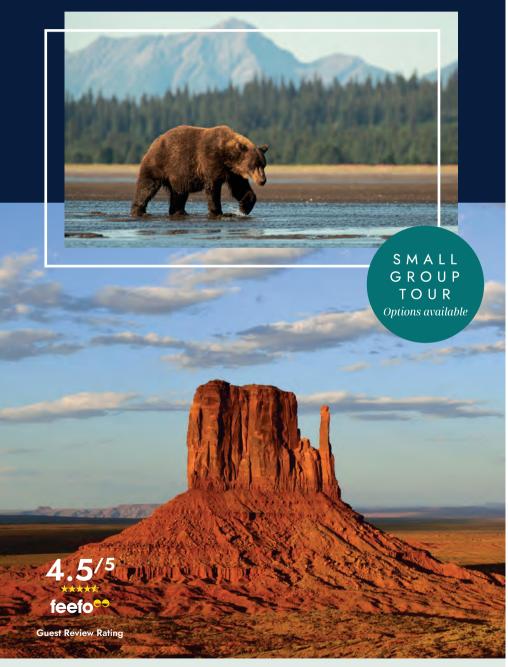
Aswan | Indulge in high tea at Aswan's iconic Old Cataract Hotel, following in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

## America's Magnificent National Parks

Embrace the natural wonders of the USA, from the Grand Canyon to Zion's pink-hued cliffs, Bryce Canyon's hoodoos, the peaks of the Tetons, and the geysers of Yellowstone.

## 15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | BALANCED





## **DEPARTURE MONTHS**

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see insightvacations.com/americasparks

## DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PHOENIX AND TRAVEL TO SCOTTSDALE

Welcome to Arizona! Make your way to Scottsdale on your own and spend the afternoon at leisure. Savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. (D) Hotel: Hotel Valley Ho, Scottsdale

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

## DAY 2 | SEDONA AND THE WONDERS OF THE MIGHTY GRAND CANYON

Travel through world-renowned Red Country along the Red Rock Scenic Byway, one of only 20 designated All-American Roads nationwide. Meet your Local Expert, 'Canyon Tim' at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon to learn about the origins of the five-million-year-old canyon. (B) Hotel: Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

## DAY 3 | MONUMENT VALLEY AND LAKE POWELL

Early risers will witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Skirt the southern rim of the canyon before you MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as your visit supports the Grand Canyon Conservancy and their development of the Desert Viewpoint Intertribal Cultural Heritage Site. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, where Navajo (Diné) Local Experts guide you through the history, culture and heritage of the Navajo Nation. Enjoy a Navajo cookout amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. (B) (L) (D)

Hotel: Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas

## DAY 4 | LEISURELY LAKE POWELL

Spend your day at leisure or partake in one of our popular optional experiences such as a float trip down the Colorado River or hike into Antelope Canyon with a Navajo (Diné) guide. (B) (D) (RS)

## DAY 5 | BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Travel through Bryce Canyon Country on a portion of the Scenic Highway 89, recognised by National Geographic as the No. 1 Driver's Drive in the world. Enjoy a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park and see the natural amphitheatre and its famous hoodoos. (B)

Hotel: Zion National Park Lodge

## DAY 6 | ZION NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a Relaxed Start this morning before joining a Local Expert for a canyon tour aboard a privately chartered tram. Embark on a leisurely stroll along the Virgin River taking in breathtaking views of the pink-hued canyons. (B) (RS)

## **DAY 7 | SALT LAKE CITY**

This morning you make your way out of Zion National Park and travel to Salt Lake City,

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the capital of Utah. In the evening join your fellow travellers for a dinner with wine at the hotel. (B) (D)

Hotel: Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel

## DAY 8 | JACKSON AND THE TETONS

Head north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson, Wyoming. Here you'll be able to explore the storied town at your own leisure. (B)

Hotel: Elk Country Inn, Jackson Hole

## DAY 9 | YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Today, head toward South Rim. Then we head for the breathtaking Yellowstone, known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and abundant wildlife you are sure to spot. (B)

Hotel: Yellowstone National Park Lodge

## DAY 10 | GEYSERS AND COLOURFUL HOT SPRINGS

Yellowstone National Park is home to over half of all the world's geysers. Boasting over 500 steaming geysers, today is your chance to walk among hot springs, watch erupting geysers, see bubbling mud pots, and keep your eyes peeled for colourful geothermal paint pots on an informative sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. See Old Faithful, Hayden Valley and behold the powerful Lower Yellowstone Falls. (B)

## DAY 11 | THE RANCH AT UCROSS

Head through Shoshone National Forest to the Wild West town of Cody, and learn about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West. This evening, enjoy a ranch-style dinner with wine. (B) (D)

Hotel: Ranch at UCross, Clearmont

## DAY 12 | DEVILS TOWER INTO THE **BLACK HILLS**

Explore the Ranch at UCross with Insight Choice. Choose to head on a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand.

Or, try your hand at fishing. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature in the Black Hills. Next, experience Spearfish Canyon popular with wildlife enthusiasts and famous for its elvish woodland. (B)

Hotel: Spearfish Canyon Lodge

## DAY 13 I CUSTER AND THE WILD. WILD WEST

This morning, travel to Oglala Lakota Living History Museum for a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Walk among recreated teepee villages while listening to stories of Lakota history and culture. Afterward, visit Badlands National Park with an astounding 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended. End the day surrounded by more picturesque landscape in Custer State Park. (B)

Hotel: State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

## DAY 14 | MOUNTAIN MONUMENTS OF THE BLACK HILLS

This morning, see the granite faces of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Later, you'll experience the Crazy Horse Memorial - the world's largest mountain carving in honour of the Lakota warrior. With exclusive access not available to the general public, guests ascend 563 feet (172 metres) and have the opportunity to face the monument up close. Tonight, celebrate your travels over dinner with your Travel Director and new found friends. (B) (D) (RS)

## DAY 15 | DEPART RAPID CITY OR DENVER

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers. Guests flying out of Rapid City can take a complimentary transfer to Rapid City Regional Airport. A transfer to Denver International Airport is available for guests flying out of Denver. (B)

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 16:30.





## HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

## Premium Experiences

Grand Canyon National Park | Meet Local Expert 'Canyon Tim' for an Insightful talk about the geological history behind the South Rim.

Monument Valley | Explore the valley on all-terrain vehicles with Navajo (Diné) Local Experts.

Zion National Park | Travel by private open-air tram to view the canyon's natural beauty.

Yellowstone National Park | Experience America's first national park with your Travel Director.

Ucross | Insight Choice live the American frontier dream with a scenic morning country horseback ride, or take a leisurely fishing outing and enjoy the serene surroundings.

Black Hills | Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, and get exclusive access to the face of the monument.

Custer State Park | Take in vistas of freeroaming bison and spectacular landscapes.

Page | Navajo owned and operated, Red Heritage is a Native American Performing Arts Theatre showcasing awe inspiring local talent: powwow dancers, flute playing, and live drum music. Your experience helps to preserve Navajo Culture and dance and advances UN Global Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

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## Premium Dining

Scottsdale | Mingle over a delightful dinner at your resort's renowned Zuzu Restaurant.

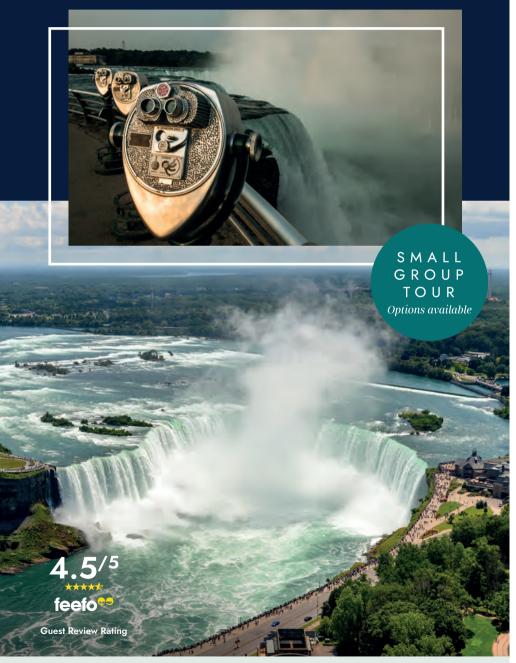
Clearmont | Enjoy an evening of cocktails, a home cooked dinner, a fire pit, and live entertainment.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

## Best of Eastern Canada & USA

Stroll downtown Toronto, walk Boston's Freedom Trail and visit museums and monuments in the USA's capital. Feast on forest-to-table flavours, explore Canada's First Nations stories and sample the sweet taste of maple.

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April - October

**DEPARTURE MONTHS** 

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see insightvacations.com/canadausa

### **DAY 1 I THRILLING TORONTO**

Welcome to Toronto, a vibrant city on Lake Ontario known for its food and wine scene and eclectic restaurants. After settling in, feel free to explore the town. Later, savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. (D)

Hotel: Hilton, Toronto

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

## DAY 2 | TORONTO AND THE THUNDERING FALLS OF NIAGARA

See Toronto's top sights including Queen's Park before venturing on the quaint town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Experience the thrill of Niagara Falls on a state-of-the-art eco-catamaran. Opt to soar above Niagara's landscapes on an helicopter flight. Later, return to Toronto for an afternoon at leisure or choose to visit the top of the iconic CN Tower. (B)

## DAY 3 | KINGSTON AND OTTAWA

Journey to historic Kingston to view storied buildings, churches and fortifications, many of which being constructed from limestone itself. Continue to the Capital city of Ottawa. At a local farm owned by Just Food, a nonprofit organisation dedicated to fostering sustainable food and farming practices, you'll not only enjoy a captivating cooking demonstration but also learn valuable culinary skills. (B) (D) Hotel: Novotel Hotel. Ottawa

## DAY 4 | CANADA'S CAPITAL TO MONTREAL

Spend the morning exploring Ottawa on a tour of the city. Later, learn about the diversity of Indigenous cultures across Canada through music, dance and song including a lively and passionate Pow Wow at your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Mādahòkì Farm. Continue to Montreal in the French-speaking province of Quebec. **(B)** 

Hotel: Marriott Chateau Champlain, Montreal

## DAY 5 | MONTREAL, THE ROYAL MOUNTAIN

Join a Local Expert who will guide you around Old Montreal. Next, visit the Notre-Dame Basilica and discover the history of the first neo-gothic church in Canada and marvel at its breathtaking architecture and stained-glass windows. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you please. (B)

## DAY 6 | CURATE YOUR DAY AT MONTMORENCY FALLS PARK OR COPPER ART STUDIO

Depart Montreal and immerse yourself in Canadian culinary adventures as you indulge in the sweet delights of maple syrup, harvested and crafted right on-site. After lunch, join an Insight Choice experience to Montmorency Falls Park or visit Copper Art Studio for a guided tour and demonstration. (B) (L) (RS)

Hotel: Hilton, Quebec

## DAY 7 | QUINTESSENTIAL QUEBEC

Discover more of Quebec City's history and charm with a Local Expert. You'll see the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: ABEC

Latin Quarter, Plains of Abraham, City Hall and Palace Royale, while learning about the city's history. No visit to Old Quebec would be complete without seeing the grand hotel Château Frontenac. In the evening enjoy dinner in historic old Quebec. (B) (D)

### DAY 8 | QUEBEC TO BAR HARBOR

Bid "Au Revoir" to Quebec as you cross the U.S. border and travel toward Mount Desert Island on the Atlantic Coast. (B) (D)

Hotel: Harborside Hotel Spa & Marina. Bar Harbor

## DAY 9 | EXPLORE ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Take in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park, with its dramatic rocky shoreline. This evening, meet a local Wabanaki storyteller for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B)

## DAY 10 I COASTAL NEW **ENGLAND TO BOSTON**

Follow the rocky Maine shoreline, and stop in picturesque Kennebunkport. (B)

Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Boston

## DAY 11 | BOSTON, THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY

Ioin your Travel Director as they guide you along the Freedom Trail, a route that leads you to several historically significant sites, including the Old State House and the meeting house where the Boston Tea Party of 1773 was planned. (B)

## DAY 12 | A BITE OF THE BIG APPLE

Follow the bright lights to New York City. Explore New York City with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Summit One Vanderbilt with stunning views of the New York skyline, or join a Midtown architecture walking tour. (B) Hotel: The Knickerbocker, New York

### DAY 13 | A MANHATTAN MASTERPIECE

Explore the 'City that Never Sleeps' with your Local Expert. This evening, head to Essex Market to meet and hear stories from local vendors while tasting their food specialities. (B) (D) (RS)

## **DAY 14 I LIBERTY IN** PHILADELPHIA AND D.C.

Travel to Pennsylvania's largest city, Philadelphia. Explore Independence National Historic Park and visit the Liberty Bell. Journey to Washington, D.C., the nation's capital. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps join an optional nighttime illuminations tour to see the capital's sights in a new light. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Melrose Georgetown Hotel, Washington, D.C.

## DAY 15 I WASHINGTON, D.C. SIGHTSEEING AND LEISURE TIME

Immerse yourself on a sightseeing tour and view the White House, the striking Washington Monument, sprawling National Mall, the Lincoln Memorial and the World War II Memorial. Next, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience by visiting the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the newest member of the Smithsonian Institution and the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. The rest of the day is at leisure. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for dinner and toast to new friends and fantastic memories. (B) (D)

## DAY 16 | DEPART WASHINGTON, D.C.

Depart at your leisure to Dulles International Airport or Reagan National Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, extend your stay to depart at your leisure. (B)

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## HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

## Premium Experiences

Montreal | Discover the first neo-gothic church of Canada, Basilique Notre-Dame.

Quebec City | Insight Choice experience the natural wonders that tower 272 feet (82m) tall over the Saint Lawrence River, or visit Copper Art Studio for a guided tour.

Acadia National Park | Travel to the summit of Cadillac Mountain for a 360-degree view.

New York City | Insight Choice Visit Summit One Vanderbilt for amazing views of the NYC skyline, or embark on a captivating 2.5 hour architectural walking tour.

New York City | Hear the stories of local vendors and taste specialities from around the world at Essex Market, a local cornerstone for over 100 years.

Washington, D.C. | Delve into American history on a guided city tour of the U.S. capital.

Ottawa | Visit Mādahòkì Farm and learn about diversity of Indigenous cultures across Canada and how dance has helped revive the traditional arts. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 10 & 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Bar Harbor | Hear fascinating stories of the Wabanaki people's homeland shared through Indigenous oral traditions and music. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.





## Premium Dining

Washington | A stone's throw away from the White House, dine at a restaurant where locals and politicians have mingled since 2010.

Bar Harbor | Enjoy an authentic Maine Lobster dinner.

Trois-Rivieres | Enjoy a traditional Sugar shack lunch including traditional staples like maple taffy on snow

Ottawa | Join a cooking demonstration at Just Food Community Farm, nestled within Ottawa's lush 150-acre Greenbelt. After learning new skills to take home, savour a three-course feast paired with wine.

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## The world from a local's viewpoint

You can travel the world, visiting cities, landmarks and sights, but at Trafalgar, we like to do things, differently. We're proud of the many different types of experience we offer - all of which put locals at the heart of any journey. Here, Jen Hirtle, Trafalgar's Head of Travel Experiences, shares some of her highlights.

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"Inspired by everything from their own holidays, to travel trends, television shows and through Trafalgar's relationships and connections from nearly 80 years in travel, our passionate Experience Developers are the best at creating truly unique journeys. One way they add a touch of something special is through what we call Be My Guest. Combining hospitality, stories and culture, giving guests a greater understanding of what a place is actually like, through those that know it best. There's a huge variety of more than 100 experiences globally and at least one on every tour.

For example, in Florence, Italy you will of course experience the highlights of the Renaissance city. But with Trafalgar, we'll take you beyond the tourist trail to the home of Giada Landi (1) on Real Italy, who will welcome you to her 18th Century Tuscan Estate 'Villa il Leccio'. Eight generations of her family have lived in the property, farming the surrounding vineyards and olive groves. Guests will explore the property and surrounds

while learning about the family's connection to the region. Then, in Olympia, Greece after exploring the ancient relics, you'll be welcomed to their olive oil and vineyard owned by the Karabelas Family (2) on the Best of Greece, You'll taste wines and oils straight from the barrel before settling in for a meal and Greek dancing. In Portugal, join hosts Tiago and Vera at their rural stud ranch in the Alentejo region on the Best of Portugal. You'll explore the property and see a performance of their stunning white Lusitanian horses. Guests will also hear the tragic story of unrequited love of their ancestor, Jacinto, who fell in love with the (married!) Queen of Portugal when she visited the farm

in the 18th century. There's also Fergus Wood's property on the lakes of Loch Ard, Scotland, where legend has it this farm is where the famed Scottish hero, Rob Roy, came of age — Fergus and his son Gregor will treat you to a traditional 'session' — singing that will transport you to the myths and tales of ancient Scotland.

We also know our quests want to enjoy unique Experiences in incredible destinations while giving back at the same time. MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences allow just that. For

> warriors, Tom and Danny Falzon (13), owners of Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre in Alice Springs, Australia, which is fully wind and solar-powered, will teach you about climate change and over a BBQ under the stars on Outback Australia. In Peru, you'll meet Nilda Callañaupa Alvarez, a master Quechua weaver (9) On Highlights of Peru, you'll meet an ambassador for Andean traditions and preservation of this ancient

craft. And in Rotorua, New Zealand, discover Māori traditions at the Te Ra experience on New Zealand Uncovered, where you'll watch carvers and weavers at the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute (6) while hearing the stories passed down from their ancestors.

Be My Guest and MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® are just two of many special elements that make our tours so special. They (often quite literally!) add flavour to your trip, as well as authenticity and surprise. With Trafalgar, you'll not only experience a fabulous overview of your dream destination, but also really get under its skin by meeting locals that go the extra mile."

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"We had many surprises along the way. Especially enjoyed the Be My Guest, and locally hosted events. We commend Trafalgar for becoming involved with locals to support their businesses with our visits - enhancing our experience, too."

Shared by our guest Joyce, on Best of Portugal.

Just a few of hundreds of locals you might meet: 3. Meet Dave, Majestic Alaska. 4. Meet the Maan Family, Spectacular Canadian Rockies. 5. Meet Arild, Best of Norway, Scenic Scandinavia & its Fjords 8. Meet Guy, Perfect Tasmania. 10. Meet Denis, Balkan Adventure. 11. Meet Jaideo and Devika, Best of India. 12. Meet Alexandra & Beatrice, Best of France. 14. Meet Mrs Quintana, Costa Rica Nature Adventure.



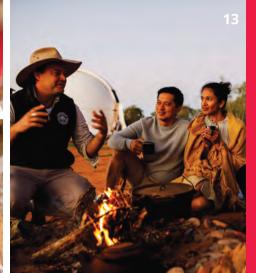








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## The bucket list moments

## Our guests' top must-sees

You'll tick off not-to-miss iconic sights, local culture and unmissable natural wonders. These experiences are all handpicked, planned and vetted by our Travel Experiences team who carefully craft your tour behind the scenes. Get ready to unlock the best of every place you visit and learn secrets from our Local Experts along the way. Here are just a few of the hundreds of must-sees that are waiting for you. Read more real guest stories at trafalgar.com/gueststories.



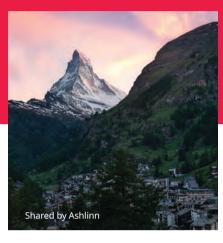
## Mykonos, Greece

Explore the dreamy island of Mykonos known for its windmills, sunsets, and beaches. You'll love to stroll along the cobble streets past whitewashed houses with brightly coloured shutters and doors. Experience on *Greek Island Hopper and Best of Greece*.



## Amsterdam Canals, Holland

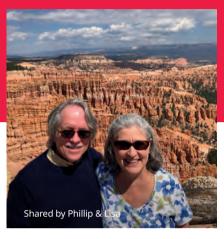
Get ready to fall in love with Amsterdam's enchanting canals. Wander through the streets and enjoy a coffee at one of the many charming cafés. Then, you'll take an evening cruise through the iconic waterways, gliding past bridges, houseboats, and canal-side houses. You'll really get to know the heart and soul of this iconic city. Experience on *Best of Holland*.



## Matterhorn Mountain, Switzerland

Zip through the Alps on the worldfamous Glacier Express. Enjoy lunch on board as you journey past lakes and glaciers to Zermatt, at the foothills of Matterhorn Mountain. Experience on *Contrasts of Switzerland*.





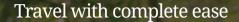
## Bryce Canyon National Park

You'll see the rusty red limestone spires rising from the desert floor to meet Utah's brilliant skies and think there's nowhere else on Earth like this. Stop and take it all in at the many viewpoints and hike the trails into the canyons. Experience on *Five Epic National Parks*.



## Kylemore Abbey, Ireland

Wander through Kylemore Abbey in Ireland, and uncover the history of this grand Victorian castle turned Benedictine monastery. You'll marvel at the Neo-Gothic architecture and explore the Abbey, where each artifact brings its story to life. Let the serene views of the peaceful lake captivate you. Experience on *Best of Ireland, Irish Experience, and more tours*.



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- Be My Guest experiences
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences
- · Locally Guided tours in many destinations

## Optional experiences (additional cost)

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DAY 1 Eurostar<sup>TM</sup> to Brussels and on to

Amsterdam Board the Eurostar™ for a high-speed train journey to Brussels and a luxury coach journey to Amsterdam. Enjoy an orientation tour before your dinner cruise. (D) Hotel: Mercure City

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Journey to the Rhineland and a Scenic Cruise Drive to Boppard where we board a cruise along the Rhine to St. Goar. Arrive in Heidelberg, explore its unexpected highlights before travelling to our Rhineland hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sinsheim/Leonardo

DAY 3 Off to Innsbruck Arrive in Munich, where you'll enjoy an orientation of the city. Drive across the Austrian border, arriving in Innsbruck. Here, we'll admire Emperor Maximilian's famous Golden Roof. (B) Hotel: Tivoli Innsbruck

## **DAY 4 Onwards to the Canals of Venice**

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, viewing the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where you'll witness the craft of glassblowing. (B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 5 All Roads Lead to Rome Arrive in Rome, the 'Eternal City'. En route, we Connect With Locals over lunch at a Be My Guest experience with the Landi Family. (B, L) Hotel: Precise House Mantegna/A. Roma Lifestyle

## **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence, set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves.



**DAY 6 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City** Discover the divine beauty of the Vatican City with a **Local Specialist**. We

continue to Ancient Rome to view Roman Forum, the walls of the iconic Colosseum and Circus Maximus. **(B)** 

## **DAY 7 Continue to Renaissance Florence**

From Rome, travel through Tuscany to the 'Cradle of the Renaissance', Florence. Delve into the rich Medici heritage with your **Local Specialist**. Visit the political hub of the city, Piazza della Signoria, with its impressive sculptures and stunning palazzi. View the imposing Duomo, crowned by Brunelleschi's dome, and the Baptistery, renowned for its sculptured bronze doors. **(B) Hotel: Hilton Metropole** 

DAY 8 Across the Alps to Lucerne Drive across the Alps into Switzerland, where the next two nights are spent in Lucerne. View the wounded lion hewn from rock to commemorate the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI. Walk along the flower-lined 14th-century covered Chapel Bridge. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe

**DAY 9 Explore Lucerne** This morning join an exciting Optional Experience to one of the surrounding peaks for breath taking views of the Swiss countryside. **(B, D)** 

DAY 10 On to Captivating Paris This morning we leave Switzerland behind, travelling through the French countryside to Paris. Spend some time this evening strolling the grand boulevards in search of a cosy bistro for fine French cuisine or consider an Optional Experience to a colourful Parisian cabaret. (B) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel/Renaissance Defense

**DAY 11 Discover the Sights of Paris** Join a **Local Specialist** today for a sightseeing tour of this romantic city. View the sophisticated Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde, the Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral, then enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Spend the evening with your fellow

travellers and Travel Director, enjoying

dinner in a local bistro. (B, D)

**DAY 12 Farewell Paris** Today bid adieu to your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your memorable experience. **(B) Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00.

## Optional Eurostar™ Extension

Customise your holiday with extra time in London. Includes a oneway Eurostar™ ticket from Paris, accommodation at the DoubleTree by Hilton Angel Kings Cross and station transfers. See trafalgar.com for details.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Rome, Florence and Paris

**Visit Must-see Landmarks**A glassblowing factory in Venice

## **View Must-see Landmarks**

The canals in Amsterdam, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, St. Mark's Square in Venice, the ancient sites in Rome, the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne and the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

## **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Along the canals of Amsterdam, the Rhine River and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

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**DAY 1 Journey to Bruges** Travel to Bruges for dinner and drinks in beautiful surroundings. **(D) Hotel: De' Medici** 

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

### **DAY 2** Discover Amsterdam's Canals

Unlock Amsterdam's iconic sights on today's orientation tour. Enjoy a **Be My Guest experience** at a dairy farm. **(B, D) Hotel: Mercure City** 

Be My Guest

Go Dutch and share a relaxed dinner, savouring delicious local cheeses with the Pauw family on their dairy farm.

DAY 3 Enjoy a Scenic Cruise in the Rhineland Travel to Germany, boarding a Rhine cruise past hilltop castles. See Heidelberg's ruined sandstone castle. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Mannheim City – Hauptbahnhof

**DAY 4 Admire the Black Forest and on to Lucerne** Journey through the Black Forest and past the Rhine Falls before arriving in lakeside Lucerne. **(B) Hotel: Radisson Blu** 

**DAY 5 Explore Lucerne** See Lucerne's Lion Monument and the flower-lined 14<sup>th</sup>-century wooden Chapel Bridge. **(B, D)** 

DAY 6 Uncover Liechtenstein and Innsbruck Travel to Liechtenstein. Crossing into Austria, follow the scenic Arlberg Pass through the Tyrol to Innsbruck. Admire the fascinating crystal installations and browse for precious gifts at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Store. (B) Hotel: Grauer Bär

## DAY 7 Take in Salzburg and on to Vienna

Join a **Local Specialist** on a guided walking tour of Salzburg before travelling on to Vienna. **(B) Hotel: NH Danube City** 

**DAY 8 Explore Vienna's Sights** Embark on a sightseeing tour with your **Local Specialist** past the State Opera House, the City Hall, Parliament, the Imperial Boulevards and the Hofburg. **(B)** 

DAY 9 Onwards to Venice Cross the Italian border and journey to Venice. (B) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

**DAY 10 Discover the Floating City of Venice** Embark on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** witnessing the
Venetian tradition of glassblowing. Take a
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**DAY 11 Journey to Assisi** Continue to Assisi and join a **Local Specialist** to visit the Basilica of St. Francis before enjoying dinner at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Casa Leonori** 

DAY 12 Explore Pompeii's Ruins on the way to Sorrento Pass Monte Cassino en route to Pompeii. Here you'll join a Local Specialist who will reveal the story of this tragic ancient settlement. (B) Hotel: Grand Cesare Augusto

DAY 13 On to the Isle of Capri and Rome Cross the Bay of Naples to the Isle of Capri and join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of Capri town. (B) Hotel: Midas Palace

**DAY 14 Uncover Ancient Rome** Explore the wonders of Rome with a **Local Specialist** on a sightseeing tour. In the evening, savour Roman flavours at Ristorante Pancrazio, built over the ruins of the first-century BC Theatre of Pompey. **(B, D)** 

DAY 15 Off to Explore Florence Journey north to Florence where you'll join a Local Specialist for an included walking tour. (B) Hotel: Villa Neroli

DAY 16 Enjoy Pisa, Monaco and the French Riviera Continue to Pisa to admire the iconic Leaning Tower. Then, stop in Monaco before proceeding to the French Riviera. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Nice

**DAY 17 Discover Artistic Saint-Paul-de-Vence** Rub shoulders with artists and actors in Saint-Paul-de-Vence before enjoying an afternoon at leisure in the French Riviera. **(B)** 

DAY 18 Journey through Papal Avignon to Burgundy Travel to the Papal city of Avignon. Continue to Beaune where you'll explore the ancient walls and the Old Town. (B) Hotel: Mercure Centre

**DAY 19 Onwards to Paris** Travel north through the vineyards of Burgundy to Paris, your home for the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel** 

**DAY 20 Explore the Sights of Paris** Join a **Local Specialist** to explore iconic sights of Paris. Savour dinner with wine in a local restaurant. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 21 Farewell Paris** Today, bid farewell to your fellow travellers and Travel Director as your holiday ends. **(B)** 

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

## **Explore with Local Specialists**

Bruges, Salzburg, Vienna, Assisi, Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Florence, Paris

## **Discover on City Orientations**

Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Venice, Pisa, Monaco, Nice, Avignon

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen, Vaduz, a glassblowing factory in Venice, excavations in Pompeii and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Beaune

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower in Pisa, Avignon's Papal Palace and Pont d' Avignon, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

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This was one of hundreds of highlights on our Grand European Tour. Here we giggled with joy in our Traghetto Gondola on the Grand Canal in Venice.

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DAY 1 Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma! Explore this imperial city of emperors and senators, gods and goddesses before joining your Travel Director for an introduction to the 'Eternal City'. Arrive at Basilica Santa Maria in Cosmedin for a private after-hours visit to the Mouth of Truth. See the church, crypt and relics of the famous saint of love, Valentine, and learn about the legend of the Mouth of Truth. This evening, enjoy dinner with your travel companions. (D) Hotel: Una

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums. Admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then see the marble masterpiece of the Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. Venture to Ancient Rome to view the Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum during the city tour. (B) Hotel: Cicerone/Una

DAY 3 Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and Sorrento Journey south to the well-preserved ruins of Pompeii. Join a Local Specialist who will share details of the devastation caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Vesuvio Sorrento

**DAY 4 Cruise to the Isle of Capri** Cross the Bay of Naples by ferry to the Isle of Capri and join a **Local Specialist** for a guided walking tour in Capri town, before returning to the mainland. **(B) Hotel: Grand Cesare Augusto/Johanna Park** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Assisi See the Benedictine Abbey of Cassino perched high on the mountain peak, known as the site of the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944. Continue north, where you'll meet a Local Specialist for a visit of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Assisi

## **DAY 6** Venture to Verona and Venice

Travel through Emilia-Romagna, a region famed for its gastronomy. Later, arrive into Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic', and spend time admiring this unique city. **(B)** Hotel: Biasutti Lido

DAY 7 St. Mark's and More in Venice Cruise through Venice by private launch, soaking up the sights and sounds of this historic port. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with master craftspeople. Continue past the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square, where you'll view the impressive square and Basilica. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Discover the ancient skill of Venetian
glassblowing and play a part in preserving
this traditional craft. Your visit directly
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities
and Communities.

DAY 8 Stroll Around Milan Cross the lush green plains of Lombardy to sophisticated Milan, Italy's capital of design and fashion is our destination. An orientation tour takes us past the intricate Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the famous Galleria. Later arrive in the Italian Lakes where you'll enjoy a dinner with your fellow travelling companions. (B, D) Hotel: Simplon

DAY 9 On to Como and Scenic Lake Maggiore Indulge in a free day at your leisure in the Italian Lake District. Time to explore Como's historical quarter, savour delicious gelato, or consider a serene cruise on the lake. This evening, venture by private boat to a secluded island on Lake Maggiore for your Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

### **Be My Guest**

Join the Cinque family for dinner and wine at Villa Toscanini, and learn about the intriguing history of their home and Lake Maggiore, the hideaway of conductor Arturo Toscanini, one of the most influential musicians of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



## DAY 10 Admire Pisa and on to Florence

Tuscany lures you past the marble quarries of Carrara to Pisa and its Square of Miracles where you'll view the Leaning Tower. Your next stop is Florence. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

DAY 11 Experience Art and Architecture in Florence Your Local Specialist unlocks the history of the Medici family as you visit Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Florence's beautiful skyline, dominated by the elegant Duomo and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio, from Piazzale Michelangelo. (B)

DAY 12 Treasures of San Gimignano and Return to Rome This morning, stop at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial before visiting the Tuscan hill-town of San Gimignano. This evening in Rome, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La

**DAY 13 Farewell Rome** Bid a fond ciao to your newfound friends as your discovery of the best of Italy comes to an end. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

## **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence

## **Discover on City Orientations**

Venice, Milan and San Gimignano

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, a glassblowing factory in Venice, Lake Como and the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Duomo in Florence

## **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Ferry to the Isle of Capri, private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

## **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 9 for your unique local encounter

## **Travel Responsibly**

See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

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A trip of a lifetime to see one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

Alyssa

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## Balkan Adventure

4.3/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

14 Days | 7 Countries | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Visit several countries on this adventure-filled Balkan trip, where you'll venture deep into the Carpathian Mountains, walk in the mythical footsteps of Count Dracula at Bran Castle in Transylvania and revel in the beauty, history and traditions of the Balkan nations.



DAY 1 Welcome to Bucharest You'd be forgiven for thinking you were in Paris when you explore the Belle-Époque atmosphere of Romania's capital, Bucharest. Your first day will be free to explore the city your way. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D) Hotel: Mercure Bucharest Unirii

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 12:00 and 15:00.

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

## DAY 2 Journey to Transylvania and Braşov Join a Local Specialist in Bucharest to delve into the city's tumultuous history. Venture to Sinaia and view Peleş Castle,

Venture to Sinaia and view Peleş Castle, the summer retreat of Romania's first king. Then, continue to Braşov and check in to your hotel in Poiana Braşov ski resort. (B, D) Hotel: Ana Bradul

## DAY 3 Dracula's Castle and More

in Braşov The highlight of the day is this morning's visit to Bran Castle, the legendary home of Dracula. Dive into Culture with a Local Specialist and learn about its history, then journey to the medieval streets of Braşov, where you'll take a step back in time. Your evening is free to indulge in some of the local Transylvanian favourites. (B)

## **DAY 4 Continue to Medieval Veliko**

**Târnovo** Head south, through ancient villages and tranquil landscapes across the Danube River into Bulgaria. Your journey ends in Veliko Târnovo, the 'City of the Tsars' and former capital of the Bulgarian Empire. Relax after your scenic drive and join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Yantra Grand** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Historic Sofia The fairy-tale façades of Veliko Târnovo exude medieval history around every turn and your Local Specialist will reveal a rich history and culture. Your next stop is the UNESCO-listed town of Arbanasi. Visit the Church of Holy Nativity before we continue to Sofia. (B) Hotel: Astoria Grand

DAY 6 Sofia Your Way You'll join a Local Specialist for an in-depth sightseeing tour of Bulgaria's modern-day capital including views of the golden-domed St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Sofia Church. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to the UNESCO-listed Rila Monastery. (B)

## DAY 7 Journey to Macedonian Skopje

Cross the Macedonian border today, bound for Skopje. See the Ottoman Empire's legacy in the mosques and bazaars as you join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour this afternoon. Tonight you'll join an exclusive **Be My Guest experience**. (B, D) **Hotel: Next Door Park and Spa** 

### **Be My Guest**

Spend quality time with the locals when you join an exclusive experience featuring local hospitality and cuisine.

DAY 8 Off to Albania and Tirana Leaving North Macedonia behind, head to the Albanian capital of Tirana where, on arrival, you'll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Tonight, enjoy a dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

DAY 9 Journey to Budva Soak up Montenegro's natural beauty as you drive towards Budva. You'll have some time for lunch on your own and an orientation tour of this fortified town. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B) Hotel: TQ Plaza

DAY 10 Visit Kotor, Venture to Mostar and Sarajevo After an orientation in Kotor, join a Local Specialist in Mostar for a guided tour. View the Stari Most and meet a traditional coppersmith artisan on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Head to Sarajevo where you'll delve into the rich heritage that has earned it the nickname, the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Bristol

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Meet Denis, one of the last traditional
coppersmith artisans in Mostar.
Learn about the techniques to design
elaborate copper jewellery and
appreciate the importance of this craft
during demonstration. Your experience
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities
and Communities.

DAY 11 Discover Sarajevo Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of Sarajevo. Visit the War Tunnel, an underground tunnel of hope that was built in 1993 during the Siege of Sarajevo. Then, enjoy a free afternoon to explore on your own. (B)

**DAY 12 On the Road to Belgrade** Travel through lush forests, pastures and the Bosnian Mountains into Serbia – a scenic day of driving that will end in Belgrade. **(B) Hotel: Mercure Excelsior** 

## **DAY 13** Explore Riverside Belgrade

Your **Local Specialist** will share the sights and sounds of Belgrade from an insider's perspective this morning. This evening, reunite one final time for a rousing dinner to reminisce over our shared travel experience. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 14 Farewell Belgrade** All that's left is to say a fond doviđenja as you bid your new friends farewell. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 11:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

## **Explore with Local Specialists**

Bucharest, Braşov, Veliko Târnovo, Sofia, Skopje, Tirana, Mostar, Sarajevo and Belgrade

## **Discover on City Orientations**

Budva and Kotor

## **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Bran Castle in Braşov, Tsaravets Fortress in Veliko Târnovo, the Church of Holy Nativity in Arbanasi, and the War Tunnel in Sarajevo

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Peleş Castle in Sinaia, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Sofia Church in Sofia, the Palace of Culture and the National Library in Tirana and Mostar's Stari Most

## **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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## **Travel Responsibly**

See day 10 for how you'll make a positive impact

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The Balkan countries are beautiful and have a rich history, culture and artwork! This trip opened our eyes to a wonderful section of the world.

Sheila

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Copenhagen** Spend the day discovering Copenhagen before enjoying a late afternoon orientation drive and a light meal and welcome drink with your Travel Director and travel companions.

(D) Hotel: AC by Marriott Bella Sky

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 12:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2 Explore Historic Copenhagen** Join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour of the iconic sights, including the Amalienborg Palace Quarter. See Christiansborg Palace, the Neoclassical Cathedral, and the Little Mermaid. Enjoy time to explore on your own. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Journey Past Stunning Scenery to Randers Start the day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Amager Faelled. Journey to Odense, then continue across pastoral landscapes to Randers. Tonight, you enjoy a Stays with Stories at Hotel Randers. (B) Hotel: Randers

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Join an exclusive experience at Amager
Faelled, a small neighbourhood in
Copenhagen. Led by a community member,
stroll through the small nature reserve,
hear stories of life in the neighbourhood
and enjoy unparalleled views over the
city. Your visit directly supports United
Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11:

### Stays with Stories

Hotel Randers is one of the oldest hotels in the area, dating back to 1856, with its original artwork and VIP-rich guestbook.

Sustainable Cities and Communities.

**DAY 4 Set Sail for Stavanger** Set sail from Hirtshals across the Skagerrak to Kristiansand in Norway. Drive north past fjords, lakes and forests to Stavanger, one of Norway's oldest settlements. **(B, D) Hotel: Thon Maritim** 

## **DAY 5** Onwards to Colourful Bergen

Embark on an island hop from Stavanger to Bergen and see the Haakon's Hall, fish market and colourful Bryggen Quarter. This evening, travel to Egastronomi AB restaurant, for your **Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Thon Orion** 

**Be My Guest** 

Enjoy a traditional dinner with the Øvre-Eide family on their livestock farm in Norway.



**DAY 6 Bergen Your Way** Enjoy a full free day in Bergen your way. **(B)** 

DAY 7 Enjoy the Spectacular Flåm Railway and on to Sognefjord We drive east to the ski resort of Voss. Dive into Culture on the Flåm Valley train ride past the Kjosfossen Falls. Later, arrive in Sognefjord, 'King of the Fjords', where we will stay at the Sognefjord Hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sognefjord

## **DAY 8 Continue to Geirangerfjord**

Norway's incredible glacier countryside surrounds us on the way to Geirangerfjord. Tonight, our stay is at one of Trafalgar's most spectacularly located hotels. (B, D) Hotel: Havila

DAY 9 A Day at the Breathtaking Geirangerfjord Spend a full day admiring this natural wonder. Consider an Optional Experience to the Trollstigen, Norway's most famous mountain road. (B, D)

DAY 10 Venture to Historic Lom and Lillehammer Today you'll Dive into Culture and visit a 12<sup>th</sup>-century wooden stave church. We continue through the Gudbrands Valley before arriving in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Hafjell

**DAY 11 On to Oslo** See the Olympic ice arena at Hamar as we travel to Norway's cultural capital, Oslo. Join a **Local Specialist** and enjoy views of the medieval fortress of Akershus, the Opera and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Royal Palace. We visit the fascinating Vigeland Sculpture Park, before spending the rest of the day at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Scandic Solli** 

DAY 12 Journey to Stockholm We cross into Sweden today and continue via Karlstad on Lake Vänern, the largest lake in the European Union. Tonight perhaps consider an Optional Experience to the beautiful and atmospheric Old Town - Gamla Stan. (B) Hotel: Clarion

## **DAY 13 Discover Beautiful Stockholm**

Meet our **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour where you'll Dive into Culture on a visit to the City Hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet, see the medieval Storkyrkan, Riddarholm Church and the Royal Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner this evening. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 14 Farewell Scandinavia** Bid Stockholm and your newfound friends a fond farewell. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:30 and 11:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm

## **Discover on City Orientations** Odense, Stavanger, Bergen,

Odense, Stavanger, Bergen, Sognefjord, Geirangerfjord, Flåm and Lillehammer

## **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Stave Church in Lom, Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo and Stockholm's City Hall

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Little Mermaid in Copenhagen and Haakon's Hall in Bergen

## **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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## **Travel Responsibly**

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Trafalgar's sterling staff take you to a dizzying stratosphere of excitement with all the additional frills.

Mita

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## Best of Morocco

**4.4**/5 **feefo** Sa rated by Past Guests

11 Days | 1 Country | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

An in-depth Morocco trip featuring exciting sights, sounds, and flavours befitting its status as the gateway to Africa. Explore the ancient alleyways of Fes, marvel at the Saharan sunset, and enjoy the rich tapestry of Moroccan culture.



### **DAY 1 Welcome to Casablanca** The

intoxicating sights and sounds of Morocco are revealed on this epic adventure through an ancient land. Delve into the intrigue and romance of Casablanca, immortalised by Hollywood, before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner. **(D) Hotel: Gray** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 12:00 and 15:00.

DAY 2 Journey to Rabat, Meknès and on to Fes Continue along the coast to Rabat, where you'll embark on an orientation tour, taking in the grand 17th-century Palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Travel to the imperial city of Meknès to see the impressive Bab el-Mansour gate, adorned with green and white zellij tiles. Arrive in Fes, where you can spend the evening at leisure in the country's oldest imperial city. (B) Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace

DAY 3 Discover Vibrant Fes Join a Local Specialist today to explore the Medina, one of the largest medieval centres in the world. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to the non-profit American Fondouk. See the Royal Palace and explore the traditional dyepits and tanneries, showcasing Morocco's ancient leathercraft. Join your companions this evening for a Be My Guest experience, featuring Moroccan specialities served with wine in a traditional riad. (B, D)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Visit the non-profit American Fondouk and speak with the volunteer veterinarians.
This experience supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 15:
Life on Land.

## Be My Guest

Meet Khalid, owner of a 19th-century riad, and enjoy a Moroccan meal as he shares stories of his family's life, all while taking in views of Fes and the Zalaqh Mountains.

DAY 4 Onwards to Erfoud Follow the old caravan trail south, stopping for lunch in Midelt, a market town nestled between the Middle and High Atlas mountain ranges. Continue through the palm-fringed Ziz Valley and past the Tafilalt oasis to Erfoud, known as the 'Gateway to the Sahara. This evening, you will dine at your hotel. (B, L, D) Hotel: Kasbah Xaluca

## DAY 5 Sahara Experience in Merzouga

Enjoy a relaxed morning or explore the desert town of Rissani. This afternoon, savour a traditional Madfouna, or 'Berber Pizza,' with seasonal fillings and spices. Later, head to the Great Erg Chebbi dunes and transfer to your authentic Nomad-style accommodation. Witness a breathtaking sunset before dining with local music and dancers. Under the magical Sahara night sky, learn how Nomads navigated using the stars and constellations. (B, L, D) Hotel: Auberge Bivouacs La Belle Etoile

DAY 6 Off to Tinghir Oasis and the Stunning Dades Valley Journeying west, stop at Todra Gorge before continuing to Tinghir, one of the most beautiful oases in southern Morocco and home to the ruins of the ancient Glaoui palace. Wander the Kasbahs and discover the city as you enjoy some free time after lunch. Enjoy a Stays with Stories experience as you overnight at Xaluca Dades, surrounded by panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains. (B, L, D) Hotel: Dades Xaluca

## Stays with Stories

Promising paradise in the middle of the Atlas Mountains, the African-styled Xaluca Dades is surrounded by a spectacular mountainscape with panoramic views of the Dades Valley and its Berber villages.

DAY 7 Venture through the High Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh Ouarzazate, known for films like Lawrence of Arabia and Gladiator, blends seamlessly into the desert landscape. Visit the UNESCO-listed Aït Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains. Meet a local Imam and his family before crossing the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh, the 'Red City.' Explore the Medina, the old fortified part of Marrakesh, and its bustling souk, Morocco's largest. (B) Hotel: Ryad Mogador Menara

DAY 8 Explore Marrakesh Visit the ornate Dar El Bacha during a city orientation with your Local Specialist and spend some time soaking up the energy of Djemaa el Fna Square in the Old Quarter with its palm readers, storytellers and snake charmers. Spend the rest of the afternoon lingering in one of the city's beautiful gardens, discover the vibrant arts and culture scene or consider indulging in a traditional Hammam. (B)

## **DAY 9 Continue to Coastal Essaouira**

Travel to the laid-back shores of Essaouira this morning. Consider a delicious seafood lunch and enjoy some free time before joining an orientation with your Travel Director. Journey to the port city of El Jadida with its unique architectural mixture of Moorish-Portuguese-French influence.

(B, D) Hotel: Pullman Mazagan Royal Golf and Spa

DAY 10 Return to Casablanca This morning, journey north to Casablanca where you may choose to visit the magnificent Hassan II Mosque famous for its intricate Islamic architecture, built for the late King's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Later, join your Travel Director and companions for dinner to celebrate an unforgettable voyage of discovery. (B, D) Hotel: Gray

**DAY 11 Farewell Morocco** Say goodbye to your newfound friends at the end of your Moroccan holiday. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 05:00, 07:00, 10:00 and 12:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Fes and Marrakesh

## Visit Must-see Landmarks A traditional tannery and dye-pit in Fes, Midelt and Dar El Bacha

## View Must-see Landmarks

The Royal Palace, the Todra Gorge, Aït Ben Haddou and the Hassan II Mosque

## One-of-a-kind Experiences

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Morocco is a spectacular country. We love the culture, people, scenery, food, and our Travel Director was so funny and interesting.

Lisa

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## Best of Turkey

4.7/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

14 Days | 1 Country | 24 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

From the legends of Troy to ancient Greek cities, your travels will reveal the places where history happened. On this in-depth Best of Turkey voyage, you'll also venture into the Taurus Mountains for lunch with the Yazir community and relax on the shores of the Turkish Riviera.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Istanbul** Your journey of discovery starts in Istanbul. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)** 

Hotel: Arts Hotel Taksim

**Transfers:** Depart Istanbul Airport (IST) at

13:30 and 16:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

**DAY 2 Discover Colourful Istanbul** Enjoy a guided tour of the Topkapi Palace, view the Blue Mosque, visit to Hagia Sophia and consider an optional cruise on the Bosphorus. **(B)** 

## DAY 3 Journey to Gallipoli and Çanakkale

Journey to Gallipoli to see Anzac Cove and the Dardanelles. You'll visit the cemeteries of Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, then continue to Çanakkale. (B, D) Hotel: Kolin

DAY 4 Off to Troy and Izmir Explore the legends of Troy and see the symbolic replica of the famous wooden horse. This afternoon, connect with locals over lunch in the village of Demircidere at a Be My Guest experience. Travel to Izmir this evening where you'll dine at your hotel. (B, L, D) Hotel: Kaya Izmir Thermal & Convention

### **Be My Guest**

Meet the most liberated women of Turkey in the village of Demircidere and learn the art of baking traditional bread.century.



**DAY 5** Explore the Ruins of Ephesus Stroll through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, past the amazingly intact façade of the Library of Celcus and down to what was once its thriving port. See the House of Virgin Mary at Mt. Koressos, then spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)** 

**DAY 6 Onwards to Pamukkale** Leave the coastal city of Izmir behind as you journey inland to Pamukkale. Relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel before dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Colossae Thermal

## DAY 7 Venture to Hierapolis and Antalya

Follow in the footsteps of the ancients who sought relaxation at the Roman spa in Hierapolis, then admire the bubbling pools and white cascades of Pamukkale's Cotton Castle Springs. Your stop for the next two nights is the Mediterranean retreat of Antalya. Take some time to explore the winding lanes of its old town and admire the preserved Ottoman architecture. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: The

**DAY 8 Antalya Free Time** Enjoy a day at your own pace, taking in the captivating seaside ambiance of the Turkish Riviera. Stroll through the charming, winding streets of the old city, where you can admire the well-preserved Ottoman architecture. For an Optional Experience, you may choose a yacht cruise and guided tour of Antalya's historic old town. **(B)** 

DAY 9 On the Road to Aspendos and

Konya Visit Aspendos to witness the world's best-preserved ancient theatre, then continue your journey to Konya. (B, D) Hotel: Dedeman

DAY 10 Continue to Cappadocia See a 13th-century caravanserai before continuing your journey to Cappadocia and Saratli. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at King's Valley eco farm before arriving at your Stays with Stories experience, spending the night near the ancient Ortahisar rock castle. (B, D) Hotel: Exedra

## **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Meet local host Ali for a tour of his familyrun farm. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 11 & 12: Resilient Cities and Communities, and Sustainable Production and Consumption.

## Stays with Stories

The Exedra Hotel's rooms, carved from rock, boast unique designs and handcrafted antiques. During construction, a chapel was uncovered, inspiring the name 'Exedra,' a gathering place in ancient Rome.

**DAY 11** A Day to Explore Spectacular

**Göreme** Explore Cappadocia's landscape and visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum. Learn about the art of pottery in Avanos before dining in a local restaurant. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 12 Onwards to Ankara** Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the final resting place of the country's beloved Atatürk. **(B, D) Hotel: Grand Mercure** 

**DAY 13 Return to Istanbul** Return to Istanbul, visit the Grand Bazaar. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before finishing the day with a memorable dinner featuring local specialties. **(B, D) Hotel: Arts Taksim** 

**DAY 14 Farewell Istanbul** Bid Istanbul and newfound friends a fond farewell. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Istanbul Airport (IST) at 06:00 and 12:00.

## Anzac Day Special Departure

Visit trafalgar.com to learn about the special departure that features Anzac Day, with time to take in the commemorations and events at Gallipoli.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Istanbul

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the War Cemeteries at Gallipoli, ancient ruins of Troy, ancient city at Ephesus, Cotton Castle Springs in Pamukkale, Archaeological Museum in Antalya, home of the Whirling Dervishes at Konya, underground city of Saratli and Göreme Open-Air Museum

## **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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## **Travel Responsibly**

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Goreme National Park was so enchanting. It transported me to a Star Wars setting!

Aida

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DAY 1 Konnichiwa Tokyo Tokyo's futuristic cityscape launches your journey through Japan's modern centres and

ancient capitals. On arrival at Tokyo Narita or Haneda Airport, you'll be transferred by airport shuttle to your hotel. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a welcome drink with appetisers, Hotel: New Otani **Garden Tower** 

**DAY 2 Explore Vibrant Tokyo** Immerse yourself in culture as you explore Ameyoko Street Market, which originally served as a black market for American goods after World War II. Then, head to Asakusa to visit Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. Take a leisurely walk down Nakamise shopping street before joining a Local Specialist to learn the art of Taiko drumming. Finally, board a cruise along the Sumida River to admire Tokyo's modern skyline, and later enjoy dinner at a Sumo-themed izakaya restaurant. (B, D)

#### DAY 3 Majestic Mt. Fuji and Owakudani

The towering slopes of snow-capped Mt. Fuji loom in the distance as you journey from Tokyo to this celebrated UNESCOlisted site. Admire spectacular views of the surrounding countryside from its 5th station, a magnificent vantage point at 2,300 metres (weather permitting). After lunch at a local restaurant, you'll continue to Owakudani to see the volcanic activity. Consider sampling the local black eggs boiled in geysers, then head back to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

DAY 4 Continue to Kyoto Leave Tokyo, travelling by high-speed bullet train to Kyoto, another former capital of Japan and the centre of Japanese culture for centuries. On arrival, you'll embark on a walking tour of the Gion District, embracing the energy of Kawaramachi street. Visit Kinkakuji Temple, whose glittering golden pavilion is widely regarded as the symbol of Kyoto, before returning to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B) Hotel: The Hotel Higashiyama

**DAY 5 Discover Enchanting Kyoto Visit** the scenic Arashiyama district, famous for cherry blossoms and its ever-changing landscapes. Stroll through bamboo groves, see the iconic Togetsukyo Bridge and explore Tenryuji Temple's Zen gardens. Enjoy free time at Nishiki Market, known as "Kyoto's Pantry," before returning to your hotel or joining an optional tea ceremony. (B)

**DAY 6 Admire Ancient Nara On a MAKE** TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, discover Kiyomizu pottery, crafted for 500 years in Kyoto before artisans relocated due to air pollution concerns. Enjoy a Be My Guest experience with lunch at a local farmer's home, followed by a visit to their tea plantation. In the afternoon, explore Todaiji Temple in Nara, home to a large

bronze Buddha statue, and stroll through Nara Park, where tame deer roam freely. Return to Kyoto for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

#### Be My Guest

Meet a local farmer at a traditional tea plantation in Nara. Learn about their family life while sampling fresh tea and enjoying a delicious homemade meal.

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** Support the craft of Kiyomizu pottery artisans with a visit to their workshop. Your participation directly contributes to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

**DAY 7 Bullet Train to Hiroshima This** morning, board a high-speed bullet train to Hiroshima. Your first stop is a local restaurant, where you'll join our Local Specialist to learn how to make Okonomiyaki, with the opportunity to enjoy your creation for lunch. This afternoon, take the ferry to Miyajima Island to visit the famous UNESCO-listed Itsukushima Shrine and the elaborate torii gate rising majestically out of the sea. Before returning to Hiroshima by ferry, learn how to make Momiji Manjyu, one of the local specialties. (B, L) Hotel: Rihga Royal

**DAY 8 Experience Hiroshima** This morning, head to the Peace Memorial Park and Museum and see the UNESCOlisted Peace Memorial, the only structure left standing when the first atomic bomb exploded in 1945. Take a moment to contemplate its symbolic expression of hope for world peace. (B, L)

DAY 9 Onwards to Osaka Today, take the high-speed bullet train to Osaka. Upon arrival, embark on an orientation drive of the city before checking in to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at your leisure. (B) **Hotel: Sheraton Miyako** 

#### DAY 10 See the Sights of Osaka

Experience Osaka's iconic sights with a cruise along the Okawa River. Visit Shinsekai to see Tsutenkaku Tower, then explore Dotonbori Street at your own pace. Discover the tragic Edo-period love story of Ohatsu and Tokubei at Tsuyunoten Shrine in Umeda. Enjoy panoramic views from the Floating Garden Observatory atop the Umeda Sky Building, and later, join your fellow guests and Travel Director for dinner. (B, D)

**DAY 11 Sayonara Osaka** Your journey revealing Japan's past and present is at its end, take a transfer by airport shuttle service to Kansai International Airport or Osaka Itami Airport for your onward flight. (B)

#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Osaka

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Mt. Fuji 5th Station, Gion District and Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, the bamboo groves in Arashiyama, Nara Park and Todaiji Temple in Nara, Peace Memorial Park and Museum in Hiroshima. Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island and Tsuyunoten Shrine and Umeda Sky Building in Osaka

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 6 for your unique local encounters

#### **Travel Responsibly**

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This was my first tea ceremony, and it was a very special moment, especially because it took place in Kyoto (the home of matcha tea).

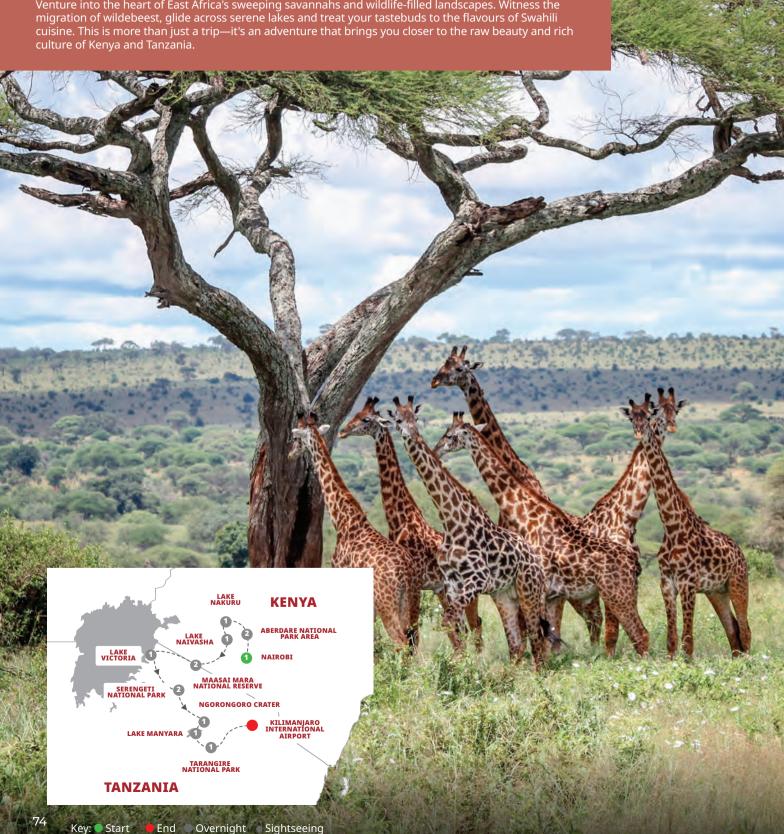
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## A what his to African Safari Adventure 14 Days | 2 Countries | 39 Meals | Balanced Activity Departure months: Year-round

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Venture into the heart of East Africa's sweeping savannahs and wildlife-filled landscapes. Witness the



**DAY 1 Jambo (Hello) Nairobi** Your safari adventure begins in Nairobi, where you'll be greeted at the airport by a Trafalgar Representative and taken to your hotel. Meet your fellow travellers and Driver Guide for dinner at the famous Carnivore restaurant. **(D) Hotel: Tamarind Tree** 

## DAY 2 Journey to Aberdare National Park Area Start the day with a special

Be My Guest experience at a historic home, enjoying local cuisine and sampling tea and coffee. Later, journey to the scenic Aberdare Highlands, your base for the next two nights. (B, L, D) Hotel: Aberdare Country Club

#### **Be My Guest**

Learn about the process of coffee and tea production during a visit to the home of the late Geoffrey Kariithi, now run and managed by his daughter, Grace.

**DAY 3 Explore Solio Game Reserve** Set off on a half-day game drive in the Solio Game Reserve, known for its rhino conservation efforts and abundant wildlife, including buffalo, zebra, and giraffe. Spend the afternoon relaxing or take a nature walk within the lodge's sanctuary. (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 4 Lake Nakuru National Park After**

a photo stop at Thomson's Falls, head to Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for its birdlife and home to lions and leopards. With your Driver Guide, explore the park's hidden gems before settling into your accommodation. (B, L, D) Hotel: Lake Nakuru Lodge

DAY 5 Admire Lake Naivasha Wake up early for a sunrise game drive along Lake Nakuru's shore to spot flamingos, pelicans, rhinos, and buffalo. Continue to Lake Naivasha for lunch and a boat ride. Walk by zebra and giraffe with a Local Specialist on Crescent Island, and end the day with your Stays with Stories experience at the historic Lake Naivasha Country Club. (B, L, D) Hotel: Lake Naivasha Country Club

#### Stays with Stories

The Naivasha hotel was opened in the 1930s as a staging post for Imperial Airways, flying boat service from Durban to Dublin. Experience a slice of natural paradise within the sprawling 55-acre gardens, experience.

#### DAY 6 Off to the Maasai Mara National

Reserve Travel across the Great Rift Valley to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, one of the world's best spots for game viewing. Settle into your lodge in the heart of the reserve, perfectly positioned for wildlife sightings. (B, L, D) Hotel: Keekorok Lodge

#### DAY 7 A Day to Discover the Maasai Mara

Spend a full day in the Maasai Mara on safari, looking for the Big 5: lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, and buffalo. Visit a Maasai village, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, to learn about local traditions. (B, L, D)

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Support a Maasai tribe and learn about their culture during your visit to the Maasai Mara National Reserve. This experience directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

#### **DAY 8 Continue to Serene Lake Victoria**

Say goodbye to Kenya and cross into Tanzania, where you'll meet your new Driver Guide. Head to Lake Victoria and relax by Africa's largest lake. (B, L, D) Hotel: Serenity on the Lake

#### **DAY 9 Travel to Serengeti National**

Park Begin your Tanzanian adventure in Serengeti National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. After lunch, embark on your first game drive through the plains, spotting lions, leopards, and cheetahs as they roam this legendary landscape. (B, L, D) Hotel: Serengeti Serena Lodge

DAY 10 Safari in the Serengeti Continue your Serengeti exploration with a full-day game drive. During the months of the Great Migration, you can witness millions of animals cross the plains in search of food. Each turn offers new wildlife encounters in this iconic park. (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 11 Discover the Ngorongoro Crater**

Leave the Serengeti behind and journey to the Ngorongoro Crater for a picnic lunch among elephants, wildebeest and lions, before ascending to the rim for sweeping views. (B, L, D) Hotel: Acacia Farm Lodge

#### **DAY 12 Venture to Lake Manyara** In

the village of Mto wa Umbu, embark on a walking tour, sampling local banana beer and enjoying a home-cooked lunch. Later, enjoy a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, known for its tree-climbing lions. (B, L, D) Hotel: Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

#### **DAY 13 Traverse Tarangire National**

Park Arrive at Tarangire National Park just in time for lunch. Relax or meet the local tree hyraxes before your final game drive. Explore the park's unique landscapes and spot its famous elephant herds. (B, L, FD) Hotel: Tarangire Sopa Lodge

**DAY 14 Farewell** Stop for lunch at a coffee plantation before saying farewell to your Driver Guide and friends. If departing late, consider booking a day room at KIA Lodge to relax before your flight. **(B, L)** 

#### Travel Note

This trip is operated on a small group basis. Guests travel in a 4 X 4 safari vehicle for the full duration of the itinerary. The trip will travel over a variety of terrains, resulting in some bumpy journeys. Guests must travel with a soft-sided bag or medium size suitcase due to limited space in the safari vehicles.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Solio Game Reserve, Lake Nakuru National Park, Lake Naivasha, Maasai Mara National Game Reserve, Lake Victoria, Serengeti National Park, the Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara National Park and Tarangire National Park

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Thomsons Falls in Nyahururu, Lake Victoria

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 2 and 5 for your unique local encounters

#### **Travel Responsibly**

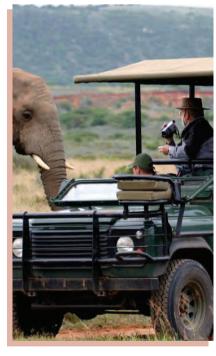
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Seeing the elephant up close was so different than seeing an elephant in the zoo.

Chris

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## Spectacular Canadian Rockies 4.6/5 feefo 60 As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: May - Oct

Your Canada adventure will have you strolling Vancouver, visiting UNESCO-listed Mount Robson, Jasper and Banff National Park. Delve into the heart of rural farm life with the Maan Family, your Be My Guest hosts and start your day in Victoria with a before-hours breakfast amidst the blooming splendour of



DAY 1 Welcome to Vancouver The soaring peaks of Canada's soul-stirring Rockies take centre stage on this epic alpine adventure that begins in Vancouver, one of the world's most livable cities. Spend the day discovering the city's scenic surrounds on your own, then join your Travel Director and fellow travel companions dinner this evening. (D) Hotel: Pinnacle Harbourfront

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

#### DAY 2 The Delights of Vancouver and

Victoria Embark on a morning sightseeing tour of Vancouver's historic neighbourhoods and view First Nations totem poles of Stanley Park. Visit the Bill Reid Gallery on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before continuing by ferry to Vancouver Island for an orientation tour in Victoria. (B) Hotel: Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Discover the only public Gallery in Canada dedicated to contemporary Indigenous Northwest Coast Art on a private guided tour. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

#### **DAY 3** Admire the Colours of Victoria

Embrace the Garden City status of Victoria as you greet the day with before-hours breakfast at Butchart Gardens, a 55-acre showcase of gorgeous floral gardens that have colourfully transformed a once unused quarry. After breakfast, enjoy time in the garden prior to the gates being open to the public. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the walkable capital of British Columbia or join an optional Victoria Whale Watching Excursion and keep your eyes peeled for whales, bald eagles, porpoises or seals. **(B)** 

DAY 4 Relax and Enjoy the Outdoors In Kamloops Depart Victoria by ferry with one last view of the city's historic buildings and make your way to Maan Farms for a Be My Guest experience. In Kamloops, enjoy a Stays with Stories experience at The South Thompson Inn. (B, L) Hotel: South Thompson Inn & Conference Centre

#### **Be My Guest**

Get a glimpse of what rural farm life looks like and see firsthand the different cultures that make up Canada as a melting pot.

#### **Stays with Stories**

Once home to a thoroughbred racing stable, this riverfront property still has the original brick manor and carriage houses.

#### **DAY 5 Gaze Upon Mount Robson** This

afternoon you'll stop at the Mount Robson Visitor Centre where you can admire UNESCO-listed Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies in all its 12,972 feet (3,954 metres) of glory. Then travel through the raw wilderness of magnificent Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the evening at leisure

or join an evening optional to experience the majestic scenery of Jasper National Park on foot during a guided nature hike. (B) Hotel: Chateau Jasper

#### **DAY 6** Admire Jasper National Park

Maligne Canyon springs to life this morning on a guided hike. Later, take to the aqua waters and cruise Maligne Lake (seasonal), admiring views of its three glaciers and Spirit Island. Then kick back with more gorgeous views over a delicious lunch with wine at the lakeside Maligne Lake Chalet. Continue your exploration choosing to join an Optional Experience easy rafting trip down the Athabasca River, a route used by the "fur traders" over two centuries ago, keeping your eyes peeled for local wildlife. Later tonight, take in an optional theatre performance highlighting the best of this little mountain town. (B, L)

**DAY 7 Voyage to Athabasca Glacier Your** adventure begins with a ride onto the Athabasca Glacier with your **Local Specialist** in an all—terrain Ice Explorer - a massive vehicle specially designed for glacial travel. On this thrilling trip, an experienced driverguide will share a wealth of fascinating information about glaciers and their impact on our environment. Take a sip of ice-cold glacier water and admire the surrounding snowcapped panorama. Continue on to Lake Louise, where there is time to soak in the majestic beauty of the lake and its turquoise, glacier-fed waters, fringed by high peaks, deep green forests and overlooked by Victoria Glacier. Then to the township of Banff, in the heart of UNESCO-listed Banff National Park. (B) Hotel: Banff Park Lodge

DAY 8 Explore Banff Join an optional helicopter tour of Mt Assiniboine or Three Sisters Peak. After lunch, opt to take the Brewster Banff Gondola. Then enjoy Banff sightseeing including Bow Falls, Surprise Corner and other local sights. Tonight, join your newfound friends for a dinner as you toast the end of our unforgettable encounter with Canada's Rockies. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Farewell Banff and Calgary** Descend from the glorious Canadian Rockies and depart Calgary for your return flight home or make your way to the Westin Calgary if you are extending your stay. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Calgary International Airport at 11:30.

#### Rocky Mountaineer or Alaska Cruise Options

Extend your tour onboard the Rocky Mountaineer for two days of rail travel through Canada's West and the Canadian Rockies. Or extend with an 8-day Alaska Cruise through calm waters of the Inside Passage. Read more online.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Columbia Icefield Adventure

**Discover on City Orientations**Vancouver, Victoria

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Mt Robson Visitor Centre, Maligne Canyon during a guided walk, Butchart Gardens, Jasper National Park, Banff National Park

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Lake Louise, Stanley Park Totem Poles, Athabasca Falls, Mount Robson, Bow Falls and Surprise Corner

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Drive along Icefields Parkway, cruise across Maligne Lake to Spirit Island

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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The moment we stepped onto the dock I was overwhelmed with a sense of awe. This was a magical and spiritual experience for me.

Jamie

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# Tastes and Sounds of the South

**4.7**/5 **feefo** •• As rated by Past Guests

10 Days | 1 Country | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Join us for a little jazz, home cookin' from local Southerners, country music and a whole lot of Rock 'n' Roll on this inspiring American South tour showcasing the rich culture of Memphis, Nashville, Natchez and New Orleans, plus a trip to Elvis's iconic Graceland.



DAY 1 Howdy Nashville Welcome to Nashville. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Centre

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

#### **Stays with Stories**

The Gaylord Opryland Resort in the heart of Nashville is an expansive property with nine acres of lush, indoor garden atriums. The resort has witnessed iconic performances, including those by legend Johnny Cash, and stands as the proud home to the world-renowned Grand Ole Opry.

#### **DAY 2 Hear the Rhythm of Nashville RCA**

Studio B reveals the legends of Elvis Presley, Jim Reeves and Roy Orbison. Gain insights into the life and music of Johnny Cash during a private performance of original Cash tunes with one of Johnny's family members. We will visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. This evening, enjoy a live show at the iconic Grand Ole Opry. (B)

DAY 3 Discover the History of the

Nashville Sound Continue our discovery of Nashville with a visit to the Johnny Cash Museum. With an afternoon on your own, amble through Broadway's honky-tonk scene or perhaps enjoy the gut-busting flavours of homemade hot chicken or biscuits. Or join one of the Optional Experiences such as a visit to the brandnew National Museum of African American Music or a self-guided tour of the Ryman Auditorium, the original home of The Grand Ole Opry. (B)

#### DAY 4 Sway to the Blues of Memphis

Head to Memphis' famous Beale Street, the birthplace of Blues, Soul, and Rock 'n' Roll, for a tour where we'll meet a musician and Local Specialist to learn about the musical heritage of Memphis. Continue your Memphis sightseeing with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the National Civil Rights Museum. Enjoy a Regional Dinner of Southern cuisine this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Memphis Downtown

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Built around the site of the assassination
of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this is
one of the nation's premier heritage
museums devoted to American Civil Rights
Movement. Your experience advances
United Nations Sustainable Development
Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

DAY 5 Visit the Home of The King Worship

at the altar of the King, Elvis Presley, and head to Graceland, a National Historic Landmark. Explore Elvis's incredible career through hundreds of artefacts, photos and memorabilia. Then pay a visit to Sun Studio, where the first Rock 'n' Roll single was recorded in 1951. This evening is free to explore the city your way. **(B)** 

**DAY 6 Taste Southern Charm in Natchez** 

Kick off the day's sightseeing with a musical morning at the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum before leaving for Natchez, Mississippi. The best way to experience Natchez is with a taste of Southern hospitality and you will experience all this and more at tonight's memorable Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Magnolia Bluffs Casino

#### Be My Guest

Enjoy a private piano performance before joining your host as they open the doors of their beautiful historic home and share their stories with you over dinner and backyard cocktails.



**DAY 7 Explore the South's Story** Today

your travels take you deeper into an important part of Southern history. On this morning's visit to a working cotton plantation, Frogmore Plantation and Gins, learn about Natchez planters and the trials of slavery in the South. Tour the property boasting 19 restored antebellum structures and equipment dating from the early 1800s including a Smithsonian quality steam gin listed on the National Register. (B) Hotel: Sheraton New Orleans

DAY 8 Venture into New Orleans Let the good times roll in New Orleans today with a Local Specialist, stopping at City Park and one of the ornate above-ground cemeteries. The afternoon is yours to explore on your own or choose an Optional Experience like a Jazz Cruise on the Mississippi River or visit to

#### **DAY 9 Entice your Senses in New Orleans**

the National World War II museum. (B)

Today is yours to explore the French, Spanish and Creole sights and sounds of New Orleans. Why not join an Optional Experience at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park exploring the scenic swamp and bayou. This evening, join your Travel Director and new friends for a memorable Farewell Dinner including a private cooking demonstration hosted by a local chef showcasing Creole flavours at the New Orleans School of Cooking. (B, D)

#### **DAY 10 Until Next Time New Orleans**

For now, it's 'Au Revoir' New Orleans, but not 'Adieu'. Depart New Orleans at your leisure. (B)

## Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

RCA Studio B, Sun Studios on a guided tour led by a local musician, Memphis on a musical city tour, Frogmore Plantation, and discover how to make iconic dishes at the New Orleans School of Cooking

## Discover on City Orientations Nashville

Visit Must-see Landmarks

Grand Ole Opry, The Johnny Cash Museum, Graceland, Rock 'n' Soul Museum, and Country Music Hall of Fame for a private performance of original Johnny Cash tunes with one of Johnny's family members

#### One-of-a-kind Experiences

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In retelling the trip, I am reminded of ALL the unique aspects: the music, history, culture, people-watching and encounters.

Shelia

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## TURN BACK THE CLOCK

Martin Luther King famously said: "We are not makers of history. We are made by history." And what better time to learn from the past than while soaking up a new destination? Here's some cultural and historical stops that stand out.

#### **EDINBURGH CASTLE EXPERIENCE**

Edinburgh Castle is one of the most attacked fortresses in the world.
Yet this ultimate battleground still stands proud in the centre of the Scottish capital. Dive into its complex history – witnessing the crown jewels and the epic halls of the National War Museum of Scotland on this gripping tour. Experience on Britain and Ireland Delight, Majestic Scotland, and 3 other tours.

#### TA PROHM TEMPLE

You'll be wowed as you explore Ta Prohm, the ancient Angkor temple and UNESCO World Heritage Site, that is famously where Tomb Raider was filmed. Over generations, this ancient gem has been swallowed up by the surrounding jungle. It has to be seen to be believed. Experience on Vietnam and Cambodia Adventure.

#### WASHINGTON ILLUMINATION TOUR

Soak up some of the most important buildings and monuments in the world at night in this alternative tour of Washington D.C. Marvel at the illuminated sights of the Capitol, the White House, and the Jefferson Memorial and enjoy a rooftop walk at the Kennedy Centre. Experience on Road Trip USA Coast to Coast and The Big Apple Niagara and Washington DC.

## SIP 'N DIP

Food (and drink!) is the way to many people's hearts. Indulge your soul in a delicious feast during your tour. Calories don't count on holiday, right?

#### **AUTHENTIC ARGENTINE IMMERSION**

After a welcome drink and starters, get hands-on making empanadas – learning



the special sealing technique after picking your delicious fillings. Bake and enjoy! Hopefully you'll still be hungry as next is a 24-hour perfected steak washed down with an exquisite Malbec from Mendoza. Sublime. Choose this on South America Samba and South America Discovery.

#### **OLD DELHI FOOD TOUR AND DINNER**

Prepare for sensory overload in the heart of Old Delhi. Stop at Khari Baoli, Asia's biggest spice market, and watch traders who have worked there for generations while inhaling aromas of the region. Cap it off with dinner at Karim known for its authentic Mughlai specialties. Choose this on Highlights of Northern India with Mumbai.

#### FRANSCHHOEK WINE TRAM

Set off through the lush vineyards of Franschhoek on a hop-on, hop-off vintage-style Wine Tram. You can pick one of eight unique routes that crisscross across the region, visiting some of its most celebrated wineries. Dive into tastings of crisp Sauvignon Blancs or savour fullbodied reds such as Shiraz and Merlot. Choose this on Icons of Southern Africa.

## **JUST... WOW!**

Prepare to be amazed! No holiday would be complete without making time for some truly sensational experiences and getting your heart racing. Here's some of the best.

#### SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGECLIMB

Strap in for an experience of a lifetime, climbing one of the world's most famous landmarks – Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Over three-and-a-half-hours, you'll scale a number of catwalks and ladders as you ascend to the summit, 134 metres above the harbour with sensational views. Thrilling!

Choose this on Bucket List Australia and Bucket List New Zealand & Australia.



#### **HOBBITON DAY TOUR**

New Zealand has provided the stunning backdrop to a number of Hollywood movies – including, of course, the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Experience the real Middle-earth at the Hobbiton Movie Set, where you can step into the lush pastures of the Shire. Choose this on Bucket List New Zealand and Australia.

#### RED ROCK CANYON CLASSIC PINK JEEPS TOUR

Discover the untamed beauty of the Red Rock Canyon – just minutes away from the Las Vegas Strip. Climb aboard a funky pink jeep and marvel at the rugged landscape's sheer natural beauty in the company of an expert guide.

Choose this on Best of the West.

#### **10KM RAINBOW MOUNTAIN HIKE**

As you take on this rigorous climb, enjoy a feast for the eyes at the diversity of South American camelids, lakes and beautiful landscapes and at the summit, the colorful Vinicunca mountain. Be sure to snap a few shots! Breakfast & lunch included. Choose this on Peru Explorer.

#### **SUPERFLY ZIPLINES**

Experience the ultimate thrill of speeding along two of Canada's longest ziplines that soar 600 feet above the ground and are a kilometre long. Soak up the stunning mountain wilderness from a truly unique perspective at speeds of up to 100 km/h. Take the leap on Panoramic Canadian Rockies.

#### **GRAND CELEBRATION HELICOPTER TOUR**

Catch unbeatable views of the Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, the Colorado River, and the Mojave Desert during your sky-high tour of the Grand Canyon West. Touch down at the very bottom of the Canyon and savour a light picnic and a glass of champagne before hopping on a return flight. Take flight on Road Trip USA Coast to Coast and Best of the West.

## **MOVE 'N GROOVE**

Get into the groove with these funky experiences that will bring to life the beating heart of the host city.

#### **CELTIC STEPS**

Ready for a night that'll stick with you long after? An evening packed with authentic Irish music, song, and dance awaits! Dive into the rich Irish culture and watch some top-notch local dancers and musicians who'll bring the spirit of Kerry and its surroundings to life. Choose this on Irish Wonder and Britain and Ireland Explorer.

#### **GOLD RESTAURANT WITH DJEMBE DRUMMING**

Feel the beat as your experience starts with a hands-on djembe drumming session. You'll then indulge in a 14-dish tasting menu while entertained by a Mali puppet show with vibrant storytelling through singing and dancing. It's a dive into Cape Town's cultural tapestry. Feel the beat on Icons of Southern Africa and Wonders of the Western Cape.

#### TRADITIONAL GREEK TAVERNA MEAL WITH ENTERTAINMENT

Soak up the spirit of Greece on this trip to a traditional taverna. Dive into the rich tastes of Greek cuisine as you soak up live dance and music that bring the local culture to life. Stick around after the show to mix and mingle with the locals for a genuine Athenian night of fun. Choose this on Greek Island Explorer, and 3 other tours.

## **BORN TO BE WILD**

Embrace nature and indulge your wild side with one of these unforgettable encounters with animals.

#### MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST NIGHT WALK

Step into the mystical Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve after dark and immerse yourself in a nocturnal adventure. With a Local Guide, learn about this unique ecosystem, uncovering the secrets of the plants and animals that thrive here. Choose this on Costa Rica Adventure.

#### **SWAMP AND BAYOU TOUR**

Take a fascinating pontoon boat journey into the heart of the Louisiana swamps and bayous, cruising through the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park. Your guide will unlock the secrets of this mysterious landscape as you spy the nesting grounds of alligators, egrets and raccoons.

Choose this on Rhythms of the South and Road Trip USA Coast to Coast.

## MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® CHOICE EXPERIENCE — TURTLE SANCTUARY

Discover the Glyfada Turtle Rehab, the Mediterranean's first turtle sanctuary. Hang with the wildlife heroes who care for these creatures and spread the word on why they deserve our protection. Choose this on Greek Island Explorer, and 1 other tour.





## BEAR VIEWING SAFARI IN WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK

The Whistler Olympic Park offers a unique opportunity to observe black bears against the stunning Canadian landscape. On this experience, you'll also journey to the top of the iconic Olympic Ski Jump for a gold-medal-worthy view that spans panoramic mountains and valleys. Choose this on Panoramic Canadian Rockies.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® CHOICE EXPERIENCE — JOURNEY THROUGH BIRD PARADISE

Step into a world where feathers flutter and birdsong fills the air at this family-owned sanctuary for over 900 native birds spanning 150 species. Wander through lush subtropical forests and venture into aviaries for an intimate encounter with these winged wonders. Choose this on South America Discovery and South America Samba.

## TAKE TO THE WATER

Wade into these watery experiences and bring another dimension to your visit.

#### **VICTORIA WHALE WATCHING EXCURSION**

Spring and summer are the best times of the year for whale-spotting off the coast of Victoria. Join this three-hour excursion to potentially see orcas, humpback whales, minke, and gray whales. If you're out of season, keep an eye out for bald eagles, porpoises or seals playing in the water. Experience this on Panoramic Canadian Rockies and Wonders of the Canadian Rockies.

#### **DOURO CRUISE AND DINNER**

Sip on a glass of fine port as you gently cruise the Douro River, taking in the stunning views of two UNESCO-listed medieval cities and marvelling at its five iconic bridges. You'll round off your sightseeing adventure with a traditional meal in the medieval Ribeira Quarter.

Experience this on Picturesque Portugal.

#### **JOURNEY TO TIGRE DELTA**

Escape to the peaceful Tigre Delta, a verdant oasis on the northern fringe of Ruenos Aires. This beloved retreat



is where city dwellers flock for the weekend. Discover a slice of Argentine life far removed from the urban hustle and bustle. Experience this on South America Discovery and South America Samba.

#### SEINE CRUISE AND PARIS ILLUMINATIONS

The City of Lights is arguably most spectacular from the water. Hop on a leisurely cruise down the River Seine, where the Grand Palais and the Eiffel Tower come to life in a whole new light (pardon the pun!). Experience this on Highlights of France, European Experience, and 13 other tours.

### **GET ZEN**

Chill out and embrace these cultural experiences that highlight the importance of slowing down.

#### **UBUD YOGA EXPERIENCE**

Bali and yoga go hand in hand. Held at the Yoga Barn in the heart of Ubud, come and stretch out with friendly teachers who'll embrace your ability – be it expert or total beginner. Namaste. Choose this on Magical Bali.

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® CHOICE EXPERIENCE — TRADITIONAL TEA IN WAZUKA VILLAGE

Wazuka village in Kyoto is famous for its exquisite matcha green tea. Step into the world of a family-run farm and uncover the deep-rooted significance of tea in local culture and how its owners promote employment, education, and tourism in the area. Complete your visit with a tea tasting session. Choose this on Japan Discovery.

















**Countries** 

Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Amsterdam: See the historic city centre

Lucerne: Visit the Lion Monument and view the Chapel Bridge

Venice: Cruise by private boat to St. Mark's Square and visit a traditional glassblowing workshop

Rome: View the Colosseum and see the ancient sites

Paris: View the Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower

plus more

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**Key:** Start/end Overnights ■ Sightseeing stops

You won't be able to keep your eyes off the epic landscapes of the Rhine, Tuscany and the French Riviera as you journey from Amsterdam to all the main highlights of Europe. Explore Venice and Paris, encounter centuries of papal history in Rome and Avignon, and cruise down Europe's mightiest river.

#### DAY 1. LONDON - AMSTERDAM

This morning, meet your Travel Director and fellow travel companions, and continue to Dover. Travel by ferry to Calais, then wind your way through Belgium and the Netherlands to reach Amsterdam. Hotel: Ibis Schiphol



Get the best view of the city on a private Amsterdam canal cruise from a glassroofed boat.

#### DAY 2. AMSTERDAM ORIENTATION

It won't take long to fall in love with the Dutch capital. Your orientation tour will take you through the city's historic centre, then perhaps join a Choice Experience to Volendam where the Dutch traditions of cheese and clog making take centre stage or on an optional cruise through the city's canals. (B)



Visit the UNESCO-listed Muiderslot Castle with a Local Guide and get a real taste of Dutch history.





Visit a working windmill to learn about cheese and clogs, and explore the charming Volendam.

## DAY 3. AMSTERDAM - RHINE CRUISE - RHINELAND

You'd be forgiven for wanting to jump ship and stay forever as you cruise down the Rhine River, passing medieval villages on its shores, steep vineyards and storybook castles. (B, D) Hotel: NH Hirschberg

#### DAY 4. RHINELAND - LUCERNE REGION

Slice through the heart of Switzerland bound for Lucerne on your very own 'Grand Tour' of Europe. Take a step back in time when you join your Travel Director for an orientation tour, exploring the Old Town, the ancient wooden Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument. This afternoon, you'll have some time to explore the city your way, perhaps with some retail therapy. You could choose to ascend to the alpine heavens instead, joining an optional scenic cruise across Lake Lucerne to Stans, then travelling by railway and cable car up into the mountains for exhilarating mountain views. **(B, D)** Hotel: SwissEver Zug



Cruise Lake Lucerne, then ride a mountain railway and take a Cabrio cable car up to 6300ft on Mount Stanserhorn.

#### DAY 5. LUCERNE REGION - VENICE (ORIAGO)

Touch the sky when you follow the St. Gotthard highway south to Italy. Continue past Italy's enchanting Lake District and the Veneto Plains to Venice. You'll have some time to explore on your own or see Venice from its canals, by joining a Choice Experience cruise by private water taxi. (B, D) Hotel: II Burchiello



Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.

#### DAY 6. VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square and view the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Spend your time wandering in the calle of Venice and watch talented master craftspersons at a glassblowing demonstration, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Later, consider taking an optional cruise across the lagoon to colourful Burano Island. (B)



Step aboard your private boat to discover multi-coloured houses and the fresh seafood of Burano.

#### DAY 7. VENICE - ROME

The 'Eternal City' beckons as you cross the Apennines through Tuscany to Rome. Consider joining an optional sightseeing tour of Rome's piazzas and fountains. (B) Hotel: Ergife Palace

#### DAY 8. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Meet your Local Guide for a sightseeing tour that begins in the Vatican City. The dome of St. Peter's Basilica looms over the expansive St. Peter's Square - the impressive backdrop for time spent learning about the world's smallest country. The rest of the day is yours to explore. Perhaps join an optional





light-hearted meal in the evening, revealing all the flavours that would make any Italian mamma proud.(B) Hotel: Raganelli



Experience La Dolce Vita in Rome: savour delectable Italian dishes and delight in mesmerising Roman music.

#### DAY 9. ROME - FLORENCE

Now's your chance to experience Florence's artistic legacy in all its glory. Experience the heart of the city and see the Fountain of Neptune in Piazza della Signoria. This evening, consider joining a Choice Experience dinner in the Tuscan hills. (B) Hotel: The Gate



Follow Chianti's scenic road to Machiavelli's house for a feast with wine and music.

## DAY 10. FLORENCE - PISA - MONACO - FRENCH RIVIERA

Give in to peer pressure and snap a few strategic photos featuring you and the extraordinary Leaning Tower of Pisa. Head south to the stylish shores of Monaco and the French Riviera. (B, D) Hotel: Ibis Cannes Mandelieu

#### DAY 11. FRENCH RIVIERA FREE TIME

You have a full free day to do as you wish on the French Riviera. You may choose to join your fellow travellers for a Choice Experience of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. (B)

#### DAY 12. FRENCH RIVIERA -Avignon - Lyon

Today you'll travel to the heart of Provence and the city of Avignon. A brief brush with the Papacy in the 14th century has gifted Avignon with one of the world's most incredible religious architectural legacies. While it may no longer hold the importance that the Vatican does today, views of its Palace of the Popes and St. Bénezet Bridge are just as inspiring. Later today, you'll arrive in Lyon. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Styles Hotel Lyon Confluence

#### DAY 13. LYON - VERSAILLES - PARIS

Travel north through scenic countryside. Stop in Versailles and consider a Choice Experience to visit the magnificent Palace of Versailles before arriving in Paris. **(B)** Hotel: Novotel Pont de Sèvres

#### DAY 14. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

See some of Paris' iconic sights, including the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and Eiffel Tower. Then spend the rest of the day discovering the city on your terms. Don't resist the urge to join a Choice Experience for a dinner and cabaret performance. (B)



Explore the winding streets, charming art galleries, and the lively Artists' Square of Montmartre with a Local Guide.

#### DAY 15. DEPART PARIS

This morning, after breakfast, say farewell to your fellow travellers. (B)

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Trip departure months

Apr - Oct + Dec



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Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.









**Countries** 

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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Lucerne:** Visit the Lion Monument and view the Chapel Bridge

**Verona:** View the Roman Arena and Juliet's Balcony

**Venice:** Cruise by private boat to St. Mark's Square

Rome: See the ancient sites with a Local Guide

Florence: See Piazza Santa Croce

Pisa: View the Leaning Tower

**Paris:** View the Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower

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Explore the romantic landscapes, pretty medieval villages and stately capitals of Europe on this 18-day voyage from Amsterdam to Rome and Paris with visits to Vaduz and Monaco along the way. You'll cruise down the Rhine, see the mournful lion of Lucerne and visit Vatican City as you capture all the exhilarating highlights of Europe.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE AMSTERDAM**

We kick off our Europe adventure in historic, yet trendy Amsterdam where you could choose to join an optional city cruise in a glass-topped boat. Hotel: Ibis Schiphol



Visit a working windmill, taste local gouda cheese and see how local artisans create handcrafted wooden shoes.



Get the best view of the city on a private Amsterdam canal cruise from a glassroofed boat.

## DAY 2. AMSTERDAM - COLOGNE - RHINE CRUISE - RHINELAND

Head east through the lush landscapes of Germany, stopping in Cologne to view its Gothic cathedral before boarding your cruise down the Rhine. (B, D) Hotel: NH Mannheim Viernheim

#### DAY 3. RHINELAND - COLMAR -**LUCERNE REGION**

History comes to life as you journey through the vineyards of Alsace to Colmar, which looks like it belongs in a Brothers Grimm fairy tale. Continue through the mountains near Lake Lucerne. (B, D) Hotel: City Brunnen

#### DAY 4. LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Your Travel Director will take you on an orientation tour through Lucerne's Old Town. Then let the 'heart' of Switzerland capture yours as you immerse yourself in its history and epic scenery. (B)



Cruise Lake Lucerne, then ride a mountain railway and take a Cabrio cable car up to 6300ft on Mount Stanserhorn.



Indulge in Swiss fondue and yodelling for the ultimate Alpine dining experience. Prost!

#### DAY 5. LUCERNE REGION - LIECHTENSTEIN - INNSBRUCK

Big things come in small packages as you'll come to discover when you visit the Principality of Liechtenstein, Continue to Innsbruck and admire the Hofburg Palace and Emperor Maximilian's Golden Roof, Marvel at the fascinating crystal installations at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Store. (B, D) Hotel: Alphotel/Bon Alpina

#### DAY 6. INNSBRUCK - VERONA -**VENICE (MESTRE)**

Verona certainly is the stuff of legends. View Juliet's Balcony and admire the Roman Arena before continuing to Venice for an optional gondola and Grand Canal cruise. (B, D) Hotel: LH Sirio Venice



Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.

#### DAY 7. VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square then visit a glassblowing workshop, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. There's time to join a Choice Experience to the vibrant rainbow-coloured facades of Burano Island. (B)



Step aboard your private boat to discover multi-coloured houses and the fresh seafood of Burano.

#### DAY 8. VENICE - ROME

Cross the Veneto plains and Apennine hills, travelling south to Rome. Consider joining a Choice Experience to see some of the city's most iconic sights followed by a dinner of Italian specialities. (B) Hotel: Ergife Palace





**Explore Rome's charming piazzas and** fountains with a Local Guide. Bring a coin to toss in the Trevi Fountain!

#### DAY 9. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. Get to grips with the city's main attractions, joining a Local Guide in the Vatican City, the world's smallest country. (B)

#### DAY 10. ROME - BAY OF NAPLES

Head south past the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the site of fierce battles during World War II, to Sorrento. Arrive just in time to perhaps spend the afternoon taking an optional drive along the Amalfi Coast. (B, D) Hotel: Europa



Cruise on the Amalfi Coast and take in Positano's rainbow-coloured homes and clear blue seas.

#### DAY 11. BAY OF NAPLES - FLORENCE

Don't miss the opportunity to join a Choice Experience to see the excavations of Pompeii. Continue to Florence and check in to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B, D) Hotel: Starhotels Vespucci

#### DAY 12. FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Guide this morning for a walking tour of Florence's historic centre, including views of Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery, and Piazza della Signoria. Admire panoramic views from Piazzale Michelangelo. (B)



Discover Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, with a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts.

#### DAY 13. FLORENCE - PISA - MONACO -FRENCH RIVIERA

Snap a few strategic photos featuring you and the extraordinary Leaning Tower of Pisa. Your journey west stretches out to the shimmering Mediterranean coast, where the Principality of Monaco awaits. Next stop, the French Riviera. (B) Hotel: Ibis Cannes Mandelieu

#### DAY 14. FRENCH RIVIERA FREE TIME

Rest and relaxation are the order of the day, but when you're ready to pull yourself away from the sun-lounger, opt for a Choice Experience visit to Saint-Paul-de-Vence. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Nice Grand Arenas



Discover Saint-Paul-de-Vence's medieval secrets, scenic Corniche Roads, a perfumery, and savour local cuisine.

#### DAY 15. FRENCH RIVIERA - AVIGNON - BEAUNE

See some of the world's most incredible religious architectural legacies in Avignon, before arriving in the historic walled town of Beaune, in the heart of the Burgundy wine region. (B) Hotel: Greet Hotel Beaune

#### DAY 16. BEAUNE - VERSAILLES - PARIS

Head north to the opulence of Versailles where a Choice Experience could see you visit the Hall of Mirrors, before continuing on to Paris. (B) Hotel: Ibis Alésia Montparnasse 14éme



Cruise the Seine and admire historic landmarks - the Grand Palais, Eiffel Tower and more!

#### DAY 17. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Hit the grand boulevards on a city sightseeing tour of Paris with your Travel Director, including the Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées. Don't resist the urge to join an optional visit to Montmartre this afternoon, followed by an optional dinner and cabaret performance. (B)



Explore the winding streets, charming art galleries, and the lively Artists' Square of Montmartre with a Local Guide.

#### DAY 18. DEPART PARIS

Say a fond farewell to newfound friends at the end of your holiday. (B)

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Trip departure months

Apr - Oct + Dec



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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**York:** View York Minster and the Shambles

**Glasgow:** View Glasgow Cathedral and George Square on your orientation tour

**Edinburgh:** Sightseeing with your Local Guide to Princes Street, the Royal Mile and the Castle

**Dublin:** Sightseeing with your Local Guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College

**Waterford:** Visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom

plus more

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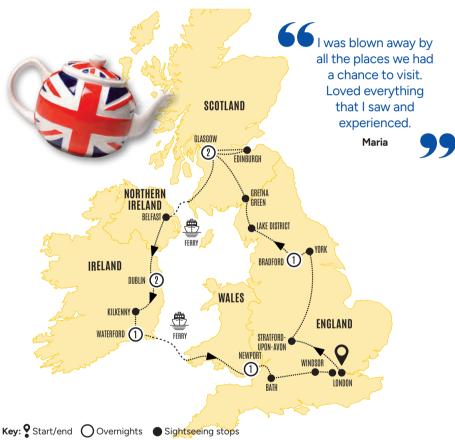
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The best of Britain and Ireland is served up on this 8-day adventure crisscrossing five countries. See landscapes that have inspired poetry, medieval monuments and stony fortresses that housed royals and soldiers. You'll wind your way through the Yorkshire Dales, wander down Edinburgh's Royal Mile and discover a bit of craic in Dublin, before Waterford crystal and a fairy-tale castle or two complete your journey.

#### DAY 1. LONDON - STRATFORD-UPON-AVON - York - Bradford

Your whirlwind journey launches in London. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon where you'll come face-to-face with the legacy of England's beloved bard before heading to York. Your Travel Director will take you for an orientation

walk through its medieval streets to the sacred York Minster. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before you continue to your hotel in Bradford. (D) Hotel: Leonardo

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

#### DAY 2. BRADFORD - LAKE DISTRICT - GRETNA **GREEN - GLASGOW**

You're in for a serene start to your morning as you wind your way through the Yorkshire Dales to England's Lake District. Board an optional cruise on Lake Windermere, then cross the Scottish border and stop in Gretna Green. Continue to Glasgow for an afternoon orientation including views of the cathedral, the River Clyde and George Square. (B) Hotel: Ibis City Centre



Cruise on Windermere to see neo-Gothic Wray Castle, lakeside wildlife and aweinspiring scenery.

#### DAY 3. EDINBURGH EXCURSION

Your Local Guide will reveal all the highlights of Edinburgh. View the Royal Mile, the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and Edinburgh Castle. You'll have some time to explore Edinburgh your way or consider joining one of two special Choice Experiences. (B)



Join our Local Guide in a Rosslyn Chapel adventure, unravelling mysteries and conspiracies!



**Explore Edinburgh Castle to see the** Honours of Scotland and the National War Museum of Scotland.

#### DAY 4. GLASGOW - BELFAST - DUBLIN

Your visit to Scotland culminates in a scenic drive along the Ayrshire coast. Pass Ailsa Craig, the figurative stepping stone from Scotland to Ireland, before boarding your short ferry crossing to Northern Ireland. See Belfast's City Hall, Queen's University and the dock where the ill-fated Titanic was built. Then head south to Dublin, where you could enjoy an optional dinner at one of its most popular gastropubs. (B) Hotel: Travelodge Plus City Centre/Dublin One



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Cruise on an electric canal boat on the river Liffy, while enjoying a lovely dinner with locally-sourced produce.



Discover Dublin's famed hospitality with an evening of food and drink in a locally loved gastropub.

#### DAY 5. DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

You're in for a 'grand' time in the Irish capital this morning as your Local Guide shows you Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral. See the stately Georgian Squares then spend the rest of the day exploring the city your own way. This evening, an optional dinner and Irish show will have your toes tapping. (B)





Uncover the magic at a 6th-century monastic site in Glendalough in the stunning Garden of Ireland.



Get your toes tapping and taste buds tingling with a night of dining, comedy, song and dance in Dublin.

#### DAY 6. DUBLIN - KILKENNY - WATERFORD

Continue through the splendid countryside of Kildare bound for Kilkenny. Later you'll arrive in Waterford where a visit to the Waterford Crystal Showroom will reveal a wonderland of delicate crystal. Dinner tonight is at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Treacy's



Enjoy the craic! Sip local drafts, sing and dance to live fiddle, tin whistle and bodhrán drum music.

#### DAY 7. **WATERFORD - NEWPORT**

Cross St. George's

Channel to Wales and its capital, where you'll view the Millennium Center, the National Assembly and the historic castle at its heart. This evening could see you venture into the Welsh countryside for dinner at a 14<sup>th</sup>-century inn or enjoy a Choice Experience evening of Welsh music, culture and humor. Then continue to your hotel in Newport. (B)

Hotel: Mercure Newport

## **READY TO GO?**

Climb the Norman Keep for stunning

DAY 8. NEWPORT - BATH - WINDSOR - LONDON

Cross the Severn Estuary into England and

venture to Bath with its elegant Georgian

architecture. Head to Windsor to view the

inhabited castle. There's time for a quiet stroll

along the banks of the river before arriving in

world's oldest and largest continuously

Cardiff Castle.

London later. (B)

views over the city on a private tour of

Trip departure months

Year-round



Trip code: BIDE/WBID

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Meals

Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Cape Town:** City orientation tour includes Bo-Kaap and the Castle of Good Hope. Visit Table Mountain via Aerial Cableway

Mabula Game Reserve: Included safari vehicle game drives, in search of lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo that make up the magnificent Big 5

**Johannesburg:** Orientation tour of Johannesburg

plus more

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Take in the contrasts of Cape Town and Table Mountain before heading out on safari. You'll get your fill of adventure as you explore in search of the Big 5 and feast on traditional meals during this Icons of Southern Africa trip.

#### DAY 1. ARRIVE CAPE TOWN

Nothing can quite prepare you for what awaits in Cape Town! Table Mountain, endless beaches and big city scenes, all this and much more are ready to welcome you today. Explore the heart of the city and get a first-hand feel of this cosmopolitan buzz, before starting the trip off right, with your Travel Director and your fellow travellers, where excitement will be riding high. **(D)** Hotel: SunSquare Cape Town Gardens

#### DAY 2. CAPE TOWN ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

You'll waste no time exploring what locals call the "Mother City". Your Travel Director will paint a vivid picture of the area on an essential morning orientation tour, from the colourful facades in Bo-Kaap to the 17th-century Castle of Good Hope. Then comes today's main event, Table Mountain via the iconic aerial cableway, for 360-degree views stretching down to the City Bowl, Atlantic Seaboard and beyond. Tailor your afternoon with options that are just as iconic

as the sights: a relaxed e-bike ride along the beach and a sunset beach braai (barbecue), or a djembe drumming session that wraps up with a traditional African feast. (B)



**Pedal through Cape Town's gorgeous** scenery on an e-bike, marvel at stunning views and enjoy a sunset beach braai.





Enjoy a djembe drumming session and hand washing ceremony before feasting on a 14-dish menu of African cuisine.

#### DAY 3. CAPE TOWN FREE DAY

Today is about taking in Cape Town and its surroundings your way, and you'll have options galore. Wine lovers could choose to sip their way through the day in the Cape Winelands via the Franschhoek Wine Tram. Car fanatics could feel the thrills at the Franschhoek Motor Museum, re-fuelling with wine tastings and a picnic lunch. If your perfect day is in the great outdoors, lace your boots up for a guided hike up Table Mountain, or take it up a notch on a thrilling mountain-bike ride. (B)



Visit the rolling vineyards of Franschhoek onboard the vintage style Wine Tram and taste samples of your favourite wines.





MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Dive into adventure on an ocean safari from Gansbaai with a marine biologist while supporting marine conservation efforts.





Join your Local Guide guide on a hike up the iconic Table Mountain, with spectacular views of the Atlantic.





Get your adrenaline pumping and soak up panoramic views on a guided mountain e-biking tour on Table Mountain.

#### DAY 4. CAPE TOWN - JOHANNESBURG - MABULA **GAME RESERVE**

Farewell Cape Town, it's been a dream. But as they say, all good things must come to an end. We've got exciting news though, as another adventure in the form of a safari, awaits today! Board your included flight and say a quick hello to Johannesburg before hopping straight to it as you make tracks to Mabula Game Reserve, home to the main event. Set against the picturesque backdrop of the UNESECO-listed Waterberg Mountains, the fantasy of coming to Africa will really set in. Wild, open and magical, in your 4x4 vehicle, you'll end the thrill to your first game drive with a relaxing sundowner. Your Driver will find the perfect spot to watch one of Africa's beautiful sunsets over the bushveld with a drink in hand. (B, L, D) Hotel: Safari Plains Game Lodge





#### DAY 5. MABULA GAME RESERVE SAFARI **GAME DRIVES**

You'll be rising early today as we go in search of the lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo that make up the magnificent Big 5, and there's no better way to do it than with our Local Guide leading the charge. Feel like a true explorer as you navigate the dusty tracks in pursuit of spotting animals in both the vegetation and sparse open spaces while learning all about the area from your Local Guide's expert knowledge. Whether you spot the Big 5 or not, there's no doubt you'll enjoy this truly magical experience. So take a moment to put your camera down and soak up the sights, sounds and smells of Africa. (B, L, D)

#### DAY 6. MABULA GAME RESERVE - JOHANNESBURG

We'll bid a fond farewell to the bushveld. tucking into a tasty breakfast, and just like that, it's time to head back to civilisation for your next city stop, Johannesburg. Johannesburg is hard to resist, and we'll get our bearings

> first with an orientation of its sights and sounds with your Travel Director. With an afternoon to explore your way, take the opportunity to get a history fix at Soweto, delving into the infamous past of South Africa's oldest township and once home to two Nobel Peace Prize winners. For a slice of adventure, consider donning a helmet to explore the

Sterkfontein Caves and wander the Maropeng Visitor Centre, where humanity's origin story comes to life through interactive exhibits. However you choose to explore this afternoon, you'll be sure to have taken away a piece of why people fall in love with the energy and spirit of this vibrant city. (B) Hotel: Protea Balalaika



**Explore Soweto, one of South Africa's** most historic townships and learn about the anti-apartheid resistance.





Step back in time at Maropeng Museum. Learn about human evolution and the history of animal extinction.

#### DAY 7. DEPART JOHANNESBURG

Your trip around southern Africa's icons comes to an end today. Say 'totsiens' (until we see each other again) as you prepare to return home. (B)

#### **NOT DONE YET?**

Choose to extend your trip with the Victoria Falls add-on. This trip extension travels from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls for a 3-night stay at the A'Zambezi River Lodge. One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World takes centre stage as you explore Victoria Falls with a Local Guide. Learn about this natural marvel and enjoy free time to relax and take in this beautiful region. Flights to and from Johannesburg are included. Visit costsavertour.com to learn more.

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Trip departure months

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#### DAY 1. ARRIVE BALI - UBUD

'Om Swastiastu' and welcome to beautiful Bali, the Island of the Gods. A place that evokes an image of paradise in name alone, Bali is every beach-loving, culture-seeking traveller's idea of perfection. Touching down today, head to your hotel in the cultural hub of Ubud. Surrounded by lush green rice paddies and a haven for yoga enthusiasts, artists and foodies alike, Ubud is something special. Settle into your hotel this afternoon, then meet up with your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening to get a glimpse of what's to come, and get to know each other better over dinner. **(D)** Hotel: Radha Phala Ubud

#### DAY 2. BALI SIGHTSEEING

Today will be packed with adventure, so be sure to fuel up at breakfast. We'll kick things off with a visit to Mas Village and a traditional wood carving workshop, before continuing on to explore the lush green terraces of Tegallalang, one of the most defining views of Bali. Up next, we move on for a lunch with a difference. What's the difference? Well, when was the last time you tucked into a traditional Balinese meal with a view of a sacred volcano

mountain in the background? Still not done with the day, we'll make our way back to Ubud for a visit to 'Puri Saren Agung', or Ubud Palace, the former official residence of the royal family of Ubud. Finally, we'll finish the epic first day of your Bali value tour with a trip to Ubud Market, where there's time to shop for locally made art and handicrafts. (B, L)

#### DAY 3. UBUD FREE DAY

Yesterday was a busy one, so today you have the chance to slow down and explore Ubud your way today. With your free time, you could choose to visit the famous Monkey Forest, where over 700 long-tailed grey macaques roam free amongst the temple ruins.

Alternatively, you could take part in one of our Choice Experiences to embrace the true spirit of Ubud. In the morning, perhaps join our cooking class to learn the secrets of traditional Balinese food, or in the afternoon get to know your inner yogi with a spiritual yoga experience, where all levels are welcome. (B)



Go on a culinary adventure to discover the secrets of authentic Balinese cooking using fresh herbs and spices.





Join a half-day yoga experience, tailored for both yoga lovers and those who would like to learn where to start.

#### DAY 4. UBUD - SANUR

Beach bliss awaits you in Sanur later today, but not before an action-packed day of sightseeing. The serene 17th-century Ulun Danu temple will be our first stop, where a temple dedicated to the Goddess of the Waters is built on the small islands of Lake Bratan. From here you'll continue on to



Mengwi and the temple of Taman Ayun. Built in 1634, the temple is surrounded by a wide moat and has a series of courtyards which feature a number of Meru (multi-tiered shrines). Still not templed out, your final visit of the day will be to Bali's most photographed temple, Tanah Lot. Perched precariously on a wave whipped rock, this 16th-century icon is still a major crowd pleaser. Feeling culturally satisfied, you'll then end the day to the gentle sound of the waves, in laid-back Sanur. (B, L) Hotel: Prime Plaza

#### DAY 5. SANUR

Is there any better feeling than waking up knowing that the ocean is just a stone's throw away? And even better – this morning is entirely free for you to do as much, or as little, as you like. Take a dip in the sea, top up your tan, or maybe consider joining a Choice Experience touring Bali's capital city, Denpasar,

travelling in style in a vintage VW Kombi. This afternoon we'll be heading to Uluwatu, a gorgeous stretch of headland that's also home to the Pura Luhur Uluwatu temple, perched high above the sea. This evening, you'll be treated to a traditional Balinese Kecak dance performance, before a dinner of fresh seafood is served right on Jimbaran beach. (B, D)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Visit the CTC for Marine Conservation to learn about the Coral Triangle's biodiversity and marine protection efforts.

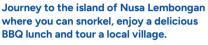


All aboard your vintage VW Open Rooftop vehicle on an adventure in Denpasar seeing the market, museum, and more.

#### DAY 6. SANUR FREE DAY

Another incredible day in Sanur stretches before you this morning, with plenty of Choice Experiences to tailor it your way. Sea lovers won't be able to resist our optional full-day catamaran and snorkelling cruise to the neighbouring island of Nusa Lembongan, whilst those who want to learn more about local life could choose to join our Balinese daily life Choice Experience. A market visit, a trek through the lush rice fields, and a visit to an ancient fertility temple are all on the agenda here, offering a unique glimpse

into Bali's beautiful culture. This afternoon, take advantage of Sanur's gorgeous seaside location and relax on the beach. This evening, why not see out your trip in style with a final optional dinner. **(B)** 





Learn about local life in Bali by visiting a bustling market, rice fields, an ancient temple and enjoying 'Bali Coffee'.



Dine at Tandjung Sari, a beachfront retreat and resort, once the private home of its founder, Wija Wawo-Runtu.

#### DAY 7. DEPART BALI

And just like that, your magical week in Bali has come to an end. You've explored stunning temples, devoured Nasi Goreng, been the recipient of a thousand warm smiles and made wonderful new friends, and you'll be leaving today feeling satisfied and nostalgic. We'll look forward to seeing you again someday soon. (B)

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Trip departure months

Apr - Dec



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Country D

Meal

Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Tokyo:** Visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Observatory, Sensoji Buddhist Temple and Meiji Jingu Shinto Shrine

**Mt Fuji:** Drive up to the 5<sup>th</sup> Station for panoramic views

**Hakone:** View Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi from the Komagatake Ropeway

**Kyoto:** Visit Kinkaku-ji Temple and Heian-jingu Shrine

**Hiroshima:** Visit Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima island, and the Peace Memorial Park and Museum

plus more

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Experience the many contrasts of Japan, from the modern metropolis of Tokyo to the spectacular beauty of Mt. Fuji and Kyoto with its stunning temples and colourful Geisha district. From travelling by bullet train and seeing the cherry blossoms bloom in the springtime, you'll gain an understanding of what makes Japan such an unmissable travel destination.

#### DAY 1. ARRIVE TOKYO

Welcome to dazzling, futuristic Tokyo, Japan's incredible capital city. One of the most culturally rich cities on earth, Tokyo is a place where every day is a new adventure and no two neighborhoods are the same. This evening, meet up with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for your first taste of Japanese cuisine. **(D)** Hotel: Shinjuku Washington

#### DAY 2. TOKYO SIGHTSEEING

Today's sightseeing tour will kick off 243 m above ground at the Tokyo Metropolitan Observatory. Step inside a forested inner-city oasis at the Meiji Jingu Shinto Shrine, then visit Asakusa for a glimpse of Old Tokyo. Browse the craft shops along Nakamise Street and visit the Sensoji Buddhist Temple, which has been rebuilt countless times since it was founded in

the 7<sup>th</sup> century. This afternoon and evening, it's all about tailoring your trip your way. Perhaps take advantage of our optional visit to the Tokyo National Museum or choose to dine local-style with dinner at a traditional izakaya (Japanese pub). **(B)** 



Visit the Tokyo National Museum collection of Buddhist sculptures, samurai swords, and kimonos.

#### DAY 3. MT. FUJI AND HAKONE SIGHTSEEING

You may have seen glimpses of its snowcapped peaks but today you'll get up close to iconic Mt. Fuji. Driving up to the 5<sup>th</sup> Station (weather permitting), catch your breath as you take it all in from 2299 m above sea level. Then, travel along the Komagatake Ropeway for incredible views of Lake Ashi. Driving back through Hakone, enjoy the incomparable mountain views before heading back to the city for your last night in Tokyo. **(B)** 

#### DAY 4. TOKYO - KYOTO

You'll board the bullet train this morning and travel towards Kyoto at speeds of up to 320 km per hour. Starting your sightseeing tour at the Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji, you'll then visit the stunning Heian-jingu Shrine together with its 24 m high torii gate. From here, it will be on to a traditional handicraft centre to browse the Japanese crafts, then dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Kyoto Tower Annex

#### DAY 5. KYOTO FREE DAY

Today is yours to explore your way, and in beautiful Kyoto there is no shortage of choices. Maybe start your day at the lush green Ginkakuji Shrine, or head over to the Gion district to catch a glimpse of a geisha. This morning, opt to join our optional trip to Nara to learn about the art of bokusho (ink making), then head on to Todaji Temple and Nara Park, an area taken over by hundreds of free-roaming deer. Keen to see a Kyoto icon? Join our optional trip to the Fushimi Inari Shrine, where thousands of orange vermilion torii gates

stretch up the thickly wooded mountain. (B)



Visit Kiyomizu Temple and the Fushimi Inari Shrine, famed for its orange torii gates leading up into the mountains.



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Visit a family-run traditional tea farm to learn about the cultural significance of tea and enjoy a tasting.

#### DAY 6. KYOTO - KURASHIKI - HIROSHIMA

Your first stop today will be Kurashiki, where you'll meet up with a Local Guide for a tour around the black and white warehouses of the historic Bikan Quarter before heading on to Hiroshima. Respectfully remembering its catastrophic past while looking to the future with optimism, Hiroshima today is a thriving cosmopolitan city with a lot to offer. Tonight, tuck in to okonomiyaki, a type of Japanese





savoury pancake and a Hiroshima speciality. **(B, D)** Hotel: Hiroshima Tokyu Rei/Oriental

#### DAY 7. HIROSHIMA SIGHTSEEING

Today's Hiroshima sightseeing tour will begin with a ferry ride across the beautiful Seto Inland Sea, bound for the island of Miyajima. Considered one of Japan's most scenic spots, this is where you'll visit the 12th-century

Itsukushima Shrine and see the famous orange torii gate, which appears to be

floating above the sea. Heading back to Hiroshima, it will be on to the quiet, leafy space of the Peace Memorial Park. Dotted with memorials and tranquil spaces for reflection, visit the cenotaph displaying the names of all those who lost their lives in the catastrophe before heading on to the

Memorial Museum. Here, exhibits of ragged clothes, a melted lunchbox and a watch frozen in time at 8.15 a.m. all bring home the horror of a day that changed history forever. Your tour will end at the UNESCO-listed Peace Memorial, the only building in the city to survive the bomb. This afternoon, perhaps opt to join our 'Secrets of Hiroshima' Choice Experience. (B)



Dine on oysters, sashimi, miso soup and rice followed by a visit to Shukkeien Japanese Garden and Hiroshima Castle.

#### DAY 8. HIROSHIMA - HIMEJI

Heading on from Hiroshima, this morning you'll journey on to Himeji. After some free time for lunch, you'll meet up with a Local Guide this afternoon to visit the UNESCO-listed, 400-year-old Himeji Castle. Known as the White Heron Castle, this site is widely considered Japan's most spectacular castle and looking up at its vast size, beauty, and immaculate gardens, it won't be hard to see why. (B, D) Hotel: Nikko Himeji

#### DAY 9. HIMEJI - OSAKA

Start as you mean to go on today with a visit to a sake brewery accompanied by a Local Guide. Learn about the history and brewing process of Japan's national drink before heading on to Osaka, a spirited and liberal city. With an afternoon free, perhaps take advantage of our optional trip to the Umeda Sky Building and Osaka Castle. This evening, to see out your trip in style, perhaps opt to join our foodie-inspired trip to Namba for a final feast of local delights. (B) Hotel: Hankyu Respire Osaka



Admire panoramic views from Umeda Sky Building's Floating Garden Observatory, then visit Osaka Castle.





At a local restaurant, enjoy a dinner of traditional Osaka cuisine such as okomomiyaki, takoyaki, and kushikatsu.

#### DAY 10. DEPART OSAKA

Culturally satisfied, today your trip will come to an end. We hope you're leaving with big smiles, courtesy of Japan's faultless hospitality. Say 'sayonara' to your fellow travellers. (B)

## **READY TO GO?**

Trip departure months

Feb - Dec



Trip code:

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Country [

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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Vancouver: Explore Gastown, Stanley
Park and Chinatown

Whistler: Travel along the scenic Seato-Sky Highway and enjoy an Iconic Breakfast at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

**Victoria:** City tour and visit to Butchart Gardens

**Columbia Icefield:** Ride the Ice Explorer to Athabasca Glacier

**Banff:** View hoodoos and waterfalls at this UNESCO World Heritage Site

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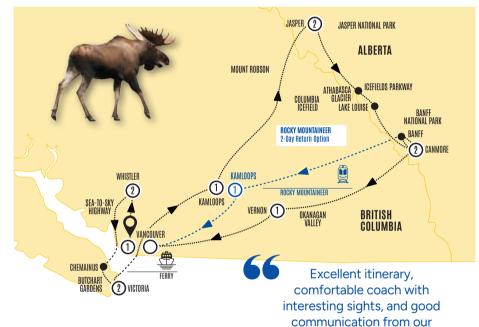
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**Key:** Start/end Overnights ■ Sightseeing stops

Kicking off and wrapping up in Vancouver, this journey travels to the heart of the Canadian Rockies' splendour. Get your outdoor fix by cruising the ethereal Maligne Lake (seasonal) and riding an Ice Explorer across a glacier. Plus, gear up for a day in UNESCO-listed Banff — a true haven for nature enthusiasts.

#### DAY 1. ARRIVE VANCOUVER

Welcome to the adventure-packed city of Vancouver! Known for its mix of outdoor thrills and rich urban culture, here you can ski, swim, and enjoy the city's diverse food scene—all in one day. Settle into your hotel and meet your Travel Director this afternoon. Hotel: Accent Inns Vancouver Airport

#### **DAY 2. VANCOUVER - WHISTLER**

Start the day exploring Vancouver's historic Gastown, lively Chinatown and Stanley Park's iconic totem poles. Then, hit the stunning Sea-to-Sky Highway, where mountain peaks, waterfalls and ocean views await. Stop at Shannon Falls before arriving in the alpine playground of Whistler. Hotel: The Crystal Lodge

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#### DAY 3. WHISTLER FREE TIME

Today is all about adventure in Whistler. Explore the village at your own pace, or ramp up the excitement with Choice Experiences like bear viewing, zip-lining and whitewater rafting. Whistler's thrill factor is off the charts!



Take flight over British Columbia's wild beauty to view glaciers, peaks and Garibaldi Lake. Don't forget your camera!

#### DAY 4. WHISTLER - VICTORIA

Kick off your day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and breakfast at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre. Then, take a scenic ferry to Vancouver Island, stopping at the mural-filled town of Chemainus. In Victoria, explore the city's English-inspired charm on a guided tour. **(B)** Hotel: Days Inn Uptown

#### DAY 5. VICTORIA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Spend your morning wandering the beautiful Butchart Gardens, with its rose, sunken and Japanese sections. The rest of the day is yours to explore at your pace. You can choose to take a whale-watching Choice Experience cruise and look for orcas, seals and bald eagles.



Board your vessel to enjoy a three-hour whale-watching expedition in the waters off Victoria's coast.

#### DAY 6. VICTORIA - KAMLOOPS

Wave goodbye to Vancouver Island as you take the ferry back to the mainland and embark on a scenic drive to Kamloops, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Kamloops

#### DAY 7. KAMLOOPS - JASPER

Soak in the stunning views as you travel along the Yellowhead Highway, passing through the prairie provinces and Columbia Mountains. Catch your first glimpse of Mount Robson before arriving in the town of Jasper. Hotel: Lobstick Lodge

#### DAY 8. JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Stepping outside and smelling the fresh mountain air, let the prospect of a day exploration bring a smile to your face. Your activity options are abundant in the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. Perhaps choose to explore the beautiful Maligne Lake? A boat cruise (seasonal) around the largest glacially fed lake in the Canadian Rockies is right for you. Next up in Jasper, foodies will want to join a Local Expert on a Jasper Food Tour downtown or take an E-bike Food Tour. If you're looking to get active, choose to experience the majestic scenery of Jasper National Park on foot during a guided nature hike or take to the water on a Jasper Raft Tour.



Set sail on Maligne Lake to the breathtaking Spirit Island, and discover its vibrant history and ecology.





#### DAY 9. JASPER NATIONAL PARK - ICEFIELDS Parkway - lake Louise - Canmore

Hit the Icefields Parkway and ride the Ice Explorer across the Athabasca Glacier. After, journey to the breathtaking Lake Louise, one of the most beautiful lakes and settings in North America, then end your day in Canmore. Hotel: Canmore Inn and Suites

#### DAY 10. BANFF SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Sign up for more spectacular views with Choice Experience helicopter flights over Banff. You can opt for a thrilling helicopter ride (weather permitting) over iconic sites like the Three Sisters Peak and Assiniboine Glaciers. Explore Banff's natural wonders on a scenic tour along Tunnel Mountain Drive, taking in Cascade Mountain, Mt. Rundle, Bow Falls and the unique hoodoos rock formations. The adventure continues with more Choice Experiences—learn about local flora on a Plant Medicine Walk with a First Nations Local Guide, consider an E-bike food tour or rafting in Canmore. Cap the day by choosing a Banff Gondola ride Choice Experience, including dinner with a view!

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Join a guided medicine walk and learn to identify plants and make basic medicine through an Indigenous lens.





Explore Canmore's culinary scene on an e-bike tour, taste local cuisine, and enjoy a VIP foodie experience.



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Ride the Banff Gondola to Sulphur Mountain for panoramic views of six mountain ranges and enjoy dinner.

#### DAY 11. CANMORE - VERNON

Drive through three national parks and cross the Continental Divide at Kicking Horse Pass. Stop at Larch Hills Winery for a tasting in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, known for its wineries and fruit orchards. End your day in Vernon. Hotel: Sandman Hotel Vernon

#### DAY 12. VERNON - DEPART VANCOUVER

On your final day, drive through the Cascade Mountains and Fraser River Valley before arriving back in Vancouver, where your epic adventure began. It's time to say goodbye, departing with memories that will last forever.

#### **NOT DONE YET?**

Choose to extend your tour with a 2-day Rocky Mountaineer option, add a week-long Alaska cruise option, or do both! The choice is yours. See online for day-by-day itineraries, meals and more.

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Trip departure months

Apr - Sep



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Countries

Days

Meals

Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Rio de Janeiro: Explore iconic sights such as Copacabana and Ipanema Beaches, Christ the Redeemer and the stunning Tijuca Forest from your cogwheel train

Iguassu Falls: Step out onto catwalks along the world's widest cascading waterfalls and be awed by Devil's Throat before boarding your jungle train through the sub-tropical Iguassu National Park

**Buenos Aires:** Discover Recoleta Cemetery, the Plaza de Mayo and 9 de Julio Avenue

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Ready to immerse yourself in South America? Enjoy a ride up to the iconic Christ the Redeemer in Rio before witnessing the jaw-dropping Iguassu Falls. Then, it's on to Argentina for sizzling steaks, passionate tango and gaucho adventures. Your journey wraps up in Buenos Aires, where the city's charm will steal your heart.

#### DAY 1. ARRIVE RIO DE JANEIRO

Get ready to feel the energy of Rio de Janeiro, where golden beaches meet a vibrant city pulsing with samba beats. After settling into your hotel, meet your Travel Director and soak in the lively atmosphere. Fancy a sunset stroll? Head to Copacabana and watch the day fade with the ocean at your feet. Hotel: Windsor Plaza Copacabana

#### DAY 2. RIO DE JANEIRO SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Start your day in Rio's charming Cosme Velho district, where you'll hop on a historic cogwheel train and wind your way through the lush Tijuca Forest. At the top of Mount Corcovado, take in the awe-inspiring 30-metre Christ the Redeemer, an icon of Rio and one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. After soaking in panoramic views of the "Marvellous City," it's time to hit Rio's famous beaches—Copacabana

and Ipanema. This evening, savour the flavours of South America at Carretão Ipanema Churrascaria, a traditional Brazilian rotisserie inspired by the centuries-old fireside roasts of the gauchos. (B) (D)



**Explore the vibrant streets of Santa** Teresa, including the mosaic-covered Selarón Steps!

#### DAY 3. RIO DE JANEIRO FREE TIME

Wake up to your final full day in Rio and make it yours! Explore the city at your own pace or, if you're up for more adventure, join a Choice Experience half-day tour. Hop in a cable car and ascend Sugarloaf Mountain for jawdropping views that'll leave you speechless. (B)



Explore Rio's colonial and modern sights, then ascend Sugar Loaf for breathtaking views of the city.



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#### DAY 4. RIO DE JANEIRO - IGUASSU FALLS

Leaving Rio behind, this morning you'll head to the airport to catch your flight to Iguassu Falls. Words can't really describe the magnificence of the world's largest series of waterfalls (275 to be exact), which straddle the border between Argentina and Brazil and are surrounded by lush expanses of national park. Settle in to your hotel this afternoon and spend the evening relaxing, no doubt bubbling with excitement for the natural spectacle that tomorrow will bring. (B) (D)

#### Hotel: Viale Cataratas

#### DAY 5. IGUASSU FALLS AND FREE TIME

Kick off your day at Iguassu National Park on the Brazilian side, where you'll venture to Devil's Throat — the tallest and most dramatic of the falls. This afternoon, keep the excitement going with a Choice Experience adventure. Ride an open-air tram through the jungle to Macuco Falls, then hop on a custom inflatable boat for a thrilling journey to the base of the falls. Prefer something a bit more relaxed? Join a Choice Experience to the bird park, where you can spot over 150 species of birds. The choice is yours! (B)



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Hop into open-air wagons and journey through lush, sub-tropical forests for an adrenaline-pumping ride to the falls!





#### DAY 6. IGUASSU FALLS - BUENOS AIRES

Today, you'll country-hop from Brazil to Argentina, crossing the Fraternity Bridge into Iguassu National Park. With a new stamp in your passport, explore the Argentinian side of the falls—just as stunning from this side. Board the open-sided Ecological Jungle Train for a scenic ride to Devil's Throat, offering yet another breathtaking view. Afterward, head to the airport for your flight to the vibrant, European-influenced city of Buenos Aires. (B) Hotel: NH City

#### DAY 7. BUENOS AIRES SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Waking up in the vibrant city of Buenos Aires is sure to excite. This tango-loving, meatobsessed capital blends European charm with urban edge, where street art adds color to every corner. Start your day with a sightseeing tour, taking in 9 de Julio Avenue—the widest in the world—along with the stunning Colon Theatre, Plaza de Mayo, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the historic district of San Telmo. End your tour in the colourful streets of La Boca, where you'll have free time to explore this renowned neighborhood at your own pace. (B)

#### DAY 8. BUENOS AIRES FREE TIME

Make the most of your free day in Buenos Aires with a variety of exciting Choice Experiences. You can choose to head into the pampas to visit a working ranch and immerse yourself in gaucho culture, enjoying folk music, traditional dances, and a delicious barbecue lunch. Prefer a laid-back vibe? Choose to explore the scenic Tigre Delta countryside. For a cultural twist, visit "El Querandi" for a wine tasting or join an Argentinean Culinary Experience to make empanadas and savour local steak. And, of course, you can always choose to embrace the spirit of Buenos Aires with a tango lesson! (B)





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#### **DAY 9. DEPART BUENOS AIRES**

Two countries, one New Wonder of the World and countless memories later, your adventure wraps up today. Say goodbye to new friends as you head to the airport. Or, if you're not ready to leave Buenos Aires' charm behind, why not extend your trip and stay a bit longer? (B)

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Trip departure months

Feb - Jun + Aug - Sep + Nov



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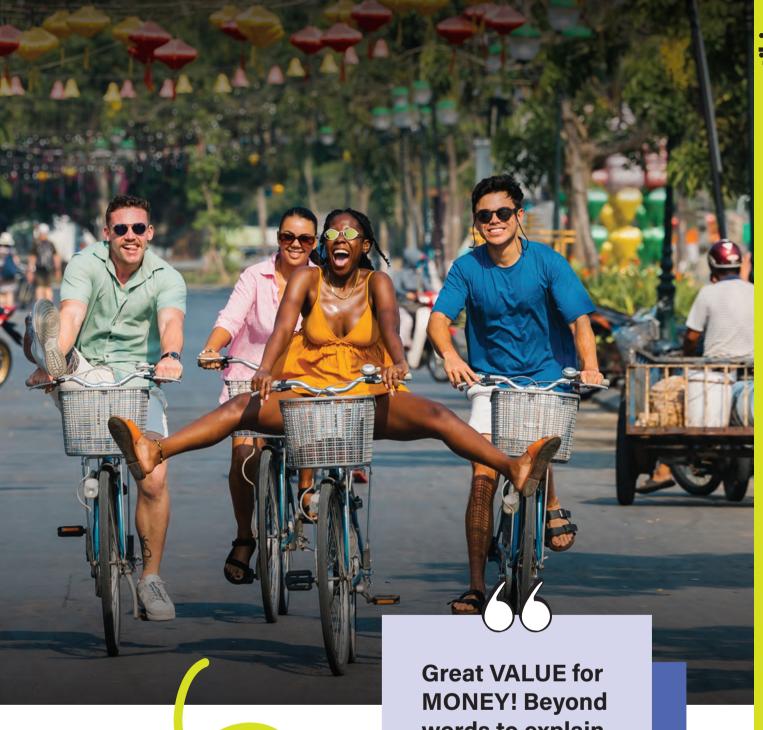
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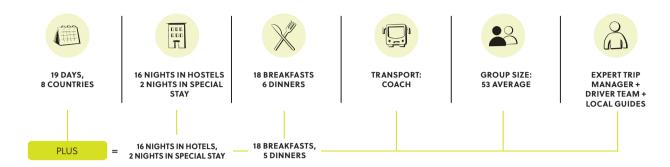
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★★★★ 4.5/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## **EUROPEAN HIGHLIGHTS**

CLASSIC | GAP 18 TO 22

### THE ONE THAT VISITS EUROPE'S BEST BUCKET LIST DESTINATIONS IN 2 WEEKS



14 DAYS, 7 COUNTRIES



10 NIGHTS IN HOSTELS, 2 NIGHTS IN HOTELS, 1 NIGHT IN SPECIAL STAY



13 BREAKFAST 4 DINNERS



TRANSPORT: COACH



GROUP SIZE: 46 AVERAGE



EXPERT TRIP MANAGER + DRIVER TEAM + LOCAL GUIDES

VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/EUROPEAN-HIGHLIGHTS TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



Get the best view of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France

You'll spend a whole week in France while also ticking 3 iconic Italian cities off your list - all in just 2 weeks!

### TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Take a somber but impactful visit to Dachau Concentration Camp near Munich
- Drive along the Cote d'Azur through the winding coastal roads of the French Riviera
- · Visit Pisa for that epic selfie

#### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- See a succession of performers whirl by you as you sip champagne at a Parisian Cabaret show
- Explore Munich like a true Bavarian on a guided bike tour
- Ride your bike along the promenade in the outskirts of Nice
- Wind down with the fantastic local wine,
   Chianti, in the heart of Florence

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

 Join local Dutch farmers to get an insight into how clogs and Edam cheese are made. After a demo and a tasting sesh (of the cheese, that is), we'll enjoy a traditional Dutch dinner in a restored cheese-making barn

#### **SPECIAL STAY**

★ Contiki's French Château in the Beaujolais Wine Region







Eat the most authentic Italian cuisine in Rome, Italy



Your ultimate chance to 'hold the tower up'



Pose like a pro at the iconic Trevi Fountain in Rome, Italy



Check out the Colosseum IRL in Rome,



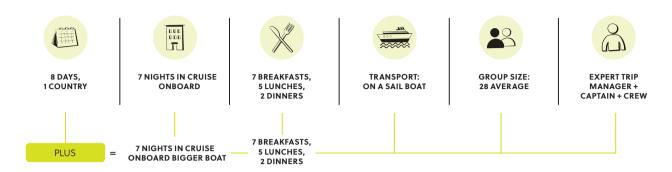
Live your best life on the French Riviera

#### ★★★★☆ 4.4/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## **CROATIA ISLAND SAIL**

STANDARD | PLUS

### THE ONE THAT LETS YOU CRUISE THE DALMATIAN COASTLINE FROM SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK



VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/CROATIA-ISLAND-SAIL TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



Cool off in Makarska, Croatia

STANDARD AND PLUS: We use a selection of exclusive 'A+ class' boats, all with private ensuite and air-conditioning. Single below and single on or above deck cabin supplements are available. Note: 'On or Above Deck' cabins have a door that opens to the outside, while 'Below Deck' cabins have a roof port hole & door that opens to the inside. If you're travelling solo, we can pair you with a same sex roommate at no extra cost.

You'll get the perfect blend of sunbathing, swimming & watersports - and discover Croatia's sunniest spots with a local on-board crew.

### **TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES**

- Eat locally sourced food for lunch & dinner as part of your included meals
- Visit the fortified Old Town of Korčula
- See the stunning Venetian Fortress & Arsenal in Hvar

### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- Enjoy a walking tour through Dubrovnik and learn the history from a local guide
- Take a sea kayaking trip around the UNESCO-listed city of Dubrovnik

### **SPECIAL STAYS**

★ Traditional sailing cruise boat

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

- Visit a family-run winery that's preserving a 300-year tradition of making the finest wine in an organic way
- Join the HerStory walking tour of Split, and discover the various roles women played in the creation of the city

## STANDARD OR PLUS ACCOMMODATION

We have 2 choices of boat, Standard or Plus, so you can choose to level up and travel in style on a Premium Boat





They ensure the group is connected before Day 1 and this is what stood out to me compared to other companies. One of the best trips I've ever done!

- Aaron





Explore the beautiful town of Makarska



NIGHTSTOPS

START/END CITY
BOAT

Scan here to discover 200+ trips worldwide



Bask in the history of Dubrovnik



Chill with your crew in Korčula



Take a walking tour of Split



Get the best views in Trstenik

### **NEW TRIP**

## **ACTIVE ALPS**

### THE ONE THAT GETS YOUR HEART PUMPING WITH EPIC ADVENTURES IN THE ALPS



7 DAYS, 2 COUNTRIES



3 NIGHTS IN HOSTELS 3 NIGHTS IN SPECIAL STAY



6 BREAKFASTS 4 LUNCHES 2 DINNERS



TRANSPORT: PUBLIC TRANSPORT



GROUP SIZE: 20 MAX



EXPERT TRIP MANAGER

VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR **CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/ACTIVE-ALPS** TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



Explore the Austrian Alps with awesome people

You'll go rafting, hiking, biking and more - all surrounded by gorgeous Alpine views.

#### TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Take a hiking day trip to Murren
- Join a bike ride and BBQ day in Hopfgarten
- Explore Innsbruck with your Contiki
  crew
- Take a sunset hike after you arrive in Hopfgarten

### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- See the Austrian Alps from up above with a paragliding experience
- · Go white water rafting in Haiming
- Experience the Jungfrau Mountain and epic Canyon Swing
- Tuck into a farewell dinner at a local restaurant



Go paragliding over the Austrian Alps





Ride a cable car through the Swiss Alps







Explore Hopfgarten on two wheels



Enjoy the social setting of Contiki Haus Schöneck



Visit the jaw-dropping Trummelbach



Go white water rafting in Haiming



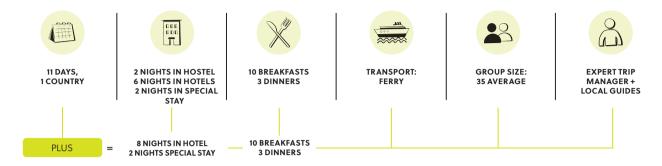
Tick Lauterbrunnen off your list

★★★★★ 4.6/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## GREEK ISLAND HOPPING

STANDARD | PLUS | GAP 18 TO 22 | PRIDE

## THE ONE THAT TAKES YOU THROUGH MYKONOS, PAROS, SANTORINI AND IOS WITH COMFY SLEEPS BETWEEN ISLAND HOPS



VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/GREEK-ISLAND-HOPPING TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



See Mykonos' famous Windmills IRL

You'll get the perfect summer trip, with a great balance of party & chill time - plus the chance to explore Greece's most gorgeous islands.

## TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Visit the capital of Santorini, Fira, with its breath-taking views of the Caldera, as well as shopping, restaurants & more
- Ferry transfers from island to island, and a Trip Manager to help with all the logistics and navigation

### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- Hop on a speedboat & wander around the beautiful coastline of los
- Take a trip to the ancient world with a visit to the Acropolis of Athens
- Take a tour of Mykonos at night to see the Windmills, Little Venice and more, plus a souvlaki snack at the end too
- Take a day trip to Naoussa, a famous fishing village that's home to lots of colourful boats

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

 Explore the captivating charm of Lefkes and visit a local family-run bakery (that's over 100 years old!)

### **SPECIAL SAYS**

★ Paradise Beach Resort







Live your best life at Paradise Beach in Mykonos





Get the best views in Fira



Chill with your Contiki crew in Mykonos



Start your trip in style in Athens



Take a dip on the beach in Paros

★★★★ 4.9/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## SOUTH KOREAN SOUL WITHOUT JEJU ISLAND

## THE ONE THAT NOURISHES YOUR SOUL IN SEOUL, BUSAN & JEONJU IN 9 K-RAZY DAYS



9 DAYS, 1 COUNTRY



7 NIGHTS IN HOTELS 1 NIGHT SPECIAL STAY



8 BREAKFAST 1 LUNCH 1 DINNER



TRANSPORT: COACH + BULLET TRAIN



GROUP SIZE: 20 AVERAGE



EXPERT TRIP MANAGER + DRIVER TEAM + LOCAL GUIDES

VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/SOUTH-KOREAN-SOUL TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



Check out Seoul's iconic hotspots

You'll discover South Korea's buzzing capital & more traditional regions in less than 10 days - perfect if you're tight on time.

### TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) on a Peace Tour
- Enjoy a traditional Korean Bibimbap lunch
- Have tea at a traditional Buddhist temple in Seoul

### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- Explore Busan by night on a private yacht
- Take a dance class in Seoul
- Watch a live baseball game in Seoul
- Take a cooking class in Seoul and rustle up your very own South Korean feast

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

 Meet friendly locals in Jeonju and learn all about traditional Korean culture and crafts - then have a go at making some for yourself!

### SPECIAL STAYS

★ Hanok Guest House in Jeonju







Discover South Korean foodie faves in Seoul



O PLACES VISITED

● NIGHTSTOPS★ SPECIAL STAY— ROAD TRIPIIIII TRAIN



Shop til you drop in Seongsu



Hit the beach in Busan



Experience the nightlife of Seoul



Experience traditional hospitality in Jeonju

★★★★ 4.7/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## VIETNAM EXPERIENCE

## THE ONE THAT BRINGS YOU THE BEST OF VIETNAM, FROM COLOURFUL CITIES TO EPIC NATURAL WONDERS



12 DAYS, 1 COUNTRY



8 NIGHTS IN HOTELS 2 NIGHTS IN SPECIAL STAYS 1 NIGHT ON TRAIN



11 BREAKFAST 4 LUNCHES 2 DINNERS



TRANSPORT: COACH, INTERNAL FLIGHTS, JUNK BOAT



GROUP SIZE: 24 AVERAGE



MANAGER + LOCAL GUIDES

VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/VIETNAM-EXPERIENCE TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



Take a guided bike ride in Hoi An

You'll get the complete Vietnam experience from south to north, with all the major cities and sites covered and lots of chances to meet the locals.

### **TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES**

- Cycle through Hoi An's UNESCO-listed ancient town
- Learn about the Vietnam War and crawl through the Cù Chi Tunnels
- Fish for your supper on the Mekong River Delta
- Explore the Sung Sot Caves in Halong Bay

### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- Ride the handmade bamboo basket boats in Hoi An
- Tour Ninh Binh in the legendary Vietnamese Army jeep
- Join a cruise and swimming day trip in Nha Trang
- Go kayaking on Halong Bay (all levels welcome!)

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

 Support local people and enjoy a unique dining experience at KOTO restaurant in Hanoi

### SPECIAL STAYS

- ★ Mekong Delta Homestay
- ★ Junk Boat, Halong Bay







Stay on a Junk Boat in Halong Bay



Discover Hanoi lit up at night



Bask in the beauty of Ninh Binh



Explore like a local in Hoi An



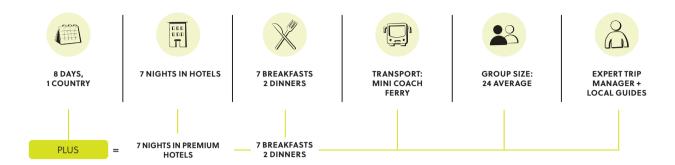
Discover the local cuisine in Hoi An

★★★★ 4.6/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## THAI ISLAND HOPPER WEST

STANDARD | PLUS

THE ONE THAT WILL CONVINCE YOU TO GO WEST, VISITING LONG-TIME FAVES LIKE KOH PHI PHI, KRABI & MORE



VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/THAI-ISLAND-HOPPER-WEST TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



Explore Koh Phi Phi with the group

Visit the most iconic Thai Islands in just over a week - with boat trips, ethical wildlife encounters & loads more.

#### TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

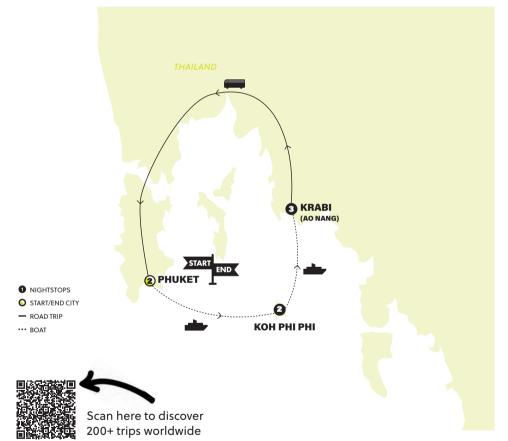
- Experience the colourful energy of Phuket's famed Bangla Road
- Visit the Koh Phi Phi Viewpoint
- Tuck into a welcome dinner with your crew in Phuket
- · Enjoy an island-style dinner in Krabi

### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- Join a half-day rock climbing experience in Krabi
- Spend a day on the water checking out the Phi Phi Islands & the famous Maya Bay
- Take a Phang Nga Bay day cruise and zip between 42 different islands including 'James Bond Island'!

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

 Encounter elephants the ethical way in Phuket. Watch as the elephants play, bathe & forage for food. And then you'll have the opportunity to feed them a feast of fruits & vegetables. After that, you'll get to enjoy a vegetarian buffet of your own!







Boogie with awesome people in Krabi



Hit the beach with your Contiki crew



Try your hand at cliff-face climbing in Krabi



Avani Ao Nang Cliff Krabi Resort



See the Wat Khao Rang in Phuket

**NEW TRIP** 

## PHILIPPINES ISLAND HOPPING

THE ONE THAT'S A 9-DAY PALAWAN ISLAND HOPPING EXPLORATION OF TURQUOISE SEAS AND BREEZY BEACHES – INCLUDING PUERTO PRINCESA, PORT BARTON AND EL NIDO



9 DAYS, 1 COUNTRY



7 NIGHTS IN HOTELS 1 NIGHT IN SPECIAL STAY



8 BREAKFASTS 4 LUNCHES 2 DINNERS



TRANSPORT: MINI VAN, INTERNAL FLIGHT, BOAT



GROUP SIZE: 24 AVERAGE



MANAGER + LOCAL GUIDES

 $\textit{VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR \textbf{CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/PHILIPPINES-ISLAND-HOPPING} \ \texttt{TO} \ \texttt{SEE PRICES, DATES} \ \& \ \texttt{THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE}$ 



Travel in a classic Filipino Jeepney - and occasionally pose on top of it too(!)

You'll discover the Palawan islands in all their glory, sampling some of the finest beaches in the world.

#### TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Puerto Princesa Underground river
- Go on an Island Hopping day trip in Port Barton - visiting tropical islands & gorging on delicious seafood
- Join Nanay Elena for a traditional meal made from locally-grown ingredients
- Visit the spellbinding Nacpan Beach

#### TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS

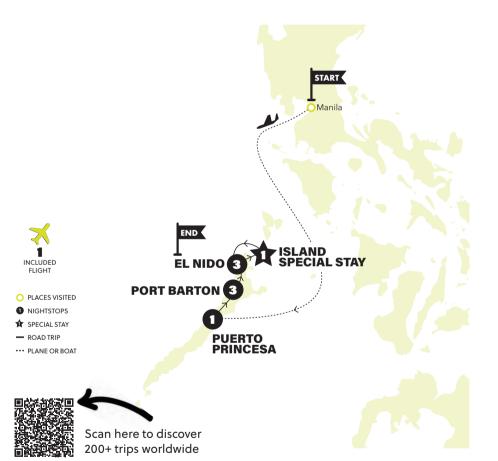
 Go island hopping through El Nido on a private boat

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

 Stay at the Isla Experience on Darocotan Island. Support the locals with marine conservation, education and their eco garden while you get irresistible beachside views

### **SPECIAL STAYS**

★ Isla Experience, Darocotan Island





Discover the jaw-dropping coast of Port Barton



Hit the beach in El Nido



Cool off with your Contiki crew



Chill with your crew on the jeepney



Live your best life in El Nido



Embark on an island hopping day trip

★★★★★ 4.7/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## **NEW ZEALAND: SWEET AS SOUTH**

## THE ONE THAT SEES YOU SWISH THROUGH THE SCENIC SOUTH ISLAND, KICKING OFF IN CHRISTCHURCH



9 DAYS, 1 COUNTRY



4 NIGHTS IN HOSTELS 3 NIGHTS IN LODGES 1 NIGHTS IN HOTEL



8 BREAKFAST 3 DINNERS



TRANSPORT: COACH



GROUP SIZE: 45 AVERAGE



EXPERT TRIP MANAGER + DRIVER TEAM + LOCAL GUIDES

VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/NEW-ZEALAND-SWEET-AS-SOUTH TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



Take a glacier hike in Franz Josef

You'll uncover the spellbinding South Island in just 9 days - with Queenstown, Christchurch, Franz Josef & more.

### **TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES**

- Cruise the UNESCO World Heritagelisted Milford Sound
- Experience NZ country life on a farm visit in Kingston
- Visit the lake town of Wānaka and bask in the beech forest views
- Drive through the gorgeous mountains of the Gates of Haast, and catch oncein-a-lifetime views

### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- Travel to Franz Josef by helicopter and hike on a glacier
- Go skydiving over Lake Wakatipu in Queenstown
- Have dinner at Queenstown's Skyline restaurant (and get the best views)

#### SPECIAL STAYS

★ Lake Ohau Lodge, Lake Ohau

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

- Support the Fairlight Foundation, who work to advance women in agriculture, with a visit to a local farm in Te Anau
- Learn all about Pounamu in Hokitika, with a local Māori guide who'll tell you all about the connection between the Māori people and the illustrious greenstone







Check out the best landscapes @shaeedavis





Visit NZ's mightiest mountains @contikinz



Discover NZ's largest and most beautiful lakes



Bask in the all-encompassing beauty of Queenstown



Peruse the prettiest landscapes with your Contiki crew

### ★★★★ 4.5/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## **PERU UNCOVERED**

## THE ONE THAT GIVES YOU PERU AT ITS PEAK, FEATURING JUNGLES AND ISLANDS



14 DAYS, 1 COUNTRY



1 NIGHT IN HOSTEL 11 NIGHTS IN HOTELS 1 NIGHT IN SPECIAL STAY



13 BREAKFAST 4 LUNCHES 6 DINNERS



TRANSPORT: COACH, MINI VAN, PLANE



GROUP SIZE: 30 MAX



EXPERT TRIP MANAGER + DRIVER TEAM + LOCAL GUIDES

VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR **CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/PERU-UNCOVERED** TO SEE PRICES, DATES & THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE



Take the iconic Inca trail trek

You'll get the complete Peru experience, with iconic cities, Machu Picchu and an incredible jungle stay plus hiking and the chance to meet lots of locals.

## TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Take a guided Lima city tour & admire the most famous sites
- Sail on Lake Titicaca the world's highest navigable lake!
- · Visit the mighty Machu Picchu
- Explore the Sacred Valley former heartland of the Incan Empire

#### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- Tuck into traditional Peruvian cuisine
  in Cusco
- Zipline 5,000 miles above sea level across the Colca Canyon
- Take a hike in the majestic Rainbow Mountain
- Treat yourself to a relaxing massage after trekking the Inca trail

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

 Learn about the vibrant Andean art of weaving & goldsmithing in Pisac Qolque. Every penny you spend here helps local people preserve their timeworn cultural identities

## **SPECIAL STAYS**

- ★ Stay in an Amazon Jungle Lodge
- ★ Homestay Experience at Puno/Lake Titicaca







Ride the Peruvian rail in the Sacred



Explore Lima with a local guide



Lose yourself in the mountain views





Marvel at the mighty Machu Picchu @zoebrannelly



Take a hike at the Rainbow Mountain

★★★★★ 4.9/5 FEEFO REVIEWS

## **CAPE SAFARI AND FALLS**

THE ONE THAT COMBINES GLIMPSES OF VICTORIA FALLS, CAPE TOWN, AND SAFARIS AT KRUGER NATIONAL PARK ON AN ICONIC SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR



11 DAYS, 3 COUNTRIES



6 NIGHTS IN HOTELS 3 NIGHTS IN SPECIAL STAY 1 NIGHT IN LODGE



10 BREAKFAST 1 DINNER



TRANSPORT: COACH, SAFARI TRUCK, SAFARI VEHICLES



GROUP SIZE: 24 MAX



MANAGER + DRIVER TEAM + LOCAL GUIDES

 $\textit{VISIT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR \textbf{CONTIKI.COM/TOURS/CAPE-SAFARI-AND-FALLS} \ \texttt{TO SEE PRICES}, \ \texttt{DATES} \ \& \ \texttt{THE BEST DEALS} \ \texttt{AVAILABLE}$ 



Take a morning (and evening) safari drive in Kruger National Park

You'll discover the big 3 icons of Southern Africa in one trip - with city life, wildlife and the chance to see Victoria Falls IRL.

### TOP INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Take a cable car to the top of Table Mountain
- See Victoria Falls IRL and take all the photos you like
- Join an afternoon safari drive in Chobe National Park
- Take a guided city tour of Cape Town

### **TOP FREE TIME ADD-ONS**

- Visit Cape Town's Cape Point Vineyards and sample some local wines
- Enjoy a traditional African feast in Kruger National Park
- Go bungy jumping in Victoria Falls
- Take a helicopter flight over Victoria Falls

## TOP MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

- Take a local township tour in Cape Town and learn all about the lingering effects of Apartheid
- Join an anti-poaching experience in Kruger National Park
- Join a walking safari in Chobe National Park







Live your wildlife dreams at Kruger National Park



Get the best views of Table Mountain in Cape Town



Pose like a pro in Cape Town



Get the best views of Cape Town



Chill with penguins at Boulders Beach

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