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The Art of Travelling in Style



Premium Guided Tours

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## FRANCE, BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS

Country Roads of Belgium, Luxembourg & the Netherlands

11 DAYS

Normandy, Brittany & the Loire Valley 8 DAYS

Country Roads of France 16 DAYS

French Heritage 22 DAYS

WWI Battlefields 4 DAYS

## **BRITAIN & IRELAND**

Gems of Britain / Elegance of Great Britain

5 / 12 DAYS

Best of Britain 11 DAYS

English Literary Trail

15 DAYS Country Roads of

Devon & Cornwall

13 DAYS

of Scotland

Country Roads 9 DAYS

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Focus on Ireland 7 DAYS

Irish Elegance 8 DAYS

Undiscovered Ireland

13 DAYS

Country Roads

of Ireland

12 DAYS

Best of Ireland & Scotland

14 DAYS

Romantic Britain & Ireland

20 DAYS

Britain & Ireland

Explorer 15 DAYS

Britain & Ireland

Discovery 24 DAYS



## SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

Highlights of Spain 9 DAYS

Easy Pace Spain 10 DAYS

Best of Morocco 10 DAYS

Northern Spain

11 DAYS

Country Roads of Andalucia

9 DAYS

Country Roads of Portugal

11 DAYS

Amazing Spain & Portugal 9 DAYS

Spanish Heritage 18 DAYS

Best of Spain & Portugal 15 DAYS

Treasures of Spain, Portugal & Morocco 17 DAYS

Grand Spain & Portugal

18 DAYS

## **LATIN AMERICA**

Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines

13 DAYS

Best of Chile from Atacama to Patagonia 11 DAYS

Argentina, Uruguay & Brazil Discovery

11 DAYS

## INDIA, **NEPAL** & SRI **LANKA**

Classical India & Nepal 12 DAYS

Classical Sri Lanka

10 DAYS

Inspirational India 12 DAYS





Best of Germany

10 DAYS

Oktoberfest.

the Germanic

Experience

11 DAYS

Oberammergau &

Oktoberfest Bavarian

Celebration

12 DAYS

Glorious Switzerland

8 DAYS

Country Roads

of Switzerland

14 DAYS

Country Roads

of Bavaria,

Swizterland

& Austria

11 DAYS

Magical Switzerland

7 DAYS

Winter Wonderland

9 DAYS

The Bohemian

9 DAYS

Easy Pace Budapest, Vienna & Prague

10 DAYS

Highlights of Poland

10 DAYS

Highlights of Eastern Europe

14 DAYS

Dalmatian Elegance

9 DAYS

Country Roads

of Croatia

14 DAYS

Venice & the Croatian

Coast

13 DAYS

Eastern Capitals

& the Dalmatian

Riviera 14 DAYS

The Eastern

Discovery

14 DAYS

Treasures

of the Balkans

18DAYS



## **NORTHERN EUROPE** & RUSSIA

Country Roads of Scandinavia

12 DAYS

Spectacular

Scandinavia

& Its Fjords 15 DAYS

Grand Scandinavia

20 DAYS

Northern Lights of Scandinavia

10 DAYS

Natural Wonders of

Iceland

9 DAYS

Scenic Iceland & Northern Lights

7 DAYS

Easy Pace Russia 8 DAYS

The Golden Ring / Russia in Depth

5 / 12 DAYS

Warsaw & the Baltic States

8 DAYS

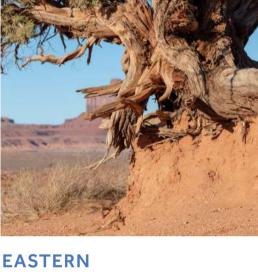
Russia, Warsaw & the Baltic States

15 DAYS

Northern Capitals &

Russia

18 DAYS



## **MEDITERRANEAN**

Greek Island Hopper 10 DAYS

Glories of Greece 7 DAYS

Treasures of Greece & the Islands

14 DAYS

Grecian Legends 12 DAYS

Grecian Dreams / Grecian Fables

12 / 15 DAYS

Mediterranean Dreams / Mediterranean Fables

8/11 DAYS

Jordan Experience (with Dead Sea Option) 9 DAYS

Israel Discovery 9 DAYS

Wonders of Egypt 9 DAYS

Splendors of Egypt 12 DAYS

Land of the Prophets 25 DAYS

Wonders

of Turkey 11 DAYS

Treasures of Turkey

15 DAYS



## **USA & CANADA**

Jewels of Alaska

American Parks Trail

Best of California

10 DAYS

Enchanting Canyonlands

7 DAYS

America's Magnifient National Parks

Wonders of the American West 10 DAYS

Desert Escapes of California & Arizona 8 DAYS

Country Roads Deep South

Best of Eastern Canada & USA

Canadian Rockies & Pacific Coast

14 or 22 DAYS

Spectacular Rockies & Glaciers of Alberta

9 DAYS New England's

Fall Foliage

8 DAYS

Boston, Cape Cod & the Islands

8 DAYS

Washington D.C., Niagara Falls & N.Y.C

9 DAYS

Landscapes of Canadian Maritimes

12 DAYS Hawaii

with Oahu & Maui 10 DAYS

Flavors of Europe 9 DAYS

European

Rhapsody 11 DAYS

European Flair 12 DAYS

European Dream

11 DAYS

Road to Rome

Splendid Europe / Mediterranean

Journey 14/17 DAYS

Highlights of Europe 15 DAYS

European Discovery 17 DAYS

European Grandeur 27 DAYS

Romantic European

European Affair &

Chelsea Flower Show 10 DAYS

Chelsea Flower

Show & Springtime Alps 18 DAYS

Gardens of England & Wales with

Chelsea Flower

Show 15 DAYS

An Art Lover's Taste of Europe

15 DAYS

European Pilgrimage 15 DAYS

## **CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

Germany 8 DAYS

Poland.

Prague & Germany 8 DAYS

Austria, Croatia & Slovenia

8 DAYS

Central Europe

13 DAYS Austria

& Bavaria 8 DAYS

Alpine 9 DAYS



## VACATION INSIGHTS

from our CEO

We all now share a new appreciation for the freedom to travel, and the team at Insight is ready and excited to help you to discover our wonderful world once again.

Every moment of our premium guided tours is seamlessly planned, taking the complexity out of travel and giving you peace of mind to enjoy a magical experience from start to finish.

As well as seeing the great sights you will create deep connections, with yourself, family and friends, your fellow humans and your destination, through our Insight Experiences.

Our commitment to making travel a force for good is stronger than ever, and you are invited to join us on this journey, through our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences, now featured on every trip.

Join us and enjoy a consistently superior service with comfort and style at every step.

Welcome back.

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

We recognize our responsibility to ensure our impact on the planet we call home, the people we visit, and the rich wildlife we find there, is a positive one.









## Travelin

Sit back and enjoy a seamless experience with our fabulous hotels, authentic dining and comfortable travel.

> Travel is our passion and every step is designed with your comfort and pleasure in mind, giving you the holiday of your dreams.

Enjoy a premium journey packed full of stylish hotels and authentic dining. Savor the views as you travel on spacious customized

coaches, so that you arrive refreshed at each destination, and benefit from smaller group sizes.

We believe incredible travel is about enjoying every moment, so the only question left for you is where do I want to go?

## Stay in style EXPLORE WITH EASE

With highly rated, hand-picked hotels in fantastic locations, you can relax and enjoy every moment at your destination. Whether an elegant countryside castle or boutique city-centre property, each one offers superb service and stylish, comfortable rooms.







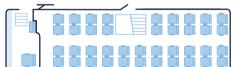




## Twice the legroom TWICE THE VIEW

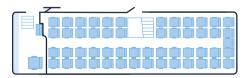
Your Insight coach is uniquely customized for smaller groups. Sit high above the traffic with unobstructed views and enjoy twice the legroom and personal space of a regular coach. Our coaches have been remodelled with 13 fewer seats, so you can stretch out in real comfort, snap some photos and take in the beautiful scenery.

INSIGHT CUSTOMISED COACH 40 SEATER



PLUS 🛜 🚷

STANDARD COACH 53 SEATER



## Smaller Groups MAXIMISE YOUR TIME

Spend less time waiting in line, create more memories with your travel companions and receive more personal attention from your Travel and Well-Being Directors.

CLASSIC GROUPS 33 GUESTS (average) SMALL GROUPS 24 GUESTS (maximum)

PRIVATE GROUPS 12 GUESTS (minumum) Culinary connections,

LASTING MEMORIES

Delectable cuisine makes your journey exceptional, creating a deep and emotional connection with a destination and its culture. Imagine yourself sampling the finest olive oil in the groves of Italy, enjoying mouthwatering feta in Greece and savoring sumptuous croissants in France, with the tastes and scents that you experience evoking memories for a lifetime.

Gastronomy is at the heart of every Insight journey so expect tantalising regional delights and local delicacies at every turn, gaining new friends and cooking tips along the way.











## Authentic dining A LOCAL **EXPERIENCE**

## Dine at home

Step into the home of a local host, learn the secrets of their favourite dishes and stories about their lives.

## Dine around

On these evenings you choose from a a selection of our favourite local restaurants.

## Vegetarian excellence

Enjoy thoughtful, tasty vegetarian options throughout your journey, always packed full of flavour and flair.

## Farm to table

Whether in a coastal trattoria or on a sustainable farm, dine on locally sourced fresh ingredients and taste regional wines.



# THE SIGHTS THE INSIGHTS

With famous landmarks as just the start, nourish your mind, enrich your soul and discover a world within a world with in-depth insights at every destination from your Travel Directors and Local Experts.







Whether you dream of crystal blue waters or yearn to tread amongst ancient ruins, thirst for history or desire nature's most breathtaking landscapes, we take you deeper in to the heart of every place you visit with more included experiences.

Come away enriched and informed, with the insights and expertise from your Local Experts and Travel Directors. Explore famous museums alongside a historian, uncover the secrets within the walls of Europe's grandest palaces and immerse yourself in nature's splendor with a ranger as your guide.





## ENJOY PRIORITY ACCESS

Skip the long lines at major attractions and enjoy private viewings, meaning more time to savour the sights.



## Cross off the icons, BRING HOME



RIJKSMUSEUM AMSTERDAM Immerse yourself in world-famous masterpieces with an art historian as your knowledgeable guide. Among the collection, admire great works by Rembrandt, Frans Hals and Johannes Vermeer.

Step inside a magical world of soaring mountains, turquoise waters and magnificent glaciers, with a Patagonian Ranch Cultural Experience. Join the local baqueanos, or cowboys, and learn what it was like to live and work in this remote and beautiful land before the arrival of

tourism

VATICAN, ITALY Enjoy special fasttracked entry into the Vatican Museums and behind-thescenes access to the Bramante Staircase, this masterpiece normally off-limits of English Baroque. to the public. With Brimming with a Local Expert as priceless art and your encyclopaedic tapestries, the guide, admire the palace was also the Papal art collection, birthplace of Sir witness the genius Winton Churchill. of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.



## Hear Local Expert tales

## LEAVE WITH MORE THAN INCREDIBLE PHOTOGRAPHS



Explore the majestic Monument Valley with Navajo Guide Larry.

## What do you love most about your job?

A Sharing Monument Valley's secrets and showing how sacred this land is to my people is very important and enjoyable to me. I love introducing travellers to members of my tribe, to share stories about our daily lives and how we maintain our traditions in a modern society.

## What can travellers expect to learn?

A The history of the Valley and its sandstone rock formations is truly fascinating. You will see our traditional dress and hear the stories behind it, plus you'll meet weavers who will show you how we make our traditional rugs and other products.

## Can you share some insights with us?

A The tsiiyéél or hair bun represents the identity of each tribe member and can even reflect their way of life and who they are as a person. Turquoise, or Doo tl' izh ii is also significant of my culture. It is supposed to bring good fortune and protect our people from evil and historically was used to protect warriors in battle.

## And we have to ask about Hollywood?

A Of course how could I forget the influence the area has had on the Western movie scene? John Ford shot nine movies here, among them "She Wore a yellow Ribbon" and "Stagecoach" in 1938. This location inspired the Golden Age of Hollywood and hosted movie stars including John Wayne.







## Your Travel Director

## MAKES YOUR DAY

## Keys to the city

They know the streets, the customs and the language. It's like having a friend in a city to show you the best restaurants and share the heartbeat of your destination.

## Magical Experiences

Benefit from a range of included and optional sightseeing and dining experiences throughout your journey, carefully curated by your Travel Director, drawing on their in-depth local knowledge.

## Flourishes

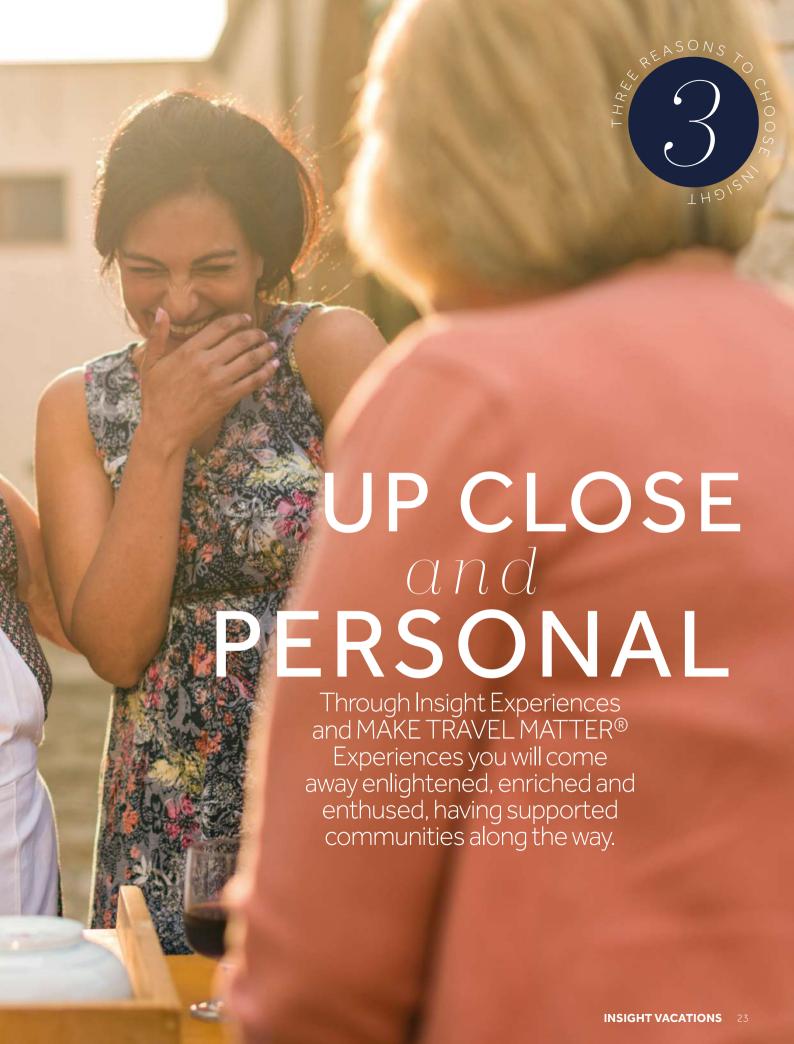
Expect some thoughtful treats to delight and surprise you along the way.



WHY **CHOOSE INSIGHT?** 

PERSONALIZE YOUR TRIP TO SUIT YOUR PREFERENCES, WITH A CHOICE BETWEEN TWO INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.







Beyond sightseeing,

## MAKE LASTING CONNECTIONS

Delve into an incredible variety of over 100 included Insight Experiences, meet fascinating people and step into their homes and their lives. Learn about history and pioneering projects, or maybe take a cookery class or learn to dance.

## SAVOUR VILLAGE SUN BREAD IN EGYPT

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend a captivating and intimate afternoon with local residents, as you visit a family home. Be regaled with stories of village life and savour a tasting of authentic Egyptian sun bread.

## OYSTER HEAVEN IN CROATIA

Savour one of the world's greatest delicacies direct from the sea. Together with Tomislav, a local oyster farmer,

learn about their cultivation and harvest, before enjoying a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of fresh shellfish and local wine.

## EXPLORE CHARTRES CATHEDRAL IN FRANCE

Passionate historian Malcolm Miller leads an unforgettable tour of the magnificent Chartres Cathedral. Bathe In glorious color as you marvel at the stained glass windows, a riot of rich blues and reds, justly considered the finest medieval glass in France.

## EXPAND YOUR CULINARY SKILLS IN CANADA

Gain new culinary skills and learn more about delicious regional cuisine with a local chef, during a cooking demonstration at C'est Bon.

## RANGE THE SWISS ALPS

Discover the true magic of the Swiss Alps with a ranger. Share in a lifetime's love of Mount Stanserhorn, and learn about local wildlife and flora in this stunning area.













## Help make travel a FORCE FOR GOOD

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences are conscious travel experiences chosen with great care based on the positive social or environmental impact they have both on their communities, and on those who experience them: you.

## DANCING WITHOUT BARRIERS, AUSTRIA

Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community. Unique to Insight Guests, 'Dancing without Barriers' takes place in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, and is a unique experience for all your senses.

## LOOM WEAVING, PERUGIA

Immerse yourself in the colorful history of traditional textiles with Marta, Director of one of the few remaining traditional frame hand weaving workshops in Italy and a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Discover the art of loom-weaving and learn how the artisans are preserving this heritage craft.

## GLASS BLOWING, VENICE

Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

## MUKLUKS AND MOCCASINS, OTTAWA

Learn about the Manitobah Mukluks Storyboot Project, a key initiative that aims to revive the traditional arts by creating partnerships with elders and artisans who fashion mukluks and moccasins in the traditional way.

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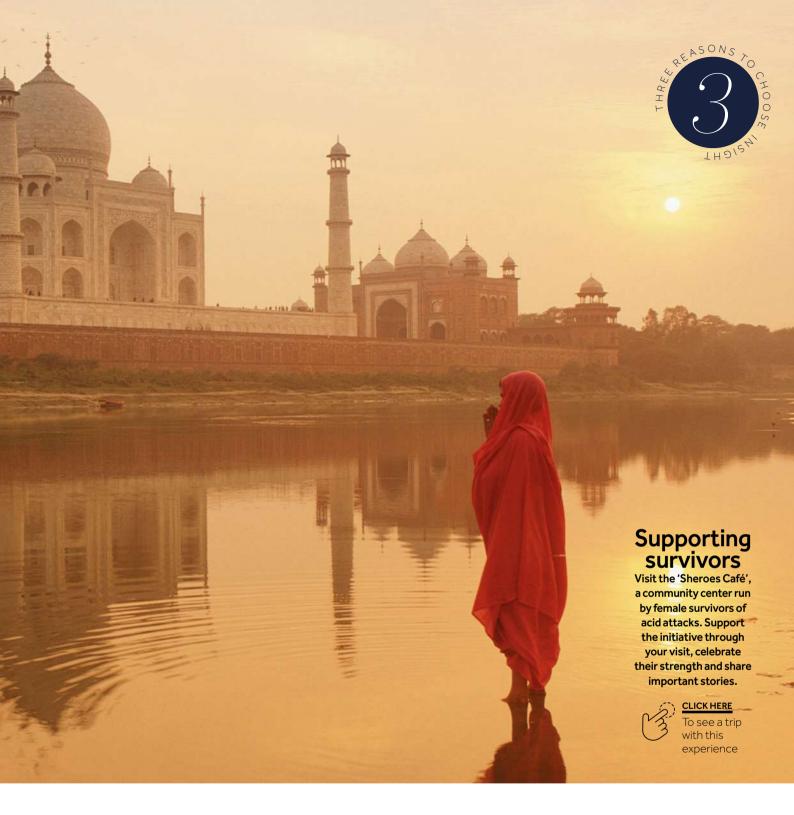






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TREADRIGHT.ORG





TRUST THAT YOU ARE TRAVELING WITH A RESPONSIBLE COMPANY WITH A COMMITMENT TO ENSURING TRAVEL IS A FORCE FOR GOOD.



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to read more about our five-year sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right, anchored to the United Nations Global Goals.





## Travel with CONFIDENCE

With over 100 years of expertise delivering seamless travel experiences, we have everything expertly covered. Trust that every moment of your vacation, from planning to touring, will go smoothly.



## Stress-free, SEAMLESS TRAVEL

## Your Travel Director

A true friend overseas, your Travel Director ensures a fabulous, seamless journey from start to finish. Fluent in the local language and expertly trained, they manage all logistics down to the last detail.

## Well-Being Director

Responsible solely for your welfare, and unique to Insight, your Well-Being Director ensures the highest standards of health and hygiene on your tour and provides you with additional reassurance and logistical support.







## 100+ years of FAMILY VALUES

Insight Vacations is proud to be part of the unique family of brands that makes up The Travel Corporation (TTC). We have been a family-owned and family-run business from the beginning, sharing our passion for travel with you. Backed by over a century in travel expertise, TTC is renowned for its service, quality, value and financial stability. You can feel confident that your monies and future travel are safe with us.



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### VIEW ONLINE FOR FULL DATES, PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Select departures attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

5 DAYS **3 COUNTRIES** 6 MEALS

13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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## **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Gretna Green: Join an immersive and amusing traditional wedding ceremony.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Bath: Choose to visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Alternatively, enjoy a private visit to the Jane Austen Museum before the crowds arrive, and learn about the esteemed author.

## **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Shakespeare's birthplace • Stonehenge.

DAY 1 Hilton York.

DAY 2 Apex Waterloo Place Hotel, Edinburgh.

DAY 3 Hard Days Night Hotel, Liverpool.

DAY 4 Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.



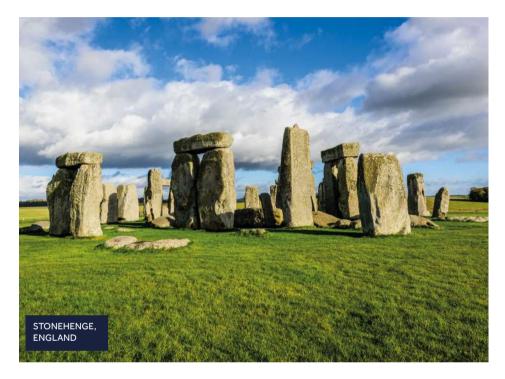
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## **GEMS OF** BRITAIN

"I love to teach guests local phrases, such as 'Ey Up!' The way to say hello whilst in Yorkshire."

- Caroline, Travel Director



Meet your Travel Director at 07:00 at the hotel in London to embark on your lively journey around Britain. In Stratfordupon-Avon, visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Continue to historic York to walk the topsy-turvy streets of the Shambles and see the impressive York Minster Join your Local Expert

in Edinburgh to see the iconic sights. In the evening, select departures attend The Royal Military Tattoo. Travel to Gretna Green to join an amusing wedding ceremony, then to the spectacular Lake District, before you arrive in exciting Liverpool. In

charming Chester, stroll

among medieval timber buildings. Visit lush Wales and enjoy an orientation tour in Cardiff. Cross the River Severn back into England and explore Bath with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Alternatively, enjoy a private visit to the Jane Austen Museum before the crowds arrive, and learn about the esteemed author. Stop by the ancient site of Stonehenge on your way back to London, where your memorable adventure concludes.











## **ELEGANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN**

"Our Local Expert, lan, brings alive the stories of Jane Austen in the city of Bath, I think he has got to be one of the most entertaining men in England!" - Caroline, Travel Director



Start your journey in London or Edinburgh. Join your Local Expert to hear about the Scottish capital's iconic sights. This evening, select departures will attend The Royal Military Tattoo. Travel to historic Ardgowan Estate and meet the Shaw Stewarts during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy a tour around their 18th century family home. Continue to Gretna Green then onto the spectacular Lake District. Join a family for a home-hosted meal at the historic Thirsk Hall. In York, walk the topsy-turvy streets of the Shambles with a Local Expert and see the impressive York Minster, In Lincoln.

see one of the four remaining copies of the Magna Carta. Visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare in pretty Stratford-upon-Avon. Explore Bath with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Alternatively, enjoy a private visit to the Jane Austen Museum before the crowds arrive, and learn about the esteemed author. Stop by mysterious Stonehenge and the cathedral city Salisbury, on your way to London, for a final evening



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∧ COUNTRY ROADS **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

## 12 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 16 MEALS 18 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Ardgowan Estate:** Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savour a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Your visit supports the estate, helping to keep Scottish history alive.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Blenheim Palace: Witness a masterpiece of the English Baroque, brimming with priceless art and tapestries, and learn more about Churchill's life at Blenheim during a talk by a historian.

DAY 1 - 2 Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh.

DAY 3 - 4 Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

DAY 5 - 6 Hilton York.

**DAY 7 - 8** DoubleTree by Hilton Stratfordupon-Avon.

DAY 9 - 10 Bailbrook House Hotel, Bath.

DAY 11 The Clermont Victoria/Amba Hotel Marble Arch, London.







at leisure









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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Cornwall:** John and Anne welcome you to historic Heskyn Mill for a Farm-to-Table dinner. Savour a delightful meal, with all ingredients responsibly sourced from local producers or carefully foraged from the local area to reduce waste.

## **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Dartmoor National Park:** Walk amid the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park. Explore the history of stone circles and learn about indigenous traditions from your knowledgeable Local Expert.

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## **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in York • Dinner in Windermere

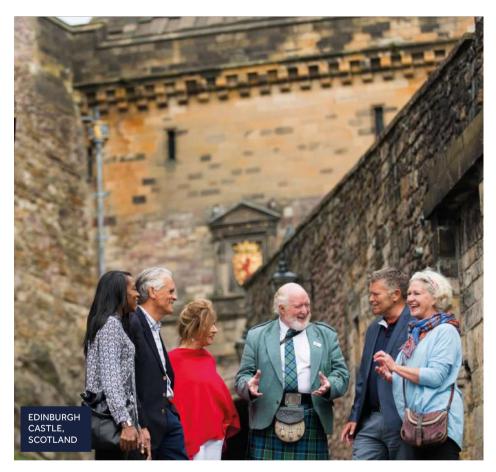
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Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace • Edinburgh Castle • Stonehenge.

See Stratford-upon-Avon • York Minster and Shambles • Hadrian's Wall • Jedburgh Abbey ruins • The Royal Mile in Edinburgh • St. Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow • Stirling Castle • Wordsworth's grave in Grasmere • Ludlow Castle • Cardiff Castle and Principality Stadium • Bath Abbey • Glastonbury.

## BEST OF BRITAIN

"I am passionate about sharing the history of Britain with you. Throughout this trip you will be immersed in the various cultures and traditions across the country." - Cameron, Travel Director









YORK MINSTER, ENGLAND

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy a city that is famous for its pomp and pageantry.

Amba Hotel Marble Arch, London.

### DAY 2 LONDON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

At 07:30, meet your Travel Director to begin your journey north to Stratford-upon-Avon, with its wealth of black-and-white, timber-framed houses. Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to shape society today when you visit his birthplace, full of interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Continue to historic York to stroll the narrow lanes including the Shambles and view York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral.

Later, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening. (B) (DW)

Hilton York.

### DAY 3 HADRIAN'S WALL TO EDINBURGH

See a part of Hadrian's Wall, once spanning 80 miles from coast to coast, marking the northern frontier of the mighty Roman Empire. Continue past Jedburgh Abbey en route to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh, for your two-night stay in this stunning city. (B)

Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh.

### **DAY 4** EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING

In the morning, join a Local Expert to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of Her Majesty the Queen, at the end of the Royal Mile. Continue past the Sir Walter Scott Monument to the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Adam facades. Visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Honours of Scotland, to view Mons Meg, and see the Stone of Destiny. The afternoon is at leisure.

In the evening, select departures will attend the spectacular Military Tattoo - a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

### DAY 5 LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

Drive via historic Bannockburn and Stirling and enjoy the scenery of the Trossachs. Continue along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, before arriving in Glasgow for an orientation of the city with your Travel Director. See the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

### DAY 6 THE GLORIOUS LAKE DISTRICT

Travel via Gretna Green to the English Lake District, with scenery so beautiful it inspired a host of writers. Learn about the life of William Wordsworth and visit his grave in the picturesque, stone-built village of Grasmere. (B) (DW)

Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa, Windermere.

### DAY 7 THE WELSH MARCHES AND CARDIFF

Stop in ancient Ludlow, one of England's most attractive towns, dominated by its castle, rich in tragic royal history. Why not spend time exploring the traditional open-air market, admiring the local crafts and perhaps sampling the produce? Afterwards, cross into southern Wales and head for





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Stroll on The Royal Mile. (Photo by @carolineinsightvacations, Day 3, Edinburgh)

the capital of Cardiff for an orientation of the port city, upon the River Taff. See Cardiff Castle and the impressive Principality Stadium. (B)

Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

### DAY 8 GEORGIAN BATH AND DEVON

Cross the Severn Bridge back into England and drive to the Georgian City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore Bath with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, which serve as a hub of culture and education for the local population. Alternatively, enjoy a private visit to the Jane Austen Museum before the crowds arrive, and learn about the esteemed author. Continue to Glastonbury, steeped in legend and reputed to be the final resting place of King Arthur and the Holy Grail. Continue on to your hotel in the heart of Plymouth. (B)

Jurys Inn Plymouth.

### DAY 9 DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK

**Relaxed Start.** Explore the breathtaking beauty of Dartmoor National Park, home of wild ponies. Meet Emma your moorland Local Expert for a discovery walk and intriguing foraging experience. Spend time reconnecting with nature amidst the stunning landscape of towering granite tors, open moorland, beautiful rivers and lush, wooded valleys.

Later this evening, savour an unforgettable Celebration Dinner at Heskyn Mill during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for the ultimate Farm-to-Table dining experience. Enjoy a mouthwatering meal prepared from organic seasonal produce, freshly picked from the surrounding fields, served with a glass of wine. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 10 STONEHENGE AND LONDON**

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the pre-historic and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring monoliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Return to London for a final evening at leisure. (B)

Amba Hotel Marble Arch, London.

### DAY 11 HOMEWARD BOUND

Your journey ends this morning. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Visit the ancient site of Stonehenge. (*Photo by* @t4ms\_92, Day 10, Stonehenge)



### **KEY**

∀ Join/Leave Options
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⊞ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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1 COUNTRY
21 MEALS
17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Bath:** Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in London • Hotel Dinner in Torquay • Traditional Devonshire Afternoon Tea • Local Restaurant Dinner in Stratford-Upon-Avon • Hotel Dinner in Windermere • Celebration Dinner in Windsor.

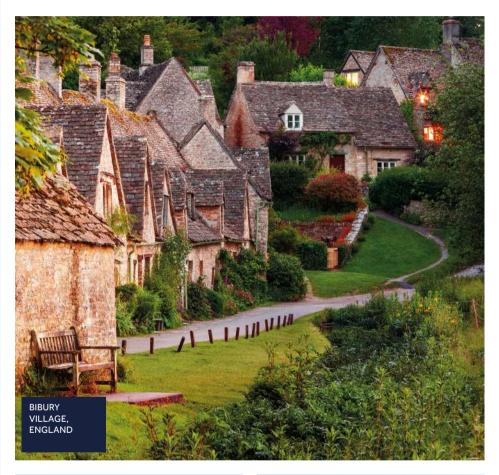
### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Attend a Theatre Show at London's West End, home of theatreland • Attend a play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-Upon-Avon, dedicated to the English playwright and poet William Shakespeare.

Walking tour of part of The Agatha Christie
Mile, see some of the places that were
inspirational in her life and works • Orientation
Tour of Bibury, "the most beautiful village in
England" • Orientation Tour of the medieval
city of Chester.

# ENGLISH LITERARY TRAIL

"The UK covers an area of 93000 square miles, so there is a lot to see. Only here can you walk in the footsteps of some of the world's most renowned authors." - Darren, Travel Director









PALACE OF WESTMINSTER, LONDON

### **DAY 1** ARRIVE LONDON

Welcome to London. On arrival, you are transferred to your hotel.

This evening, join your Travel Director for a welcome drink, followed by dinner and wine. (DW)

The Clermont Victoria, London.

# DAY 2 DISCOVER LONDON'S LITERARY HISTORY

Join your Local Expert to see famous landmarks and discover highlights of London's rich literary history. On your visit to Westminster Abbey, visit Poets' Corner and see the tombs of literary luminaries such as Chaucer and Dickens. At The Charles Dickens Museum, learn about the writer's life. See his desk and handwritten drafts from novels he wrote whilst living there. This evening visit London's West End, home of theatreland, and enjoy a performance of Agatha Christies "The Mouse Trap". (B)

### DAY 3 AUSTEN'S HAMPSHIRE AND SALISBURY

Journey into the county of Hampshire, the birthplace of Jane Austen. This picturesque area provided inspiration for many of her novels, which reflected its people and the society in which she lived. At Chawton House discover the 'Great House' which is referred to in Austen's letters. Next visit Winchester Cathedral, where she was finally laid to rest. Our hotel for the night is in the cathedral city of Salisbury, otherwise known as Melchester in Hardy's "Jude the Obscure". (B)

### Mercure Salisbury White Hart Hotel.

### **DAY 4** HARDY'S DORSET

Travel to Dorset to visit Thomas Hardy's Cottage. The renowned author wrote several of his early short stories, poetry and novels during his time here, including 'Far from the Madding Crowd' and 'Far from the Madding Crowd'. Later, take a short stroll in Thorncombe Woods, an ancient woodland and nature reserve that opens out onto heathland and the beginning of Hardy's Egdon Heath. Next on to Torquay, where we stay at the hotel where Agatha Christie spent her honeymoon.(B) (DW)

### The Grand Hotel, Torquay.

### DAY 5 FOLLOW IN CHRISTIE'S FOOTSTEPS

The Queen of Crime was born in Torquay, and the town has several landmarks associated with her. With our Local Expert we walk part of The Agatha Christie Mile, along the harbour and seafront, to look out for clues which spell out the name of a character linked with her books. We travel by ferry to Greenway, to her beloved holiday home and see the Boathouse, scene of the crime in "Dead Man's Folly". Upon our return to Torquay we enjoy a delicious Devonshire Tea. (B) (AT)

### DAY 6 DARTMOOR AND GREGORIAN BATH

Travel via Dartmoor National Park to Bath. Its stunning honey-coloured Georgian architecture is straight out of a Jane Austen novel. Visit the Roman Baths and Jane Austen Centre. (B)

### Francis Hotel Bath MGallery.

# DAY 7 COTSWOLDS AND SHAKESPEARE'S STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

We journey through the picturesque Cotswolds, stopping in the charming village of Bibury to admire the 14th century cottages of Arlington Row. Later in Stratford-upon-Avon, synonymous with William Shakespeare, a walking tour includes a visit to the Bard's birthplace and the beautiful riverside church

of Holy Trinity, where he is buried. This evening, after dinner, attend a performance at the Royal Shakespeare Company. (B) (DW)

### DoubleTree by Hilton Stratford-upon-Avon.

# DAY 8 MEDIEVAL CHESTER AND THE LAKE DISTRICT

A leisurely drive brings us to the medieval city of Chester. Enjoy views of the city walls and red sandstone cathedral, before we continue our journey to the enchanting Lake District, whose stunning scenery has inspired many writers and poets. (B) (DW)

### Low Wood Bay Hotel, Windermere or similar.

# DAY 9 ENGLISH WRITERS AND THE LAKE DISTRICT

Proclaimed by William Wordsworth that the Lake District is "the loveliest spot that man hath ever found". Next, visit Dove Cottage where Wordsworth and his family once lived. Later enjoy the tales of Beatrix Potter with a visit to her home of Hill Top. Potter used the surrounding countryside and house as inspiration for many of her books.(B) (DW)

### **DAY 10** THE BRONTES AND YORK MINISTER

Travel to Brontë Country in Haworth village where our Local Expert introduces us to the world of the Brontë sisters, including a tour of the Parsonage. Next, head to historic York, where we visit York Minster. See the Five Sisters' Window, which was described by Charles Dickens in Nicholas Nickleby. (B)

### The Grand Hotel & Spa, York.

### **DAY 11** CAMBRIDGE'S STORIED PAST

The university city of Cambridge has many famous literary connections. Visit Trinity College whose alumni includes the poets Lord Byron and Lord Tennyson. During your free time maybe immerse yourself in one of the cities bookshops, or even pop into The Eagle and try a pint of its DNA beer? (B)

### Clayton Hotel Cambridge.

# DAY 12 OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND ROYAL WINDSOR

Oxford is home to the oldest university in the English-speaking world, and is the city where many literary greats have studied and worked. Visit colleges connected with writers CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien, who taught at Magdalen and Trinity respectively. Later we head to Windsor where we stay the next 2 nights.(B)

### Macdonald Windsor Hotel.

### **DAY 13** ROYAL WINDSOR

The historic castle is a short walk from our hotel. We visit the state apartments and admire St George's Chapel, scene of recent royal weddings, and also the burial place of King Henry VIII and more recently HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

In the evening join for a Celebration Dinner with wine.(B) (DW)

### DAY 14 WINDSOR TO LONDON

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a leisurely start before we arrive back into London, with time to maybe visit Foyles and pick up some books to remember your trip by. (B)

### The Clermont Victoria, London.

### **DAY 15** DEPART LONDON

Our trail through England ends this morning after breakfast. Transfers to the airport are available. (B)



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**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Devon Cream Tea. (Day 5, Torquay)



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13 DAYS 2 COUNTRIES 18 MEALS

20 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Bath: Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

**Dorchester:** Experience Devonshire tea with Lady of the Manor Caroline, at her ancestral stately home, Sand House. Learn about some of her family stories over a delicious morning

Visit Selborne Pottery • Play croquet with a professional instructor in Dorchester.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Brecon Beacons: Choose to explore the beautiful flora and fauna of the Brecon Beacons on a leisurely hike with a photographer. Alternatively, visit a local kitchen garden for a peek into the freshest seasonal aromatics from this stunning area.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Bath • Hearty Farm-to-Table Lunch in Brecon Beacons • Celebration Dinner in Dorchester.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Exmoor National Park • Glastonbury Abbey • Stonehenge.

See Cardiff Castle • Oxford • Picturesque Cotswolds villages • Bideford • Plymouth Hoe, the Barbican and Mayflower Steps in Plymouth • Looe • Tintagel Castle • Port Isaac Padstow · Penzance.

### **SCENIC DRIVES**

Enjoy the scenery as you travel on the Great West Way between London and Oxford, through the Cotswolds, Brecon Beacons National Park, Exmoor National Park, Cornish coast, Dartmoor National Park and Dorset.

# **COUNTRY ROADS** OF WALES, DEVON & CORNWALL

"I really enjoy using my knowledge and expertise to help give people an experience that truly enriches their lives and makes them really happy." - Sue, Travel Director









STONEHENGE

### DAY 1 WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free.

### The Clermont Victoria, London.

### DAY 2 OXFORD, THE COTSWOLDS AND BATH

At 07:30, make your way along the scenic Great West Way to Oxford for an orientation with your Travel Director.

Continue your journey on to the Cotswolds to see Bourton-on-the-Water and the pretty market town of Stow-on-the-Wold. Heading to the historic city of Bath for an orientation of the city.

End your day with a delicious traditional Sunday roast at your Welcome Dinner. (B) (DW)

### Apex Hotel, Bath.

### DAY 3 BATH THROUGH THE YEARS

**Relaxed Start.** Start your day by exploring Bath's fascinating Roman History. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths, also an important hub of culture and education for the area. During free time perhaps learn more about the life of the esteemed author Jane Austen, who made Bath her home? (B)

### DAY 4 BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK

Visit the Brecon Beacons with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the beautiful flora and fauna of the Brecon Beacons on a leisurely hike with a photographer. Alternatively, visit a local kitchen garden for a peek into the freshest seasonal aromatics from this stunning area.

After a morning in the great outdoors, rectify your lethargic bliss with a hearty Farm-to-Table pub lunch, where a delicious seasonal menu with local ingredients will be available. (B) (LW)

### Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

### **DAY 5** CARDIFF

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxed start this morning. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of this vibrant city. See Principality Stadium, home of Welsh Rugby, and Cardiff Castle.

The rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

# DAY 6 EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK TO DARTMOOR

Begin your day at Glastonbury Abbey. Move on to Exmoor National Park, a beautiful area of moorland in Somerset.

Your day ends at Bovey Castle, where you'll stay for the next two nights. Nestled in the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park, this five-star accommodation stands amoung 275 acres of beautiful countryside.

Catch up with your fellow travellers tonight over a wholesome dinner at the hotel. (B) (DW)

### Bovey Castle, Dartmoor.

### **DAY 7** EXPLORING THE SOUTHWEST

**Relaxed Start.** Head to the port city of Plymouth in Devon. Next, you'll journey to the quaint coastal town of Looe, a quintessential Cornish village boasting old world charm. (B)

### DAY 8 LEGENDS AND GLITZ IN CORNWALL

Begin your day in Padstow. Though it has become more gentrified in the past few years, the town has not lost its nautical ambiance. Move on to Port Isaac, a pretty fishing village on the Atlantic coast. Continue your scenic drive to Tintagel, mentioned in the legendary tale of King Arthur. See the ruins of its 13th century castle. Stop in historic Bideford. Your day ends in the river-port town of Barnstaple. (R)

### The Royal and Fortescue Hotel, Barnstaple/ The Barnstaple Hotel.

### **DAY 9 PIRATES OF PENZANCE**

Begin your full day exploring Cornwall with a trip to the historic port of Penzance, offering sea-blown charm with its Victorian promenade. Continue on to the centre of Cornwall's art scene, St Ives, where galleries and studios line the streets. In the evening, you have the option of heading out for a traditional Cornish meal enjoying the ambience of a local pub. (B)

The Bodmin Jail Hotel, Bodmin.

### DAY 10 COUNTRY HOUSES IN DORSET

**Relaxed Start.** Visit a manor house, nestled in Devon countryside, and learn about the history of the property.

Join the owner for a quintessential Devonshire high tea, with freshly baked scones garnished with seasonal fruits from the kitchen garden. Spend the next two nights at the beautiful five star Summer Lodge Country House Hotel and Restaurant, nestled in the picturesque Wessex countryside. (B) (MT) (DW)

# Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant, Dorset.

# DAY 11 GALLERIES AND GARDENS OF DORSET

**Relaxed Start.** Meet with a professional instructor to learn the quintessentially English sport of croquet and try out your new skills in a game with your fellow travellers.

The afternoon is at your leisure, perhaps visit nearby stately homes Montacute House or Mapperton House?

In the evening, join your fellow companions for an elegant Celebration Dinner at your hotel's famed restaurant. Delight in a seasonal and local menu.
(B) (DW)

### **DAY 12** DEPART DORCHESTER

Make your way to Stonehenge, a prehistoric monument found in Wiltshire, dating back to around 3000 BC.

Visit Selborne Pottery, a local studio and and meet the owner Robert Goldsmith, for a demonstration. End your day back in London, where you'll be transferred to the hotel. (B)

### **DAY 13 HOMEWARD BOUND**

Your journey ends this morning. (B)



**AUTHENTIC DINING** Enjoy British tea and scones. (*Day 10, Dorset*)



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1 Central Hotels + Nights

1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

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9 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 15 MEALS

18 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Glencoe: Join a ranger in the spectacular Valley of Glencoe, learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem and the important work reintroducing lost indigenous species to its flora and fauna.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Orkney Islands: Cruise to the windswept Orkney Islands on a full day guided journey. Come face-to-face with relics spanning human history, from pagan stone circles to reminders of wartime tragedy. Join a Local Expert for a fascinating journey into the history of this remote part of the world.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Wick: Choose to visit the Old Pultenev Distillery to taste a wee dram of whisky. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum and hear about the past of this once thriving fishing community.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Blair Atholl: Visit Blair Castle and Gardens, which has been home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries, and tour the ballroom to learn about the history of the estate. Relish a delicious afternoon sipping on freshly brewed coffee or tea and tasting homemade scones with berry jam and sweet cream.

# **COUNTRY ROADS OF SCOTLAND**

"A fun fact that I love sharing with quests is that there's more water in Loch Ness than all of the rivers and lakes in England and Wales combined - the perfect hiding place for something huge!"

- John. Travel Director









### DAY 1 WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

On arrival at Edinburgh airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 13:00. Then the rest of the day is yours to relax.

### Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant.

On select departures, during your time in Edinburgh you will also attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo — a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (DW)

### Malmaison Hotel Edinburgh.

# DAY 2 EDINBURGH, THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Queen. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and Scotland's Crown Jewels.

The rest of the day is at leisure; why not visit the art treasures in the National Gallery? (B)

# DAY 3 TO ST. ANDREWS AND THE HIGHLAND CAPITAL OF INVERNESS

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St. Andrews for an orientation

Travel across the Tay and continue to charming Pitlochry for a visit.

Stop at Blair Castle and Gardens, home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries. Tour the magnificent ballroom and learn about the history of the estate. During your visit relish a delicious cream tea.

Continue to Inverness, where your luxury hotel is set within four acres of manicured grounds.
(B) (AT) (DW)

### Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

# DAY 4 CULLODEN, LOCH NESS AND ONTO THURSO

See Culloden Moor where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was crushed in 1746 and visit the Culloden Visitor Centre. Continue along the shores of Loch Ness and keep your eyes peeled for the legendary monster!

Explore Wick with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of its award-winning whiskeys. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum and hear about the past of this once thriving fishing community. (B) (DW)

### The Pentland Hotel, Thurso.

### DAY 5 A DAY IN THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

Start the day by driving to the most northern point of the British mainland, John O'Groats. Board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands where the countryside is breathtakingly majestic and the tranquillity supports a quieter pace of life. Here the hardy locals say they live 'below the wind and above the water.'

Your Local Expert accompanies you as you visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II. (B) (DW)

### DAY 6 OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Travel through stunning landscapes along the northern coast with its white sandy beaches, and further inland to misty valleys and glens, lochs and rushing waters.

Then it's 'Over the Sea to Skye,' the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. On the way to Broadford, hear romantic tales of how young Flora MacDonald helped rescue Bonnie Prince Charlie and see the dramatic Cuillin Hills. (B) (DW)

### The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford.

# DAY 7 THROUGH THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS TO GLENCOE

**Relaxed Start.** Cross to the Kyle of Lochalsh and stop for a photo at Eilean Donan Castle, which under a clear sky offers a perfect reflection in its loch

Continue to the WWII Commando Memorial with views of Ben Nevis.

Enjoy spectacular scenery en route to Valley of Glencoe. Join a ranger for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem and the important work reintroducing lost indigenous species to its flora and fauna.

Delight in market-fresh Scottish ingredients as you join your newfound friends for a sumptuous Celebration Dinner. Don't be surprised if, by the end of the evening, you're singing 'Auld Lang Syne.' (B) (DW)

# Ballachulish Hotel, Glencoe/Isle of Glencoe Hotel.

# DAY 8 ALONG THE BONNIE BANKS OF LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

**Relaxed Start.** Spend time around peaceful Loch Lomond or the 'Queen of Scottish Lochs', according to Sir Walter Scott.

Perhaps experience the beauty and tranquillity of the loch with an optional cruise before continuing to Glasgow?

An orientation drive through the city will show you the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.

Then the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore as you wish. (B)

# Holiday Inn Glasgow - City Centre Theatreland.

### **DAY 9 DEPART GLASGOW**

Your travels come to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Glasgow airport at 06:30 and 09:00. (B)

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1 Central Hotels + Nights

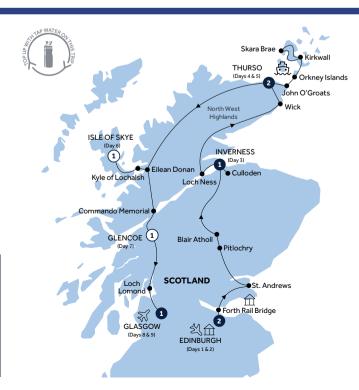
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🟛 Cruise

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**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Stop for a photo of Eilean Donan Castle. (*Photo by* @*Annewilson1076*, *Day 7*, *Isle of Skye*)



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7 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 10 MEALS 14 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Killarney: Meet John and Freda, passionate restaurant owners, and learn how their Farmto-Table concept operates. Enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Dublin:** Tour Trinity College with a Local Expert, before marvelling at the ancient Book of Kells, created by monks and dating from A.D. 800.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Killarney: Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Dublin • Celebration Dinner in Cork.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Cliffs of Moher • Blarney Castle • Queenstown Story Cobh.

See Dublin • Galway • Adare's thatched cottages • Killarney • Cork.

### **SCENIC DRIVES**

Irish scenery is some of the most beautiful in the world. Relax and admire the views as you travel through Burren, Derrynasaggart Mountain and along the Ring of Kerry.

# **FOCUS ON IRELAND**

"I enjoy teaching you some local phrases, such as: 'Míle buíochas,' which means 'a thousand thanks', and 'Go n-éirí linn,' which I use often throughout the trip to say, let's go!"

- Katie. Travel Director













JAUNTING CAR. **KILLARNEY** 

### DAY 1 IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

At Dublin airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 08:30. 11:00 and 13:00.

Meet your Travel Director at 14:30 for an orientation of Dublin. Pass the St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral. See the 9th century Book of Kells. Walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College accompanied by a Local Expert as they share insights into modern life and the establishment's impressive history.

Enjoy a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over the course of the evening. (DW)

### Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

### DAY 2 TO GALWAY, CITY OF THE TRIBES

**Relaxed Start.** Leave Dublin and set off through the delightful landscapes of the Emerald Isle. Cross Ireland's longest river, the river Shannon, to reach historic Galway, the City of the Tribes, at the mouth of the Corrib River. Easily one of Ireland's most fun and lively cities, the streets are lined with buskers, the pubs feature live musicians, and the region's famous oysters.

Join your Travel Director to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before setting off for his discovery of America. Also see the aged Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. (B)

### Harbour Hotel Galway.

# DAY 3 THE CLIFFS OF MOHER, ADARE AND KILLARNEY

**Relaxed Start.** Take the scenic route through the mysterious rocky limestone landscape of the Burren, with its underground caverns, streams and rare flora

Stop at the Exhibition Centre, situated next to the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher with breathtaking views of the Clare Coast.

Continue past the city of Limerick, stop in quaint Adare and take a relaxed village walk to see its thatched-roof cottages.

In the evening, stay in the center of the action in lively Killarney. Gateway to the famous Ring of Kerry, Killarney has been welcoming travellers, who appreciate the spectacular scenery of woodlands and lakes, for over 250 years. (B) (DW)

### Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

### **DAY 4** RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose to join a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, admire incredible scenery on a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and National Park.

Take a leisurely excursion around the magnificent Ring of Kerry with stunning views of mountains and sea. Pass through the small towns of Killorglin, where the famous Puck Fair takes place, and Cahersiveen, birthplace of the great patriot, Daniel O'Connell. Follow the narrow road as it winds along the cliffs to the fishing town of Waterville. Continue through delightful villages like Sneem and cross the peat bogs of the Black Mountains to Moll's Gap to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a Farm-to-Table dinner. Enjoy some Irish home cooking at the family-run kitchen of chef John Sheehan. Join John and his wife, Freda for drinks and a personal insight into classic Irish recipes that are loved throughout the world and help preserve this intangible cultural heritage. Then, settle down for a night of great food and drink in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. (B) (DW)

# DAY 5 COBH AND BLARNEY CASTLE ON THE WAY TO CORK

Relaxed Start. Drive to the pretty riverside village of Cobh, which was the last port of call for the Titanic. Walk through the Queenstown Story exhibition at the Heritage Centre, which recounts the era of Irish emigration and the life of this once great passenger port. Continue to visit the 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten!

Continue on to Cork along the spacious Grand Parade and South Mall and see the City Hall and fine Georgian houses en route to your hotel.

In the evening, raise your glass and revel in rich flavours at a lively Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

### Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

### **DAY 6** KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

Drive through prime farmland to the medieval city of Kilkenny, with its majestic castle and river walk. Browse the medieval mile showcasing the hub of Ireland's arts and crafts scene along its narrow lanes. Then, return to Dublin and your hotel, located in the heart of Dublin's leafy south side just minutes from the city centre. The rest of the evening is at your leisure to further explore if you wish. (B)

### Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

### **DAY 7** DEPART DUBLIN

Your memorable trip comes to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Dublin airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See Adare's thatched cottages. (*Day 3, Adare*)







### **KEY**

₹ Join/Leave Options

⊞ UNESCO Heritage Site



Place Visited



# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

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**SEP** | 03, 10, 17, 24

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY

8 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 11 MEALS 15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Ring of Kerry:** Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Dublin:** Tour Trinity College with a Local Expert, before marvelling at the ancient Book of Kells, created by monks and dating from A.D. 800.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Connemara National Park: Choose to visit the turreted Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey. Alternatively, taste the uniqueflavours of Connemara oysters and learn about the farm's sustainability initiatives in an enlightening MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

Choose between two experiences in Blarney.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Ashford Castle:** Dine on delicious Farmto-Table fare in a stylish setting at Ashford Castle's iconic George V Dining Room. Welcome Dinner in Dublin.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by Ferry across Shannon Estuary
• Be escorted by a lone piper across the drawbridge at Ashford Castle.

Visit Cliffs of Moher • Ring of Kerry

· Galway Cathedral.

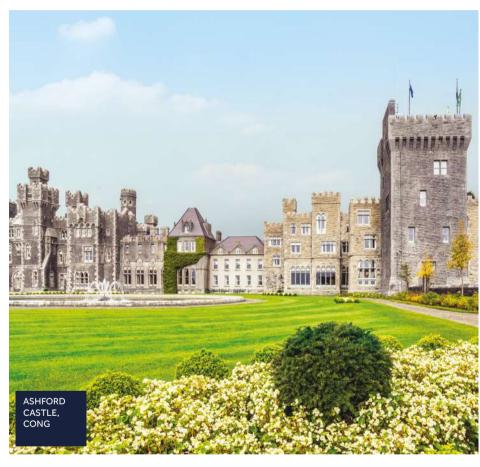
See Guinness Storehouse, Dublin Castle and O'Connell Street in Dublin • Killarney

• Cong Abbey.

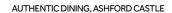
# IRISH ELEGANCE

"Meeting the piper at Ashford Castle is always a hit with guests. You'll walk across a bridge to the castle, behind the lone piper, who is playing just for you. It's a spine-tingling experience!"

- Erica, Travel Director









TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

### DAY 1 IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Welcome to Dublin. On arrival at Dublin airport, your airport transfer shuttle service leaves for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Meet your Travel Director at 14:30 for an orientation tour that brings to life Dublin's architectural treasures and history, stretching back more than 1,000 years. Travel along the River Liffey, see Custom House, Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. See the 9th century Book of Kells and a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College, accompanied by a Local Expert who will share their insights into modern life and the establishment's impressive history.

Back at your hotel, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (DW)

### Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

# DAY 2 CASHEL AND BLARNEY, HEADING FOR KILLARNEY

Depart Dublin, and pass the famous Curragh Racecourse and green meadows where many of the finest Irish racehorses are bred.
Explore Blarney with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Blarney Castle and kiss the magical stone to ensure a lifetime of eloquence. Alternatively, meet a senior gardener for a tour of Blarney Gardens. Head to Killarney, where you may fancy a 'pint of porter.' This town on the lakes is famous for its lively pubs so in the evening why not join in the

### Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

'craic'? (B) (DW)

### **DAY 3** RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, marvel at spectacular mountain and sea views as you travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as the Ring of Kerry. Meet John for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit his family-run seaweed farm to learn about sustainable farming practices that protect the wild Irish Atlantic coasts. (B)

# **DAY 4** THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND ON TO GALWAY

Cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry and enter County Clare. Stop at the Exhibition Centre and enjoy a walk along the Cliffs of Moher, raised approximately 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves. Then travel north across the Burren, a suddenly stark and barren landscape, scarred with interesting limestone creases. Journey to Galway, the City of the Tribes, and visit the lovely cathedral.

Take in the scenery from your hotel, which is spectacularly set on the shores of Galway Bay.
(B) (DW)

### Connemara Coast Hotel, Galway.

### **DAY 5** CAPTIVATING CONNEMARA

Relaxed Start. Embark on a superb exploration of the Connemara National Park and see a wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Explore Connemara with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the magnificent, turreted Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey. Alternatively join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit one of Ireland's oldest oyster farms for a tasting. Learn about their commitment to biodiversity and work promoting sustainable packaging. (B)

### **DAY 6** MAJESTIC ASHFORD CASTLE

**Relaxed Start.** Sitting on the edge of Lough Corrib and nestled on the border of County Galway and County Mayo, is the delightful Cong. You may recognise much of the town as it was used as the location in the 1952 film, 'The Quiet Man.' With free time to explore this quintessential Irish village, see the statue of the lead characters played by John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, and the ruins of the Medieval Cong Abbey.

Then a short drive down the road leads you to Ashford Castle, the highlight of your travels. As you arrive a lone piper escorts you over the drawbridge. Your exquisite hotel provides a romantic backdrop in superior surroundings, offering both relaxation and comfort. There are many opportunities to explore the vast estate, pamper yourself at the spa, or get to know the hawks and woodland surroundings at the hotel's falconry school.

Dining at Ashford Castle ranks among the finest culinary experiences in the world. Creative cooking, locally sourced ingredients and an innovative menu await at your Celebration Dinner. Gentlemen, a jacket is required. (B) (DW)

### Ashford Castle, Cong.

# DAY 7 ACROSS THE EMERALD ISLE TO DUBLIN

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the morning and perhaps a stroll on the estate? Then cross the midlands to Dublin where the rest of the day is free for independent activities and maybe some last minute shopping. (B)

### Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

### **DAY 8** DEPART DUBLIN

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Dublin airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30. (B)





**INSIGHT CHOICE** Visit Kylemore Abbey with your Local Expert. (*Photo by* @*Toneill70*, *Day 5*, *Connemara*)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore Connemara National Park, a wonderland of lakes and silent hills. (Day 5, Connemara)



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- 1 Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited

₾ Cruise

# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE



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∧ COUNTRY ROADS **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

13 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 20 MEALS 20 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

County Tipperary: Meet entrepreneur Ailbhe and hear about her passion for sustainable farming. Learn about biodiversity, regenerative agriculture and the secret to crafting the most delicious honey on the island.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Kilkenny: Meet James, an experienced player, for a fun session to discover the skills involved in hurling. Learn about this 3,000-year-old discipline, a proud legacy of Ireland's heritage, and have a go for yourself on the pitch. Visit Powerscourt Estate and Gardens with a

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Westport: Choose to join a local foodie for a walk through the town, sampling Ireland's culinary delicacies. Alternatively, travel to Ballycroy National Park for a nature walk through lush countryside with panoramic views of Achill Island and the Nephin Beg mountain range. Choose between two experiences in Dublin.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Ennistymon • Restaurant Lunch in Galway • Morning tea at Lissadell Estate • Dine-at-Home in Letterkenny • Cooking Demonstration and Dinner in County Kildare • Pub Dinner with musicians in Kilkenny · Celebration Dinner in Bunratty.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Cliffs of Moher • Glenveagh Castle • Glendalough • The Queenstown Story in Cobh · Charles Fort · Blarney Castle.

See Lynch Memorial, Church of St. Nicholas and Eyre Square in Galway • Custom House and St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin • Kilkenny • Kinsale • Adare.

# UNDISCOVERED **IRELAND**

"An Irish expression I often teach to quests is 'sin scéal eile,' which means 'that's another story.' - Áine, Travel Director









CLIFFS OF MOHER

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO IRELAND

Transfers to your hotel depart from Shannon airport at 07:00 and 13:00. Relax and settle into your hotel.

At 17:30, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers. (DW)

Falls Hotel & Spa, Ennistymon.

### DAY 2 CLIFFS AND DELIGHTS OF GALWAY

Journey to the incredible West Coast and the Cliffs of Moher, for breath-taking views of the Clare shoreline and the Atlantic Ocean. Your next stop is Galway, the City of Tribes. See the St Nicholas Cathedral, the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square.

Indulge in a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.

Arrive in quaint and colourful Westport in Co. Mayo, on the Clew Bay. (B) (LW)

The Wyatt Hotel, Westport.

### **DAY 3** EXPLORE WESTPORT

Explore Westport with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert on a culinary walk through the town, sampling the best artisan dishes, craft beers and spirits. Alternatively, travel to Ballycroy National Park for a nature walk through lush countryside, with panoramic views of Achill Island and the Nephin Beg mountain range. (B)

### DAY 4 CO. DONEGAL

Relaxed Start. Visit the historic Lissadell Estate.

Meet the owners who have lovingly restored the house and gardens to their former glory, and listen to their story as you enjoy tea and scones.

Follow the coast to Donegal, then head inland for the market town of Letterkenny.

Tonight, enjoy hearty Irish fare as your dine in the home of a local family. (B) (MT) (DW)

McGettigan's Hotel, Letterkenny.

### **DAY 5** WILDERNESS OF THE NORTHWEST

Experience the beauty and tranquillity of Ireland's northernmost wilderness as you travel through Glenveagh National Park. Visit Glenveagh Castle, originally built as a romantic highland retreat, with a Local Expert.

Continue through Creeslough across the true wilds of Donegal. See Doe Castle, then on to village of Downings to arrive on Atlantic Drive. Part of the Wild Atlantic Way, it is one of Ireland's best kept secrets, offering pristine and unspoilt scenery. (B)

### DAY 6 DUBLIN, THE CAPITAL

Journey across the Emerald Isle to Dublin. See the Custom House and St Patrick's Cathedral on your orientation with your Travel Director. Explore Dublin with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the world-famous Guinness Storehouse Brewery and learn how to pour the perfect pint. Alternatively, join a Local Expert to visit Trinity College and see the Book of Kells. Arrive at the historic Carton House Hotel, a favourite retreat of Queen Victoria, newly repoyated

Tonight, enjoy a cooking demonstration and savour a delicious dinner at the hotel's gastropub. (B) (DW)

Carton House, County Kildare.

### **DAY 7** A DAY AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Today take advantage of the activities available at your hotel. Stop on the estate grounds and look out for rare birds. Take your chance at fishing, play a round of golf or pamper yourself at the spa. Transfers are also available for quests wishing to further explore Dublin. (B)

### **DAY 8** GARDENS OF IRELAND

Your first stop this morning is at the Powerscourt House, in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains, where you join a gardener for a walk through one of the world's greatest estates. Your next stop is at Glendalough where a Local Expert takes you on a walk in the 'valley of the two lakes'. This evening, arrive in Kilkenny, where your Travel Director shows you the medieval city. (B)

River Court Hotel, Kilkenny.

### **DAY 9** ACTIVE KILKENNY

**Relaxed Start.** Kilkenny holds a long history for Ireland's national sport – hurling. Meet an experienced player to gain an exciting insight into this unique Irish cultural experience, and have a go for yourself on the pitch.

Tonight, enjoy a pub dinner where local musicians entertain you in true Irish tradition. (B) (DW)

### DAY 10 ON THE WAY TO CORK

Travel to 15th-century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence! In Cobh, visit the Queenstown Story exhibition, offering a glimpse into the hardships of the early emigrants to British overseas colonies. The ill-fated Titanic also called to the port on its voyage to New York. (B)

Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

### **DAY 11 WALKS IN NATURE**

Explore Kinsale, one of the most picturesque towns on the southwest coast of Ireland. Visit Charles Fort, one of the finest surviving examples of a 17th-century star-shaped fort. Overlooking the town and the mouth of the Bandon River, it provides breath-taking views of the county. An easy and peaceful walk takes you to the Old Head of Kinsale, to see the memorial to the crew of RMS Lusitania and the ruins of Downmacpatrick Castle.

Enjoy the freshest seafood this evening on your Sea-to-Table dinner. (B) (DW)

### DAY 12 COUNTY TIPPERARY AND ADARE

Travel across County Tipperary to Brookfield Farm and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Meet Ailbhe Gerrard, a passionate farmer and beekeeper, who shares her secrets to crafting the most delicious honey of the island, crafted sustainably, vital for the preservation of biodiversity in the region.

Continue to Adare, Ireland's prettiest village, for a walk among thatched cottages.

Tonight, toast to your travels and memories made at your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

**Bunratty Castle Hotel.** 

### **DAY 13** FAREWELL IRELAND

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Shannon airport at 05:30 and 09:00. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Powerscourt House and Gardens. (*Day 8, Wicklow Mountains*)



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### **KEY**

₹ Join/Leave Options

∰UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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∧ COUNTRY ROADS **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

12 DAYS 2 COUNTRIES 16 MEALS 20 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Killarney: Meet John and Freda, passionate restaurant owners, and learn how their Farmto-Table concept operates. Enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius.

Support local wildlife at the Giant's Causeway.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Kilkenny: Meet James, an experienced player, for a fun session to discover the skills involved in hurling. Learn about this 3,000-year-old discipline, a proud legacy of Ireland's heritage, and have a go for yourself on the pitch.

Visit Trinity College and Book of Kells in Dublin • The Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens in Kildare • Londonderry with a Local Expert.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

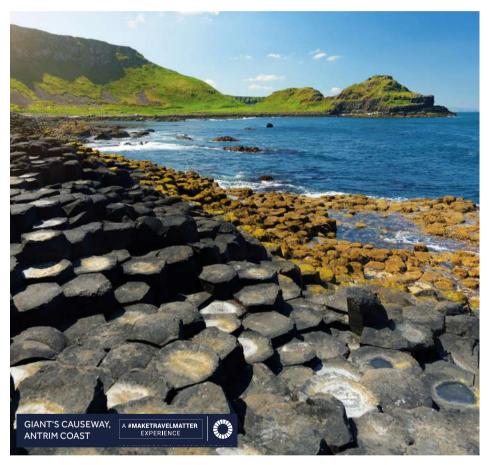
Killarney: Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Celebration Dinner in Ballygally.

# **COUNTRY ROADS** OF IRELAND

"Everyone loves to meet James, our Kilkenny hurler, on this trip. He introduces you to one of our national games with a hands-on experience." - Clodagh, Travel Director









HA'PENNY BRIDGE, DUBLIN

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO DUBLIN

On arrival at Dublin airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner, with the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a meal with wine. (DW)

Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

### DAY 2 IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

**Relaxed Start.** Become acquainted with Dublin's elegant squares during an orientation of the city. Discover Custom House, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Enjoy entrance to the 9th century Book of Kells and a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College accompanied by a Local Expert, who will share their insights into modern life and the establishment's impressive history. (B)

### DAY 3 A JOURNEY FROM DUBLIN TO CORK

Visit one of the country's main racehorse breeding centres and meet an equine professional. Visit the 100-year-old Japanese Gardens. Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny, home of the world's fastest field game and Ireland's national sport, hurling. Meet an experienced player who shares his passion, as you test your skill during a lesson.

Continue through Cahir and see its 13th century castle.

In Cork, your Travel Director shows you around the university city, with its vibrant waterfront and grand Georgian parades.(B)

Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

# DAY 4 ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS TO KILLARNEY

**Relaxed Start.** Travel to Blarney Castle and kiss the stone to ensure a lifetime of eloquence.
Travel across the majestic Derrynasaggart
Mountains to the peaceful town of Killarney.

Join John and Freda, your hosts at the 19th Green Guesthouse, and savour the delicious flavours of fresh local cuisine on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Gather together at a Farm-to-Table dinner, using responsibly sourced ingredients from the local community, and gain personal insight into classic Irish recipes that are loved throughout the world. (B) (DW)

### Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

### **DAY 5** RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Relaxed Start. Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys.

Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore through the National Park. Explore around the magnificent Ring of Kerry. Here, mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is breathtaking beyond words. Journey past lush lakelands and around towering cliffs as you appreciate sweeping sea views. (B)

### DAY 6 AROUND THE DINGLE PENINSULA

Relaxed Start. Continue driving with views of wide skies, peaceful towns and coastal scenery of the Dingle Peninsula - the setting for the film Ryan's Daughter. Drive to dramatic Slea Head at the peninsula's far end, before reaching your hotel on the shores of Dingle harbour. With the evening at leisure, why not treat yourself to a relaxing experience at the hotel's spa? (B)

Skellig Hotel, Dingle.

### DAY 7 THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY

Journey to the Visitor Centre at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher for breathtaking views.

Enjoy a delightful drive through the strange, rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway Bay.
See the Lynch Memorial, Spanish Arch, Eyre Square and Church of St. Nicholas. (B) (DW)

Connemara Coast Hotel (Sea View Rooms), Galway.

### DAY 8 FREE DAY GALWAY OR ARAN ISLANDS

**Relaxed Start.** Spend a day at leisure to relax and enjoy Galway. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Aran Islands? A genuine highlight of the Wild Atlantic Way. (B)

### **DAY 9 LONDONDERRY**

Stop at a peaceful churchyard in Drumcliffe to visit the final resting place of Ireland's famous poet, William Butler Yeats.

Cross into Northern Ireland, bound for the ancient walled city of 'Derry.'

On arrival, one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, will fascinate you as he takes you inside the city walls. (B) (DW)

Maldron Hotel Derry, Londonderry.

### DAY 10 WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

Relaxed Start. Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn how the National Trust is enabling farming and biodiversity to work together, supporting both wildlife and quality food production.

Continue to your hotel overlooking Ballygally Bay.

Join us for a finale Celebration Dinner, where old-fashioned hospitality blends with good food and wine. (B) (DW)

Ballygally Castle Hotel.

### DAY 11 THE ANTRIM COAST TO BELFAST

**Relaxed Start.** Follow the Antrim Coast, past the huge Norman castle at Carrickfergus, to arrive in Belfast.

Meet Hilda, your Local Expert, for a passionate city tour including views of the City Hall, Queen's University, the Parliament Building at Stormont and murals in different locations indicating political sentiments of local residents. (B)

Europa Hotel, Belfast.

### DAY 12 DEPART BELFAST OR DUBLIN

Departure transfers arrive at Belfast George Best City Airport at 08:00 and Belfast International Airport at 08:45. An additional transfer will arrive at Dublin airport at 08:00. (B)



**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Visit the geological masterpiece of Giant's Causeway. (Photo by @Chancfstanley, Day 10, Antrim Coast)



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₹ Join/Leave Options

- 1 Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- O Optional Place Visited

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14, 17, 21



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Select departures attend **The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**.

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

14 DAYS

3 COUNTRIES 21 MEALS 26 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Ardgowan Estate:** Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savour a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Hear more about centuries of history on the beautiful grounds. Your visit supports the estate, helping to keep Scottish history alive. Support local wildlife at the Giant's Causeway.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

**Londonderry:** There's no better way to experience sightseeing than with one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, as he takes you on a tour inside the city walls.

Visit Trinity College and Book of Kells in Dublin
• Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens in Kildare.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Killarney:** Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park.

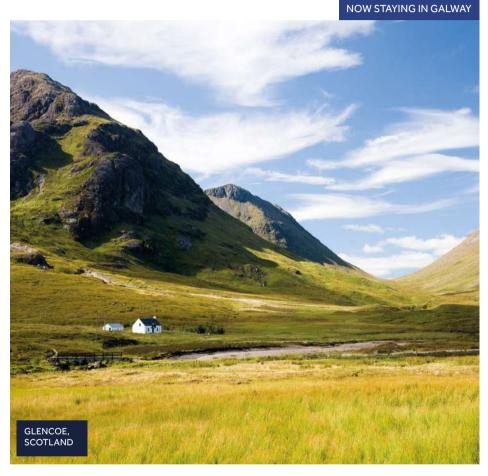
### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Dublin • Celebration Dinner in Edinburgh.

Taste whisky at a local distillery.

# **BEST OF IRELAND** & SCOTLAND

"Guests always love meeting Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart at his home, as you feel very welcomed into his world and enjoy learning about his family and the estate." – Michael, Travel Director









SIR LUDOVIC SHAW, ARDGOWAN





### DAY 1 WELCOME TO DUBLIN

On arrival at Dublin airport, your airport transfer service leaves for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00

Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Clayton Hotel Charlemont, Dublin.

### DAY 2 IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Your Travel Director takes you past the Custom House to see the Guinness Brewery, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College and gain an insight into its history from a Local Expert.

Enjoy entry into its famed library and the 9th century Book of Kells exhibition. (B)

### **DAY 3** KILDARE AND CORK

Witness life behind the scenes of the National Stud Farm, where many legendary racehorses are bred. Then see the finest Japanese gardens in Europe, where the symbolism of life the gardens portray, trace the journey of a soul, designed by master horticulturists, Tassa and Minoru Eida. Travel along Grand Parade to see Cork's City Hall and Opera House. (B)

Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

### **DAY 4** BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY

**Relaxed Start.** Visit the ruined 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! (B) (DW)

Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

### **DAY 5** RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and through the National Park.

Tour the superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains of the Ring of Kerry. Follow the narrow road as it winds through delightful villages like Sneem, to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. Return mid-afternoon for time at leisure. (B)

### DAY 6 THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Begin the day with a short ferry ride across the Shannon estuary. Enjoy magnificent views of the Clare coast, as you journey to the Visitors' Centre at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher.

Continue to your hotel, located at the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way. (B)

The Galmont Hotel & Spa, Galway.

### DAY 7 GLORIOUS GALWAY TO SLIGO BAY

**Relaxed Start.** Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas.

Tour the wild Connemara region, a scenic wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Drive along the scenic shores of Sligo Bay. (B) (DW)

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa/Clayton Hotel, Sligo Bay.

### DAY 8 WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

The day begins in Drumcliffe, with a visit to the final resting place of Ireland's famous poet, William Butler Yeats. Cross into Northern Ireland to visit Londonderry, and experience sightseeing with one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan. Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn how the National Trust is enabling farming and biodiversity to work together, supporting both wildlife and quality food production. Continue along the Antrim coast road to your hotel. (B) (DW)

Ballygally Castle Hotel.

### DAY 9 HIGH TEA AT ARDGOWAN ESTATE

**Relaxed Start.** Journey to Ardgowan, where Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle, set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate.

Explore the history of the area and learn the Shaw Stewart family's conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, followed by delightful traditional Scottish tea and scopes.

Continue to Glasgow to see the city's grand public buildings. (B) (AT)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

### **DAY 10 GLENCOE AND LOCH NESS**

A scenic drive takes you along the banks of Loch Lomond and the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, before reaching The Great Glen.

Experience a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Soak up the scenery, and intriguing tales of Nessie. (B) (DW)

Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

### **DAY 11** A HIGHLANDS EXPERIENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy an orientation of Inverness, before driving out to the Culloden Moor Visitor Centre, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally defeated.

Savour a 'wee dram' during a visit to a local distillery, as you delve into the fascinating world of the single malt. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 12 ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH**

A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains passing Blair Castle. Cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews and see the Old Course, the home of golf since the 15th century before enjoying free time to explore.

Continue to Edinburgh.

In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (B)

Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa, Edinburgh/ Apex City of Edinburgh Hotel.

### DAY 13 SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Queen. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Honours of Scotland.

Join your friends at the stylish Grazing by Mark Greenaway, for a grand finale Celebration Dinner of modern Scottish cuisine, served with wine. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 14** FAREWELL EDINBURGH

Transfers arrive at Edinburgh airport at 06:15 and 09:00. (B)  $\,$ 









### **KEY**

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⊞ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

🛱 Cruise

# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE



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# VIEW ONLINE FOR FULL DATES, PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Select departures attend **The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.** 

© REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

20 DAYS

5 COUNTRIES
28 MEALS
33 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Ring of Kerry:** Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts.

Visit the Roman Baths in Bath, providing quality education.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Waterford:** Visit Waterford Crystal to learn more about the art of crystal carving that has been practised here since the late 1700s. See master craftsmen utilise traditional cutting and blowing methods at one of the few remaining artisan workshops.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Dartmoor National Park:** Choose to walk amid the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park. Alternatively, sail for a cruise of Plymouth harbour, where the pilgrims left over 400 years ago.

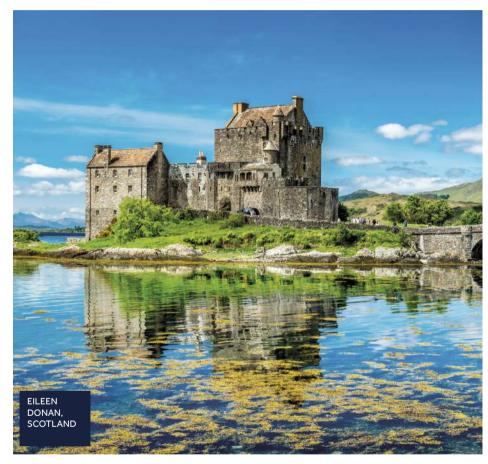
### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Stratford-Upon-Avon • Afternoon tea at Blair Castle in Inverness • Sunday roast in Killarney • Choice of Dine-Around restaurants in Killarney • Celebration Dinner in Torquay.

Taste Guinness and enjoy a masterclass at Guinness Storehouse in Dublin.

# ROMANTIC BRITAIN & IRELAND

"Our guests enjoy meeting Steve, known as the 'Nessie hunter', who has lived on the shores of Loch Ness for over 23 years. He tells a wonderful story about his fascination with the mystery behind the 'monster'." – John, Travel Director









DARTMOOR

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy the city.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

### **DAY 2** OXFORD AND STRATFORD

At 07:45, depart for Oxford and later, visit Shakespeare's Birthplace.

Join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with drinks at a local pub. (B) (DW)

### DoubleTree by Hilton Stratford-upon-Avon.

### DAY 3 LINCOLN AND MEDIEVAL YORK

Visit Lincoln and see the York Minster. (B) (DW)

Hilton York.

### DAY 4 THE ENGLISH LAKES TO EDINBURGH

Stop in Wordsworth's village of Grasmere to see the poet's grave. (B)

Crowne Plaza Edinburgh - Royal Terrace.

### DAY 5 SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join your Local Expert to visit Edinburgh Castle and see the Palace of Holyroodhouse. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (B)

### **DAY 6** ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS

See the Old Course as you arrive in St. Andrews, and perhaps wander to St. Andrews University, where Prince William met his princess when they were students there.

Stop at Blair Castle and Gardens.

Enjoy an authentic Farm-to-Table experience in the tradition of Scottish tea and scones. (B) (AT) (DW)

Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

### DAY 7 ACROSS THE SEA TO SKYE

Enjoy a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Continue across the sea to Skye. (B) (DW)

The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford.

### DAY 8 LOCH LOMOND AND GLASGOW

Return to the mainland and drive to the World War II Commando Memorial, shadowed by Ben Nevis. Continue through Fort William and Loch Lomond, en route to Glasgow. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

### DAY 9 ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO BELFAST

Meet your Local Expert for a passionate city tour of Belfast. (B)

Europa Hotel, Belfast.

### DAY 10 DUBLIN CITY SIGHTSEEING.

**Relaxed Start.** Journey to Dublin to meet your Local Expert and see O'Connell Street, Dublin Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral. (B)

Clayton Hotel Charlemont, Dublin.

### DAY 11 A PINT OF THE 'BLACK STUFF'

Head to the Guinness Storehouse, before it opens to the public. Join a private masterclass with a Guinness expert to learn to pour the perfect pint, followed by a tasting. (B)

### DAY 12 GALWAY AND THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Cross the limestone landscape of the Burren, to see the Cliffs of Moher. (B)

The George Hotel Limerick.

### DAY 13 THE DINGLE PENINSULA

**Relaxed Start.** See the 12th century St. Mary's Cathedral, King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone before setting off to Tralee via the picturesque thatched village of Adare.

For dinner you are treated to a traditional Sunday roast, with all the trimmings. (B) (DW)

Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

### **DAY 14** RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Meet John for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit his family-run seaweed farm on the Ring of Kerry. Learn about sustainable farming practices that protect the wild Irish Atlantic coasts.

In the evening, choose your own dining experience from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

### DAY 15 BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD

Visit Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence. Join a guided visit of the House of Waterford Crystal and meet an artisan. (B) (DW)

Granville Hotel, Waterford.

### DAY 16 ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF

See Cardiff Castle and the impressive Principality Stadium. (B)

Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

### **DAY 17** BATH AND GLASTONBURY

Visit the Roman Baths and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering educational investments to benefit the community, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

Continue to Glastonbury and see the abbey. (B)

The Imperial Torquay (Sea view rooms).

### DAY 18 THE CORNISH COAST

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a walk and foraging experience in Dartmoor. Alternatively, enjoy a scenic cruise of Plymouth harbour.

At your Celebration Dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes with wine. (B) (DW)

# DAY 19 SALISBURY PLAIN AND STONEHENGE

Visit the mysterious megaliths of Stonehenge. (B)

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

### **DAY 20 HOMEWARD BOUND**

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









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☐ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

∯ Cruise

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20, 27, 29 26, 28



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© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

15 DAYS

4 COUNTRIES 21 MEALS 19 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★☆

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**County Tipperary:** Meet entrepreneur Ailbhe and hear about her passion for sustainable farming. Learn about biodiversity, regenerative agriculture and the secret to crafting the most delicious honey on the island.

Visit the Roman Baths in Bath, providing quality education.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Kildare:** Join a working member of the famous Irish Stud Farm for a private, behind-the-scenes visit of the stud where many legendary racehorses were bred. After, stroll through the finest Japanese gardens in Europe, designed by master horticulturalists, Tassa and Minoru Eida.

Visit the House of Waterford Crystal.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Killarney:** Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park.

Choose between two experiences in Blarney.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in York • Light Lunch while cruising Loch Lomond • Choice of Dine-Around restaurants in Killarney • Celebration Dinner in Waterford.

# BRITAIN & IRELAND EXPLORER

"I love to learn, discover and share my knowledge with like-minded people, so they can discover riches they did not know existed."

- Laurent, Travel Director









**GUINNESS STOREHOUSE, DUBLIN** 

### DAY 1 WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free.

The Clermont Victoria, London.

# DAY 2 STRATFORD-UPON-AVON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

At 07:30, meet your Travel Director and journey to Stratford to visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

Continue on to York, where you see the Shambles and York Minster.

Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks. (B) (DW)

Hilton York.

# DAYS 3 - 4 SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CUTLURE

Stop in Durham to see the castle and Romanesque cathedral.

Then view part of Hadrian's Wall, Britain's most impressive Roman monument.

Head to the elegant Scottish capital, Edinburgh. Journey down the Royal Mile to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse before crossing over to New Town. Walk with your Local Expert inside Edinburgh Castle and see the Scottish Crown Jewels, the Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg.

The afternoon is free to shop on Princes Street. In the evening, select departures will enjoy the spectacle of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (R) (R)

Crowne Plaza Edinburgh - Royal Terrace.

### **DAY 5** ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife to arrive at St. Andrews, pass the charming Victorian town of Pitlochry.

Continue via Blair Atholl and past the Grampian Mountains to the sparkling Spey Valley and on to Inverness. (B) (DW)

Columba Hotel, Inverness.

### DAY 6 LOCH NESS AND GLENCOE

In the morning, travel along Loch Ness and hear tales of the famous Nessie. Continue past Glencoe to reach the bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond.

Admire the incredible scenery as you cruise what is arguably one of Scotland's most beautiful lochs, while enjoying a light lunch. (B) (L) (DW)

Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa, Windermere/ Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

### DAY 7 THE ENGLISH LAKES TO CHESTER

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, discover the beauty of the Lake District. Continue to your hotel in Chester. In the afternoon, why not join The Beatles City Tour Optional Experience in Liverpool? (B)

The Queen at Chester, BW Premier Collection by Best Western.

# DAYS 8 - 9 NORTH WALES AND OVER TO DUBLIN

In the morning, step back into Roman times in Chester, where you see the city's ancient encircling walls and remarkable 13th century black and white Rows.

Continue through Wales, passing the massive Conwy Castle before crossing over to the Isle of Anglesey.

From the port of Holyhead, set sail for Dublin in Ireland.

Head to the Guinness Storehouse, before it opens to the public, for a private masterclass and tasting with a Guinness expert and learn to pour the perfect pint.

With your Local Expert see the famous O'Connell Street, the Custom House and Dublin Castle. (B) (B)

Trinity City Hotel/The Morgan Hotel, Dublin.

# DAYS 10 - 11 KILLARNEY AND THE RING OF KERRY

Travel to Ireland's premier thoroughbred horse breeding region for a fascinating, behind-the-scenes visit of the National Stud with an equine professional, and visit the Japanese Gardens.

Cross the rolling pastures that encircle Tipperary to Brookfield Farm and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Meet Ailbhe Gerrard, a passionate farmer and beekeeper, who shares her secrets to crafting the most delicious and sustainable honey of the island.

Indulge in a delicious Farm-to-Table lunch.

Your Dine-Around Evening offers authentic and intimate dining with your friends, from a hand-picked selection of fine local restaurants.

Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert through the National Park.

(B) (LW) (DW) (B)

Killarney Plaza / The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney.

### DAY 12 BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD

Explore Blarney with Insight Choice. Choose to climb up the ramparts and see the famous Stone of Eloquence. Alternatively, visit the lush gardens of the estate with a senior gardener.

Travel to the historic walled city of Waterford, for a guided visit of the world-famous House of Waterford Crystal and see artisans at work.

After miles of fun and fascinating sights, spirits will be high during your Celebration Dinner. Toast to your newfound friends — Sláinte! (B) (DW)

Granville Hotel Waterford.

### DAY 13 ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF

From the port of Rosslare, board your ferry to cross the Irish Sea.

A pleasant drive takes you to the Welsh capital, Cardiff, famous for its imposing castle and the brilliant Principality Stadium. (B)

Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

### **DAY 14** ROMAN BATHS AND STONEHENGE

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

Continue across Salisbury Plain to visit the ancient site of Stonehenge.

Return to London where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. (B)

The Clermont Victoria, London.

### DAY 15 HOMEWARD BOUND

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



**AUTHENTIC DINING** Loch Lomond Cruise. (Day 6, Scotland)



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∜ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

(1) Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

🛱 Cruise

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Select departures attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

**® REGIONAL JOURNEY** ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

24 DAYS **5 COUNTRIES** 35 MEALS

45 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Giant's Causeway: Visit the legendary Giant's Causeway, site of wonders. At the visitor centre, learn about the efforts to protect biodiversity and ecosystems, participating in habitat restoration.

Visit the Roman Baths in Bath, providing quality education.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Kilkenny: Meet James, an experienced player, for a fun session to discover the skills involved in hurling. Learn about this 3,000-year-old discipline, a proud legacy of Ireland's heritage, and have a go for yourself on the pitch.

Visit Orkney Islands with a Local Expert • Londonderry with a storyteller.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Dartmoor National Park: Choose to walk amid the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park. Alternatively, sail for a cruise of Plymouth harbour, where the pilgrims left over 400 years ago.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Abbey Cwm Hir: Explore the privately owned mansion and enjoy a lunch of locally sourced Welsh delicacies.

Welcome Dinner in Stratford-upon-Avon • Choice of Dine-Around options in Killarney • Celebration Dinner in Cornwall.

# **BRITAIN & IRELAND DISCOVERY**

"This itinerary is so special because we venture to the north of Scotland and the Orkney Islands, which are absolutely breathtaking." - Dave, Travel Director













LAKE DISTRICT

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy the city.

Amba Hotel Marble Arch, London.

### DAY 2 LONDON TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

At 08:00, meet your Travel Director. Stop in Oxford and travel through Cotswolds villages. In Stratford-upon-Avon, visit Shakespeare's birthplace.

Join your Travel Director at a local restaurant for your Welcome Dinner. (B) (DW)

Swan's Nest Hotel, Stratford,

### **DAY 3** MEDIEVAL YORK

**Relaxed Start.** Head to the historic city of York. Inside the ancient city walls, see the York Minster, the largest medieval church in northern Europe. (B) (DW)

Hilton York.

# DAYS 4 - 5 THE LAKE DISTRICT AND EDINBURGH

Travel to the picturesque Lake District. Here a scenic wonderland awaits - rugged mountains and tranquil waters, inspiration to a host of English poets including Wordsworth, Coleridge, Tennyson and Shellev.

Join a Local Expert for a trip along Princes Street to see the ornate Victorian Gothic monument to Sir Walter Scott and the elegant 18th century New Town with its classical Adam facades. Over in the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse and visit Edinburgh Castle.

In the evening, select departures will attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (B) (B)

Apex City of Edinburgh Hotel.

# DAY 6 THE HIGHLAND CAPITAL OF INVERNESS

Pass the Old Course as you arrive in St. Andrews. Visit the Culloden Visitor Centre. (B) (DW)

Columba Hotel, Inverness.

### DAYS 7 - 8 WICK AND ORKNEY ISLANDS

Hear tales of Nessie on a private Loch Ness cruise.

Visit the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of whisky.

Visit the most northern community on the British mainland, John O'Groats. Board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands to meet your Local Expert. Visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. (B) (DW) (B) (DW)

The Norseman Hotel, Wick.

### DAY 9 OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

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

The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford,

### DAY 10 LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

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

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

# DAY 11 WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS ON THE WAY TO LONDONDERRY

Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn how the National Trust is enabling farming and biodiversity to work together, supporting both wildlife and quality food production. (B) (DW)

Da Vinci's Hotel Derry, Londonderry.

### DAY 12 BELLEEK AND SLIGO BAY

Meet Ronan, one of the nation's great storytellers in Londonderry.

Meet artisans at Belleek Pottery and Visitor Centre and at Drumcliff, visit the last resting place of W.B. Yeats. (B) (DW)

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Sligo Bay.

### DAY 13 GALWAY AND LIMERICK

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

The George Hotel Limerick.

### DAYS 14 - 15 ADARE TO KILLARNEY

Join an exploration of Limerick.
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. (B) (B) (DW)

Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

### DAY 16 BLARNEY CASTLE AND CORK

Visit Blarney Castle. (B)

Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

### DAYS 17 - 18 KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

Meet a hurling player who will share his passion, as you test your skills during a lesson.

Head to the Guinness Storehouse, before it opens to the public for a private masterclass.

A Local Expert shows you Dublin's elegant Georgian squares and O'Connell Street. (B) (B)

Trinity City Hotel, Dublin.

# DAY 19 ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CHESTER

See Conwy Castle. (B) (DW)

The Queen at Chester, BW Premier Collection by Best Western.

### DAY 20 THE WELSH MARCHES TO CARDIFF

**Relaxed Start.** Visit The Hall at Abbey Cwm Hir and meet owner, Paul Humpherston.

Enjoy a light lunch of locally sourced delights. Continue Cardiff. (B) (L)

Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

# DAYS 21 - 22 BATH, SOMERSET AND CORNWALL

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a walk and foraging experience in Dartmoor. Alternatively, cruise the scenic Plymouth harbour, where 400 years ago the pilgrim ship, Mayflower set sail for America.

In Saltash enjoy a glass delectable Celebration Dinner. (B) (B) (DW)

# Crowne Plaza Plymouth/Copthorne Hotel Plymouth.

# DAY 23 ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON

Visit the prehistoric Stonehenge. Return to your hotel in London for a final evening at leisure. (B)

Amba Hotel Marble Arch, London.

### **DAY 24 HOMEWARD BOUND**

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



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1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

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# **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

# By our guests and Travel Directors



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GERSON LANGE
CANALS OF AMSTERDAM,
THE NETHERLANDS



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# FRANCE, BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS



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# VIEW ONLINE FOR FULL DATES, PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Visit **Keukenhof Gardens** on select departures.

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY

11 DAYS
3 COUNTRIES
15 MEALS
16 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Brussels:** Experience a Dine-Around Evening. Diverse options reflect the cosmopolitan nature of the city, including We Exist, an initiative supporting Syrian immigrants.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Monnickendam:** Visit a delightful rustic workshop, and take a step back in time to learn the traditional arts of cheese, and clog making.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Amsterdam: Choose to visit the horticultural expo Floriade. Taking place once every 10 years, this colourful garden festival is dedicated to sustainable technologies to make our cities greener. Alternatively, join a Local Expert and visit the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum, two world-class exhibitions

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

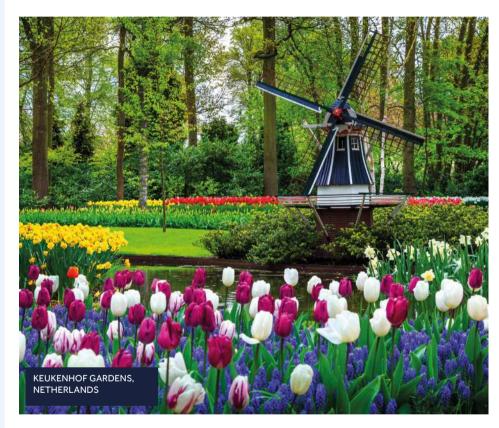
**Luxembourg:** At restaurant Les Écuires du Parc, savour a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal of locally sourced, seasonal produce.

Welcome Dinner in Brussels • Choice of Dine-Around options in Brussels • Celebration Dinner in Monnickendam.

Taste Chimay Trappist beer and cheese.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG & THE NETHERLANDS

"The architecture throughout Brussels, and the quaint Belgian towns of Bruges and Ghent, is incredibly impressive and among some of the most intricate in Europe." – Nathalie, Travel Director









LUXEMBOURG

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO BRUSSELS

Airport transfers depart Brussels airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 14:30.

Join your Travel Director at 17:00 for a visit to the cheeky Manneken Pis statue and stroll leisurely around the Grand Place.

Your delightful first evening also includes a Welcome Dinner with drinks, at a local restaurant in the heart of the Old Town. (DW)

NH Collection Brussels Centre.

### DAY 2 THE BATTLEFIELD OF WATERLOO

Relaxed Start. Leaving the city limits behind, visit the Battlefield of Waterloo to learn about Napoleon's final defeat in 1815. Immerse yourself in the action at the Panorama, where a huge 360-degree mural depicts a key moment in the raging battle. If you're feeling energetic, you can climb the 226 steps to the top of the Lion's Mound for panoramic views over the battlefield and countryside. Return to Brussels, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. In the afternoon perhaps join an Optional Experience to the lively city of Antwerp?

In the evening, choose from a selection of handpicked local restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening. Why not choose We Exist, a Syrian initiative supporting immigrants as they build a new life. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 3** GHENT AND ON TO BRUGES

In the morning, admire the contrast of the Chinese and Japanese Pavilions and the impressive, metallic spheres of the Atomium.

Your journey then crosses the pasture lands of Belgian Flanders to reach Ghent, the City of Flowers, offering a fascinating cultural mix of medieval heritage and modern urban life. With a Local Expert, take a stroll through the historical streets and be mesmerised by the outstanding beauty of its quays, churches and squares. Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral, former home of the Eyck masterpiece, and see the Castle of the Counts. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Bruges.

### **DAY 4** SIGHTSEEING BRUGES

**Relaxed Start.** Meet your Local Expert from Bruges for a stroll along cobbled streets, lined with high-gabled houses from the 16th century. Visit the Market Square, dominated by the 83-meter medieval bell tower, The Belfry of Bruges. Explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall. (B)

### **DAY 5** LUXEMBOURG

Travel into the French-speaking Walloon region, where picturesque country roads lead you to the late 19th century Scourmont Abbey.

Visit the Chimay Experience to learn about the production secrets of Chimay Trappist beers. Your visit concludes with a sample of freshly brewed beer and a taste of golden-crusted cheese.

Continue on to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to arrive at your 18th century château home for two nights.

In the evening, you will be served a fresh and delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner at restaurant L'Écurie du Parc

See the 12th century Clervaux Castle illuminated on your stroll after dinner. (B) (DW)

Château d'Urspelt (Castle Rooms), Clervaux.

# DAY 6 LUXEMBOURG CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE

Your travels continue to Luxembourg City for sightseeing with your Local Expert. Visit the grave of U.S. General George S. Patton and admire the view over the Petrusse Ravine from the Pont Adolphe. Stroll through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the cathedral and the Palace of the Grand Duke.

With the afternoon free for you to explore at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the ancient Roman city of Trier. (B) (DW)

# DAY 7 EXPLORE BASTOGNE THEN ON TO ROTTERDAM

Head for Bastogne to visit the Mardasson Monument, dedicated to the U.S. troops who died during Battle of the Bulge in World War II. Visit the interactive memorial centre of Bastogne War Museum.

Your journey continues to Rotterdam.

During your orientation with your Travel Director, see the impressive market hall and its radical modern design. (B)

### Inntel Hotels Rotterdam Centre.

### DAY 8 DELFT AND THE HAGUE

Visit one of the manufacturers of original Delft blue pottery and see the potters at work. Continue on to the Hague to see the Binnenhof courtyards where the Parliament is situated and the impressive Peace Palace. Select departures visit Keukenhof Gardens one of the world's largest flower gardens, an unforgettable experience not to be missed.

Pass through picturesque villages and windmills of the Dutch countryside to Amsterdam. (B)

### Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

### **DAY 9** AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING

**Relaxed Start.** Today you explore Amsterdam, a living museum of the 17th century, yet still a vibrant metropolis and port.

Cruise through the canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire the elegant merchant houses from the 16th and 17th centuries. Relax as you pass stunning gables, beautiful churches and the iconic Skinny Bridge. Disembark your cruise to wander the city and see the floating flower market, Dam Square and the Royal Palace. (B)

### DAY 10 A TRUE DUTCH DELIGHT

Explore Amsterdam with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the horticultural expo Floriade, a colourful garden festival. Alternatively, join a Local Expert and visit the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum, two world-class exhibitions. Journey to Monnickendam and discover Dutch traditions. Learn the secrets of the cheese maker's craft, from milk to the finished product and witness a shoemaker turn a block of wood into clogs.

Tonight, join your newfound friends and enjoy your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 11** DEPART AMSTERDAM

Transfers to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport arrive at 08:00 and 10:00. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Blending in at the Keukenhof Gardens. (*Photo by @Gerson Lange, Day 8, Keukenhof Gardens*)



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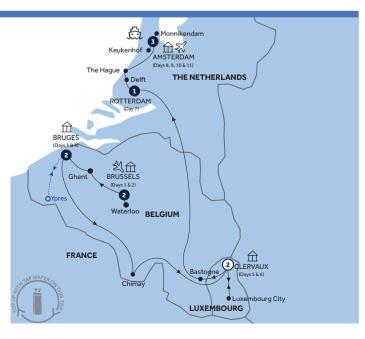
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1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

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Extend your trip to explore the **WWI BATTLEFIELDS**.

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

8 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 10 MEALS

13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Loire Valley: Discover the sustainable gardens of Château de Villandry. In the scenic Loire Valley, explore France's finest formal gardens. Now a hub for sustainability preserving the estate's biological diversity, learn all about the a sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages, and purple basil, all grown organically to re-generate the local ecosystem.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Chartres:** Join Malcolm Miller, a passionate historian, for a fascinating tour of Chartres Cathedral. Marvel at the stained-glass windows, a riot of rich blues and reds, justly considered the finest medieval glass in France.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Deauville:** Choose to visit the D-Day Museum in Arromanches and seeing the remnants of the artificial port in the bay. Alternatively, visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum and learn about the epic story of William, Duke of Normandy becoming the King of England.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Château de Rochecotte:** Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Celebration Dinner, prepared with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

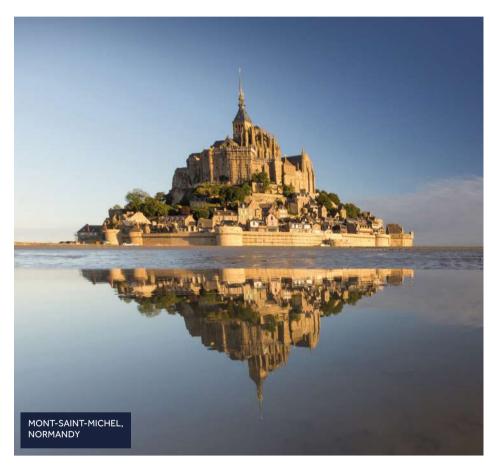
Welcome Dinner at Rural in Paris.

Taste wine in the Loire Valley.

# NORMANDY, BRITTANY & THE LOIRE VALLEY

"Guests are enlightened by Anne, our Local Expert in Normandy, who brings the landing operation to life with various anecdotes shared by her grandparents, who experienced World War II."

- Emmanuelle, Travel Director









OMAHA BEACH, NORMANDY

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO PARIS

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers leave for the hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30. After checking in, the capital's grand boulevards and world-famous landmarks are yours to explore.

At 17:30, join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Welcome Dinner at Rural, a local restaurant with cuisine inspired by country recipes. (DW)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

### DAY 2 ROUEN, HONFLEUR AND DEAUVILLE

Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy, to admire its ancient cathedral - a masterpiece of Gothic style and the subject of a series of paintings by Claude Monet. Wander through the narrow streets beneath the Great Clock to the Old Market Square. Here, a superb modern church commemorates the burning of Joan of Arc on this very spot in 1431. Continue to the charming fishing town of Honfleur and to your luxurious hotel, located in the chic

Hotel Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf. Deauville.

seaside resort of Deauville. (B)

# DAY 3 NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS

Follow the route of the Rangers and visit the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc

With a Local Expert, spend a few reflective moments at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, near Omaha Beach.

Explore Normandy with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the D-Day Museum in Arromanches and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay. Alternatively, visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum and learn about the epic story of William, Duke of Normandy becoming the King of England.

This evening, you are treated to a delightful dinner, which promises creative cuisine, seasonal ingredients and delicious wines. (B) (DW)

# DAY 4 MONT-SAINT-MICHEL AND SAINT-MALO

Journey through Bocage country and explore the hilltop abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel with your Local Expert. Situated on an island, the abbey is reached by a bridge across the shining sands.

Continue along the Emerald Coast to stunning Saint-Malo, situated on the Rance Estuary and one of the most charming places in France. A Local

Saint-Malo, situated on the Rance Estuary and one of the most charming places in France. A Local Expert will take you on an exploration of the City of the Corsairs. Walk through the maze of streets of Intra Muros, the walled city, to the cathedral, the burial place of Jacques Cartier and other celebrated voyagers. (B)

Hôtel Le Nouveau Monde, St Malo.

### **DAY 5** VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE

Head south to follow the valley of the Loire, passing the moated Angers Castle.

Cross the Loire to Saumur, where a local vintner will guide you through tastings of the region's delicious wines

Head to Château de Villandry, the jewel of the Loire, to visit the glorious sustainable gardens on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Ensure you don't miss the water, ornamental and kitchen gardens. This stunning sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages and purple basil which has been grown organically to regenerate the local ecosystem. Continue to your chateau hotel, where you can relax like royalty in sumptuous surroundings. (B)

### Château De Rochecotte, Saint Patrice, Loire Vallev.

# DAY 6 SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY

Journey to the fairy-tale Château d'Azayle-Rideau, considered one of the best representations of French Renaissance architecture. Having recently undergone extensive restoration, your Local Expert will show you the subtle blend of French tradition and innovative Italian decor within this 16th century icon of the Loire Valley. Return to your superb chateau for relaxation and free time

This evening, your Celebration Dinner starts with a glass of local sparkling wine and continues with excellent service and delicious Farm-to-Table dishes in the most wholesome setting, ensuring the memory of your meal will linger long after you've returned home. (B) (DW)

# DAY 7 LA BEAUCE AND CHARTRES TO PARIS, CITY OF LIGHT

Travelling through the vast wheat fields of the Beauce region, Chartres Cathedral, nicknamed the 'Acropolis of France' by August Rodin, looms large on the horizon. Meet Malcolm Miller, a passionate historian, for a tour of this architectural delight. Once inside, marvel at the beautiful stained-glass rose window which floods the cathedral with colour and light.

From here, return to the French capital where your Travel Director introduces you to all the fabulous sights, including the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral and the immense facades of the Louvre. Behold the vast Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, then travel down the Champs Élysées to Napoléon's Arc de Triomphe. After dark, the City of Light really lives up to its name, when the monuments, buildings and bridges are lit up in all their glory.

For that special touch of excitement and glamour, don't miss the chance to experience one of the world-famous cabaret shows. (B)

Pullman Paris Centre Bercy.

### **DAY 8** AU REVOIR PARIS

Your departure transfer will arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 or 11:00. (B)





MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Head to Château de Villandry, the jewel of the Loire.(Photo by @Chantal\_insight, Day 5,Loire Valley)



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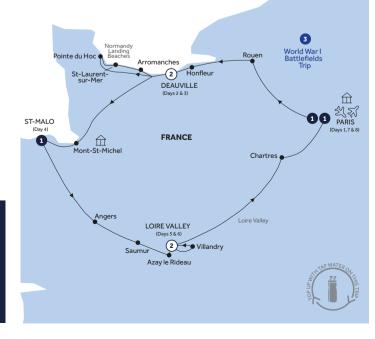
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Extend your trip to explore the WWI BATTLEFIELDS.

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY

16 DAYS
2 COUNTRIES
22 MEALS
20 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*\*

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Provence:** Taste renowned wines and gastronomic olive oils at Château d'Estoublon. The chateau uses biodynamic practices throughout the estate, creating a sustainable business for future generations.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Vers-Pont-du-Gard:** Join a pétanque player to learn the secrets behind this traditional French discipline. Steady your hand and get ready to test your newfound skills in a game. End with a glass of pastis, a French apéritif.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Paris:** Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Paris • Raclette Dinner in Grenoble • Farm-to-Table dining in Dordogne • Celebration Dinner in Paris.

Taste champagne in the Champagne region • Market tasting in Cahors.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF FRANCE

"You'll be amazed by the diverse landscapes we see on this trip. We travel through rich agricultural lands to the snow-capped Alps, and we follow the historic Napoleonic Road to the breathtaking French Riviera." – Laura, Travel Director









BERBIE PALACE, ALBI

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO PARIS

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At 17:30, join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Welcome Dinner at Brasserie Bofinger, a local restaurant with cuisine inspired by country recipes.

Pullman Paris Centre Bercy.

### DAY 2 CHAMPAGNE REGION AND ON TO DIJON

Journey through the Champagne region.

Stop to savour a taste of champagne, for which this region is world famous, with an expert vintner. Continue to Dijon. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel Dijon La Cloche, Dijon.

### DAY 3 FREE TIME IN DIJON

Relaxed Start. With your day at leisure, perhaps visit the wine capital of Beaune? (B)

### **DAY 4** CHAMONIX

Travel towards the Mâconnais and Beaujolais and ascend into the high Alps to the fashionable ski resort of Chamonix. (B)

Hotel Mercure Chamonix.

### **DAY 5** LAKESIDE ANNECY AND GRENOBLE

Relaxed Start. Embark on a beautiful journey to Annecy, dramatically situated between lake Venice, aptly named for the network of canals criss-crossing through the Old Town.

local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Park Hôtel Grenoble-MGallery.

### DAY 6 THE FRENCH RIVIERA TO REACH NICE

Continue to the French Riviera to reach the elegant resort of Nice. (B)

### DAY 7 MONACO AND THE CÔTE D'AZUR

Unlock the secrets of the French perfume industry with a visit to a perfumery.

Then enjoy a drive along part of the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco and walk with your Travel Director through the old town to see the Royal Palace and yacht-filled harbour.

Your exploration continues as you visit inside Monaco Cathedral, (B)

### **DAY 8 PICTURESQUE PROVENCE**

Visit the medieval village of Saint-Paul de Vence and walk through its winding streets. Continue to Aix-en-Provence to see the sumptuous mansions lining the Cours Mirabeau. (B)

Aquabella Hotel & Spa, Aix-en-Provence.

### DAY 9 AVIGNON AND PONT DU GARD

Head to beautiful Arles and learn about its historical connection to Vincent Van Gogh, who produced over 300 artworks during his time in the city. Stop in Avignon to enjoy views of the remaining arches of the Pont d'Avignon and the fortified Papal

Continue your journey to Pont du Gard to see the magnificent ancient Roman aqueduct bridge. This afternoon, enjoy a lesson in the French sport of pétanque. Steady your hand and get ready to test your newfound skills as you take part in a game, completed by a glass of pastis, a French apéritif.

Stop at the beautiful Château d'Estoublon for a tasting of its renowned wines and gastronomic olive oils. A MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. the chateau uses biodynamic practices throughout the estate, creating a sustainable business for future generations. (B)

### DAY 10 CARCASSONNE AND TO ALBI

Cross the fertile Languedoc region, to the fortified town of Carcassonne.

Travel to Albi and marvel at iconic sites during your orientation, including the views of the Toulouse Lautrec Museum and the cathedral.

This evening enjoy a delicious dinner of carefully selected fresh ingredients, at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Hôtel Saint Antoine, Albi.

### DAY 11 FREE TIME IN ALBI

Enjoy a full day at leisure, to relax and soak up the atmosphere of Albi. (B)

### DAY 12 CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR

Relaxed Start, Sample some local Dordogne specialities when you visit the market at Cahors. famous for its black wine.

Travel to Rocamadour and enjoy free time to explore this medieval town, (B) (DW)

La Hoirie, Sarlat-la-Canéda.

### **DAY 13** EXPLORING THE DORDOGNE VALLEY

Start the day with a morning drive into the stunning Valley of the Dordogne to visit Lascaux II, where the world-famous prehistoric cave paintings have been faithfully reproduced.

Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner, prepared with locally sourced ingredients and served with wines from the region. (B) (DW)

### DAY 14 PARIS. THE CITY OF LIGHT

Travel onwards to immerse yourself in the beautiful city of Paris. (B)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

### DAY 15 ROMANTIC CAPITAL ON THE SEINE

During your time in Paris see the Eiffel Tower, the facades of the Louvre, the obelisk in Place de la Concorde and drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe.

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join a Local Expert, an avid foodie, to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies.

Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the historic restaurant La Coupole. Delight in French cuisine and delicious wine. (B) (DW)

### DAY 16 AU REVOIR PARIS

Your departure transfer will arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 or 11:00. (B)





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT See the ancient Pont d'Avignon. (Photo by @Chantal\_ insight, Day 9, Pont d'Avignon)





and mountains. Enjoy free time for lunch in Little

This evening, savour a delicious raclette dinner at a

Radisson Blu Hotel, Nice.

### **KEY** World War I Battlefields Trip ₹ Join/Leave Options ⊞UNESCO 20 Heritage Site m 裁数 1 Central Hotels + Nights 1 Scenic 2 DIJON Hotels + Nights Fixin O Place Visited FRANCE CHAMONIX O Optional Place Visited DORDOGNE 2 GRENOBLE **CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE** This trip operates both classic and small ALBI 2 aroup departures. (2) M You can also book Carcass AIX-EN-PROVENCE

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∧ COUNTRY ROADS **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

22 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 30 MEALS 33 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

feefo<sup>ee</sup> 4.4<sup>/5</sup> GUEST REVIEW ★★★★☆

# **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Provence:** Taste renowned biodynamic wines and sustainably produced olive oils at Château d'Estoublon.

DAY 1 Pullman Paris Centre Bercy.

DAY 2 - 3 Grand Hotel Dijon La Cloche, Dijon.

DAY 4 Hotel Mercure Chamonix.

DAY 5 Park Hôtel Grenoble-MGallerv.

DAY 6 - 7 Radisson Blu Hotel. Nice.

DAY 8 - 9 Aquabella Hotel & Spa, Aix-en-

DAY 10 - 11 Hôtel Saint Antoine, Albi.

DAY 12 - 13 La Hoirie, Sarlat-la-Canéda.

DAY 14 - 15 Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 16 - 17 Hotel Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville.

DAY 18 Hôtel Le Nouveau Monde, St Malo.

DAY 19 - 20 Château De Rochecotte, Saint Patrice, Loire Valley.

DAY 21 Pullman Paris Centre Bercy.





# **FRENCH HERITAGE**

"I became a Travel Director so that I could share my enthusiasm for discovery, show Europe to our quests and help them experience the beauty, history and culture first-hand."

- Shona, Travel Director



Your transfer departs from Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30. Journey to the Champagne region and savour a tasting with an expert wintner. Head to chic Chamonix and energetic Grenoble. From Nice, take the scenic route to glitzy Monaco. In picturesque Provence, walk the medieval streets of Avignon, see the iconic Pont du Gard and take a lesson in playing Pétanque. Call in the fortified town of Carcassonne on your way to Albi. Spend a couple of davs discovering rural Dordogne. Explore

Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in small Parisian boutiques and discover the Right Bank. Alternatively, take a foodie walking tour sampling local delicacies. Travel to Normandy and learn about the events of World War II. Discover the sustainable gardens of Château de Villandry during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER ® Experience. before completing our trip in Paris. On your final day, your transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11.00





# **WORLD WAR I** BATTLEFIELDS

"This short and emotive journey is packed with history from World War I. We visit iconic battlefields, memorials and war cemeteries. En route we witness delightful countryside villages and medieval towns." - John, Travel Director



Meet your Travel Director at 09:00 at the Méridien Etoile hotel in Paris and head off toward Flanders Fields in **Belaium** 

Visit key locations in the Ypres Salient that witnessed several major battles during the Great War. Attend the Last Post Ceremony in the rebuilt town of Ypres. Leaving Lille, see the Australian Cemetery in Fromelles.

Explore Arras with Insight Choice. Choose to spend time at Vimy Ridge and walk among original trenches. Alternatively, learn about the efforts of the Commonwealth War

Graves Commission,

before arriving in Amiens Join your Local Expert to discover various sites around the Somme Battlefields, Stop by the South African and New Zealand Memorials at Longueval. In Albert, take time to see the Golden Virgin statue on top of the reconstructed church before visiting Beaumont-Hamel. Visit the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux and the village of Le Hamel. Return to Paris, with a stop at Charles De Gaulle Airport or conclude your trip at the Le Méridien Etoile hotel.



### **TRIP START DATES**

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**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

4 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES

4 MEALS

12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Amiens: Venture through the battlefields of the Somme, as your local historian explains how brave soldiers fought tirelessly for five months.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Arras: Choose to visit the Canadian National Memorial at Vimy Ridge and walk among the original trenches. Alternatively, visit the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Experience, to commemorate the 1.7 million Commonwealth casualties from the World Wars.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

VisitFranco-Australian Museum in Villers-Bretonneux.

See Lille • Australian cemetery at Fromelles • Leaning Virgin and church of Albert • Ypres Battlefields • Beaumont-Hamel • Péronne.

DAY 1 Mercure Lille Centre Grand Place

DAY 2 - 3 Mercure Amiens Cathédrale Hotel, Amiens.















# **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

By our guests and Travel Directors



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# SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO



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Combine this trip with Northern Spain to create SPANISH HERITAGE.

**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

### 9 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 12 MEALS 13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

feefo<sup>ee</sup> 4.5/5 GUEST REVIEW

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Seville: The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students of the foundation, learn some basic flamenco steps, and then feel the passion as they perform an emotional show.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens. While others wait in line, you'll be exploring accompanied by a Local Expert, keen to share insights into this Moorish landmark

Visit the Prado museum with a local art historian in Madrid.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

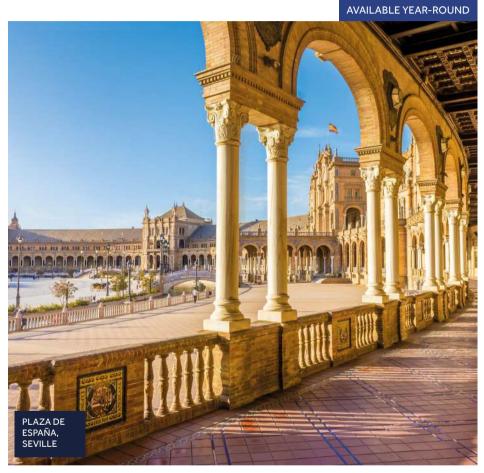
Seville: Choose to visit the cathedral and a walk through the old Jewish quarter with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a panoramic tour of the city and stop for a refreshing beverage.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona • Paella cooking demonstration in Valencia • Celebration Dinner in Madrid

# **HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN**

"You'll love meeting Lorenzo, a chef in Valencia; we join him for a unique cooking demonstration of an authentic paella. He is a really funny gentleman, who is very passionate about this traditional dish." - Philippe, Travel Director





ALHAMBRA PALACE GRANADA



**FLAMENCO** DANCER





#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 18:00 for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

#### NH Collection Constanza / Hilton Barcelona.

#### DAY 2 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

**Relaxed Start.** With your Local Expert, see the Gothic Quarter, Las Ramblas and then head along the Passeig de Gràcia.

Travel through the Eixample district to visit the Sagrada Família. See the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows.

Enjoy a free afternoon to explore. (B)

#### DAY 3 ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA

**Relaxed Start.** Follow the sunny Costa Dorada, past the rice fields of the Ebro Delta. Stop at the seaside resort of Peñíscola and see the hilltop castle used in the film 'El Cid'.

Pass through the famous orange groves to Valencia and see the City of Arts and Sciences. In Old City see its medieval gates, before arriving at your hotel.

Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of sangria at your Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

Barceló Valencia.

## DAY 4 EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA

Travel south toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings hollowed out of the soft rock near Guadix. Enjoy views of the Sierra Nevada mountains from a distance as you reach glorious Granada. This historic city was a Moorish

kingdom for almost eight centuries and the last stronghold to fall to the Catholic monarchs of Spain in 1492.

Overlooking Granada stands the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace, built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century. A fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Later, stroll through the elegant exotic gardens of the Generalife, the Royal summer residence. (B) (DW)

Meliá Granada.

#### DAY 5 A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE

The morning is at your leisure to explore as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience and visit the Albaicin Quarter with a Local Expert. Here, in addition to falling in love with Granada, you will also uncover its pivotal role in European history. Continue your travels to Seville, past gleaming white villages and olive groves that stretch as far as the eye can see. (B)

Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

#### DAY 6 SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Relaxed Start. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to a visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and a short walk through the narrow lanes of the Santa Cruz Quarter to enjoy a refreshing beverage. This evening, visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. With free time for dinner, head to nearby Lonja Del Barranco market where vendors sell tapas made from fresh, local produce. (B)

## DAY 7 MOORISH CÓRDOBA AND ON TO MADRID

Set off early and journey to Córdoba to see the famous Roman bridge, built in the 1st century BC. Meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, a beautiful 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it.

Enjoy time at leisure to stroll the narrow streets before continuing to the capital - Madrid. (B)

#### Barceló Torre de Madrid/Melia Serrano Madrid.

#### DAY 8 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert, as they guide you through the most historic neighbourhoods in the Spanish capital. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter to discover the origins of the city.

Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. With the afternoon at leisure, perhaps enjoy an Optional Experience and visit beautiful Toledo?

Join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant to toast to your adventures during a delicious Celebration Dinner served with wine.
(B) (DW)

#### **DAY 9 DEPART MADRID**

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)





**AUTHENTIC DINING** Learn the traditional recipe of paella. (*Photo by* @Simoninsighttd, Day 3, Valencia)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore the incredible Mezquita with your Local Expert. (*Photo by @sara.insightvacations, Day 7, Cordoba*)



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1 Central Hotels + Nights

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Place Visited

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**国EASY PACE** 

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY** 

10 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 12 MEALS

12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Madrid:** Join the female pillars of the local community on a neighbourhood walking tour and learn the history of the women's movement in Spain, firsthand.

#### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Madrid:** Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Bilbao:** Choose to visit the architectural landmark Guggenheim Museum. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for sightseeing and take the funicular to Mount Artxanda.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**San Sebastian:** Enjoy an evening of pintxos, dining with locals in this Basque tradition. Your delicious dinner includes a wide variety of finger food delicacies, each with their own regional flavour, flair and presentation.

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona • Celebration Dinner in Madrid.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit the Sagrada Família.

City tours of Barcelona, San Sebastian, Segovia and Madrid, all with Local Experts. See Barcelona • Zaragoza's El Pilar and Río

See Barcelona • Zaragoza's El Pilar ar Ebro • Pamplona.

#### **SCENIC DRIVES**

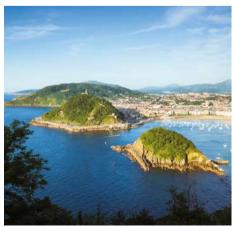
Enjoy the scenery of the Río Ebro River, Basque Country, Sierra de Guadarrama and the Plains of La Mancha.

# EASY PACE SPAIN

"Do you know how to toast in Spanish? I'll teach you the long version with hand gestures: 'Arriba, abajo, al centro y pa'dentro'."

- Denise, Travel Director









**PINXTOS** 

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, as you get to know your fellow travellers over Spanish delicacies and regional wines. (DW)

NH Collection Barcelona Constanza.

#### DAY 2 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

**Relaxed Start.** Sightseeing with your Local Expert begins with views of the Gothic Quarter and continues with a drive down the Passeig de Gràcia, to Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Venture inside the leviathan of the Eixample where a tree canopy carved from stone, holds up the roof as sun pours through stained glass.

You are then free to explore this amazing city at your own pace. (B)

#### DAY 3 BARCELONA AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxed start and a full day at leisure to explore Spain's most vibrant city. Consider a stroll along the famous Las Ramblas or explore Gaudi's fascinating Güell Park. Perhaps ascend Montserrat, Catalonia's most important pilgrimage site for a thousand years? (B)

#### DAY 4 PAMPLONA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Journey to Zaragoza to see the towers of El Pilar and the Río Ebro.

Continue to Pamplona with free time to explore as you wish.

Travel to the aristocratic seaside resort of San Sebastián to discover the city's rich gastronomic tradition in the heart of Lo Viejo. (B)

Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

#### DAY 5 BILBAO AND GUGGENHEIM

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Bilbao with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular Guggenheim Museum to marvel at its modern architecture and contemporary works of art. Alternatively, join your Local Expert and take the funicular to Mount Artxanda.

On return, join a Local Expert to admire San Sebastián and the crescent-shaped La Concha Bay from the heights of Monte Igueldo. During your guided tour see the numbered balconies of the Plaza de la Constitución, a reminder of the days when bullfights were held in the square.

Explore the Old Town during your progressive Highlight Dinner with the locals, as you enjoy the gastronomic Basque tradition of pintxos. Similar to tapas, enjoy a variety of snack-sized treats and be sure to try some of the local Txakoli wine. Buen provecho! (B) (DW)

## DAY 6 SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk. The harbour is filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts, so you can enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps explore the nearby French village of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, known as the Jewel of the Basque Country? (B)

#### DAY 7 BURGOS AND MADRID

**Relaxed Start.** Journey south through the Pyrenees foothills and the land of El Cid for a stop in Burgos, where you can see the cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue along the Guadarrama Mountains to the plateau of New Castile and Spain's elegant capital of Madrid. In the evening, why not see the city lit up it all its glory, with a drive along the grand avenues and past the spectacular fountains? (B)

Meliá Madrid Princesa, Madrid.

#### **DAY 8** MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Explore Madrid with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on a neighbourhood walking tour, led by female pillars of the community and focused on the history of the women's movement in Spain. Alternatively, sightsee with your Local Expert as they guide you through the Spanish capital's most historic neighbourhoods.

Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 9 THE MEDIEVAL STREETS OF SEGOVIA

**Relaxed Start.** Venture north to visit the fascinating city of Segovia. Walk the medieval streets of this fortified city with your Local Expert and see the 14th century Alcazar Palace. You are at leisure after returning to Madrid.

Make the most of your final night as you join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy delightful regional produce paired with the finest local wines, as you toast to a vacation done well. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 10 DEPART MADRID**

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Visit Gaudi's Sagrada Familia with your Local Expert. (*Photo by @sueinsight, Day 2, Barcelona*)





**AUTHENTIC DINING** Mount Artxanda, Bilbao. (*Photo by @Danminsighttd*, *Day 5, San Sebastian*)



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© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY** 

#### 10 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 17 MEALS 16 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★☆☆

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Marrakesh:** Discover the beauty of Marrakesh on a guided bike tour, organised by a company that empowers local youth by promoting education, employment and financial opportunities.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Dades Valley:** Stop at a traditional Nomad house and meet the locals as you sip Berber tea.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Moroccan performance with dinner in Fes • Celebration Dinner at Rick's Café in Casablanca.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum in Rabat.

City tours of Rabat, Fes and Marrakesh, all with Local Experts.

See Casablanca • Meknes • Erfoud • Ouarzazate • the Ksar in Aït Benhaddou • Essaouira.

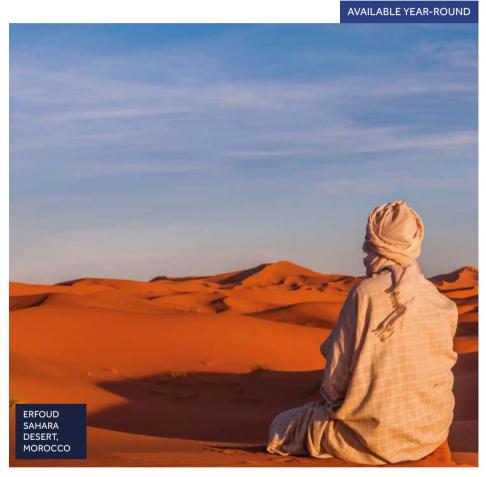
#### **SCENIC DRIVES**

Travelling Morocco is all about the senses.

Take in the ever changing scenery of the Middle Atlas Mountains, Azrou, the Ziz Gorges, Tinehir and the Dades Valley. Travel the Road of a Thousand Kasbahs, Tizi n'Tichka Pass and the African North-West Coast.

# BEST OF MOROCCO

"Najib, our Local Expert in Morocco, helps you navigate the cultural contrasts of this fascinating country." – Rory, Travel Director









AIT BENHADDOU

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO CASABLANCA

On arrival at Casablanca airport, your transfer leaves for your landmark city hotel at at 09:00, 12:00 or 15:00

Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at 18:00 for your Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche.

#### DAY 2 RABAT, IMPERIAL MEKNES AND FES

**Relaxed Start.** An exploration of the sights of Casablanca will show you the huge Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. Venture to the très chic seaside strip known as the Corniche, which stretches to the west and is lined with trendy restaurants and cafes

Depart for the capital of Rabat to see the Royal Palace, Hassan Tower and visit one of the few holy places open to non-Muslims, the lavish Mausoleum of King Mohammed V. This site is both an architectural marvel and a monument to a great ruler. Travel to Meknes, one of the kingdom's great imperial cities where little has changed since its founding in the 11th century. Stand before the Bab el-Mansour, the monumental entrance to the imperial city and focal point of Place El-Hedim, before continuing to Fes.

You'll be delighted with a superb Moroccan Highlight Dinner in an ancient palace at the entrance to the Medina. A colourful array of meze plates, aromatic tagines, exotic fruits and wine will be laid before you while you are entertained with a traditional folklore show. Enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere of belly dancers, drums and authentic music. (B) (DW)

Marriott Jnan Palace (Pool view rooms). Fes.

#### DAY 3 FES SIGHTSEEING

Relaxed Start. Led by your Local Expert, wander the maze of streets that make up the ancient Medina. Pass one of the world's oldest universities and see the hidden courtyards, mosques and workshops. Continue through the souks where an array of vendors sell food, clothes, leather goods and beautiful lights. Learn about the ancient craft of carpet making, witness age-old techniques of pottery making and learn how khobz, the traditional local bread, is made. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 4 THE ZIZ GORGES TO ERFOUD

Leave the bustle of the city behind and head for the spectacular snowcapped High Atlas Mountains. Pass through Ifrane before reaching the great cedar forests of Azrou. After stopping for lunch at Midelt, continue through the magnificent Ziz Gorges, past palm-fringed towns to Er Rachidia, built by the French at an important crossroads. Your destination is Erfoud, where the red sand buildings stand in stark contrast against the patches of greenery and surrounding desert. In the evening, there is an Optional Experience to meet the nomadic desert dwellers and marvel at the glorious Sahara sunset on a four-wheel drive vehicle. (B) (L) (DW)

Kasbah Hotel Xaluca Arfoud, Efroud.

#### **DAY 5** SPECTACULAR OUARZAZATE

Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the Todra Gorge, known as the Grand Canyon of the Sahara.

At Boumalne du Dadès you will encounter the dry and rugged Dades Valley, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and castellated mud houses hugging the slopes. Meet the locals of the region when you visit a traditional Nomad house and try authentic Berber tea.

The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes at Ouarzazate, also known as the film capital of Morocco. Many blockbusters have been filmed here, including Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars. (B) (L) (DW)

Le Berbère Palace. Ouarzazate.

#### **DAY 6** TO MARRAKESH

Marvel at and photograph the architectural wonder of Ksar of Aït Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that boasts one of Morocco's finest kashahs

Your journey continues via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre-coloured city of Marrakesh. With the rest of the day at your leisure, why not relax and enjoy the immaculate facilities of your hotel? (B)

Kenzi Rose Garden, Marrakesh.

#### DAY 7 MARRAKESH, PEARL OF THE SOUTH

Relaxed Start. Meet your Local Expert in the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where you can take a moment to watch the dancers, snake charmers, storytellers and acrobats. Wander the maze of the Medina and see the Koutoubia Mosque, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. Explore Marrakesh with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the intricately decorated Palais Bahia, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you take a leisurely guided bike tour with an organisation providing financial support to local youth. With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring, try your hand at haggling in the souks or maybe visit a museum? In the evening, perhaps choose to join fellow quests at a vibrant restaurant on Jemaa el-Fnaa Square. Here you will enjoy a slew of classic Moroccan dishes as you absorb the ambience and watch twirling belly dancers balance plates of lit candles on their heads. (B)

#### **DAY 8** ELEGANT ESSAOUIRA

Relaxed Start. Reach the fishing town of Essaouira. After checking into your hotel, why not spend the afternoon navigating the narrow alleyways, exploring the busy fishing port or maybe just relaxing on the beach? In the evening, you could sample the local seafood and wine at a waterside restaurant. (B)

Atlas Essaouira & Spa.

#### DAY 9 RETURN TO CASABLANCA

**Relaxed Start.** Once you've experienced the traditional charms of the country, Casablanca is a fascinating place to return to and offers a unique insight into modern Morocco.

In the evening 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be.

Join your Travel Director at Rick's Café, recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid! (B) (DW)

Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche.

#### DAY 10 AU REVOIR CASABLANCA

Departure transfers arrive at Casablanca airport at 05:00, 07:00, 10:00 and 12:00. (B)



**INSIGHT EXPERIENCE** Visit a traditional Nomad house to try authentic Berber tea. (*Photo by @Sharon\_insta, Day 5, Ouarzazate*)



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#### 11 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 14 MEALS 17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Santiago de Compostela:** Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert to visit the cathedral. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James, through parks and gardens.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Gijon:** Meet Flor, a local of Gijón, for a delicious meal of locally sourced produce that she has prepared just for you.

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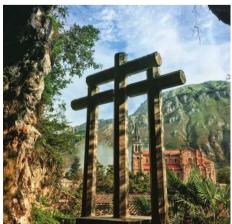
Taste wine in Rueda.

# NORTHERN SPAIN

"This trip follows the Camino trail, the famous pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela... but backwards!"

- Enzo, Travel Director









@LEANNE4874, SEGOVIA'S ALCAZAR (OPTIONAL)

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO MADRID

Your transfer will depart Madrid airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travellers over an evening of delicious food and wine. (DW)

### Melia Serrano Madrid/NH Collection Madrid

#### DAY 2 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Explore Madrid with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on a neighbourhood walking tour, led by female pillars of the community and focused on the history of the women's movement in Spain. Alternatively, sightsee with your Local Expert as they guide you through the Spanish capital's most historic neighbourhoods.

Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

## DAY 3 THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO

Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile and pass the impressive Castillo de la Mota.

Some of Spain's most fashionable white wines are produced in Rueda. This morning we have the opportunity to learn how they are made and sample the delights of the Verdejo grape.

Continue past historic Tordesillas, and on to Santiago de Compostela. (B) (DW)

#### NH Collection Santiago de Compostela.

#### DAY 4 SAINTLY SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert and visit the cathedral, festooned with architectural frills. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk along the Way of St. James, through scenic parks and gardens.

Relax during your free time, or explore the narrow streets and old city squares. (B)

## DAY 5 ALONG THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

**Relaxed Start.** Pass through Galicia to the Green Coast of Asturias. Take in the coastal views en route to Oviedo.

A short drive brings you to the Bay of Biscay.

Meet Flor, a local who will invite you to join her for lunch. Hear about daily life in her hilltop village, as you enjoy a delicious meal that Flor has prepared from locally sourced ingredients, accompanied by delicious local cider.

In Oviedo, a Local Expert shows you the 9th century churches. Visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II. Admire the incredible altarpiece, one of the finest in Europe. (B) (LW)

#### Barceló Oviedo Cervantes.

## DAY 6 PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery.

Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria while travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander. (B)

#### Eurostars Hotel Real, Santander.

## DAY 7 BILBAO, COSTA VASCA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

**Relaxed Start.** In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking architecture of the Guggenheim Museum.

Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca and pause in Getaria to see 'El Ratón', the mouse-shaped rock.

Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty, as you walk with your Local Expert through the Old Quarter to see the Plaza de la Constitución. Head to Monte Igueldo for breathtaking views of the town and La Concha Bay. (B)

Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

## DAY 8 SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps you'll want to explore the nearby French villages of Saint-Jean-de-Luz and Biarritz, stroll the promenade of the famous La Concha bay or enjoy the boutiques of the Old Town? (B)

#### DAY 9 PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Perhaps stroll to Estafeta Street or visit Café Iruña, immortalised in Ernest Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises?' Continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. (B)

#### Kimpton Vividora Hotel, Barcelona.

#### DAY 10 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

Join a Local Expert to see the Gothic Quarter. Walk through the Roman gate to see the narrow lanes and old squares.

Travel along Passeig de Gràcia to reach the Eixample district and behold Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Venture inside to see its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and incredible stained-glass windows.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast your travels during your delightful Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 11 DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)



**INSIGHT CHOICE** Visit Santiago de Compostela Catherdral with a Local Expert. *(Day 4, Santiago de Compostela)* 



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9 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 13 MEALS

13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Seville:** The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students of the foundation, learn some basic flamenco steps, and then feel the passion as they perform an emotional show.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Doñana National Park:** Embark on a fascinating bird-watching tour with a naturalist guide, for a chance to see rare species and unique landscapes.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Seville:** Choose to visit the cathedral and walk through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join a panoramic tour of the city and stop for a refreshing beverage.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Malaga • Olive oil tasting and Farm-to-Table lunch in Ronda • Tapas dinner in Seville • Celebration Dinner in Costa del Sol..

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

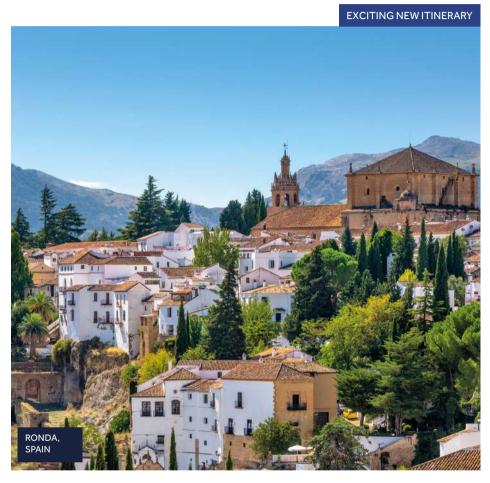
Visit the Mirador de Aldehuela viewpoint in Ronda.

See the Alcazaba and Roman Theatre in Malaga • Mijas • Puente Nuevo and Alameda del Tajo park in Ronda • Arcos de la Frontera • Moorish Alcázar, Plaza del Arenal and Plaza de la Yebra in Jerez • Cadiz • Medina Sidonia

# COUNTRY ROADS OF ANDALUCIA

"I think travelling is the greatest gift you can give yourself and others. Travelling opens your eyes, enriches your life and makes you more tolerant of other cultures and customs."

- Debra, Travel Director









ALCAZAR OF JEREZ

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO ANDALUCIA

Transfers to your hotel depart from Málaga airport at 11:30, 13:00 and 15:00. At 17:30, join your Travel Director for an orientation of Málaga. See the Alcazaba, a hallmark of the city's Moorish past. This citadel dates back to the 11th century, and the Roman Theatre sits by the entrance.

Your Welcome Dinner is served at a local restaurant, with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening with wine. (DW)

NH Málaga.

#### **DAY 2** THE SOUL OF ANDALUCIA

Relaxed Start. Journey through Málaga province. Relax as you travel the scenic route along the Costa del Sol through high end resorts where the rich and famous holiday. Your journey continues through the green hills to the white-washed village of Mijas. Stroll through the old streets and gardens and take in the views of the coast.

Stop in LA Organic, a sustainable and gastronomic olive farm offering a unique experience.

Enjoy tasting the refined and delicate flavours of this award-winning olive oil, before an alfresco terrace lunch, overlooking the picturesque seascape. Feast on the freshest farm-to-table flavours as you tuck into local produce, harvested that day from the hillside gardens.

Arrive in Ronda, often referred to as 'the soul of Andalucia'. Once an important cultural centre filled with mosques and palaces, it has inspired many poets and writers, including Ernest Hemingway and Orson Welles. Walk just a few steps from your perfectly located hotel through Puente Nuevo, the New Bridge, which spans a gorge over 300 feet deep, and see Alameda del Tajo park. (B) (L) (DW)

Parador de Ronda.

## DAY 3 THROUGH NATIONAL PARKS TO JEREZ

Cross the Grazalema National Park, an area of natural beauty scattered with mountains and oak forests. Stop in clifftop Arcos de la Frontera, Andalucia's hidden gem. Spend time wandering through the serene alleyways and alongside

elegant palaces, and appreciate the sheer cliff-plunging views from the parador. Continue on to Jerez-de-la-Frontera, your home for the next three nights. Learn more about Jerez in an orientation before seeing the impressive 12th century Moorish Alcázar, the stately Plaza del Arenal and the romantic Plaza de la Yebra. (B)

Tryp Jerez Hotel.

#### **DAY 4** SHERRY IN JEREZ

**Relaxed Start.** Celebrate Jerez, a city famous for its Sherry.

Explore the Sherry making heritage of Jerez, the city's most famous and sought-after export, on a tasting tour in the Old Town.

The rest of the day is free to further explore. Perhaps visit the gypsy-flamenco neighbourhood of Santiago, a labyrinth of beautifully scruffy townhouses and attractive squares? (B)

#### **DAY 5** EXPLORING CÁDIZ

Relaxed Start. Today is dedicated to exploring the province of Cádiz. Stop in quiet Medina Sidonia, often overlooked by visitors. It was once the seat of the Duques de Medina Sidonia, one of Spain's most powerful families. Continue to seaside Cádiz, founded as Gadir by the Phoenicians, circa 1100 BC. See the cathedral, Teatro Romano and the monumental Puerta de Tierra. Watch the Atlantic waves crash against eroded sea walls, as you walk along Paseo Maritimo. During free time, find out what makes Cádiz a leading gastronomic capital and be sure to try fresh fried fish and seafood. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 6 SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

A short drive north takes you to Seville.
Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus, with a Local Expert.
Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and a short walk through the narrow lanes of the Santa Cruz Quarter to enjoy a refreshing beverage. This evening, visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Feel the passion behind the

choreography as you put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance.

Head to the nearby market for an enthralling tapas tour for dinner. (B) (DW)

Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

#### DAY 7 DOÑANA NATIONAL PARK

Doñana National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is home to a unique ecosystem that is considered one of most important natural protected areas in Europe. A key crossroads for migratory bird routes between Africa and Europe, it is also the last refuge for many endangered species, such as the Spanish imperial eagle. A vast spectacle awaits, as sand dunes meet marshes, lagoons, pine and oak forests. Embark on a fascinating bird-watching tour with a naturalist guide for a chance to see rare species and unique landscapes.

Return to Seville, where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 8 THE COSTA DEL SOL

**Relaxed Start.** Bid farewell to Seville. Continue along sunny Costa del Sol to your resort hotel for a final day to enjoy the beautiful views across the Mediterranean. Spend the day relaxing at the beach or by the hotel pool..

This evening, celebrate the end of your Andalucian adventures and newfound friends, at a Celebration Dinner served in a local restaurant. Buen provecho! (B) (DW)

Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos.

#### DAY 9 FAREWELL MÁLAGA

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Malaga airport at 07:00 and 10:00. (B)





**INSIGHT CHOICE** Witness Seville's beautiful scenery on your walking tour with your Local Expert. *(Photo by @Melissab\_travel, Day 6, Seville)* 



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11 DAYS 1 COUNTRY

15 MEALS 18 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Lisbon:** Explore another side of the city as you discover the colourful Morairia neighbourhood with a Local Expert. Hear stories from recent immigrants and learn how the community supports active integration of refugees.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Monsaraz:** Join a local boat captain for a tranquil cruise of Lake Alqueva. Relax and enjoy calming waters, picturesque views and tales of river life.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Porto:** Choose to visit the iconic São Bento Railway Station and walk on the Dom Luis I Bridge in Porto. Alternatively, see the Clerigos Tower, the Atlantic coast at the mouth of Douro and the main Liberdade Square.

Choose between two experiences in Lisbon.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Monsaraz:** Enjoy a memorable Alentejo Highlight Lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Induldge in dish-after-dish of the tastiest tapas in a vibrant setting.

Welcome Dinner in Lisbon • Farm-to-Table dining in Douro Valley • Celebration Dinner in Porto.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit the Jerónimos Monastery • Capela dos Ossos in Evora • Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima • Templar Castle • Convent of Christ and Synagogue in Tomar.

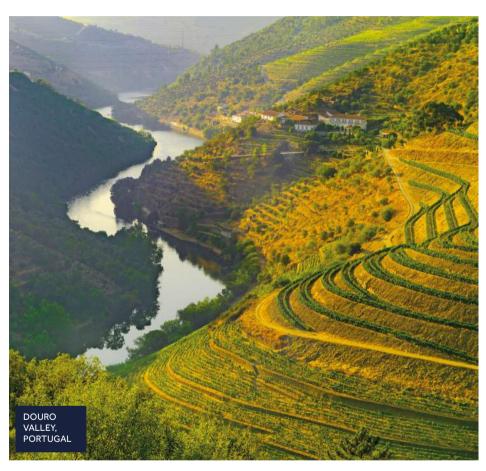
City tours of Lisbon, Tomar, Evora, Coimbra and Porto all with Local Experts.

See Lagos • Beja Castle • Algarve coast • Evora Cathedral and Roman Temple • Castle ruins in Monsaraz • Main square of Obidos • Old Quarter of Guimarães • Porto's iconic bridges.

## COUNTRY ROADS OF PORTUGAL

"Portuguese custard tarts, pasteis de nata, only exist because of the nuns' laundry room. Egg whites were used to starch clothing and the remaining egg yolk was used to make the tarts."

- Dom, Travel Director







MONSARAZ CRUISE, ALQUEVA DAM RESERVOIR



#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LISBON

On arrival at Lisbon International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant and the opportunity to mingle with your fellow travellers. (DW)

Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon.

## DAY 2 LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço. See the ancient Belem Tower and marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries. Explore Lisbon with Insight Choice. Choose to discover more of Belém Quarter as you enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years, and visit Jerónimos Monastery. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that actively supports the integration of refugees and immigrants into the local society. Explore the intricate staircases and hidden alleyways of the Mouraria quarter alongside a recent migrant, your Local Expert. (B)

#### **DAY 3** THE ALGARVE

Cross the River Tagus to reach Lagos, a coastal fishing port nestled in the bay of Meia Praia. After free time to explore, continue to your resort hotel set within a magnificent 360-acre estate. A short walk away, specialised Portuguese seafood restaurants hug the coastline, overlooking the Atlantic. (B)

#### Ria Park Hotel & Spa, Algarve.

#### **DAY 4** EVERLASTING ÉVORA

**Relaxed Start.** Journey to the medieval walled city of Évora where cathedrals, churches, aqueducts and ancient castle walls all serve to create the feeling that this beautiful city is a living, breathing museum to Portugal's rich past.

Join your Local Expert to explore the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the Roman Temple and visit the cathedral as well as the Capela dos Ossos, an extraordinary 17th century chapel made of bones. (B)

#### M'Ar de Ar Aqueduto, Évora.

#### DAY 5 MONSARAZ AND ÉVORA

**Relaxed Start.** Travel to the striking white village of Monsaraz and take in the spectacular views from the castle ruins.

Join a local boat captain for a leisurely cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Alqueva. Relax and enjoy calming waters, picturesque views and tales of river life.

Sit down to a delicious Highlight Lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Enjoy a wide range of tasty tapas dishes showcasing the local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant; cheerful atmosphere.

Return to Évora where the evening is at your leisure to explore this beautifully preserved regional capital. (B) (LW)

#### DAY 6 SCENIC DRIVE TO TOMAR

In Tomar, visit the Templar Castle and the Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join your Local Expert to explore the Templars' Rotunda and glimpse the day-to-day life of a warrior monk. See the Manueline Window, a national masterpiece and visit the Synagogue of Tomar and its small Jewish museum. (B) (DW)

#### Hotel dos Templários, Tomar.

#### DAY 7 COIMBRA. THE DOURO AND PINHÃO

**Relaxed Start.** In Coimbra, your Local Expert will guide you through the Old Town, before visiting the baroque university library, one of the finest in the world.

Your journey continues past verdant hills and lush vineyards, along the tranquil waters of the Douro

Enjoy a wonderful Farm-to-Table Dinner, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients at Quinta da Roêda, renowned as the "Jewel of the Douro". Home to one of the most distinguished port houses, taste a variety of wines produced by the Croft family. (B) (DW)

#### Vintage House Hotel, Pinhão.

#### **DAY 8** GUIMARÃES AND PORTO

**Relaxed Start.** Journey to Guimarães to admire the views from the ruined castle and explore the cobbled streets and cosy squares.

Explore Porto with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert and visit the São Bento Railway Station, with a walk along the architecturally impressive Dom Luis I Bridge. Alternatively, explore the Clerigos Tower, Liberdade Square and the nearby Atlantic beaches, also led by a Local Expert. In the evening you are at leisure to enjoy your boutique, five-star hotel, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, in the heart of Porto's historic district. The decor is a mix of classic and contemporary and each room is individually decorated with original artwork, (B)

#### Pousado do Porto Rua Das Flores.

## DAY 9 PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO

**Relaxed Start.** With a full day free to enjoy at your own pace, why not take a stroll to admire the multicoloured houses of Porto?. Perhaps choose to visit medieval Braga?

In the evening, bid adeus to your Travel Director and fellow travellers with a mouth-watering Celebration Dinner with wine, at an authentic Porto restaurant. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 10 FÁTIMA, ÓBIDOS AND ONTO LISBON

Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Apparitions.

Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos where there is free time to explore. (B)

#### Dom Pedro Lisboa, Lisbon,

#### **DAY 11 DEPART LISBON**

After breakfast, your departure transfer arrives at Lisbon International Airport at 07:00 or 09:30. (B)





INSIGHT CHOICE Delight in a taste of the famous Pasteis de Belém. (Photo by @Chilly20four, Day 2, Lisbon)



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9 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 11 MEALS 15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Granada:** Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens. While others wait in line, you'll be exploring accompanied by a Local Expert, keen to share insights into this Moorish landmark.

Visit a Damascene workshop.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Seville:** Choose to visit the cathedral and a walk through the old Jewish quarter with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a panoramic tour of the city and stop for a refreshing beverage.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Madrid • Celebration

Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon.

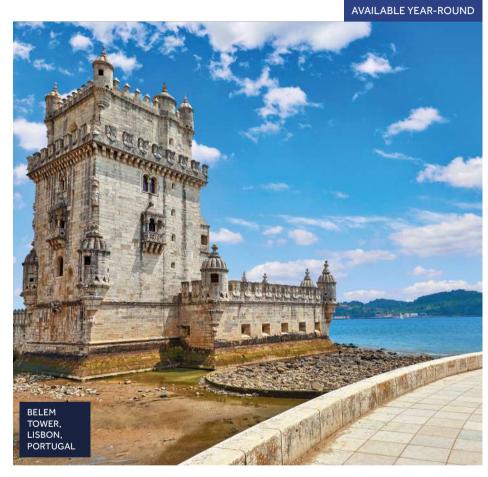
#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Capela dos Ossos in Evora • Jerónimos Monastery • Fátima Basilica.

# AMAZING SPAIN & PORTUGAL

"Guests really love to meet our Local Expert Carlos in Toledo. His passion for his hometown is the perfect introduction to Spain."

- Daniel, Travel Director







ALHAMBRA GENERALIFE GARDEN

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO MADRID

Your airport transfer departs Madrid airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00.

While in Madrid, explore the elegant boulevards, expansive parks and varied architectural styles.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid.

## DAY 2 THE OLD CAPITAL OF TOLEDO AND ON TO GRANADA

Venture south to meet a master artisan in a Damascene workshop for a personal insight into this ancient craft, handed down by the Moors centuries ago.

Continue to the fascinating city of Toledo, situated high above the River Tagus. This was Spain's capital during the golden era, where Arab, Jewish and Christian cultures flourished side-by-side through the Middle Ages. Walk within the city walls, through the narrow cobbled streets, led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's famous painting, 'The Burial of the Count of Oraaz.'

Your journey continues to Granada. (B) (DW)

Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

## DAY 3 THE ALHAMBRA PALACE AND SEVILLE, CITY OF CARMEN

'There is no pain in life so cruel as to be blind in Granada', cries the inscription on the walls of the Alhambra. Bathed in the morning light, the Alhambra Palace awaits - a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Explore with your Local Expert before visiting the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals.

Take a moment to relax in the sunshine as you enjoy the fine views over the town and its three verdant hills.

Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus, and walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive around the city with panoramic views and stop in a café for a refreshing beverage. (B)

#### Ayre Hotel Sevilla, Seville.

#### DAY 4 FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

Relaxed Start. This day is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it? Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. With free time for dinner, perhaps head to the nearby Lonja Del Barranco market, where vendors sell tapas made from fresh, local produce? (B)

#### DAY 5 ÉVORA AND ONTO LISBON

**Relaxed Start.** Continue to the lively university town of Évora .

Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with human bones, before making your way to Lisbon. (B)

Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon.

## DAY 6 LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE DISCOVERIES

**Relaxed Start.** During your stay, a guided orientation of the city with your Local Expert takes you along the avenues of the Lower Town and beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paco, the finest square in the city.

Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same, secret recipe for almost 200 years. View the Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. This fortress was originally set in the middle of the river, but is now left high and dry on the riverbank. Visit the 500-year-old Jerónimos Monastery with its beautiful Manueline architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the beautiful Portuguese Riviera? (B)

#### DAY 7 HOLY FÁTIMA AND SALAMANCA

**Relaxed Start.** Travel into the green hills north of Lisbon to visit Fátima, the most celebrated place of pilgrimage in Portugal. Visit the chapel commemorating the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three children in 1917.

Cross the border and continue to Salamanca to see its golden stone buildings, the handsome arcades of the Plaza Mayor and the Puente Romano. (B)

Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

#### **DAY 8** ÁVILA AND MADRID

Travel to Ávila to walk within the ancient city, still entirely enclosed within 11th century walls. Return to Madrid to explore more of the capital with your Local Expert.

At a local restaurant, join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a lively Celebration Dinner.
(B) (DW)

Meliá Madrid Serrano.

#### **DAY 9 FAREWELL MADRID**

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)  $\,$ 





**TOP RATED HIGHTLIGHT** Walk within the city walls with your Local Expert. (*Photo by* @Concept\_by\_kym, Day 3, Granada)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Take a chance to see Plaza de España during your time in Seville. (*Photo by @Travelling\_insighttim, Day 3, Seville*)



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Learn about the women's movement in Madrid.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Madrid:** Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

Visit Alhambra Palace and the Generalife gardens with a Local Expert.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Choose between two experiences in Seville and Madrid.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona • Paella cooking demonstration and Highlight Dinner in Valencia • Highlight Dinner in Madrid • Dine with a local in Gijon • Celebration dinner in Barcelona.

Taste wine in Rueda.

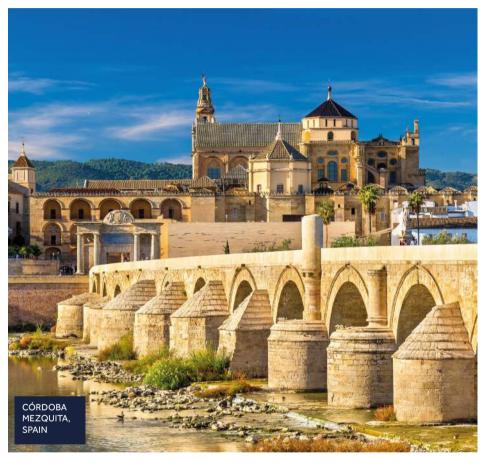
#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit the Sagrada Família • Córdoba's Mezquita • Picos de Europa National Park and the holy cave of Covadonga • Monte Iguelo in San Sebastián.

# SPANISH HERITAGE

"I love to teach guests the first ever basque phrase I learnt from my father at the age of six, 'Torri ona gausa ba, exambiardia.' This translates as 'come here, I want to tell you something'."

- Lola, Travel Director









GIJON

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 18:00 for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

#### NH Collection Constanza / Hilton Barcelona.

#### DAY 2 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

**Relaxed Start.** With your Local Expert, see the Gothic Quarter, Las Ramblas and head along the Passeig de Gràcia.

Travel through the Eixample district to visit the Sagrada Família. (B)

#### DAY 3 ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA

**Relaxed Start.** Stop at Peñíscola to see the sealapped castle.

Continue to Valencia.

Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a Cooking Demonstration.

Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of sangria at your Highlight Dinner.

(B) (DW)

#### Barceló Valencia.

## DAY 4 EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA

Travel toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore as you wish.

Overlooking Granada stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite 13th century palace and stroll through the elegant exotic gardens of the Generalife. (B) (DW)

#### Meliá Granada.

#### DAY 5 A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE

Your journey continues to Seville. (B)

Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

#### DAY 6 SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Relaxed Start. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the cathedral, burial place of Christopher Columbus, and walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive around the city with panoramic views and stop in a café for a refreshing beverage.

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#### DAY 7 MOORISH CÓRDOBA

In Córdoba, meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built within. (B)

#### Meliá Madrid Serrano.

#### DAY 8 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Explore Madrid with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on a neighbourhood walking tour, led by female pillars of the community and focused on the history of the women's movement in Spain. Alternatively, sightsee with your Local Expert as they guide you through the Spanish capital's most historic neighbourhoods.

Visit the magnificent Prado Museum with an art historian to admire masterpieces by Goya, Velazquez and many others. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Join your newfound friends at a local restaurant for a Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 9 FREE TIME IN MADRID

**Relaxed Start.** Your last day in Madrid is at leisure. (B)

#### **DAY 10** THROUGH RUEDA TO SANTIAGO

Learn how wines are produced in Rueda and sample the delights of the Verdejo grape during a wine tasting session.

Travel on to Santiago de Compostela. (B) (DW)

NH Collection Santiago de Compostela.

#### DAY 11 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a scenic walk on the Way of St. James.(B)

#### DAY 12 THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

**Relaxed Start.** Travel along the Green Coast of Asturias.

In Gijón, meet Flor, who will invite you to join her for lunch in her home.

In Oviedo, visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II with a Local Expert. (B) (LW)

Barceló Oviedo Cervantes.

#### **DAY 13 SANTANDER**

Head into Picos de Europa to visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga.

Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria while travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. (B)

#### Eurostars Hotel Real, Santander.

#### DAY 14 BILBAO AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

**Relaxed Start.** Admire the architecture of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.
Continue to San Sebastián and join your Local Expert for a walk through the Old Quarter, admiring the views from up high at Monte Iqueldo. (B)

Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

#### DAY 15 THE CANTABRIAN COAST

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. (B)

#### DAY 16 PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to Pamplona and Barcelona. (B)

Kimpton Vividora Hotel, Barcelona.

#### **DAY 17** BARCELONA AT LEISURE

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day completely at leisure.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant for your delightful Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 18 DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)



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15 DAYS

**3 COUNTRIES** 21 MEALS 23 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★☆

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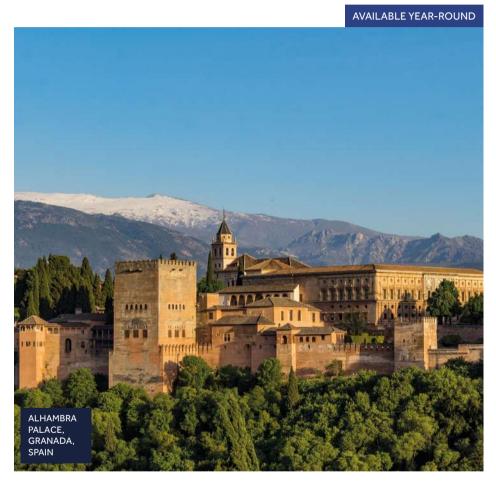
#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Madrid • Paella cooking demonstration dinner in Valencia • Lunch in Sant Sadurini d'Anoia • Celebration Dinner in

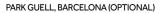
Taste wine in Porto • Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon • Cava wine in Sant Sadurin d'Anoia.

# **BEST OF SPAIN** & PORTUGAL

"A highlight for quests is often meeting a group of ladies in a tiny Andalusian village. They cook typical local dishes for you and treat you like kings and queens." - Denise, Travel Director









BARBARY APES, GIBRALTAR

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### Barcelo Emperatriz/NH Collection Madrid

#### DAY 2 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Guided by your Local Expert, visit the Spanish capital's most historic neighbourhoods. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city.

Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. (B)

#### DAY 3 SEGOVIA AND GOLDEN SALAMANCA

Travel to the fortified city of Segovia. Walk through the medieval streets with a Local Expert and see the magnificent Alcazar fortress, before continuing onto the historic aqueduct.

Journey west, overlooking the ancient walls of Ávila, en route to Salamanca. During your guided sightseeing tour, admire the golden stone buildings the city is famous for, including the arcaded Plaza Mayor, the honey-coloured cathedral and the 16th century university buildings. (B)

#### Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

## DAY 4 PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO

Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Situated on the River Douro, the city is celebrated internationally as the capital of Port wine.

Visit the Vila Nova de Gaia wine stores and walk along corridors of casks. Get to know your tawnys and vintages during a tasting.

Continue your exploration of the city, admiring the multi-coloured houses, churches adorned with glazed tiles and iconic bridges (or 'Eiffel Towers on end' according to one Frenchman). (B) (DW)

## NH Collection Porto NH Collection Porto Batalha / Infante Sagres, Porto.

## DAY 5 HOLY FÁTIMA, ANCIENT OBIDOS AND LISBON

Head south for a visit to miraculous Fátima. See the Basilica or visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, which commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917.

Journey to the fortified town of Obidos and walk inside its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. (B)

#### Dom Pedro Lisboa/Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon.

## DAY 6 LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Relaxed Start. Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paco, the finest square in the city. Visit the Belém Quarter, where sailing ships once set forth to discover faraway lands.

Enjoy a taste of the famous Pastéis de Belém from a traditional patisserie that has managed to hold on to the secret recipe of Portugal's finest pastry for almost 200 years.

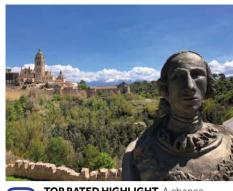
View the modern Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. This fortress was originally set in the middle of the river, but is now left high and dry on the riverbank. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Jerónimos Monastery with its beautiful Manueline architecture

With the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Portuguese Riviera? It is often visited by surfers, royalty and on occasion James Bond. (B)

#### DAY 7 SEVILLE. THE CITY OF CARMEN

Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus and see La Giralda, the former minaret of the Great Mosque, now the cathedral's bell tower. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and a short walk through the narrow lanes of the Santa Cruz Quarter, before enjoying a refreshing beverage. (B)

#### Ayre Hotel Sevilla, Seville.





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT A chance to take a picture of Alcazar of Segovia from a beautiful viewpoint. (Photo by @ DomNemer, Day 3, Segovia)





**INSIGHT CHOICE** Soak up Seville's traditional atmosphere on your walking tour with Insight Choice. *(Photo by @ Patrick\_davis, Day 8, Seville)* 





**AUTHENTIC DINING** Taste freshly pressed olive oils with locally made farmer bread. (*Photo by @Taniainsightvacations*, *Day 11*, *Alfarnatejo*)



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1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

O Optional Place Visited

## CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

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## DAY 8 FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxed start and a morning to unwind, shop or continue exploring this fascinating city at your own pace. Our suggestion is to join an Optional Experience to the ancient city of Córdoba, where you will visit the magnificent Mezquita and see the old Jewish Quarter. Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Their mission is to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. With some free time for dinner, head to the Lonja Del Barranco market where vendors sell tapas made from fresh, local produce. Later, witness emotions come to life as the students take to the stage during an emotional flamenco performance. (B)

## DAY 9 HEAD FOR GIBRALTAR, MIJAS AND THE COSTA DEL SOL

Head south to Gibraltar, part of mainland Spain yet an overseas territory under British control since

With your Local Expert, visit the Rock of Gibraltar and St. Michael's Cave. See the Barbary Apes, legendary guardians of the colony. Relax as you travel the scenic route along the Costa del Sol through high end resorts where the rich and famous holiday. Your journey continues through the green hills to the white-washed village of Mijas. Stroll through the old streets and gardens, taking in the views of the coast. (B) (DW)

#### Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos.

#### DAY 10 AT LEISURE ON THE COSTA DEL SOL

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy the day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade,

savour the specialities in the local restaurants or consider exploring Málaga, the birth city of Picasso. (B)

## DAY 11 DINING WITH LOCALS AND THE ALHAMBRA

**Relaxed Start.** Continue to Alfarnatejo, a quiet whitewashed village, with a population of less than 500 people, surrounded by stunning mountainous landscape. Walk the town centre to see the 18th century Iglesia del Santo Cristo de Cabrilla. Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory to taste a selection of different oils, paired with locally made farmer bread.

In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious Highlight Lunch made of fresh, local produce with flavours typical of the region.

Continue to Granada to visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace with your Local Expert. Built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century, it is a wonder of beautiful gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. (B) (LW)

#### Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

#### **DAY 12** ON TO VALENCIA

Journey to Valencia. Pass through the Old City to see its ancient gates, and the City of Arts and Sciences.

In your free time perhaps take a stroll to the Cathedral and El Miguelete? Alternatively sit back with a drink and watch the Valencians go about their day.

Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of sangria at your Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

Barceló Valencia.

## DAY 13 ALONG THE COAST TO PEÑÍSCOLA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Follow the coast to Peñíscola to view the sealapped castle used in the film 'El Cid'.

At Cava Bodegas in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, enjoy a delicious light lunch and savour a tasting as you learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly. Continue along the coast to reach Barcelona. (B) (LW)

Meliá Barcelona Sarrià, Barcelona.

#### **DAY 14 BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING**

**Relaxed Start.** A Local Expert joins you for a drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and some of the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to visit Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. See the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows.

At a local restaurant, join your fellow travellers to toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, enjoying a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 15 DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the modern City of Arts and Sciences. (*Photo by @Insight\_Sabrina, Day 12, Valencia*)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore Sagrada Familia with your Local Expert (Photo by @sueinsight, Day 14, Barcelona)

# TREASURES OF SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

"This trip is enjoyable from an historical and cultural point of view. It traces the Moorish dominance of Iberia for nearly 800 years. Guests get to see, feel, taste and experience this influence."

- Simon, Travel Director





ALHAMBRA PALACE, GRANADA



LISBON, PORTUGAL

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17 DAYS
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23 MEALS
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**Madrid:** Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

Visit Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Seville:** Choose to visit the cathedral and a walk through the old Jewish quarter with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a panoramic tour of the city and stop for a refreshing beverage.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Alfarnatejo:** Hear the stories of local life as you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a freshly prepared, traditional lunch with wine.

Welcome Dinner in Madrid • Celebration Dinner in Madrid.

Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon • Olive oil in Alfarnatejo.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel across the Straits of Gibraltar between Europe and Africa.

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Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid.

## 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. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, to discover the origins of the city.

Join an art historian to explore the Prado Museum, a magnificent palace housing works by Velazquez, Goya, Rubens and other masters.

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

**Relaxed Start.** Cross the Portuguese frontier and skirt the Estrela Mountains en route to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned religious site. Join the pilgrims flocking into the great basilica, commemorating the miraculous appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. In the heart of the Shrine of Fatima is The Chapel of





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Walk within the ancient walls of Ávila. (Photo by @ianillen, Day 2, Ávila)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Enjoy the scenery of the Spanish countryside. (*Photo by @ianillen, Day 2, Ávila*)

Apparitions, marking the exact location of her first appearance. Other sacred sites include the Museu de Arte Sacra e Etnologia, exhibiting religious artifacts and the modern church of the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity.

Your travels continue to Lisbon. (B)

Dom Pedro Lisboa, Lisbon,

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Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years.

Visit Jerónimos Monastery and see the ancient Belém Tower erected to protect it. Marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries. This afternoon is free to explore further as you wish or perhaps decide to visit Sintra? (B)

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Ayre Hotel Sevilla, Seville.

## DAY 6 FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN

**Relaxed Start.** This morning is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it? Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Their mission is to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. With some free time for dinner, head to the Lonja Del Barranco market where vendors sell tapas made from fresh, local produce. Later, witness emotions come to life as the students take to the stage during an emotional flamenco performance. (B)

## DAY 7 THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR TO TANGIER

**Relaxed Start.** Continue on to Gibraltar, an overseas territory under British control since 1704. Meet your Local Expert for a guided tour of the Rock of Gibraltar, St. Michael's Cave and see the Barbary Apes, legendary guardians of the colony. Set sail across the Straits of Gibraltar to reach Morocco — a land of musky spices and colourful sourks.

Your travels continue to Tangier. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel Villa de France, Tangier.

#### **DAY 8** RABAT AND CASABLANCA

**Relaxed Start.** Your Local Expert will show you the sights of Tangier, Morocco's great port. See the Sultan's Palace and visit the Casbah.

Journey to Rabat and see the Royal Palace and Hassan Tower with your Local Expert.



Continue to the west coast of Africa to reach Casablanca.

Discover if Humphrey Bogart really did say 'Play it again Sam' during sightseeing with your Local Expert. You will also see the Hassan II Mosque, the largest mosque in the country.

During your free time this evening, perhaps head to the Corniche, Casablanca's chic seaside strip, for your choice of trendy restaurants and cafés? (B) (DW)

Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche.

#### DAY 9 MARRAKESH, PEARL OF THE SOUTH

**Relaxed Start.** Journey to Marrakesh, the city of dancers, storytellers and acrobats. In the evening, perhaps dine at a vibrant restaurant to enjoy classic Moroccan dishes and a belly dancing performance? (B)

Kenzi Rose Garden, Marrakesh.

#### **DAY 10** EXPLORE MARRAKESH

Join a Local Expert to explore the Medina and see the Koutoubia Mosque, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. Visit the intricately decorated Palais Bahia, intended to be the greatest palace of its time, when it was built in the late 19th century.

With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring, try your hand at haggling in the souks on Jemaa-el-Fnaa Square or maybe visit a museum? (B)

#### DAY 11 THE ANCIENT IMPERIAL CITY OF FES

Journey to the vibrant city of Fes. Upon arrival, relax in your hotel and enjoy spectacular views from your room. (B) (DW)

Marriott Jnan Palace (Pool view rooms), Fes.







**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Enjoy a taste of Pasteis de Belém. *(Photo by @ianillen, Day 4, Lisbon)* 

#### **DAY 12 EXPLORE FES**

**Relaxed Start.** Your Local Expert will guide you through the ancient Medina. Explore this walled city of hidden courtyards, mosques and workshops. Walk through the souks and pass one of the world's oldest universities. Learn about the ancient craft of carpet making and gain an insight into the motifs and colours used in the designs. (B) (DW).

#### DAY 13 ON TO THE COSTA DEL SOL

Leave Morocco and cross back over to Spain. Your travels continue through Andalucia and on to the Costa del Sol, famous for its beaches. (B)

Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos.

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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 built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century - a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Stroll through the elegant, exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals. (B) (LW)

#### Meliá Granada.

## DAY 16 TO MADRID IN SEARCH OF DON QUIXOTE

Your journey continues to the north, through countryside immortalised by Cervantes fictional hero. Don Quixote.

On return to Madrid, toast your travels with your newfound friends during a lively Celebration Dinner of delicious food and wine at a local restaurant. (B)

Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid.

#### **DAY 17** FAREWELL MADRID

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)





**INSIGHT CHOICE** See the emerging cathedral on your guided walk of the Old Town. (*Photo by @kiyarasewraj*, *Day 5*, *Seville*)



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Visit a Damascene workshop • Prado Museum with a local art historian.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Santiago de Compostela: Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert to visit the cathedral. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James, through parks and gardens.

Choose between two experiences in Seville.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Gijon: Meet Flor, a local of Gijón, for a delicious meal of locally sourced produce that she has prepared just for you.

Welcome Dinner in Madrid • Celebration Dinner in Barcelona

Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon • Wine in Rueda

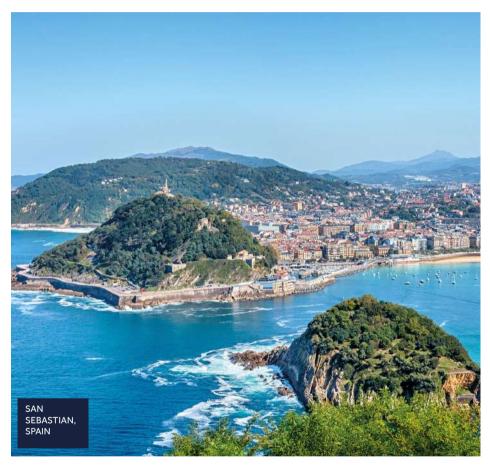
#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Seville Cathedral • Jerónimos Monastery • Fátima basilica • Santo Tomé church • Picos de Europa National Park • Holy Cave of Covadonga • Sagrada Família.

# **GRAND SPAIN** & PORTUGAL

"You can't miss the evening horse and carriage ride through Seville - the bustling squares, illuminated buildings and aroma of orange blossoms is as traditional as a gondola ride in Venice."

- Dom, Travel Director









PAMPLONA

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO MADRID

Your airport transfer departs Madrid airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00.

While in Madrid, explore the elegant boulevards, expansive parks and varied architectural styles.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid.

#### DAY 2 TOLEDO AND ON TO GRANADA

Meet a master Damascene artisan for insights into this unique craft.

Explore Toledo led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.' (B) (DW)

Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

#### DAY 3 THE ALHAMBRA PALACE

Explore the incredible Alhambra Palace and exotic water gardens of the Generalife, with your Local Fxpert.

Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the cathedral, the burial place of Columbus and walk through the old Jewish quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic drive around the city and stop in a café for a refreshing beverage. (B)

Ayre Hotel Sevilla, Seville.

## DAY 4 FREE TIME IN SEVILLE AND FLAMENCO

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a free day to explore as you wish

Visit Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. With free time for dinner, head to nearby Triana market for local tapas and sangria. (B)

#### DAY 5 ÉVORA AND ONTO LISBON

**Relaxed Start.** Continue to the lively university town of Évora.

Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with human bones, before making your way to Lisbon. (B)

Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon.

#### DAY 6 LISBON

**Relaxed Start.** Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém.

See the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belém Tower. Visit Jerónimos Monastery with a Local Expert. (B)

#### DAY 7 HOLY FÁTIMA AND SALAMANCA

In Fátima, visit the famed basilica.

Cross the border, returning to Spain and continue to Salamanca. Across the River Tormes, see the Puente Romano with 15 of its 26 arches dating from the time of the ancient Romans. (B)

Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

#### DAY 8 ÁVILA AND MADRID

Travel to Ávila to walk within the ancient city. Return to Madrid to explore more of the capital with your Local Expert.

At a local restaurant, join your newfound friends for a Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

Melia Madrid Serrano/NH Collection Madrid Suecia.

#### DAY 9 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Visit the Prado Museum with an art historian, housing works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others. (B)

#### DAY 10 THROUGH RUEDA TO SANTIAGO

Learn how wines are produced in Rueda and sample the delights of the Verdejo grape.

Travel on to Santiago de Compostela. (B) (DW)

NH Collection Santiago de Compostela.

#### DAY 11 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James. Alternatively, join a city tour with a Local Expert. (B)

#### DAY 12 THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

**Relaxed Start.** Travel along the Green Coast of Asturias.

In Gijón, meet Flor, who will invite you to join her for lunch in her home.

In Oviedo, visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II with a Local Expert. (B) (LW)

Barceló Oviedo Cervantes.

## DAY 13 PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery.

Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria while travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander. (B)

Eurostars Hotel Real. Santander.

#### DAY 14 BILBAO AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Relaxed Start. Admire the architecture of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.
Continue to San Sebastián and join your Local Expert for a walk through the Old Quarter, admiring the views from up high at Monte Iqueldo. (B)

Barceló Costa Vasca. San Sebastián.

#### DAY 15 THE CANTABRIAN COAST

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. (B)

#### DAY 16 PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. (B)

Kimpton Vividora Hotel, Barcelona.

#### DAY 17 BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDÍ

With your Local Expert, explore the Gothic Quarter, see Las Ramblas and head along the Passeig de Gràcia.Visit the Sagrada Família.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast to your travels during your delightful Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 18 DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)



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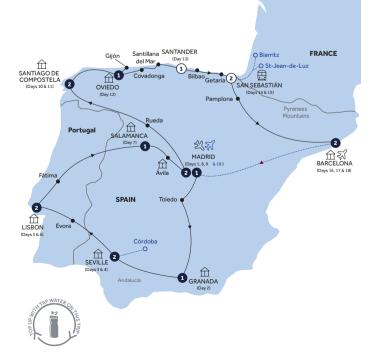
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Place Visited

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## **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

## By our guests and Travel Directors



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# ITALY, SICILY & MALTA



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Italian Intermezzo

Sicily in Depth (with Malta)

Country Roads of Puglia & the Neapolitan Riviera / Country Roads of Umbria & Tuscany

Country Roads of Northern Italy

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Grand Italy & Sicily

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© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: **DYNAMIC** 

#### 8 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 10 MEALS 12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Venice:** Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

#### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Vatican City:** Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Florence:** Choose to visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Vatican City: Experience a special Celebration Dinner at the Vatican's Cortile del Giardino Quadrato, with views of the cupola of St. Peters. Welcome Dinner at L'antica Riva in Como. Taste wine in Florence.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice.

Visit Pisa • Piazza del Duomo in Orvieto.

## ITALIAN INTERMEZZO

"I love to teach my guest the Italian phrase, 'che bello,' which means 'how beautiful!' It really sums Italy up, as everywhere you look there is beauty: in the landscape, architecture, art and fashion." – Sara, Travel Director









FLORENCE

#### **DAY 1** ELEGANT COMO

Welcome to Italy. After being greeted by your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport, your transfer departs at 09:30 or 12:30.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30 and head to L'antica Riva, an elegant restaurant on the shores of Lake Como, known for serving delicious fresh produce. Your Welcome Dinner provides the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening. (DW)

Palace Hotel, Como.

## DAY 2 VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

**Relaxed Start.** Journey through the beautiful Italian lake district, past Lakes Iseo and Garda to the floating city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your hotel offers authentic Venetian charm, as it reflects the history and culture of the surrounding area. (B)

Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena.

as you drift along in romantic awe.

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Spend the afternoon as you wish. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's square with its orchestras and al-fresco cafes? (B)

## DAY 4 TRANQUIL TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Journey to Pisa and see the Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles. Later, visit the 11th century cathedral and baptistery.

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour, enjoying all the Italian treats and finery on offer. With your Local Expert, admire the marble-clad Cathedral and Baptistery, and wander Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery filled with Renaissance sculptures.

An expert sommelier introduces you to a selection of the finest wines of Tuscany. Enjoy a tasting, followed by dinner. (B) (DW)

Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence.

## DAY 5 FREE TIME IN RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Relaxed Start. Learn some secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork when you visit a local workshop to admire the intricate work.

The rest of the day is free for you to fully immerse yourself in the Tuscan capital. Perhaps shop for leather or gold goods around Santa Croce or relax and soak up the atmosphere in one of the many street cafés? Be sure not to miss the magnificent museums and galleries that house some of the most famous works of art in the world. In the evening, enjoy an opportunity to sample the true flavours of the region with a sumptuous optional Tuscan dinner served with local wine. (B)

## DAY 6 CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ORVIETO AND ON TO ROME

Journey to Umbrian Orvieto, a hilltop village overlooking a vineyard-covered plain.
Explore the town with your Travel Director and visit Piazza del Duomo to admire the cathedral, before continuing towards the Eternal City of Rome.
In the evening, why not throw your coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city? (B)

Bettoja Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio, Rome.

## DAY 7 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN

In the morning, enjoy the very best of the city's highlights, including visiting the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum, site of memorable battles and a legacy to the courage of gladiators.

In the afternoon, gain exclusive fast-tracked priority entry to the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and observe the stunning Museo Gregoriano Profano, which documents various moments and themes in classical art, from Ancient Greece through to the late Imperial Roman age. You'll then enter the Sistine Chapel where you'll marvel at Michelangelo's ceiling masterpiece.

This evening, indulge in a special Celebration Dinner hosted at the Vatican's Cortile del Giardino Quadrato with spectacular views of St. Peter's. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 8 ARRIVEDERCI ROMA**

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore hilltop Orvieto, in the heart of Umbria. *(Photo by @billyboy22, Day 6, Orvieto)* 

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TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT See the Duomo in Florence. (Photo by @ vindiezel, Day 5, Florence)



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Choose to extend your stay in Malta for 4 or 6 nights.

## © REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

**8 DAYS** 1 COUNTRY 12 MEALS

9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Trapani:** Enjoy a light lunch and a tasting of some of the island's freshest olive oil and Sicilian wines at Villa Immacolatella. The estate employs innovative farming techniques that favour the productive rhythm of the olive grove, including organic pest control and natural decantation of the oil.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Palermo: Choose to visit the spectacular Arab-Norman Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join your Local Expert on a walk through the lively local market.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Catania • Dine-Around options in Palermo • Farm-to-Table dinner in Taormina Riviera.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Paradise Quarry and Old City of Ortygia in Syracuse • Valley of the Temples in Agrigento • Palermo Cathedral • Greek Ampitheatre in Taormina Riviera.

City tours of Syracuse, Agrigento, Palermo, Taormina, all with Local Experts.

## SICILY IN DEPTH

### WITH MALTA OPTION

"Everyone enjoys visiting the owner of the farm in Trapani, who is a very charming Sicilian gentleman. We are welcomed into his beautiful gardens and invited to taste his wines and extra virgin olive oil." – Elena, Travel Director









THE GREEK THEATRE, TAORMINA

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO SICILY

On arrival at Catania airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 10:00, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before meeting your Travel Director at 17:30, for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

NH Catania Centro.

#### **DAY 2 ANCIENT SYRACUSE**

Your Local Expert takes you to Syracuse's Paradise Quarry with its Ear of Dionysius, an ear-shaped grotto with an unusual echo. Continue to the superb Greek theatre, one of the largest of the ancient world

There is time to explore the Old City, a maze of narrow streets lined with palaces. Continue around the southeastern corner of Sicily to Ragusa. (B)

#### Mediterraneo Palace, Ragusa.

## DAY 3 EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO PALERMO

Journey along the southern coast of the island to Agrigento, and explore the Valley of the Temples with a Local Expert. See the massive Temple of Concordia and the clifftop Temple of Juno overlooking the sea.

Your travels contintue to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. (B) (DW)

NH Palermo.

## DAY 4 PALERMO & THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Explore Palermo with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular Arab-Norman Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the lively market.

This afternoon, visit Palermo Cathedral and observe its unique blend of architectural styles.

For your dining pleasure, you are offered a selection of local restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening, each with their own ambience and cuisine. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 5** EXPLORING ERICE

Venture to the charming hilltop walled town of Erice and explore the labyrinth of quiet alleyways. Pause to enjoy the sea views from the gardens alongside the Castle of Venus.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the enchanting Villa Immacolatella near Trapani, enjoy a light lunch and a tasting of some of the island's freshest olive oil and Sicilian wines. The estate employs innovative farming techniques that favour the productive rhythm of the olive grove, including organic pest control and natural decantation of the oil.

Back in Palermo the evening is at your leisure. (B) (LW)

#### DAY 6 CEFALU AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Travel to the quaint fishing town of Cefalu. See the imposing cathedral, stroll to the stone fountain and seek out the Gothic arch of the Porta Marina for a picture-perfect view of the harbour. (B)

RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

## DAY 7 TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

**Relaxed Start.** Early risers may experience why D.H. Lawrence christened this 'The Dawn Coast of Europe.' Perhaps take an Optional Experience to Mount Etna?

Visit the old town, clinging to the side of Mount Tauro with sea and mountain views. With your Local Expert, visit the Greek theatre and absorb the view. Stroll to Palazzo Corvaja and along the Corso Umberto to the Piazza IX Aprile.

At a local restaurant, rejoice with your newfound friends over your Celebration Dinner of delicious, freshly prepared Farm-to-Table cuisine, accompanied with exquisite Italian wines. (B) (DW)

## DAY 8 DEPART CATANIA OR CONTINUE TO MALTA

Transfers arrive at Catania airport at 06:30 and 08:30. Guest continuing to Malta are transferred to the airport for their included flight. (B)

#### WITH MALTA OPTION

#### **DAY 8** WELCOME TO MALTA

Transfer to your hotel.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Highlight Dinner with wine. (DW)

Waterfront Hotel, Sliema.

#### **DAY 9 SOUTHERN DELIGHTS**

**Relaxed Start.** Venture south to Valletta with a Local Expert to visit the Upper Barrakka Gardens and St. John's Cathedral, designed in a baroque fashion.

Visit the National War Museum and learn about Malta's important role in WWII, with a lecture from an historian. Enjoy time to further explore Valletta at your own pace.

Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the scenic Xrobb L-Ghagin Natural Park and learn about renewable energy, biodiversity and eco-tourism.

Continue on to the pretty fishing village of Marsaxlokk. Look out at the Mediterannean Ocean and feel completely relaxed as you watch colourful luzzu, traditional Maltese fishing boats, sway in the crystal blue water.

For dinner, feast on delicious seafood, freshly plucked from the sea. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 10** FREE TIME IN SLIEMA

**Relaxed Start.** Today is free for you to laze on the rooftop terrace or stroll along the promenade. (B)

#### DAY 11 DEPART MALTA OR SLIEMA FREE DAY

**Relaxed Start.** Guests ending their journey today will have airport transfers timed to meet their flights. For those extending their stay, the day is at leisure. (B)

#### **DAY 12 MDINA THE SILENT CITY**

Head to Mdina with a Local Expert in the late afternoon to explore this golden city, known also as the silent city for its shady streets and peaceful atmosphere.

Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at a wonderful local restaurant where you'll toast to your trip with your fellow travellers. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 13** DEPART MALTA

Bid farewell to this exotic island as you travel to Malta airport for your onward journey. (B)





**AUTHENTIC DINING** Be introduced to local foods at your Welcome Dinner. (*Photo by @insightelena, Day 1, Catania*)



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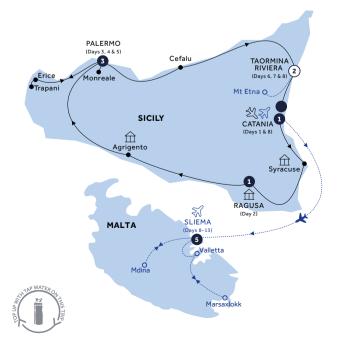
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9 DAYS

1 COUNTRY

13 MEALS

11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Grottole:** Participate in the fascinating Wonder Grottole project. This regeneration initiative works to rehabilitate the abandoned historic centre and preserves traditional village life.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Grottole: Meet Silvio and Michela for wine tasting, light lunch and a tour of the village.

#### INSIGHT CHOICE

Capri: Choose to visit the exquisite Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert. Alternatively, indulge with a limoncello tasting, Capri's renowned lemon liqueur.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Dine-at-Home dinner in Alberobello • Celebration Dinner in Rome

DAY 1 Kolbe Hotel Rome.

DAY 2 - 4 Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello.

DAY 5 - 7 Grand Hotel Vesuvio. Sorrento. DAY 8 Kolbe Hotel Rome.





# **COUNTRY ROADS** OF PUGLIA & THE NEAPOLITAN **RIVIERA**

"Journey from the impressive Bay of Naples to the fairytale land of Alberobello. A relaxing trip with plenty of time to explore further at your own lesuire." - Elena, Travel Director



Arrival transfers depart Rome's Fiumicino airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Journey across the Apennine Mountains to the Puglia region. With your Local Expert. discover Alberobello and view distinctive limestone Trulli houses with their conical roofs. Meet nonna and her family at your Dine-at-Home experience. In Matera, your Local Expert guides you through a labyrinth of ancient cave dwellings. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Grottole and meet locals who are striving to revive their small village. Take in the stunning

views of the Bay of Naples, as you arrive to Sorrento. Explore Capri with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Augustus Cesare Gardens with a Local Expert. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur. Travel along the dramatic Amalfi Coast to the colourful beach town of Positano. Walk among the eerily preserved buildings of ill-fated Pompeii on your way back to Rome. On your final day, departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino airport at 07:00 and 09:30.









# **COUNTRY ROADS** OF UMBRIA & TUSCANY

"Guests love to meet Marta, who is part of the third generation of weavers in Perugia. She shows her passion and the tradition of the family." - Beatrice. Travel Director



Arrival transfers departs Rome's Fiumicino airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Enjoy fast-tracked entry to the Vatican Museums to admire the Sistine Chapel. In Umbria, hunt for truffles before indulging in a pasta demonstration and

Join your Local Expert to navigate the labyrinth of narrow allevways in Perugia. Visit a traditional frame hand weaving workshop during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and meet Marta, a fourth generation weaver who's keeping the craft alive. Journey to Assisi and

visit the imposing basilica. Travel along Lake Trasimeno and stop in the walled town of Cortona, Explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval cathedral. Alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional . Tuscan dessert. See the medieval towers and side streets of San Gimignano. In Renaissance Florence, marvel at the Duomo and Piazza Signoria. Round up your travels as you return to the Eternal City. On your final day, departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino airport at



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#### 9 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 13 MEALS 9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Perugia: Meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Learn how she offers employment opportunities for local women and alongside her weavers, preserves the ancient craft of loom-weaving in an artisan workshop.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums, and see the Bramante Staircase and admire the Sistine Chapel.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Siena: Choose to visit the medieval Siena Cathedral with your Local Expert. Alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Highlight Lunch in Umbria • Dine-Around options in Perugia • Farm-to-Table Celebration Dinner in Tuscany. Taste Gelato in San Gimignano.

DAY 1 Kolbe Hotel Rome.

DAY 2 - 4 Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia.

DAY 5 - 7 Villasanpaolo, San Gimignano.

DAY 8 NH Roma Centro, Rome.

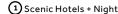




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ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

10 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 13 MEALS

12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Venice:** Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Milan:** A local historian brings Milan's history to life through the works of Leonardo da Vinci during a guided walking tour. See the impressive facade of the Milan Cathedral and the world famous La Scala Theatre.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Verona:** Choose a walking tour through the grand piazzas, see the statue of Dante and admire the Gothic tombs of the Scala family. Alternatively, embark on a Shakespearethemed walk to recount famous moments from the story of Romeo and Juliet.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Lake Maggiore:** Meet Stefano, the last true fisherman on Lake Maggiore, for a exhilarating walking tour of Isola dei Pescatori. Later, sit down to a Farm-to-Table Celebration Dinner complemented by local wine.

Welcome Dinner in Milan • Dine-Around options in Como.

Taste Prosecco in Veneto.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by gondola, serenaded on the canals of Venice

City tours of Milan and Verona, both with Local Experts.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF NORTHERN ITALY

"We all live to explore. I became a Travel Director because it gives me an opportunity to help our guests to pursue their passions and dreams of travel." – Margaret, Travel Director









SIRMIONE, LAKE GARDA

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO ITALY

After a warm welcome at Milan's Malpensa Airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:30 and 12:30. Meet your Travel Director at 15:30 and join a local historian to navigate through Milan's history and the life of Leonardo da Vinci. See the impressive facade of Milan Cathedral and the world famous La Scala Theatre.

Mingle and get to know your fellow travellers during your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

#### Crowne Plaza Hotel Milan City.

#### DAY 2 FAIR VERONA AND TRENTO

Cross the fertile plains of Lombardy to fair Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. Explore its maze of elegant squares and visit the well-preserved Roman Arena, still used for opera performances.

Explore Verona with Insight Choice. Choose a walking tour through the grand piazzas, see the statue of Dante and admire the Gothic tombs of the Scala family. Alternatively, embark on a Shakespeare-themed walk to recount famous moments from the story of Romeo and Juliet, stopping at Juliet's famed balcony. Continue on to Trento, regarded as one of Italy's most appealing cities to live in. (B)

#### NH Trento.

#### DAY 3 CLIMB UP TO CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Relaxed Start. Follow the Adige River north into the magnificent mountains and the distinctive limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive at the town of Bolzano, where Italy and Austria culturally collide and you are at leisure to explore the the arcaded streets and squares. Continue along the zig-zagging scenic route to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy's most exclusive ski resort and a beautiful alpine haven during summer. (B) (DW)

#### Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo.

#### DAY 4 THE DOLOMITES AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** E njoy a day at your leisure in this fashionable playground of the rich and famous, surrounded by towering cathedrals of rock. Take in

the fresh mountain air as you stroll the pedestrianised Corso Italia, lined with designer stores and backed by the impressive green and white bell tower of the parish church. Why not ascend to the summit of one of the nearby peaks for magnificent panoramic views of the Dolomites? (B)

## DAY 5 THROUGH PROSECCO COUNTRY TO VENICE

Travel down through more majestic Dolomite scenery to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north, and caressed by the warm breezes from the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine.

Stop at Carmina where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes producethe world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavours and learn how to make the perfect bellini. Continue on to the unique and remarkable island city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic and check into your hotel. (B)

#### Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

#### DAY 6 THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, cruising past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy traditional local songs, as you drift along in romantic awe.

Spend the afternoon as you wish. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's Square with its orchestras and al-fresco cafes? (B)

#### **DAY 7 SIRMIONE AND COMO**

**Relaxed Start.** Bid farewell to this enchanting city and continue past the university town of Padua to the peaceful shores of Lake Garda, the largest of Italy's lakes.

Visit the charming resort of Sirmione clustered around the 13th century Scaligero Castle and jutting out into the lake, near the tip of a narrow peninsula.

Follow the southern fringes of the Alps to reach the spectacular Italian Lake District and your hotel on the shores of Lake Como, where you will enjoy views on the lake from your room.

Later, you have a choice of cuisine and ambience from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

Hotel Barchetta Excelsior, Como.

## DAY 8 COMO AT LEISURE AND LAKE MAGGIORE

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a morning at leisure in Como. Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, this is a prime people watching spot with Europe's rich and famous.

Journey onwards to Lake Maggiore's Baveno, renowned for its charming 16th century square and narrow cobbled streets. (B)

#### Hotel Simplon, Baveno

#### **DAY 9** ITALIAN LAKES AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Relish a full day to relax and enjoy this popular resort and beautiful lake. Napoleon came here to plan his Italian Campaign, and Mussolini and Chamberlain met here before World War II to sign the Treaty of Stresa. Perhaps take a cruise out to the lovely Borromean Islands? Isola Bella is where Carlo Borromeo built his charming Palace.

Savour delicious Farm-to-Table cuisine during your Celebration Dinner, accompanied by some exquisite Italian wines. Raise a glass to your travels and newfound friends. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 10 DEPART MILAN**

Your journey draws to a close in the morning and transfers arrive at Milan's Malpensa Airport at 07:30 and 10:30. (B)

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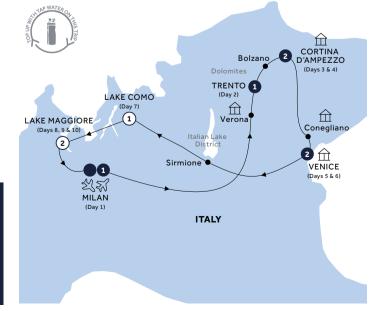
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This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travelers.





OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE Wonder at the breathtaking beauty of the Dolomites. (Photo by (a)AnnaTarget, Day 4, Cortina d'Ampezzo)



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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Vesuvius National Park:** Visit Casa Barone, a small family-run farm on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius and one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes. Learn about their commitment to sustainability and taste the flavours of this special tomato during your Farm-to-Table lunch.

Visit a glassblowing workshop in Venice.

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#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Florence:** Choose to visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Restaurant Dinner in Florence • Celebration Dinner in Rome.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri • Ride in an open-top taxi in Capri • Ride a gondola in Venice.

## **BEST OF ITALY**

"Italy is the world's biggest wine producer, with the largest number of native wine grape varieties. Experience delicious cuisine as we travel throughout the peninsula and enjoy a variety of Italian wines." – Chris, Travel Director













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Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

#### DAY 2 VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

The day is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Insight has arranged special priority entry to avoid the lines and gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture. normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where the Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works, the emotive 'Pietà,' and stand beneath the dome completed after his death.

Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Come up close and personal with the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine, walking on the ancient pavement. Discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum as you stroll around the exterior of this amazing structure. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon, toss a coin in Trevi Fountain and enjoy free time around Piazza Navona? (B)

#### DAY 3 THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

Drive to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. On arrival, you will be privy to the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork and see a gold demonstration.

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This evening, indulge in a delicious meal at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

NH Firenze/Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

#### DAY 4 FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a guided shopping tour, enjoying all the Italian treats and finery on offer

Walk on to the multi-coloured marble cathedral. bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Visit Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune as well as Hercules and Cacus, along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio.

In the afternoon, perhaps visit medieval San Gimignano? (B)

#### DAY 5 PISA TO VENICE. THE QUEEN OF THE **ADRIATIC**

Journey to the coastal town of Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles. as well as the baptistery and colonnaded bell tower behind the cathedral. Relax and enjoy the scenery as you cross the spectacular Apennine Mountains, through the Emilia-Romagna region - one of Europe's most intensely farmed and fertile plains. Continue through the marshes of the Venetian Lagoon before crossing the causeway into the floating city of Venice. As evening falls, daytrippers desert the city to return to the mainland. Appreciate the peace and tranquility of Venice from your centrally located hotel.

This evening, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice.







**INSIGHT EXPERIENCE** Enjoy fast-track entrance to the Vatican Museums. (Photo by @insightanna, Day 2, Vatican City)





**INSIGHT EXPERIENCE** Visit St. Peter's Basilica as part of an exhilarating guided exploration of the Vatican. (Photo by @ insightanna, Day 2, Vatican City)







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#### DAY 6 VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

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#### DAY 7 ASSISI

Journey to the peaceful town of Assisi, dotted with medieval churches, colourful frescoes and shady courtyards.

In the valley, see the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, much venerated as the place of St. Francis' death, then continue up Mount Subasio to the upper town.

With your Local Expert, step inside the huge Basilica of St. Francis, built in the 13th century. The frescoes painted by Giotto here heralded a new era in Italian art.

Arrive at your hotel, located in the heart of the medieval Old Town. Enjoy the tranquility of the historic old town during free time.
(R) (DW)

Hotel Giotto Assisi.

#### **DAY 8** SORRENTO ON THE COAST

Travel south passing Cassino, the scene of a fierce battle during World War II. Follow the spectacular clifftop road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day at your leisure. (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

#### DAY 9 CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cross the Bay of Naples to reach the beautiful Isle of Capri, a rock rising sheer from the Mediterranean! For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Tiberius Caesar to Gracie Fields. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. A Local Expert joins you for an exploration of the narrow alleyways. Browse in deluxe boutiques and wonder at the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea. Descend to the port by funicular railway and return to Sorrento, where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. Perhaps head to Positano for an exploration of the colourful Amalfi Coast? (B)

## DAY 10 POMPEII, FROZEN IN TIME AND ON TO ROME

Continue to Pompeii, the opulent Roman town which was preserved by layers of ash from the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. A walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets and extensive excavations reveals the daily life of ancient Roman civilisation. Visit the Forum and peer into shops and patrician villas, decorated with colourful wall paintings.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Vesuvius National Park and visit Casa Barone. This small family run farm on the slopes of the volcano is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes, an endangered fruit that only thrives in the fertile volcanic soil. Each harvest is sustainably farmed and cared for by the extended Barone family, who all work here.

Be sure to savour the unique flavours of this rare tomato during a truly unique Farm-to-Table lunch. Your journey continues to Rome.

In the evening, enjoy an elegant four-course Celebration Dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant. As you dine, enjoy a private performance of popular songs and arias from some of Italy's best-loved operas. (B) (LW) (DW)

NH Roma Centro/Kolbe Hotel, Rome.

#### **DAY 11** ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)





**INSIGHT CHOICE** Visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David. (*Photo by @kolange06, Day 4, Florence*)





OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE | Cruise around the glamorous Isle of Caprit. (Photo by@ Insightanna, Day 9, Capri)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** | Visit the ill-fated town of Pompeii with a Local Expert. (*Photo by*(a)Carolinaphotogirl, Day 10, Pompeii)

# GRAND ITALY & SICILY

"In Alberobello, guests love our Dine-at-Home experience and meeting the Italian family, three generations living under the same roof. Nonna demonstrates how to shape the orecchiette pasta and her young grandsons serve the food." – Liz, Travel Director





FARM-TO-TABLE, ALBEROBELLO







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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Alberobello:** Dine at Trattoria Terra Madre, where owner Alessandro and his nonna have built a restaurant that focuses on sustainability and creating jobs for locals. Everything is grown organically and harvested on site, and excess produce is donated to their community.

Visit a glassblowing workshop in Venice.

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#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Restaurant Dinner in Venice • Bistecca alla Fiorentina Dinner in Florence • Celebration Dinner in Palermo.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel from Portofino to Santa Margherita on a cruise • Ride a gondola in Venice • Cruise to the Isle of Capri and ride in an open-top taxi.

Visit Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel in Palermo • Greek Amphitheatre in Taormina.

City tours of Rome, Pisa, Cinque Terre, Florence, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera, Alberobello, Taormina and Palermo, all with Local Experts.

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Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

### DAY 2 VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your priority visit includes fast-tracked entry to the museums and a behind-thescenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Later, continue to St. Peter's Basilica and cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B).

### DAY 3 PISA AND SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE

Enjoy a delightful drive to Pisa through rolling countryside dotted with cypress trees, passing vineyards and olive groves.

With a Local Expert, view the incredible Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble.

Your journey continues to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. (B) (DW)

### Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Take in the sights of Manarola. (*Photo by @Elaine.beach, Day 4, Italy*)

#### DAY 4 THE CHARMS OF THE CINQUE TERRE

Head to the famous Cinque Terre, which translates to Five Lands. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is located on a gorgeously wild yet hospitable part of the coastline.

With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat. In Monterosso, spend some time exploring the medieval quarter in or the popular sandy beach before continuing to the village of Portofino, famed for its colourful houses. Should weather permit, return with a cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to your hotel in the resort of Santa Margherita. (B)

#### DAY 5 LAKE MAGGIORE

**Relaxed Start.** Head north to the beautiful Lake Maggiore in the Italian Lakes District and the town of Baveno, noted for its narrow cobbled streets and charming 16th century square. On arrival, settle into your hotel and take in the magical scenery. In the afternoon, why not join an optional cruise to Isola Bella to explore the palace and admire the stunning and immaculate Italian style gardens. (B)

### Hotel Simplon, Baveno

#### **DAY 6** ONTO VENICE

**Relaxed Start.** Your travels continue through the Soave vineyards, passing Padua and on to the canals of Venice.

In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

NH Venezia Rio Novo.

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### DAY 8 A SCENIC JOURNEY TO FLORENCE

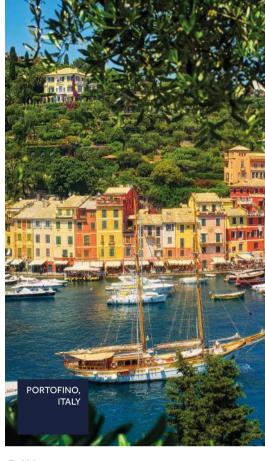
Bid farewell to Venice and begin your journey to Renaissance Florence.

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a guided shopping tour.

Walk to the cathedral and see Giotto's bell tower and the Gates of Paradise on the baptistery. Wander through the open-air gallery of Piazza della Signoria, gazing at statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus, along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Your exploration will finish in front of the basilica where Michelangelo lies buried in Piazza Santa Croce, famous for its quality goods.

Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a specialty not to be missed. (B) (DW)

Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli.



### DAY 9 FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

**Relaxed Start.** Start the day with a traditional Florentine leather-work demonstration and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore the hilltop town of San Gimignano? (B)

### DAY 10 ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ON TO SORRENTO

Journey south through the volcanic hills of Frascati to Pompeii.

Walk with a Local Expert through the preserved cobbled streets for a glimpse into the daily life of civilisation during the Roman Empire.
Follow the clifftop road to the resort town of Sorrento. (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

#### DAY 11 CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. Explore the narrow alleyways and descend to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. Later perhaps explore the Amalfi Coast? (B)

### DAY 12 SASSI DI MATERA AND ALBEROBELLO

After breakfast, discover two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. First, visit Matera for an in-depth guided exploration of the extraordinary Sassi, ancient troglodyte dwellings and churches dug out of the rock. These are the most extensive example of their kind in the Mediterranean and were inhabited by about 20,000 people up until 1950. Matera was also used as the setting for the film 'The Passion of the Christ'.



Continue to Alberobello, the second UNESCO World Heritage Site and your home for the next two nights. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello.

### DAY 13 THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

**Relaxed Start.** With a Local Expert, admire the Trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar. Later, perhaps explore Ostuni?

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Trattoria Terra Madre. Alessandro, the owner,

shares his philosophy of using home-grown organic and seasonal produce. See Nonna making orechiette pasta during a demonstration, before a delicious four-course, Farm-to-Table Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

### DAY 14 SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Follow the shores of the Gulf of Taranto to the mountainous Calabria region.

Travel along the Purple Coast and board your ferry bound for Sicily, continue to the Taormina Riviera. (B) (DW)

RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

### DAY 15 TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

**Relaxed Start.** Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. Stroll onto the tiny courtyard of the Palazzo Corvaja, Taormina's grandest building. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Mt. Etna? (B)

### DAY 16 PALERMO, CAPITAL OF SICILY

Head to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. On arrival, your Local Expert will show you the highlights of the capital. Palermo Cathedral has been altered over the years and a venture inside will help you to appreciate the composite architectural styles. Next, head to the amazing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Normans. With the outside completely covered in glittering 12th century mosaics, it provides an insight to what's within.

Join your travelling companions and Travel Director at a local restaurant for an unforgettable Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. (B) (DW)

NH Palermo.

### **DAY 17 DEPART PALERMO**

Your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone–Borsellino Airport at 06:00 and 08:00. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Visit some of the picturesque fishing villages. (*Photo by @Insightanna, Day 4, Cinque Terre*)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore this ancient Roman city with your Local Expert. (*Photo by @Saniesideuhp*, *Day 10, Pompeii*)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Admire the Trulli of Alberobello, UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert. (Photo by @pollonlaura, Day 11, Capri)



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### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Home-Hosted Welcome Dinner in Rome.
• Highlight Dinner at the Vatican • Lunch in Bologna • Dinner at il Poggio • Celebration Dinner in Venice.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice.

Visit Pisa.

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- Bradford, Travel Director









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### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Transfers to your hotel depart Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

At 17:30, join your Travel Director for a uniquely Roman Welcome Dinner. Get to know your travelling companions over a relaxed evening of dinner and wine, as you join your local host for a truly Italian, home-cooked meal. (DW)

Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

### DAY 2 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including visiting St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican with your Local Expert.

Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and the iconic Colosseum. In the afternoon, enjoy special fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection, before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece.

Dine in the Vatican's Cortile del Giardino Quadrato and enjoy incredible views of the cupola of St. Peter's during a private Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 3** ROME AT LEISURE

Relaxed Start. Spend another day enjoying Rome at your own pace. Stroll to the boutiques of the Via del Corso and Via Nazionale or visit the elegant designer stores near the Spanish Steps. Perhaps take an Optional Experience south to the ill-fated town of Pompeii? As night falls, why not sip a glass of prosecco at a sidewalk cafe in the Piazza Navona and enjoy life's pageantry pass by? (B)

### **DAY 4** ON TO FLORENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Drive to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. (B)

Hotel Roma, Florence.

### DAY 5 FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

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### DAY 6 PISA AND THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

**Relaxed Start.** After a leisurely morning in Florence, explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert. See the Leaning Tower, baptistery and the colonnaded bell tower, lurching out from behind the cathedral.

Visit the organic farm il Poggio and join a guided walk, exploring olive oil and wine production. After taking in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, enjoy tasting the farm's fines wines and olive oil, in addition to an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. (B) (DW)

### DAY 7 BOLOGNA AND ON TO VENICE

Stop in the charming city of Bologna, the historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region.

Sample the flavours of the region and learn about Italian food culture over a delicious lunch with wine. Take the autostrada east to Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your luxurious hotel gazes out over the Giudecca Canal and an unforgettably romantic city skyline. (B) (LW)

Hilton Molino Stucky Venice.

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This afternoon there is plenty of time to explore the museums, galleries and churches or browse through the shops on the Rialto Bridge. (B)

### **DAY 9** VENICE AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Who could refuse another day to take in the unique atmosphere of this wonderful city? Lose yourself in the back lanes and quiet squares, where tourists seldom tread and the Venetians go about their daily lives. Maybe visit some of the 90 churches housing masterpieces of Venetian art or explore the modern artworks in the Guggenheim? Perhaps relax at a canal-side cafe sipping local wine or sample delicious lagoon-fresh fish?

Later, board a traditional gondola for a serenade through the romantic canals.

This evening, stroll past the entrance doors of the famous Opera House to La Fenice restaurant for a magical Celebration Dinner. Indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 10 ARRIVEDERCI VENICE**

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Travel by gondola and be serenaded on the canals of Venice. (*Photo by @skinnylynny, Day 9, Venice*)



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**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

11 DAYS

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★

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#### INSIGHT CHOICE

Florence: Choose to visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Dine-Around options in Lake Maggiore • Celebration Dinner on Burano in Venice.

Taste wine with a master vintner near Lake

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri • Ride in an open-top taxi in Capri • travel through the Cinque Terre by boat and train • Cruise to Santa Margherita from Portofino • Ride a gondola in Venice.

Visit Caesar Augustus Gardens in Capri. City tours of Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local

# **TREASURES** OF ITALY

"One of the best aspects of this trip is the stay in Capri. To fully appreciate the beauty of the blue island. I think you need to spend the night and the early morning there."

- Margherita, Travel Director









COLOSSEUM, ROME

Experts.

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Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

### DAY 2 VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

The day is devoted to the Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums. With Insight's special priority entry, avoid the lines and gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where the Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works and stand beneath the dome completed after his death.

Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum, site of memorable battles and a legacy to the courage of gladiators. (B)

### DAY 3 ANCIENT POMPEII AND THE ISLE OF CAPRI

Journey to the ill-fated town of Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century before enjoying a refreshing lemon granita.

Continue to the Bay of Naples and board your hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri.

In brilliant sunshine, enjoy a scenic drive by opentop taxi past orange and lemon groves to your hotel. (B)

Gatto Bianco Hotel & Spa, Capri.

### **DAY 4** THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleyways and small cafes. A Local Expert

escorts you to the lush Gardens of Augustus for views of the Faraglioni rocks.

The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish, or perhaps join an Optional Experience to Positano? As twilight descends and the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, the island is yours to gather with locals in the piazzetta or relax with a glass of wine. (B)

### DAY 5 THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE

Descend to the port by private open-top taxis and take the hydrofoil across the bay to Naples. Follow the Autostrada del Sole and continue through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. (B) (DW)

NH Firenze, Florence.

### DAY 6 FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour, enjoying all the Italian treats and finery on offer. Continue to the multi-coloured marble cathedral to admire Giotto's bell tower and Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria and explore the area around Santa Croce Basilica. After a demonstration of leatherwork, there's free time to shop or explore Florence on your own.

In the evening, why not sample the fine Florentine cuisine of tasty starters and typical Tuscan dishes accompanied by Chianti wine? (B)

### DAY 7 CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO TO SANTA MARGHERITA

The famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre are a highlight of your journey.

With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat and spend some time exploring the medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before continuing to the village of Portofino, to admire the colourful houses.

(B) (DW)

### Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.

### **DAY 8** LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District, where alpine scenery combines with lush subtropical vegetation. Enjoy time at leisure or perhaps cruise to the Borromean Islands?

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno

### DAY 9 TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards by the shores of Lake Iseo.

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Hilton Molino Stucky Venice.

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Cruise the Venetian lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialities. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 11** ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

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**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the picturesque fishing village of Burano (*Photo by @skinnylynny, Day 10, Burano*)



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### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Highlight Dinner in the Vatican • Farm-to-Table dining in Cinque Terre • Celebration Dinner in Venice.

Taste prosecco in Veneto • Anise bread in Lucca • Gelato in San Gimignano.

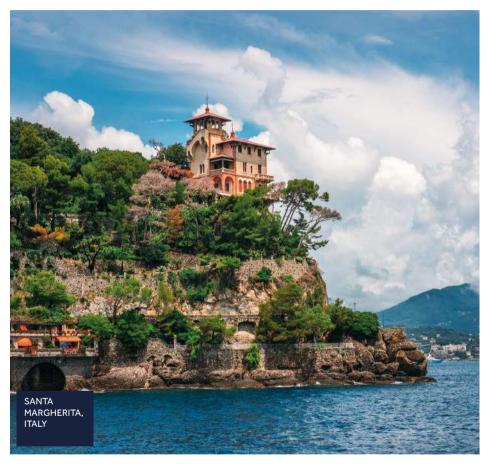
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Travel by cruise from Santa Margherita to Portofino • travel from the Cinque Terre by train • Ride a gondola in Venice.

City tours of Rome, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts.

# ITALIAN ELEGANCE

"A memorable moment from this trip is in San Gimignano. Guests always love to meet the charismatic Sergio Dondoli, a master of making gelato." **– Lorena, Travel Director** 









**PORTOFINO** 

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Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

### **DAY 2** ROME WITH VATICAN DINNER

Enjoy the best of the city's highlights with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and see the Colosseum and Circus Maximus.

In the afternoon, gain fast-tracked priority entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and observe the stunning Museo Gregoriano Profano before entering the Sistine Chapel.

Dine in the Vatican's Cortile del Giardino Quadrato and enjoy incredible views of the cupola of St. Peter's during a private Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 3** RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour, enjoying all the Italian treats and finery on offer. See the cathedral, campanile and baptistery, adorned with the Gates of Paradise. Wander the open-air gallery of Piazza della Signoria before enjoying time at leisure.

Continue to your elegant hotel in the picturesque town of Radda in Chianti. (B) (DW)

### CDH Hotel Radda, Tuscany.

### DAY 4 THE FLAVOURS OF SAN GIMIGNANO

**Relaxed Start.** Journey across the rich Tuscan countryside to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, famous for its medieval towers. Spend time exploring the maze of alleyways and admire scenic views across the valley.

Meet world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli, for a taste of his finest frozen treats.

Stop at a local winery to sample robust Tuscan wines. (B)

#### **DAY 5** PISA AND LUCCA

Drive through the Chianti hills and head to Lucca. Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread.

Continue to Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower and the splendid cathedral and baptistery. Enjoy leisure time to explore. Relax as you journey along the coast to the resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. (B) (DW)

Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.

#### **DAY 6** THE CINQUE TERRE

Head for the port of La Spezia for a highlight of your travels and one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes, the Cinque Terre. With a Local Expert, appreciate the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages by boat.

For lunch, enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table dining experience.

There is time to explore the old medieval quarter beach before returning to your hotel. (B) (LW)

### DAY 7 PORTOFINO AND LAKE MAGGIORE

**Relaxed Start.** Cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to the elegant seaside village of Portofino (should weather permit).

Travel north to the beautiful Italian Lake District, where Alpine scenery combines with lush vegetation. (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno

#### DAY 8 CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Travel down through more majestic Dolomite scenery to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north, and caressed by the warm breezes from the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine.

Stop at Carmina where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes produce the world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavours and learn how to make the perfect bellini. Continue through the Dolomites, to the mountain resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. (B) (DW)

Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo.

#### **DAY 9** EXPERIENCE THE DOLOMITES

**Relaxed Start.** The whole day is free for you to explore the colourful peaks and sheer valleys of the Dolomites. There are a number of walking tracks to explore, or perhaps take a thrilling Optional Experience to the summit of one of the peaks for breathtaking panoramic views? (B)

### DAY 10 VENICE, QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

**Relaxed Start.** Descend through the mountains to the romantic city of Venice.

A private boat glides you past canals lined with ornate palaces to St Mark's Square. See the basilica, the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, before checking into your luxurious hotel. With the afternoon at leisure, why not cruise the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Burano? (B)

Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione.

### **DAY 11** VENICE AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills.

Then there is free time to enjoy the magical atmosphere of this incredible city at your own pace.

Later, on your romantic gondola serenade, glide along the atmospheric canals while musicians serenade you with traditional songs.

This evening, stroll past the famous Opera House to La Fenice restaurant for a magical Celebration Dinner. Indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 12** ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the mighty Colosseum. (*Photo by @lnsightsharon, Day 2, Rome*)



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### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Bistecca alla Fiorentina Dinner with wine in Florence • Dine-Around options in Lake Maggiore • Celebration Dinner in Rome.

Taste wine near Lake Iseo.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

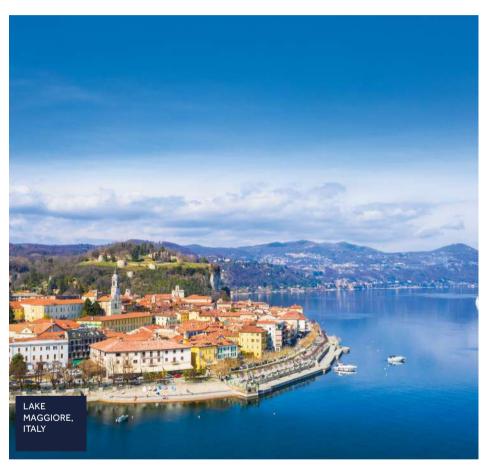
Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice • Hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri • Ride in an open-top taxi on Capri.

Visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

City tours of Rome, Florence, Assisi, Isle of Capri and Pompeii, all with Local Experts.

# ITALIAN ESCAPADE

"Guests enjoy meeting our Local Expert in Florence, who shows you the secret carvings on the statue of David by Michelangelo."
- Lorena, Travel Director









THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA

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Hotel Romanico Palace/Kolbe Hotel, Rome.

### DAY 2 VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your priority visit includes fast-tracked entry to the museums and a behind-thescenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Later, continue to St. Peter's Basilica and cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

### DAY 3 SIENA AND MEDIEVAL FLORENCE

In medieval Siena, stroll through the winding stone-paved streets to the vast Piazza del Campo. See the Fountain of Joy and walk up to the hilltop cathedral, striped with marble.

Continue through the cypress-clad hills and vineyards of Tuscany to Florence.

Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a speciality not to be missed. (B) (DW)

Michelangelo Florence.

### DAY 4 FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour, enjoying all the Italian treats and finery on offer.

Walk on to the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery to see Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Famous for the quality of its luxury goods like gold and leather, Piazza Santa Croce is also the perfect spot to see the basilica. Later, use your free time to shop or continue exploring at your leisure (B)

### DAY 5 PISA AND THE ITALIAN LAKES

Stop in Pisa, to see the incredible Leaning Tower. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs of solid marble. (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno

### DAY 6 THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT

**Relaxed Start.** Today is set aside for you to relax and enjoy all the fantastic sights of this beautiful lakeland area.

For your Dine-Around Evening, choose from a selection of hand-picked restaurants for your dining pleasure. (B) (DW)

### DAY 7 TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

**Relaxed Start.** Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards by the shores of Lake Iseo. Here, winemaking traditions run deep.

Taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate.

Continue to the unique city of Venice and step back in time to the 16th century. (B) (DW)

Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice.

### DAY 8 THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

A private boat ferries you to St. Mark's Square. See the basilica, Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Enjoy being serenaded with traditional songs on a gondola ride, gliding through the city canals in romantic awe. (B)

### **DAY 9** HILLTOP ASSISI

Journey to the stone-built, hilltop town of Assisi, home of St. Francis.

See the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, before continuing up Mount Subasio with a Local Expert to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. (B) (DW)

Hotel Giotto Assisi.

#### DAY 10 SORRENTO ON THE COAST

Journey along the clifftop road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, perched upon the southern cliffs of the Bay of Naples and looking out to Mount Vesuvius.

With the evening at leisure, why not try some of the local specialities during a regional dining experience? (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

### DAY 11 CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cruise to Capri and on arrival step into one of the island's iconic open-top taxis for a drive up the steep, winding roads while a symphony of cicadas sing away in the pines.

Your Local Expert leads you through the narrow alleyways of Capri town, before you descend to the port by funicular and return to Sorrento for some relaxation time. Perhaps join an optional visit to Positano and the Amalfi Coast? (B) (DW)

### DAY 12 ON TO ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ROME

At the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, your Local Expert walks you through cobbled streets. Witness the colourful frescoes that were hidden for centuries.

Travel past the striking hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino on your return to Rome.

In the heart of The Eternal City, you are treated to a quintessential Italian experience. Fine food, wine, music and a private performance of enchanting operetta for your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome.

### **DAY 13** ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)





OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE Cruise Lake Maggiore to explore the Barromean Islands. (Photo by @Konyoqueen, Day 5, Lake Maggiore)



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1 Central Hotels + Nights

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**14 DAYS** 

2 COUNTRIES 20 MEALS 13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Alberobello: Dine at Trattoria Terra Madre, where owner Alessandro and his nonna have built a restaurant that focuses on sustainability and creating jobs for locals. Everything is grown organically and harvested on site, and excess produce is donated to their community.

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### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Capri:** Choose to visit the exquisite Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert. Alternatively, indulge with a limoncello tasting, Capri's renowned lemon liqueur.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Dine-Around options in Taormina Riviera • Celebration Dinner in Palermo.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri • Ride an open-top taxi on Capri • Ride a ferry across the Strait of Messina.

Visit the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
• Greek Ampitheatre of Taormina • Palermo
Cathedral and Palatine Chapel in Palermo.

City tours of Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera, Alberobello, Taormina, Agrigento and Palermo, all with Local Experts.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

"This trip is the perfect combination of must-see places and a discovery of striking, hidden gems that most people have never visited, but that hold the real magic of what genuine southern Italy is like." – Margherita, Travel Director









(O) @ALYCIA\_PAPDOPOLOS, ALBEROBELLO

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#### Welcome Piram Hotel, Rome.

### DAY 2 ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and pizza, and our guided walk with a Local Expert has it in abundance. Toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon, the best-preserved monument from the Roman period, and enjoy free time to do as the Romans do.

Perhaps join a tour to discover the incredibly characteristic Roman quarter of Trastevere? (B)

### DAY 3 VATICAN, ST. PETER'S BASILICA AND ON TO SORRENTO

Meet your Local Expert for a guided visit through the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your priority visit includes fast-tracked entry and a behind-the-scenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Continue your visit to St. Peter's Basilica and later, depart for Sorrento. (B)

#### Hotel Isabella, Sorrento,

### DAY 4 CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cruise by hydrofoil through the impossibly blue sea to the sun-drenched island of Capri.
On arrival, enjoy an escorted ride in an open-top taxi to Capri Town and meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through narrow alleyways.
Explore Capri with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire the views over Faraglioni Rocks. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur.

Descend to the port by funicular, before returning to Sorrento where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. (B)

#### DAY 5 POMPEII AND ALBEROBELLO

With your Local Expert, explore the streets of Pompeii, buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Venture on to Alberobello. (B) (DW)

### Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello.

### DAY 6 THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

**Relaxed Start.** With a Local Expert, admire the Trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Trattoria Terra Madre. Alessandro, the owner, shares his philosophy of using home-grown organic and seasonal produce. See Nonna making orechiette pasta during a demonstration, before a delicious four-course, Farm-to-Table Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

### DAY 7 ALBEROBELLO AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** The day is free for you to enjoy this fascinating town. Perhaps visit Ostuni with its whitewashed buildings and narrow cobbled streets? (B)

#### **DAY 8** JOURNEY SOUTH TO MATERA

**Relaxed Start.** Visit Matera with a Local Expert for an in-depth exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi. This intricate labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases and arches was hewn out of the solid rock.

This evening, indulge in a delicious meal at a local restaurant.(B) (DW)

MH Matera Hotel.

### DAY 9 TO SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Travel to the very toe of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily, across the Strait of Messina.

Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre of Taormina, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops.

Take your pick of specially selected restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

### DAY 10 FREE TIME ON THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

**Relaxed Start.** The day is at leisure to relax at your resort's private beach. Don't miss the chance of an optional drive through the national park to Mount Etna. (B)

#### DAY 11 A NEW DAWN IN SICILY

**Relaxed Start.** Early risers may experience what D.H. Lawrence christened the 'dawn coast of Europe.' The day is free to explore Taormina at your leisure, or to embark on an Optional Experience to Syracuse.

In the evening, venture to a local restaurant for a tasty meal accompanied by wine. (B) (DW)

### DAY 12 AGRIGENTO, THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO PALERMO

Drive to Agrigento and walk along the fortified ridge of the Valley of the Temples, with a Local Expert. See the massive Temple of Concord and clifftop Temple of Juno, overlooking the sea. In the afternoon, continue to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. (B)

NH Palermo.

### DAY 13 PALERMO AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Join a historian on a guided walk to see the hidden gems of the old city. Venture inside Palermo Cathedral and see the amazing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Normans.

The afternoon is free to explore on your own.

In the evening, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 14 DEPART PALERMO**

Your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone–Borsellino Airport at 06:00 and 08:00. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Cruise to the glamorous Isle of Capri. *(Photo by @pollonlaura, Day 4, Capri)* 



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### **KEY**

₹ Join/Leave Options

⊞UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights 1 Scenic

Place Visited

Hotels + Nights

O Optional Place Visited

🛱 Cruise

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

16 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 20 MEALS 26 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Perugia:** Meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Learn how she offers employment opportunities for local women and alongside her weavers, preserves the ancient craft of loom-weaving in an artisan workshop.

Visit a glassblowing workshop in Venice.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Vatican City:** Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Siena:** Choose to visit the medieval Siena Cathedral with your Local Expert. Alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Highlight Dinner in Orvieto • Celebration Dinner on Burano island in Venice.

Taste Chianti wine in Radda • Gelato in San Gimignano • Buccellato in Lucca • Balsamic vinegar in Modena • Parmigiano Reggiano in Parma.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri and ride in an open-top taxi • Explore Cinque Terre by boat • Glide through the Venice canals in a gondola.

Visit Papal Gardens and Castel Gandolfo • Positano • Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi • San Gimignano.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF ITALY

"I love to teach my guests an Italian expression, 'Il sole bacia i belli,' which means 'the sun kisses the beautiful ones,' and also can be read that the sunshine renders us all beautiful."

- Anna, Travel Director









(O) @ALANSPORTSCAMMAN, BURANO

### DAY 1 WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

#### DAY 2 VATICAN AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

Today is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums. With Insight's special priority entry, avoid the lines and gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where the Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to admire another of his works and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy views of ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

### **DAY 3** CASTEL GANDOLFO

Venture to Castel Gandolfo to explore the artistic treasure of the Villa Barberini Gardens. Ride an electric designed mosaic flower beds and fountains. Continue

Grand Hotel Vesuvio, Sorrento.

### DAY 4 CAPRI. THE ISLE OF DREAMS

With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town by one of the island's return to Sorrento. (B)

#### DAY 5 THE PICTURESQUE AMALFI COAST

Board your minibuses and travel along the Amalfi Coast to Positano, famous for its terraced houses. (B)

### **DAY 6** POMPEII AND ORVIETO

Journey to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii and explore with your Local Expert.

Savour the distinctly medieval ambiance of Orvieto during your orientation.

In the evening, enjoy a Highlight Dinner at a local restaurant with a glass of Orvieto Classico wine. (B) (DW)

Aquila Bianca Hotel, Orvieto.

#### DAY 7 ASSISI AND ON TO PERUGIA

Relaxed Start. On arrival in Assisi, see the St. Mary of the Angels Church and visit the huge Basilica of St. Francis. A Local Expert walks with you down the Via San Francesco.

Continue to Perugia for a guided exploration through the Old Town.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit an artisanal workshop and meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. (B)

Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia.

### DAY 8 PERUGIA, THE JEWEL OF UMBRIA

Relaxed Start. The entire day is at leisure for you to explore this gem of a town on your own. (B)

### DAY 9 SIENA AND RADDA IN CHIANTI

Relaxed Start. Explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval Cathedral. Alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert.

Enjoy a delicious exploration of Tuscany's red wines, discovering their robust flavours and absorbing history. (B) (DW)

CDH Hotel Radda, Tuscany.

### **DAY 10 RENAISSANCE FLORENCE**

Walk through Renaissance Florence with a Local Expert to see the marble-clad cathedral, bell tower and Gates of Paradise on the baptistery. See the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods. In the afternoon, return to the tranquil surroundings of your hotel. (B)

### DAY 11 SAN GIMIGNANO AND ON TO **LUCCA**

Relaxed Start. Visit the hilltop town of San Gimianano

Enjoy a tasting with award-winning, master gelato maker, Sergio Dondoli.

Continue to Lucca, a city perfectly preserved within encircling medieval ramparts.

Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread.

Later, perhaps explore Pisa? (B) (DW)

Hotel Villa La Principessa, Lucca.

### DAY 12 EXPLORING THE CINQUE TERRE

Get ready to explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cinque Terre.

Join a Local Expert in one of the picturesque fishing villages, before cruising along the rugged coastline.(B)

### DAY 13 MODENA AND ON TO PARMA

Modena is famed the world over for its artisan balsamic vinegar.

Visit a local producer to understand what makes this vinegar as expensive as top-rated wine and enjoy a tasting.

Journey onward to Parma, where you'll meet Paolo and learn about the process of making Parmigiano-Regaiano.

Taste samples of the famous Parmigiano-Reggiano, accompanied with a glass of wine. (B)

Starhotels Du Parc, Parma.

### **DAY 14 ONTO VENICE**

Continue to Venice where you will be serenaded through the atmospheric canals as you glide by gondola, past water-lapped doorways and rococo nalaces (B)

Hilton Molino Stucky Venice.

### DAY 15 THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Visit St. Mark's Square to admire St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the adjoining Bridge of

Cruise the Venetian Lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialities. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 16** ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



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train along the pathways to marvel at the intricately to the resort town of Sorrento. (B)

iconic open-top taxis. Explore the narrow alleyways and descend to the port by funicular railway for the

### **KEY** ₹ Join/Leave Options **⊕**UNESCO Heritage Site 1 Central

- Hotels + Nights 1 Scenic Hotels + Nights
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- ₾ Cruise

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: **DYNAMIC** 

18 DAYS 2 COUNTRIES 26 MEALS 9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★☆☆

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Isola Bella:** Visit Isola Bella renowned for its incredible palace and stunning Botanical Gardens.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Hotel Dinner with Wine in Baveno • Dinner with Wine at a Local Restaurant in Rapallo • Hotel Dinner with Wine in Rapallo • Cooking demonstration culinary experience in Tuscan region • Dinner with Wine at a Local Restaurant in Orvieto • Dinner with Wine at a Local Restaurant in Positano • Celebration Dinner in Rome.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Como: Visit Villa Carlotta in Lake Como

**Cinque Terre:** Led by your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site, travelling by train and boat and dedicated time to explore one of the five charming fishing villages.

Florence: Visit the Uffizi Gallery, one of the oldest and most famous art museums in Europe. Admire works by Michelangelo, Botticelli and Raphael amongst other masterpieces.

**Orvieto:** Admire the richly decorated façade of the cathedral in Piazza del Duomo.

Capri: Cruise to the Isle of Capri.

**Rome:** Guided Walking Tour with Local Expert in Venice, Orvieto, Pompeii and Rome • Orientation Tour of Milan • Cruise to the Isle of Capri.

Scenic Lake Maggiore Cruise to the beautiful Borromean Islands • Lake Como cruise with visit to the gardens of Villa Carlotta • Portofino Cruise along the Ligurian coast • Explore Cinque Terre by train and boat • Guided visit to Pitti Palace and it's marvellous Boboli Gardens • Guided visit to Villa d'Este is a 16th-century villa in Tivoli.

# PICTURE PERFECT ITALY

"One food I really love introducing my guests to is tramezzini sandwiches because they are a real art form in Venice."

- Terri, Travel Director







GARDENS OF CARDINAL D'ESTE

VENICE

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO VENICE

Transfers from Venice Marco Polo Airport depart at 09.30, 12.30, 15.30 to your hotel.

Later, join your Travel Director for a welcome drink, dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

#### NH Grand Palazzo dei Dogi / Splendid Venice.

### DAY 2 VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

A Local Expert introduces you to this fabled city. Standing in the iconic Piazza San Marco, admire the grand Basilica, Doge's Palace and see the Grand Canal. (B)

### DAY 3 CORTINA D'AMPEZZO AND THE DOLOMITES

Journey through the distinctive Dolomite Mountains, where rugged peaks take the form of towers, belfries or domes and visit the chic ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. (B) (DW)

Parc Hotel Victoria, Cortina d'Ampezzo.

### DAY 4 A RELAXING DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day at leisure. (B)

### DAY 5 FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO MILAN AND MAGICAL LAKE MAGGIORE

Head for magnificent Milan to see the impressive cathedral, its façade resplendent with pinnacles and spires. Onward onto the enchanting Italian Lake District for three nights by the water in beautiful Baveno. (B) (DW)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno

### DAY 6 THE BORROMEAN ISLANDS

Relaxed Start. Take to the waters of Lake Maggiore for a delightful cruise to the beautiful Borromean Islands. Visit Isola Bella renowned for its incredible palace and stunning Botanical Gardens. (B)

### DAY 7 LAKE COMO AND LAKESIDE LUGANO

Discover Bellagio, the pearl of Lake Como, and visit the romantic gardens of Villa Carlotta. Later, embark on a scenic drive along lakeshore of the lake before crossing into Switzerland to explore the fashionable resort of Lugano. (B)

### DAY 8 PORTOFINO AND RAPALLO ON THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

Leave the Italian Lake District and travel down the sunny, colour-splashed Ligurian coast, better known as the Italian Rivieral Here, visit the exclusive fishing village of Portofino, the epitome of La Dolce Vita. A short cruise (weather permitting) along the Ligurian coast brings you to your coach and onto your hotel. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel Bristol Resort & Spa, Rapallo.

#### **DAY 9 CINQUE TERRE**

Explore the fishing villages that hug the cliff-face with your Local Expert, making great memories and even better photographs in this idyllic spot. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 10 TUSCANY**

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxed start this morning before continuing to your charming hotel, nestled in the wine growing region. (B)

Hotel Relais La Cappuccina, San Gimignano.

#### **DAY 11** TASTES OF TUSCANY EXCURSION

Visit an estate in the heart of Tuscany to taste the finest produce of wine and olive oil.

Enjoy a cooking lesson, where you prepare Tuscan meal, from antipasto to dessert. Afterwards, you get to eat what you have prepared for lunch, along with a glass of the famous wine, Salute! (B) (LW)

### **DAY 12 FLORENCE EXCURSION**

Join your Local Expert In Florence and enjoy an animated commentary on the walk from the burial place of Michelangelo at the Basilica of Santa Croce, to the Uffizi Gallery. Later, admire Signoria Square adorned with statues and fountains, before free time for lunch and a visit to the Pitti Palace. Enjoy a moment and relax here, on the exquisite Boboli Garden terrace. (B)

Hotel Relais La Cappuccina, San Gimignano.

### **DAY 13 HILLTOP ORVIETO**

Relaxed Start. Savour the distinctly medieval ambiance during your walking tour of Orvieto with a Local Expert. Later, admire the richly decorated façade of the cathedral in Piazza del Duomo. (B) (DW)

Aquila Bianca Hotel, Orvieto.

### DAY 14 POMPEII AND THE AMALFI COAST

Drive south to the ancient city of Pompeii, preserved by the eruptions of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Walk with a Local Expert through the cobbled streets to explore the shops, villas, and temples. Continue to the artist's paradise of Positano on the breathtaking Amalfi coast. (B) (DW)

Hotel Royal Positano.

#### DAY 15 EXCURSION TO THE ISLE OF CAPRI

Travel along the Amalfi Coast to board your ferry to Capri – the Isle of Dreams. Arriving at the Marina Grande, ascend to Capri Town by funicular railway. Enjoy time to browse in the elegant shops before taking the spectacular Corniche road to Anacapri. (B)

### **DAY 16** THE GARDENS OF VILLA D'ESTE AND ROME

Drive to the UNESCO listed gardens of Cardinal d'Este. In the 16th century, the cardinal diverted the River Aniene to feed hundreds of fountains for his fantasy garden which still function perfectly today! The day concludes with an arrival into The Eternal City of Rome. (B)

Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

### DAY 17 ROME WITH A LOCAL

Join a Local Expert to discover the glory of ancient Rome. Learn about the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum as you stroll around the exterior of this amazing structure.

At the Celebration Dinner this evening, enjoy the regional flavours of Rome paired with local wines.
(B) (DW)

### **DAY 18** ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



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### KEY

₹ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

🛱 Cruise

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### **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

By our guests and Travel Directors



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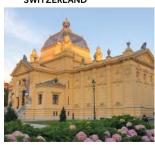
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Select departures visit **Oktoberfest** in Munich.

Select departures visit the **Oberammergau Passion Play**. Book while space remains!

### © REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

### 10 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 13 MEALS

15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

### feefo<sup>ee</sup> 4.4<sup>/5</sup> GUEST REVIEW ★★★★☆

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Berlin:** Savour the warm atmosphere of your delicious Welcome Dinner at Kreuzberger Himmel. This popular local restaurant actively supports refugees' integration into German society, including providing apprenticeships.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Black Forest:** Discover the art of cuckoo clock making at a charming workshop in the Black Forest. Watch a demonstration by lively artisans, while you enjoy a glass of cherry wine.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Lively Welcome Dinner in Berlin • Farm-To-Table Dinner in Munich • Dine-Around options in Rothenburg • Celebration Dinner in Mainz.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel along the Rhine on a scenic cruise.

Visit Heidelberg Castle • Neuschwanstein Castle.

City Tours of Berlin and Dresden, both with Local Experts.

# BEST OF GERMANY

"Guests love to meet the senior cuckoo clock maker in the Black Forest. He is a real character who welcomes you in a very entertaining way." – **Hildegard, Travel Director** 









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### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin's Brandenburg Airport, transfers depart at 10.30, 13:00 & 16:00.

At 18:30, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Experience with your Travel Director and travel companions at the Kreuzberger Himmel restaurant.
Discover how this establishment helps support refugees as they integrate into German society over a Welcome Dinner with wine. (DW)

Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre.

#### **DAY 2** THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert to see some of Berlin's many highlights. Travel along the Ku'Damm past the Memorial Church and drive through the Tiergarten to see the Reichstag building. Continue with a visit to Brandenburg Gate and along Unter den Linden, passing the Humboldt University and State Opera to stop on Museum Island. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps choose to explore Potsdam? (B)

### DAY 3 DRESDEN, A BAROQUE PHOENIX ON THE FI RE

In Dresden, join your Local Expert to see the Frauenkirche, 'The Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the enormous cathedral, Semper Opera House and Baroque Zwinger Palace. Although the town was heavily bombed during World War II, it remains a treasure trove of early German history and medieval architecture. (B)

Vienna House QF Dresden.

### DAY 4 NUREMBERG AND THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH

In the morning, depart Dresden and travel south to Nuremberg with a stop to take in the former rally grounds.

Continue on to the vibrant city of Munich.
Explore Munich with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city centre visiting the famous Viktualienmarkt and Marienplatz. Alternatively, go on a guided bike tour in the beautiful English Garden and see the famous Munich surfers. (B)

Munich Marriott Hotel.

#### DAY 5 THE JEWELS OF THE BAVARIAN ALPS

Travel to Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps, home of the Passion Play since 1634. See the immense theatre and colourfully painted chalets. Head to Neuschwanstein, the fairy tale castle spectacularly perched on an Alpine mountainside. A local historian will show you the extravagantly decorated apartments, the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto.

Return to Munich for an evening at leisure. (B)

### DAY 6 INTO THE BLACK FOREST TO FREIBURG

**Relaxed Start.** Take a delightful drive into the Black Forest as you make your way to Freiburg.

This evening, savour a Farm-to-Table Highlight Dinner, sourced from fresh local ingredients. (B) (DW)

Hotel Stadt Freiburg.

### DAY 7 MEDIEVAL ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

Take in the last glimpses of the Black Forest. Stop to meet the locals who still make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years.

Continue to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the bestpreserved town on the Romantic Road. Join your Travel Director for a city orientation where you will see medieval history come to life, as you wander the narrow cobbled streets. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure for further exploration on your own.

For your Dine-Around Evening, choose from a hand-picked selection of restaurants within the walls of the Old Town. (B) (DW)

Hotel Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

### DAY 8 THE UNIVERSITY CITY OF HEIDELBERG AND MAINZ

**Relaxed Start.** Continue your travels through to Heidelberg and venture inside Heidelberg Palace. See the Heidelberg Tun, a 130,000-litre wine vat, spend time in the Apothecary Museum and marvel at the panoramic vistas of the city and Neckar Valley from the castle fortress.

Your hotel is in the nearby town of Mainz, a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Enjoy an orientation with your Travel Director and see half-timbered houses and medieval market squares that the city is known for. (B)

Hilton Mainz.

### DAY 9 CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXPERIENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxing cruise as you pass steep-sided vineyards, half-timbered taverns, hilltop castles and the infamous Lorelei Rock. Arrive at Boppard and continue to Koblenz to see the statue of Wilhelm I, guarding the junction of the Rhine and Moselle. Enjoy scenic views from the Niederwald Monument.

In the evening, round off your German experience with a farewell Celebration Dinner overlooking the River Rhine, complete with local wine. Prost! (B) (DW)

### DAY 10 AUF WIEDERSEHEN FRANKFURT

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast, with departure transfers arriving at Frankfurt airport at 08:00 and 10:00. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Experience the world famous Passion Play from your premium seats, included on select departures. (*Day 5*, *Oberammergau*)





INSIGHT EXPERIENCE Learn the history and ancient techniques of clock making. (Photo by @Jennifermfarmer, Day 7, Black Forest)



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### **KEY**

∜ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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# TRIP START DATES 2022 SEP | 18

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

11 DAYS
2 COUNTRIES
15 MEALS
10 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Join special guest Patrick von Ritchthofen, a direct descendant of Manfred von Ritchthofen, otherwise known as 'The Red Baron', for an unforgettable conversation and a Dinner.

Welcome Dinner with Wine in Berlin • Highlight Dinner in Dresden • Highlight Dinner in Oktoberfest with local Bavarian specialties and reserved seating in Munich • Traditional Sacher Cake in Vienna • Celebration Dinner with Viennese Classical Music in Vienna.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Guided sightseeing tour with Local Expert in Berlin, Dresden, Salzburg and Vienna • Orientation tour of Nuremberg and Munich.

Visit the world famous Oktoberfest in Munich • BMW Museum in Munich • The imposing Hohensalzburg Fortress with Funicular ride in Salzburg • Hitler's notorious "Eagle's Nest" in Berchtesgaden • River Cruise along the stunning Wachau Valley • Wachau style wine tasting • Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna.

### **SCENIC DRIVES**

Breathtaking scenic drive through Berchtesgaden countryside to Maria Gern chapel.

# OKTOBERFEST THE GERMANIC EXPERIENCE

Everyone is thrilled to join special guest Patrick von Richthofen, a direct descendant of the Red Baron – one of the most famous fighter pilots of WWI. And of course, the highlight is Oktoberfest! Guests are treated to VIP reservations in our tent, the perfect location for dancing, singing and being merry. The litres of beer, pretzels and pork knuckles will add to the fun." - Brad, Travel Director









BRANDENBURG GATE, BERLIN

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin's Brandenberg Airport, transfers leave for the hotel at 10:30 & 13:30.

Later, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception with the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (DW)

Hilton Berlin.

### **DAY 2 DISCOVER BERLIN**

Marvel this morning at the landmarks of the old East and West sections of Berlin during your sightseeing tour with a Local Expert. See the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden and the Reichstag Building which were all major points of focus in 1990 during the reunification of East and West Germany. (B)

### **DAY 3** JOURNEY TO DRESDEN

A short drive south brings you to Dresden – known as 'Florence on the Elbe'. Join a Local Expert to see the splendours of the city. See the enormous cathedral, Semper Opera House and Baroque Zwinger Palace.

Tonight we'll go to Dresden-Pillnitz, where we enjoy dinner with wine at the Schloss Hotel. The baroque castle complex was built upon order of the King Augustus II the Strong in 1720, with inspiration from the Far East. Until 1918 the palace served as the summer residence for the House of Wettin. (B) (DW)

Hilton Dresden.

### **DAY 4** JOURNEY TO MUNICH

In Nuremberg witness the charming blend of stone and timbered dwellings in the Old Town as well as the massive ramparts, perhaps shop for delicious Lebkuchen (gingerbread)? Continue across the Danube to Munich, the capital of the state of Bavaria, lying near the foot of the German Alps. (B)

Munich Marriott Hotel.

### **DAY 5** MUNICH

Be welcomed into fun-loving Munich for an orientation tour which shows you the Feldernhalle on the Odeonsplatz, the Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, English Garden, Hofbrauhaus, St Peters Church, and the famous Marienplatz. Munich hosts the most famous beer festival in the world: Oktoberfest, which has been running since 1810 and now sees over six million visitors each year.

This afternoon enjoy the festival atmosphere, amusement rides, entertainment, beer and local Bavarian specialties for dinner. With tables reserved, your dedicated host will ensure you have a memorable time. (B) (DW)

### DAY 6 VISIT THE BMW MUSEUM

**Relaxed Start.** After a relaxed start, take the opportunity to travel through time and learn the fascinating story of BMW, with a history spanning nine decades.

In the evening, join special guest - Patrick von Richthofen, a descendent of Manfred von Richthofen otherwise known as 'The Red Baron', for an unforgettable dinner. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 7** JOURNEY TO SALZBURG

A short drive over the Austrian border leads to Salzburg, steeped in musical history. A Local Expert will show you the gardens of the Mirabell Palace, the imposing Hohensalzburg Fortress, the cathedral in the old town, Mozart's birthplace, and locations that brought the city alive with the Sound of Music. (B)

ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

### **DAY 8** EXPLORE BERCHTESGADEN

Drive over the German border, past picturesque farmhouse, and villages to Obersalzberg. Nearly 75 years ago, this small mountain paradise was the summer playground for top Nazi brass. Here we transfer to special coaches for a scenic drive up the mountain to Hitler's notorious "Eagle's Nest". Used as a restaurant since the 50's, there are splendid views through the arches up to the 'Hohen Goll' and across the snow-capped peaks. We stop at the Maria Gern Church and look inside before looping back to Salzburg. (B).

### **DAY 9** JOURNEY TO VIENNA

Cross the Austrian border and head east through the rolling countryside to stop in the shadow of the great Monastery of Melk. Join a river cruise along the stunning Wachau Valley, where the Danube meanders below forested cliffs, topped with picturesque churches and ruined castles. Immerse yourself in the vineyards and cellars of the local winery to learn about and sample the unique Wachau style wine. Finally, we head for the Austrian capital, and to our central hotel. (B)

Hilton Vienna Park.

### **DAY 10 DISCOVER VIENNA**

Join a Local Expert for a guided visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Then get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence and Parliament Building. Enjoy coffee and cake in one of the splendid Coffee houses to begin your leisurely afternoon in this imperial city.

As night falls, experience an extraordinary concert of Viennese classical music. The best-loved works of Johann Strauss and Mozart, performed by highly acclaimed soloists and dancers, are combined with a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare, with drinks included. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 11 AUF WIEDERSEHEN VIENNA

Your journey concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Vienna Airport at 07:00 and 09:00. (B)



**AUTHENTIC DINING** Enjoy a slice of cake and a coffee at Cafe Sacher. (*Day 10, Vienna*)



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### KEY

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- 1 Central Hotels + Nights
- (1) Scenic Hotels + Nights
  - Place Visited

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**A DISCOVERY JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

12 DAYS **4 COUNTRIES** 17 MEALS 5 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner with Wine in Old Town in Prague • Local Restaurant Dinner with Wine in Rothenburg ob der Tauber • Demonstration of the Traditional Pastry Schneeballen (snowball). followed by a Tasting • Highlight Dinner in Munich, Oktoberfest with local Bavarian specialties and reserved seating • Dinner in Oberammergau • Hotel Dinner with Wine in St Moritz • Celebration Dinner with Wine in Zurich.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Oberammergau: Experience the spectacular Passion Play that has made this town famous. Watch from your premium seat as local villagers perform as they have since 1634 in this once in a decade event. An emotive and critically acclaimed performance depicting Christ's last days, this is an event not to be

Guided sightseeing tour with Local Expert in Prague • Orientation tour of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Munich, Innsbruck and Lucerne.

Visit Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral in Prague • Pilsner Urguell Brewery with Beer Tasting • The 19th-century Neuschwanstein Castle • The world famous Oktoberfest in Munich • Travel along the route of the worldfamous Glacier Express.

# OBERAMMERGAU & OKTOBERFEST BAVARIAN **CELEBRATION**

"During the Oktoberfest, in a few weeks, they drink about 7 million litres of beer! That's almost 1.850.000 gallons!" - Daniele, Travel **Director** 









INNSBRUCK

### DAY 1 WELCOME TO PRAGUE

On arrival into Prague, enjoy a complimentary transfer to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30.

Meet your Travel Director and travel companions tonight for a welcome drink and dinner in the Old Town. (DW)

Le Palais Art Hotel Prague.

### **DAY 2 PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING**

Join a Local Expert for a guided visit to one of Europe's most beautiful and historic cities. Start with the 1000 year old Prague Castle, where you can admire the stained glass of St Vitus Cathedral and spectacular views over the city. Finish in the Old Town Square where the mechanical antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delight onlookers each hour. The city is then yours to explore. (B)

### **DAY 3** PRAGUE TO ROTHENBURG

Our first stop is Plzeň's most popular attraction the Pilsner Urquell Brewery, in operation since 1842 and arguably home to the world's best beer. Our guided excursion includes a trip to the old cellars and a glass of unpasteurized nectar at the end. We then continue across the border in Germany and to the true medieval gem, Rothenburg ob der Tauber located along the Romantic Road.

Tonight, we enjoy dinner in the old town, when the lamplight casts its spell on the quiet streets. (B) (DW)

Hotel Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

### **DAY 4** ROTHENBURG TO MUNICH

Plunge back into the 16th century during your orientation with your Travel Director as you walk through narrow cobbled streets.

With an artisan baker, enjoy a demonstration and learn about the history of the traditional pastry Schneeballen (snowball), followed by a tasting.

Later, journey along the romantic heart of Germany to Neuschwanstein, a fairy-tale castle spectacularly perched on an Alpine mountainside. Admire the exuberantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Reach fun-loving Munich where our hotel is located for the next two nights. (B)

Munich Marriott Hotel.

#### **DAY 5** MUNICH

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### **DAY 6 MUNICH TO INNSBRUCK**

Journey across the Austrian border and to Tyrol, traveling to the charming Alpine city of Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks. Your Travel Director provides an orientation of the city to see its 14th century houses of the Old Town, the impressive Imperial Palace and the delightful Golden Roof. (B)

Hotel Grauer Bär, Innsbruck.

### DAY 7 OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Pass the magnificent Dolomites as your journey continues north to Oberammergau, situated in the heart of the Bavarian Alps and home of the Passion Play since 1634. Take your reserved seats to witness the world famous Passion Play, re-enacting the last days of Christ on earth. After a break for dinner, the captivating performance continues into the evening. (B) (D)

Oberammergau and surrounding villages.

### DAY 8 OBERAMMERGAU TO ST MORITZ

Take in the stunning views of the beautiful Engadine Valley, as you enter Switzerland heading for the chic Alpine resort of St. Moritz. Enjoy St. Moritz's marvellous scenery, fresh air and perhaps visit its many luxury boutiques. (B) (DW)

Crystal Hotel, St Moritz.

#### DAY 9 LEISURE TIME IN ST MORITZ

Enjoy a day at leisure to jostle with the jetset in the elegant boutiques. (B)

### DAY 10 ST MORITZ TO INTERLAKEN AREA

Step aboard the world-famous Glacier Express for a spectacular ride through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Descend through the spiral tunnels of the Albula Pass and over the lofty Landwasser Viaduct. Picturesque landscapes of ice-capped mountains and stone-built villages, with chalet-style houses, will be in sight as you ascend to the highest point of the route, 2,033 metres to the icy Oberalp Pass. The modern panorama viewing car means you won't miss a thing on your descent to Andermatt. Then continue to Interlaken, a beautiful traditional resort town in the mountainous region of central Switzerland. (B)

Sunstar Alpine Hotel Grindelwald.

### DAY 11 LUCERNE AND ON TO ZURICH

Continue on to beautiful Lucerne where your sightseeing will show you its many highlights. In the afternoon continue to Zurich where this evening join your travelling companions at a local restaurant.

Your Celebration Dinner is accompanied with wine – raise your glass to toast to your adventure.
(B) (DW)

Mövenpick Hotel Zürich-Airport.

### DAY 12 DEPART ZÜRICH

After breakfast, bid farewell to your travel companions. Your departure transfer to Zürich will arrive at 08:00 am. (B)

### **KEY**

₹ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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**AUTHENTIC DINING** Schneeballen Demonstration and Tasting. (*Day 4, Rothenburg*)



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ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY** 

8 DAYS 3 COUNTRIES 11 MEALS

12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*\*

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Mount Stanserhorn: Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn and appreciate unrivalled views of snow-capped peaks. Meet a Swiss ranger and learn about the local wildlife and flora over a conservation talk.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Lake Geneva:** Visit Chillon Castle with head of collections, Maud, to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Mount Stanserhorn:** Choose to embark on a walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Geneva • Celebration Dinner at Restaurant Seeblick on the banks of Lake Lucerne.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

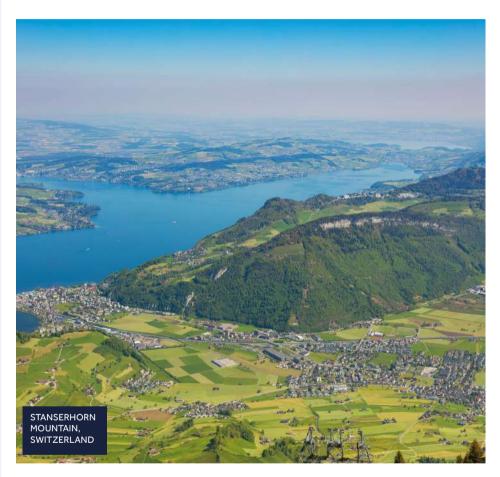
Travel on the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway to Zermatt • Travel along part of the route of the Glacier Express.

See Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock in Geneva • Lake Geneva and the Alps from Montreux • Matterhorn from Zermatt • Lake Maggiore • Baveno's cobbled streets • St. Moritz • Vaduz Castle • Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

# GLORIOUS SWITZERLAND

"Guests always tell me they loved meeting the head of collections at Chillon Castle on Lake Geneva. They impart history in a fun way, so that you feel like you are reliving it all!"

- Martin, Travel Director









@ALLY6673, NEAR ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND

### DAY 1 GENEVA, CITY OF GARDENS

Prepare yourself for the majesty of Switzerland's snow-capped mountains, glaciers, sparkling lakes, flower-filled meadows and rich, green valleys. Transfers from Geneva airport to your hotel depart at 11:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00, for a short stroll to your Welcome Dinner. The evening is full of Swiss delight, as you enjoy the cosy decor while being served typical Swiss specialities including cheese fondue.

Return to your immaculate boutique hotel, the award winning Hotel d'Angleterre. Enjoy British charm combined with the finest Swiss hospitality, and elegant, individually designed rooms. Hotel d'Angleterre highlights British charm and the finest Swiss hospitality, with each room individually designed to reflect its elegant style. (DW)

Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva.

### DAY 2 MONTREUX, CHILLON AND THE MATTERHORN VILLAGE OF ZERMATT

Start your day with the highlights of Geneva, the City of Gardens. See the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Then relax and enjoy the enchanting scenery as we continue to the charming town of Montreux. Situated at the foot of the Alps and boasting beautiful lakeside walks, enjoy free time to explore this pretty town.

On the western bay of Lake Geneva, join Maud, head of collections at Chillon Castle, for a special tour of the former home to the Counts of Savoy, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' Keep a look out for where the writer is rumoured to have left his mark.

Continue through the Rhone Valley, where high summer temperatures support vines and other fruits. The final stage of your journey is by cogwheel train to the traffic-free Alpine resort of Zermatt.

During your orientation with your Travel Director, feast your eyes on the distinctive triangular silhouette of the Matterhorn.

At night, enjoy a stroll in the fresh mountain air to your chosen restaurant for your Dine-Around Evening. Perhaps try a delicious cheese fondue?
(B) (DW)

Resort Hotel Alex. Zermatt.

#### DAY 3 FREE TIME IN ZERMATT

Relaxed Start. Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking, or spend a whole day relaxing in the fresh alpine surrounds. Perhaps take an optional ride on Europe's highest cable car to the snow-capped roof of the world for a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks in Switzerland, Italy and France? (B)

#### **DAY 4** ELEGANT BAVENO

Relaxed Start. Descend to Täsch and rejoin the coach. Follow in Napoleon's footsteps as you ascend the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps from the 2,000-metre summit. Continue along the gentle shores of Lake Maggiore. Perhaps take a delightful boat trip to see the stunning Isola Bella? (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno

### DAY 5 GRISON ALPS TO CHIC ST. MORITZ

Head north back into the high mountain country of the Grisons Alps today. Ascend the Julier Pass to arrive in the sparkling Engadine Valley with an invigorating climate characterised by clear skies and its location high in the Alps.

On arrival in the cosmopolitan resort of St. Moritz, a brief orientation with your Travel Director will show you the spa quarter and the brilliantly sparkling glacial lake, before there is time to explore further on your own or mingle with the jet-set in the elegant boutiques. (B) (DW)

 $Crystal\,Hotel\,/\,Hotel\,Steffani,\,St.\,Moritz.$ 

### DAY 6 SCENIC TRAIN RIDE, LIECHTENSTEIN AND LUCERNE

Start the day with a scenic train ride along part of the route of the Glacier Express, through unforgettable scenes of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. At Chur, reboard your coach and travel along the valley of the Upper Rhine to spend some time in Vaduz, the tiny capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, where you explore the area around the castle

Continue to Lucerne alongside the dramatic Walensee and Lake Zürich. On arrival, see the sorrowful sculpture of the wounded lion, commemorating the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Your Travel Director will also show you the Jesuit Church and the Chapel Bridge. (B)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

### DAY 7 THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN

**Relaxed Start.** Begin the day at your leisure. Perhaps take a stroll along the lake or shop for fine watches?

Then, embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and open-top cable car to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn.

Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and listen to a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Alternatively, walk through the Stanserhorn marmot park.

With new friends, enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn, with magnificent views over Lake Lucerne at Restaurant Seeblick. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 8 LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

In the morning, your departure transfer will arrive at Zürich airport at 08:00. (B)

### **KEY**

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⊞UNESCO Heritage Site

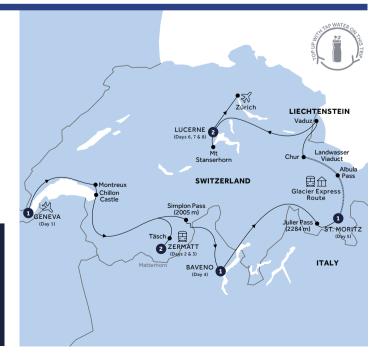
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1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Marvel at the view from the top of Mount Stanserhorn. (*Photo by @Darren\_s\_glazer*, *Day 7*, *Stanserhorn*)



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∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

14 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 18 MEALS 23 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Lake Geneva:** Visit Domaine Wannaz, a family-run biodynamic winery overlooking Lake Geneva. Enjoy a tasting, and learn how the family is preserving the estate for future generations. Savour delicious farm-to-table fare, made from locally sourced produce.

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### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Dine-Around options in Zermatt • Celebration Dinner in Zürich.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

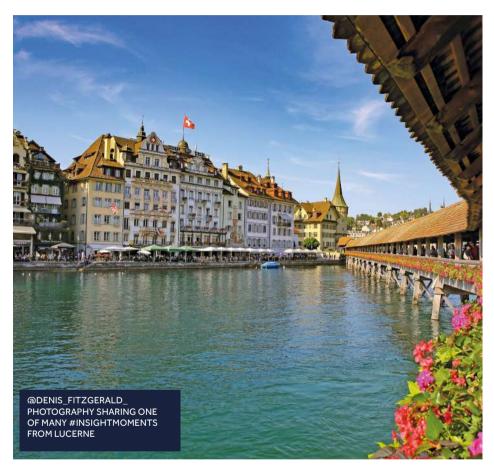
Travel on the Glacier Express • Cruise on Lake Geneva • Ride the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway to Zermatt.

Visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Centre in Brienz.

See Zürich • Lucerne's Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge • Lake Geneva and the Alps • the Matterhorn • the alpine resort of St. Moritz with an included travel pass • Lauterbrunnen • Staubbach Falls • the glacier village of Grindelwald.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF SWITZERLAND

"A highlight for me as a Travel Director is meeting fascinating guests from different countries, with different backgrounds. We all come together during group dinners and drinks, truly becoming friends, learning from each other. It's an amazing experience!"—Hildegard, Travel Director













@IMSTILLAKIDATHEART, GLACIER EXPRESS

### DAY 1 WELCOME TO LUCERNE

Welcome to Switzerland. On arrival at Zürich airport, transfers leave for your hotel in Lucerne at 09:30 and 13:30

Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00 for drinks, followed by a pleasant Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

### DAY 2 ASCEND THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN

Board a funicular railway and open-top cable car for a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn

Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER ® Experience an listen to a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Alternatively, walk through the marmot park and along the Rock- Gipfelweg trail leading to the summit. At the highest point you can enjoy a breathtaking panorama.

Return to the 14th century city of Lucerne to see its storybook wooden bridges, baroque church and sorrowful Lion Monument.

Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B)

### DAY 3 BERN, GRUYÈRES AND MONTREUX

In Bern, your Local Expert, a local English teacher, shows you the Cathedral of St. Vincent, Federal Palace and floral displays. Gather at the clock tower to watch the mechanical procession of painted figures before viewing the Ogre Fountain. Continue to the fortified town of Gruyères, where there is time at leisure.

From Montreux, travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to visit Domaine Wannaz, a family-run biodynamic winery. Admire the stunning panorama overlooking the lake and savour a tasting of tantalising, local wines.

Delight in a delicious Farm-to-Table light dinner, made from locally sourced produce, and learn how the family is preserving the estate for future generations on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) (DW)

Grand Hôtel Suisse-Majestic, Montreux.

### DAY 4 LAKE GENEVA AND THE SWISS COUNTRYSIDE

On the western bay of Lake Geneva, join Maud, head of collections of Chillon Castle, for a special tour of the former home to the Counts of Savoy, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' (B)

### DAY 5 GENEVA AND SCENIC LAKE CRUISE

**Relaxed Start.** Follow the shores of the lake to the international city of Geneva, seeing the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock.

Next, relax in first-class comfort on the waters of Lake Geneva during a highlight cruise. This evening, enjoy time at leisure on the promenade of your lakeside resort. (B)

#### DAY 6 MARTIGNY, SION AND ZERMATT

Relaxed Start. Journey to Martigny to view the Roman Amphitheatre and continue to the town of Sion to see the cathedral and Old Town Hall. Complete your journey via cogwheel train to the traffic-free mountain resort of Zermatt.

This evening, take your pick from a selection a local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. Perhaps you will delight in the typical Swiss dining experience of fondue? (B) (DW)

Resort Hotel Alex, Zermatt.

### **DAY 7** ZERMATT AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking or relaxing in your alpine surroundings. (B)

### DAY 8 THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT TO BAVENO

Descend to Täsch for a scenic drive through Brig, where you'll commence your ascent of the Simplon Pass. The afternoon is at your leisure. Perhaps join an experience to the stunning Isola Bella? (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno

### DAY 9 THE GLAMOUR AND GLITZ OF ST. MORITZ

Journey along the shores of Lake Maggiore, heading north to the three castles at Bellinzona. Meet your Local Expert for a fascinating insight into this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue through the Grisons Region, following the Rhine River to the glamorous resort of St. Moritz. (B)

Crystal Hotel / Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

### DAY 10 LEISURE TIME IN ST. MORITZ

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a day at leisure to mingle with the jet-setters in the elegant boutiques, or perhaps take an exciting train journey over the Bernina pass. To help you make the most of your day, your Travel Director will provide you with a mountain railways pass, offering free travel on all cable cars, funiculars and chairlifts (when available) in Engadine St. Moritz. (B)

#### **DAY 11** THE GLACIER EXPRESS

Step aboard the Glacier Express to experience one of the world's great railway journeys. Cross the Landwasser Viaduct and head down through the Oberalp Valley, rejoining the coach at Andermatt. Drive through the Schöllenen Gorge, along the Grindelwald Valley and follow the Lütschine River to Lauterbrunnen.

See the Staubbach Falls plunge 300 metres from the plateau above. (B) (DW)

Romantik Hotel Schweizerhof Grindelwald.

### DAY 12 GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald further. Perhaps take a cogwheel train ride to the summit of the Jungfrau mountain? (B)

### DAY 13 RURAL SWITZERLAND TO ZÜRICH

Journey to Brienz to visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Centre.

On return to Zürich, see the Bahnhofstrasse, Grossmünster, River Limmat and Frauenmünster.

Join your travel companions at a local restaurant. Your Celebration Dinner is accompanied with wine raise your glass to toast to your adventures. (B) (DW)

Renaissance Zurich Tower Hotel.

### DAY 14 DEPART ZÜRICH

Your Swiss adventures come to and end this morning, with a transfer to Zürich airport arriving at 08:00. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the Staubbach Falls. (Photo by @Rick.A.Price2016, Day 11, Grindelwald)



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Select departures visit **Oktoberfest** in Munich.

Select departures visit the **Oberammergau Passion Play**. Book while space remains!

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

11 DAYS

3 COUNTRIES
15 MEALS
15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*\*

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Vienna:** Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Salzburg: Visit the house where Mozart was born in 1756. Enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia, and musical instruments of the great composer, plus a fascinating collection of portraits.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Mount Stanserhorn**: A spectacular journey by cable car and cogwheel railway takes you to the summit. Enjoy expansive mountain views over Lake Lucerne for your special Celebration Dinner. Fill your glasses with wine and toast to newfound friends.

Welcome Dinner in Munich • Dine-Around options in Vienna.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel on the Glacier Express.

Visit Neuschwanstein Castle.

City tours of Salzburg and Vienna, both with Local Experts.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF BAVARIA, SWITZERLAND & AUSTRIA

"Breathe fresh mountain air in St. Moritz, take in the charm of Salzburg and immerse yourself in the elegance of Vienna."

- Daniele, Travel Director









@LANGSTER1706, NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO FUN-LOVING MUNICH

Transfers to your hotel leave Munich airport at 10:00 and 13:00. Join your Travel Director at 15:30 for an orientation tour of the city. See the Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, the Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, the English Garden, the Hofbräuhaus, St. Peter's Church and the famous Marienplatz.

Join your fellow guests for a drink and enjoy a pleasant Welcome Dinner at Donisl restaurant. (DW)

Munich Marriott Hotel

### DAY 2 JEWELS OF THE BAVARIAN ALPS

Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, bristling with turrets and pinnacles and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. On your return to Munich, the rest of the day is free for you to explore Bavaria's capital city. Perhaps visit one of its many art galleries and museums, or relax and enjoy a coffee in the delightful Marienplatz? (B)

### DAY 3 THE CITY OF MOZART AND ON TO VIENNA

Continue across the Austrian border to Salzburg, 'alive with the sound of music'.

Join your Local Expert, who will show you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residenzplatz, the city's imposing fortress, the immense cathedral in the Old Town and Mozart's birthplace on the lively Getreidegasse.

Visit Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia, and musical instruments of the great composer. Continue to the Austrian capital of Vienna. (B)

InterContinental Vienna.

### **DAY 4** VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of

gilded Rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. Alternatively, join an exclusive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop and support the visually impaired community. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses. Then see the city's many highlights, including St. Charles' Church, the Hofburg Palace, Parliament and State Opera House.

This evening, enjoy a Dine-Around experience from your choice of specially selected restaurants. (B) (DW).

### DAY 5 SLEEPY AUSTRIAN BYWAYS TO VILLACH

Take a delightful drive through undiscovered Austria. Climb the dramatic Semmering Pass and stop in Kindberg with its colourful maypole. Continue south to the border to arrive in historic Villach. (B)

Voco Hotel, Villach

#### DAY 6 THE DOLOMITES TO INNSBRUCK

Journey through the High Tauern mountains and see the Dolomites in the distance as you travel to the charming Alpine city of Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks.

Your Travel Director provides an orientation of the city to see its 14th century houses of the Old Town, the impressive Imperial Palace and the delightful Golden Roof

This evening, join your fellow travellers for a delightful dinner and wine. (B) (DW)

AC Hotel Innsbruck.

### **DAY 7** BEAUTIFUL INNSBRUCK

**Relaxed Start.** Awake to the beautiful alpine town of Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks. The day is free for you to enjoy the historic town as you wish. Later, consider taking a trip into the Alpine Peaks around Innsbruck for staggering mountain vistas. (B)

### DAY 8 THE ENGADINE VALLEY AND CHIC ST. MORITZ

Relaxed Start. Take in the stunning views of the beautiful Engadine Valley, as you enter Switzerland headed for the chic Alpine resort of St. Moritz. Enjoy St. Moritz's marvellous scenery, fresh air and perhaps visit its many luxury boutiques. Perhaps step aboard the Bernina Express to experience one of Europe's most outstanding train journeys? (B) (DW)

Crystal Hotel / Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

### DAY 9 ALL ABOARD THE GLACIER EXPRESS AND ON TO LUCERNE

Embark on an iconic train journey onboard the Glacier Express, as you take in vistas of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. Rejoin the coach at Andermatt and follow the staggering Schollenen Gorge through William Tell country to lovely, lakeside Lucerne.

Your Travel Director will show you the beautiful and poignant Lion Monument, which honours the Swiss Guards. (B)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

### DAY 10 DINNER AT THE 'ROOF OF EUROPE' IN STANSERHORN

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy the morning at your leisure to explore the city's 14th century covered wooden bridges, painted gables, old walls and watchtowers of the medieval fortifications. Stroll across the Chapel Bridge to the Jesuit Church, or use your free time to shop

Later, head to the town of Stans where you'll embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and cable car, to the summit of the stunning Stanserhorn. On a clear day, there are views as far as Alsace in France and the Black Forest in Germany.

Here amid true Alpine majesty, your journey literally peaks with an unforgettable Celebration Dinner, hosted in Drehrestaurant Rondorama, located atop the mountain. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and admire the stunning panoramic views as the restaurant slowly rotates throughout the evening, ensuring you don't miss a thing. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 11 LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

Your alpine adventures end this morning, with a transfer to Zurich airport arriving at 08:00. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Experience the world famous Passion Play from your premium seats, included on select departures. (*Day 6, Oberammergau*)



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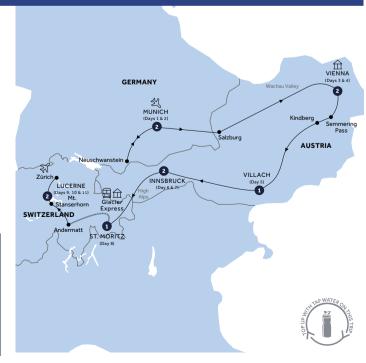
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1 Central Hotels + Nights

Heritage Site

- Scenic Hotels + Nights
  - Place Visited

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7 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 11 MEALS 9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Geneva: Visit the fascinating Red Cross Museum. Learn how this world-renowned organization provides assistance to refugees, migrants and asylum seekers and, with your visit, support their vital work.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Lake Geneva: Visit Chillon Castle with head of collections, Maud, to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Geneva: You will be delighted with a delicious fondue dinner at local restaurant, Le Petit Chalet, a real Swiss treat.

Welcome Dinner in Lucerne.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Select departures explore Christmas markets

Travel on the Glacier Express through the Swiss Alps • Ride the cog wheel train to Zermatt.

See Lucerne's Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge • Alpine ski resort of St. Moritz • Lakeside Montreux • Geneva's Jet d'Eau and United Nations Building.

DAY 1 Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 2 - 3 Hotel Laudinella, St Moritz.

DAY 4 - 5 Modern Rooms by Täscherhof, Täsch.

DAY 6 Warwick Geneva.



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# MAGICAL **SWITZERLAND**

"I choose to become a Travel Director because I deeply love making people smile, laugh, savour, be moved, be surprised, and be happy!" - Margherita, Travel Director



Transfers depart Zurich airport for your Lucerne hotel at 09:30 and 13:30. Enjoy the ambiance of this picture-perfect town as you walk among its painted facades in the quaint Old Town. Make your way to the fashionable ski resort of St. Moritz, nestled below the majestic Grisons Alps. Relax shop or join a memorable ride on the UNESCO World Heritage Bernina Express. Experience the magic of the Glacier Express from the comfort of panoramic viewing cars as you journey to Brig, going past ice-capped

gorges and snowy pastures. Explore the car-free haven of Zermatt, accessible by a cogwheel railway at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn. Travel along the Lower Rhône Valley and discover Chillon Castle with Maud, the head of collections at the Chateau, on the shore of Lake Geneva. Stop by for a stroll in Montreux as vou make vour way to cosmopolitan Geneva. Join A MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit of the Red Cross Museum. On your final day departure transfers arrive at Geneva airport

at 08:00 and 10:00.



A Christmas Markets





mountains, deep

# WINTER WONDERLAND

"Enjoying the atmosphere of the local Christmas markets and trying all the different food and drink traditions is always a highlight." - Sharon Tooman, Travel Director



Depart from Frankfurt airport by transfer at 09:30 or 12:30, to your hotel on the mighty River Rhine in Mainz. You'll visit Rothenburaob-der-Tauber, a medieval town filled with festive cheer. In Bavaria, enjoy the funloving city of Munich and the beautiful countryside of the Austrian Alps. Admire the beauty of baroque Salzburg, as vou cross into Austria. At the Christmas Market sample local 'Lebkuchen,' a sweet-and-spicy soft gingerbread along with delicious mulled wine. Explore Innsbruck with Insight Choice. Choose to relax on a scenic

horse-drawn carriage ride. Alternatively, visit the quirky headquarters of Swarovski Crystal. Stop in tiny Liechtenstein, on your way to the heart of Switzerland. In Lucerne, ascend to the summit of Mt. Pilatus for spectacular views of surrounding neaks Return to Germany through the Black Forest as you make your way to Heidelberg. On the final day, transfers to Frankfurt airport's Terminal 1 arrives at 09:00 and Terminal 2 at 09:15.



### TRIP START DATES

**NOV** | 19.26

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9 DAYS

**4 COUNTRIES** 12 MEALS

14 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★☆☆

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Salzburg: Visit Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia, and musical instruments of the great composer.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Innsbruck: Choose to enjoy a horse and carriage ride. Alternatively, visit the magical world of Swarovski Crystal.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Salzburg: At the Christmas Market, meet a local stallholder and taste the delicious Lebkuchen with a fragrant cup of Glühwein.

Welcome Dinner in Mainz • Dinner with Tyrolean entertainment in Innsbruck • Celebration Dinner in Heidelberg

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe. Select departures explore Christmas markets in Mainz, Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Lucerne and Heidelberg. Travel by cable car to summit Mount Pilatus. City Tour of Salzburg with a Local Expert.

DAY 1 Hilton Mainz.

DAY 2 - 3 The Westin Grand Munich. DAY 4 ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

DAY 5 AC Hotel Innsbruck.

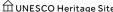
DAY 6 - 7 Hotel Astoria, Lucerne. DAY 8 Marriott Hotel Heidelberg.

















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### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Prague:** Choose to join a Local Expert to explore the courtyards of Prague Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Catherdal. Alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert to hear how the Jewish community has shaped the history of Prague.

Choose between two experiences in Vienna.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Vienna • Choice of Dine-Around options in Kraków • Celebration Dinner at Gundel in Budapest.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Auschwitz • Wawel Cathedral and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków • Matthias Church in Budapest • Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna.

City tours of Prague, Kraków, Budapest and Vienna, all with Local Experts.

### THE BOHEMIAN

"Did you know? The Czech Republic, also known as Czechia, is one of the youngest countries in the world. It became independent on the 1st January 1993, when it separated from Slovakia."

- Betty, Travel Director









KRAKOW

### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO VIENNA

At Vienna airport, transfers to your hotel will leave at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30.

At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink, followed by a pleasant Welcome Dinner served with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hilton Vienna Park.

### DAY 2 STATELY VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded Rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers.

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Then get your camera ready for a drive around the Ring Road, a grand boulevard built along the lines of the old city walls, showcasing many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. (B)

### DAY 3 CHARMING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Once over the Czech border, head for picturesque Český Krumlov, where you'll start with a brief orientation tour of this fairy-tale town, straight out of the Middle Ages.

Enjoy some free time to explore and appreciate views of the Vltava River. Wander through the cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Golden Prague. (B)

Hotel Royal Prague.

### DAY 4 PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. Continue to Old Town Square where the mechanical antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delight onlookers each hour. (B)

### DAY 5 REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ THEN ONTO KRAKÓW

Enjoy a gentle drive through the rolling Czech countryside before crossing into Poland where you will stop at Oświęcim, better known by its German name of Auschwitz.

Join a guided tour of the memorial and museum and stop at Birkenau, which bore witness to the terrible atrocities of the Holocaust. (B) (DW)

Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Krakow.

### DAY 6 THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning why not join an Optional Experience and journey into a glistening subterranean world at the 600-year-old Wieliczka Salt Mines? In a maze of tunnels deep below the surface, witness unique salt sculptures, sunken lakes and even a glorious cathedral carved entirely out of rock salt by the miners.

Otherwise, you can have a morning at leisure before joining a Local Expert to ascend Wawel Hill and visit the cathedral. Walk past the former residence of Pope John Paul II through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the medieval Sukiennice Cloth Hall and visit the 14th century St. Mary's Basilica, the most important church in the city, keep your eyes and ears peeled for the trumpeter in the tower.

In the evening, choose from a selection of handpicked local restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

### DAY 7 THROUGH SLEEPY SLOVAKIA TO BUDAPEST

Journey into the Slovakian region of Orava and see the picturesque Oravský Hrad before continuing through the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains to arrive in Budapest. (B)

Barceló Budapest.

### DAY 8 BUDAPEST, THE QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

**Relaxed Start.** Venture into the heart of Buda's medieval Castle District with a Local Expert, to visit Matthias Church and take in the vista from the Fisherman's Bastion. Cross the Danube to the Pest district to visit Heroes' Square and drive down elegant Andrássy Boulevard.

Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax by the Danube or browse the boutiques of Vaci Street.

For your Celebration Dinner, you are treated to mouthwatering Hungarian specialities, accompanied by specially selected wines, as you dine at the elegant Gundel restaurant. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 9** DEPART BUDAPEST OR VIENNA

Your bohemian journey concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Budapest airport at 07:00 and 11:00. The 07:00 transfer continues to Vienna airport, arriving at midday and offers a final stop at the hotel. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Join your Local Expert to explore the Old Town. *(Photo by @lnsightTim, Day 6, Krakow)* 



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Select winter departures visit Christmas Markets,

**▼EASY PACE** 

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY** 

10 DAYS

**3 COUNTRIES** 15 MEALS 10 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★☆

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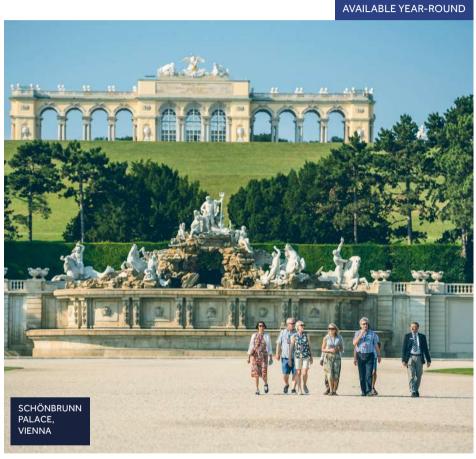
### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Budapest:** Visit a traditional strudel house for a taste of sweet strudel and learn about the art of making this Hungarian delicacy.

Welcome Dinner at Gundel in Budapest • Dine-at-Home with locals in Vienna • Dine-Around options in Budapest • Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Prague.

# **EASY PACE** BUDAPEST, VIENNA & PRAGUE

"It's magical to see how a group of guests comes together over the course of our trip. I can always tell when that's happening because suddenly the enthusiasm is palpable." - Christina, Travel Director









PRAGUE

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, enjoy a complimentary transfer to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00.

Your Welcome Dinner will be at Gundel, one of Budapest's most renowned restaurants for over a hundred years. Dine in elegance on Hungarian delicacies accompanied with specially selected wines. (DW)

Hotel Nemzeti Budapest - MGallery.

#### DAY 2 BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

**Relaxed Start.** Drive along the elegant boulevards en route to Heroes' Square. Across the river in Buda, walk with your Local Expert along the medieval cobblestone streets of the Castle district to visit Matthias Church and admire sweeping views from the Fisherman's Bastion over the exquisite Parliament building.

Make your way to a traditional strudel house to see pastry chefs at work, as they prepare delicious sweet strudel by stretching the dough and readying fillings. Enjoy a delectable taste of this famous delicacy paired with a rich aromatic coffee.

Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. (B) (MT)

#### **DAY 3** FREE TIME IN BUDAPEST

**Relaxed Start.** The day is at leisure to immerse yourself in Budapest's history, culture and gastronomy. Perhaps, visit a thermal bath, spend time browsing the boutiques on Vaci Street or relax in a sidewalk café.

This evening, enjoy a Dine-Around experience from your choice of specially selected restaurants. (B) (DW)

### DAY 4 ALONG THE DANUBE TO ESZTERGOM AND ON TO STATELY VIENNA

Travel along the Danube to the picturesque city of Esztergom, home to the largest Catholic church in Hungary. Then, journey westward for a stop in the pretty town of Győr, located on the confluence of the Danube, Rába and Rábca rivers.

Cross the border and continue to stately Vienna, known for its elegant coffee houses and lavish architecture steeped in history.

In the evening, you are invited to a Dine-at-Home experience. Sit down to a hearty meal with a local family and learn about life in this enchanting city.

(B) (DW)

Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna.

#### DAY 5 VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Much of Vienna's present-day charm is due to the long reign of the Habsburgs. Join a Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialties of coffee and sachertorte. Alternatively, join a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop and support the visually impaired community. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses.

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The afternoon is at your leisure. (B

#### **DAY 6** VIENNA AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Discover the regal grandeur of Vienna, as you explore at your own pace. Perhaps start at St. Stephen's Cathedral - one of Europe's great Gothic structures - or browse the shops of the bustling Kärntnerstrasse? You may wish to add another capital to your travels with a visit across the Slovakian border to Bratislava. (B)

### DAY 7 CHARMING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Once over the Czech border, continue to picturesque Český Krumlov, where you'll start with a brief orientation tour. Wander through cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. Enjoy some free time to explore. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Prague.

In the evening, savour a traditional meal at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

K+K Hotel Central, Prague.

#### DAY 8 PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague.

The city is then yours to explore. Maybe take a river cruise through the heart of the city or walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? Czechs are passionate about their beer, so be sure to try the local pilsners, alongside the Czech cuisine. (B)

#### **DAY 9 PRAGUE AT LEISURE**

**Relaxed Start.** Wind along cobbled lanes and discover a treasure-trove of hidden gems, as you explore Prague at your own pace. Perhaps cross the border to Germany and explore Dresden?

This evening, tantalise your taste buds with a rousing Celebration Dinner of local specialities at a restaurant offering magnificent views over the city. Dobrou chut! (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 10 DEPART PRAGUE**

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Prague airport at 08:00 and 10:00. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Enjoy sweeping views of Budapest from the Fisherman's Bastion. (*Photo by @Crystal\_seasalt, Day 2, Budapest*)



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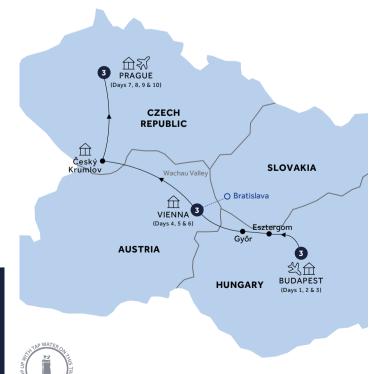
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Place Visited

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This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travelers.



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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Warsaw:** Visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Kraków:** Visit a family-run poster gallery to learn about the history of this colourful, sophisticated art form. Take a tour with Natalie, daughter of the museum's founder Krzysztof Dydo, through his vast collection. The highly recognisable designs play a fascinating part in the artistic history of Poland.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Poznan:** Choose to join an immersive walking tour through the Old Town. Alternatively, learn about the local delicacy, St. Martin's croissant and enjoy a tasting.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Zakopane:** Meet Poland's Goral Highlanders and share their culture at a dinner with local specialities and music.

Welcome Dinner in Kraków • Celebration Dinner in Warsaw.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

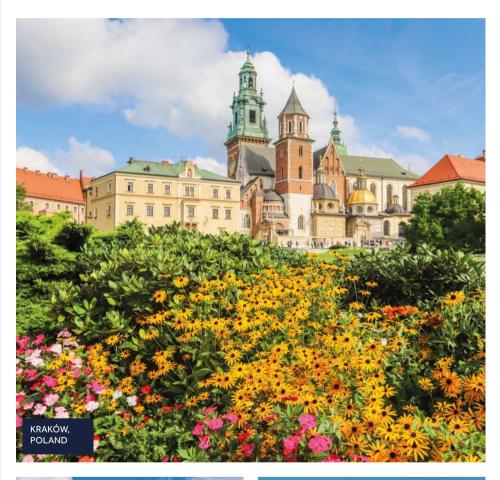
Visit Wawel Cathedral in Kraków • Auschwitz • Gniezno Cathedral • Malbork Castle.

City tours of Kraków, Wrocław, Toruń, Gdansk and Warsaw, all with Local Experts.

See Rynek Główny, Sukiennice Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków • Palace of Culture and Chopin Monument in Warsaw.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF POLAND

"The less famous destinations are the ones that blow people away! Wrocław and Gdansk are amongst the most underrated cities in Europe." – Stephen, Travel Director









#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO KRAKÓW

Transfers to your hotel depart Kraków airport at 12:30 and 15:00.

Meet your Travel Director at 17:00 for a walk around the Rynek Główny, Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the famous Sukiennice Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Basilica and the many historic townhouses, palaces and churches.

Enjoy getting to know your fellow guests over a fabulous Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Krakow,

### DAY 2 THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, why not join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine?

Relax until your ascent of Wawel Hill to see the Renaissance castle and visit the cathedral with a Local Expert. Head across the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz to Podgórze to see Ghetto Square.

Take an artistic journey through time, with a visit to this intriguing family-run poster gallery. Take a tour with Natalie, daughter of the museum's founder Krzysztof Dydo, through his vast collection of sophisticated posters, with their unique and recognisable style. A highly regarded Polish art form, the posters also served a crucial role in conveying information to locals. (B)

### DAY 3 ACROSS THE HIGH TATRA MOUNTAINS TO ZAKOPANE

Journey into the Tatras, the highest range of the Carpathian Mountains. Arrive in at the resort town of Zakopane, famous for its wooden houses and winter sports, and explore on a city orientation.

Enjoy a rousing Highlight Dinner, accompanied by Goral Highlander folklore entertainment at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Radisson Blu Hotel & Residences, Zakopane.

### DAY 4 REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ, THEN ON TO WROCŁAW, THE VENICE OF POLAND

Travelling past the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, your first stop will be the city of Oświęcim, better known by its German name, Auschwitz. With a local historian, experience a moving visit to the memorial and museum and stop at Birkenau. Travel along the Oder River to the city of Wrocław, and with your Local Expert see the brightly coloured facades of noble mansions, the flower markets on the Plac Solny, the Baroque splendour of the Rynek and be introduced to Wrocław's cheeky gnomes. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Wroclaw.

### DAY 5 POZNAŃ, CRADLE OF THE POLISH NATION

**Relaxed Start.** With a relaxed start to the day, perhaps join a Local Expert on an Optional Experience to ride a historic 1900s Breslauer tram? In Poznań visit Ostrów Tumski, known as Cathedral Island, a fascinating place of legend, often overlooked by other visitors.

Explore Poznan with Insight Choice. Choose to immerse yourself in the history of the city and enjoy a walking tour. Alternatively, learn the secrets behind the St. Martin's croissant, a local delicacy, and enjoy a tasting. (B) (DW)

Sheraton Poznań Hotel.

### DAY 6 TORUŃ, THE GOTHIC GLORY ON THE VISTULA AND GDAŃSK

Stop at Gniezno to visit the cathedral and see the famous winged bronze doors.

Continue to Toruń, founded by the Teutonic Knights in 1233.

Join a Local Expert to discover this outstanding example of medieval architecture, now a living museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend time exploring at your own pace. Why not shop for traditional gingerbread?

Follow the Vistula River to the Baltic Sea and Gdańsk, a beautiful seaside town, with a lovingly restored historic district. (B)

Hilton Gdansk.

#### DAY 7 THE BALTIC BELLES OF GDAŃSK

Relaxed Start. Spend the morning with a passionate Local Expert. Learn captivating and fun facts about the city and see the Westerplatte, the scene of the first fighting between Polish and German troops in 1939, and the Gdańsk Shipyards where Lech Wałęsa formed the anti-Soviet Solidarność in 1980. Continue through the medieval city, where buildings date back to the time of the Hanseatic League.

Enjoy a free afternoon and perhaps choose to visit the elegant seaside town of Sopot? (B)

#### **DAY 8 MALBORK CASTLE AND WARSAW**

With a Local Expert, visit the Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork, founded in 1274 by the Teutonic Knights on the banks of the Nogat River. The castle is a stunning example of a medieval fortress and the largest brick Gothic castle in the world. Next travel south to the capital of Warsaw. (B)

The Westin Warsaw.

### DAY 9 EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

Relaxed Start. See the Palace of Culture and the Chopin Monument in Łazienki Park with a Local Expert. Visit the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, followed by a walk through Warsaw's Old Town, entirely rebuilt since World War II.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species.

At your Celebration Dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes with wine at a cosy Warsaw restaurant. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 10 DEPART WARSAW**

Your transfers will arrive at Warsaw airport at 07:30 and 10:00. (B)





**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE** Enjoy entertainment of Poland's Polka with dinner. (*Photo by @Richardau91, Day 2, Krakow*)



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⊞ UNESCO Heritage Site

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© REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

14 DAYS 6 COUNTRIES 19 MEALS

14 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Vienna:** Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Budapest:** Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Prague:** Choose to join a Local Expert to explore the courtyards of Prague Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Catherdal. Alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert to hear how the Jewish community has shaped the history of Prague. Choose between two experiences in Vienna.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner at Gundel in Budapest • Cooking Demonstration and Dinner in Warsaw • Dine-Around options in Český Krumlov • Strauss and Mozart concert with dinner in Vienna.

Taste beer in České Budějovice.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit the Fisherman's Bastion in Budapest
• Wawel Cathedral and St. Mary's Basilica in
Kraków • Auschwitz • Český Krumlov Castle •
Schönbrunn Palace.

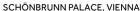
City tours of Budapest, Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin, Prague and Vienna, all with Local Experts.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF EASTERN EUROPE

"This is the perfect trip to discover Central Europe. Very well paced, with a good balance of activities, visits and free time. Guests simply love the overnight in the fairy-tale town of Český Krumlov." – Orsolya, Travel Director









ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 and travel to the famous and elegant Gundel Restaurant. Your Welcome Dinner is a treat of mouthwatering Hungarian specialities, accompanied by specially selected wine. (DW)

Corinthia Hotel Budapest.

#### **DAY 2** DELVE INTO BUDAPEST

**Relaxed Start.** Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda with a Local Expert. Admire the facade of Matthias Church and take in the view from the Fisherman's Bastion. Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. (B)

#### DAY 3 THE MOUNTAINS TO KRAKÓW

Travel through Slovakia, passing the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains. Stop at scenic Donovaly. See Oravský Hrad Castle before continuing to historic Kraków. (B) (DW)

Mercure Kraków Stare Miasto.

### DAY 4 THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

Relaxed Start. In the morning, why not join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine? Join a Local Expert to explore Kraków and ascend Wawel Hill to visit the cathedral. Walk through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square and see the medieval Cloth Hall. Visit the 14th century St. Mary's Basilica. Then enjoy free time to explore. (B)

#### DAY 5 AUSCHWITZ AND CZĘSTOCHOWA

Join a Local Expert for a visit to Auschwitz, infamous for its role during the Holocaust. Spend reflective moments amid the remains of the concentration camp and the memorials. Continue north to Częstochowa, home of the Monastery of Jasna Góra, famous of the Black Madonna.

Continue across the Polish plains to the capital, Warsaw

Enjoy a dumpling demonstration and tasting. Afterward, you will be treated to a delicious Highlight Dinner of local dishes. (B) (DW)

The Westin Warsaw.

#### DAY 6 THE POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert in the morning to see the Old Town, Royal Castle and Palace of Culture. Visit the Chopin Memorial in the Łazienki Park. Pay your respects at the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes and then enjoy a free afternoon to explore at your own pace. Perhaps attend a Chopin recital or delve into Warsaw's inspirational past? (B)

#### **DAY 7** WIELKOPOLSKA TO BERLIN

Your route leads westward, across the rolling farmlands of the central plains, over the Oder River to enter Germany. (B)

Marriott Hotel Berlin.

#### **DAY 8** THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

**Relaxed Start.** Join a Local Expert for a drive through the leafy Tiergarten to the refurbished Reichstag building and see the Brandenburg Gate. On the eastern side, take the Unter den Linden past the State Opera House to Museum Island. (B)

#### DAY 9 DRESDEN AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In Dresden, see the reconstructed Frauenkirche and the 'Procession of the Princes' on the wall of the Royal Palace. Explore around the Catholic cathedral to view the tiered facades of the opera house and the Baroque Zwinger Palace. (B) (DW)

Lindner Hotel Prague Castle.

### DAY 10 PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. The city is then yours to explore. Maybe take a river cruise through the heart of the city or walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? (B)

#### DAY 11 BOHEMIAN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

Relaxed Start. At České Budějovice, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of a local brewery to sample the beer and discover the secrets of this golden vintage.

Continue on to the medieval town of Český Krumlov to walk the narrow cobbled streets and arch-covered footpaths and visit the fairy-tale, red-roofed castle, with your Local Expert.

After the day trippers have left, soak up the unique atmosphere of this UNESCO World Heritage Site on your Dine-Around Evening. You will be offered a selection of restaurants, nestled amid the tangle of streets. (B) (DW)

Hotel Old Inn, Český Krumlov.

#### **DAY 12 STATELY VIENNA**

**Relaxed Start.** Cross the border into Austria and enjoy a delightful journey to Vienna. The afternoon is free for you to explore this stately capital. (B)

Hilton Vienna Park.

#### **DAY 13** THE HABSBURGS OF VIENNA

Join your Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens.

Take some great photos on a circuit of the Ring Road that showcases architectural masterpieces such as the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche

Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose between a visit to a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialities of coffee and sachertorte or alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during an inclusive workshop and take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

Experience an extraordinary concert of Viennese classical music combined with a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare, with drinks included. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 14 DEPART VIENNA OR BUDAPEST

A transfer arrives at Vienna airport at 08:00 and continues to Budapest airport, arriving early afternoon. For those extending their stay, a stop is also made at the Corinthia Hotel Budapest. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the Reichstag building. (Photo by @Stefanni\_md, Day 8, Berlin)



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Select departures include a hands-on cooking class with the onboard chef.

물EASY PACE ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY** 

9 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 17 MEALS

10 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Korčula:** Join Andrea, a passionate local, for a photography walk across the maze of streets and flagstone plazas. Spend time looking for the cultural and natural treasures of the city.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Kuna:** Meet the locals and enjoy a typical Farm-to-Table village feast of Croatian delicacies.

Dinner while cruising in Dubrovnik • Captain's Celebration Dinner onboard in Brač.

Taste wine in Bol.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise to the Benedictine Monastery of St.
Mary • Ride the cable car to the summit of Srd
Mountain

Visit Diocletian's Palace in Split • Mljet National Park • a local farm in Kuna.

City tours of Split, Hvar and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

See Veliko Jezero Church and monastery in Kuna Main square, yacht-filled harbour and Renaissance cathedral in Hvar.

### DALMATIAN ELEGANCE

"Guests love the beautiful scenery of the Dalmatian Coast, visiting the islands, and tasting the excellent cuisine washed down with local Croatian wines." – **Heinz, Travel Director** 









@SKINNYLYNNY, DUBROVNIK

### DAY 1 WELCOME TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

Your private transfer will collect you from Split airport and take you to Cornaro Hotel, located in the heart of the city. Your Local Host will greet you and be on hand to help you decide how to spend your time. Perhaps wander through the Old Town, situated minutes away from your hotel? Maybe enjoy a wine tasting at your hotel, or take in the views from the rooftop bar?

Cornaro Hotel, Split.

#### DAY 2 YOUR ELEGANT CRUISE SHIP

**Relaxed Start.** After a free morning, your Local Host will accompany you to Split harbour, where your deluxe yacht awaits.

After warm welcome by your Cruise Manager, settle into your cabin. Join your Local Expert for a stroll through the ancient walkways of Diocletian's Palace, which now forms the historic centre of Split. Walk through labyrinthine streets to see St. Duje's, the Temple of Jupiter, the Golden Gate and continue underground to explore the cellars.

Return to your yacht to enjoy a cocktail and Welcome Dinner with wine at your meet-and-greet party. (B) (DW)

Avangard/Futura

#### DAY 3 CRUISE TO KORČULA

**Relaxed Start.** Early this morning, depart from Split and journey along the picturesque coast. From the comfort of your cabin window or the breakfast table upstairs, enjoy views of sun-dappled islands during your leisurely start to the day.

### Stop for a lunch of seasonal produce in one of the secluded bays.

Arrive in Korčula where the locals claim Marco Polo was born. Embark on a fascinating photography walk with Andrea, a passionate Local Expert who takes you through the herringbone maze of streets and flagstone plazas.

Then you are at leisure to indulge your taste buds at one of Korčula's many appealing restaurants and bars. (B) (LW)

#### DAY 4 MLJET AND DUBROVNIK

**Relaxed Start.** Voyage south to the Island of Mljet and join your Cruise Manager for a stroll to Veliko Jezero, the Big Lake of Mljet National Park. A gentle boat ride brings you to the Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary, which rises out of the saline waters on its own small island.

After time to explore, return to your cruise ship for a traditional Croatian lunch.

Set sail for the mighty bastions of Dubrovnik.

As the receding sun casts autumnal hues across the endless sky, drift alongside the monumental city walls and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner served on deck. (B) (LW) (DW)

#### DAY 5 DUBROVNIK, A 'PARADISE ON EARTH'

**Relaxed Start.** Transfer to the medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik for a guided walking exploration. Take the cable car to Srđ Mountain for scenic views over the famous fortifications and the Elaphiti Islands.

Enjoy a free afternoon in the Pearl of the Adriatic to explore at your own pace. (B)

#### DAY 6 THE PELJEŠAC PENINSULA

Relaxed Start. Start off your day cruising past the beautiful Elaphiti Islands, a summer playground for Dubrovnik's aristocracy during the 16th century. Continue to the Pelješac Peninsula, renowned for its excellent wines.

Enjoy time to explore before returning to your cruise ship for an included four-course buffet lunch. After mooring at a small port on the peninsula, travel to Kuna to see the local church, monastery and a nearby farm.

Meet the locals and treat your taste buds to a typical village feast with a Farm-to-Table dinner of Croatian delicacies, freshly made with their own produce. (B) (LW) (DW)

#### DAY 7 A VENETIAN DREAM ON HVAR

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxed start this morning onboard your deluxe yacht.

Drop anchor at the small island of Šćedro, with quiet coves and pristine beauty offering the most irresistible backdrop for lunch.

Cruise west for a chance to swim in the crystal clear waters of the Pakleni Islands.
Disembark at Hvar and wander to the town's magnificent main square with your Local Expert to view the yacht-filled harbour with the Renaissance cathedral forming a stunning backdrop.

Spend time exploring the secluded beaches and tiny seafood restaurants, or visit the fortress for superb views over the town and island-studded bay. (B) (LW)

### DAY 8 BOL'S FAMOUS BEACH ON THE ISLAND OF BRAC

**Relaxed Start.** Set sail for Bol, the oldest town on the island of Brač.

Walk along the promenade and swim at the picture-perfect Zlatni Rat, or Golden Cape, a shifting triangle of sandy beaches, protruding into the cobalt waters of the Adriatic.

At a local winery, relax with some appetisers and taste some of the revered wines of the island.

The evening is reserved for the Captain's Celebration Dinner with live entertainment. (B) (LW) (D)

#### **DAY 9** DEPART SPLIT

Early morning, cruise to Split port, where your trip comes to an end. Transfers are available to Split airport. Please do not schedule flights prior to 12:00. (B)





**AUTHENTIC DINING** Cruise alongside the towering old city walls while a buffet dinner is served onboard. (*Photo by @ skinnylynny, Day 4, Dubrovnik*)



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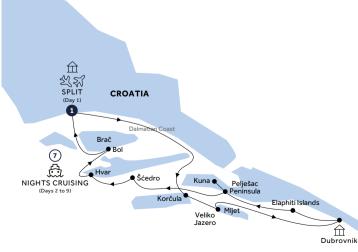
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14 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 20 MEALS

15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Plitvice Lakes National Park: Choose to join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively, meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Ston:** Meet a local oyster farmer and learn about the cultivation of oysters, before enjoying a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of fresh shellfish and local wine.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb • Dine at a local restaurant in Korčula • Celebration Dinner with wine and grappa in Dubrovnik.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by funicular in Zagreb • Cruise through the islands to Hvar and Korčula, across the scenic bay of Mali Ston and in the bay of Dubrovnik.

Visit Postojna Caves • Pula Arena • Diocletian's Palace in Split • Zadar.

City tours of Zagreb, Opatija, Split, Korčula and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

### COUNTRY ROADS OF CROATIA

"The sea-to-table experience is always a big hit with guests. You'll enjoy meeting Tomislav or Daniel, who teach you about oyster farming." – Irina, Travel Director





DUBROVNIK, CROATIA



PLITVICE LAKES





#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb airport at 11:30 and 14:00.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner, with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening with wine. (DW)

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

#### **DAY 2** ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

**Relaxed Start.** 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)

#### DAY 3 POSTOJNA CAVES AND OPATIJA

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 Opatija. (B) (DW)

Amadria Park Hotel Agava, Opatija.

#### DAY 4 DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA

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

#### DAY 5 PRISTINE PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning - 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 National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.(B) (DW)

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 landscape, 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.

#### DAY 7 ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

**Relaxed Start.** 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 Jupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate.

Continue your venture underground, to explore the cellars.

Your island-hopping 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) (DW)

Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort.

#### DAY 8 EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR

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

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

Cruise back to the mainland and continue your journey to the island of Korčula.

This evening, delight in Croatian fare at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Hotel Liburna, Korcula.

#### DAY 10 CAPTIVATING KORČULA

**Relaxed Start.** 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. Marc dominates the ancient skyline. (B)

### 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) (MT)

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace.

### DAY 12 OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

**Relaxed Start.** 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)

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

**Relaxed Start.** 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 dazzling cruise around the fabled bay. Gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic and the mighty city walls rising straight from the cliffs.

Start your Celebration Dinner with a glass of grappa, before savouring authentic flavours of local specialities washed down with locally produced wine. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 14** DEPART DUBROVNIK

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)





INSIGHT EXPERIENCE Visit a local oyster farmer, to learn about the cultivation and harvesting of oysters. (Photo by @skinnylynny, Day 11, Dubrovnik)



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13 DAYS **3 COUNTRIES** 20 MEALS 16 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



REVIEW THIS NEW TRIP

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Piran: Meet Irena Fonda, a passionate and awarded biologist carrying out important conservation work in the Gulf of Piran. Join her on a short boat ride to see her family's fish farm and learn about their journey breeding sustainable Piran sea bass of the highest

Plitvice National Park • Brlog Brewery • Chocolate tasting • Tara Comunity Centre.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Korčula: Explore Korčula with Insight Choice. Choose to immerse yourself in nature as you join a Local Expert for a gentle hike in the healing nature surrounding Korčula Town. Alternatively, grab a sea-view spot and connect with your inner peace as you take part in a yoga class.

Choose between two experiences in Hvar and Split.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Venice • Farm-to-Table Lunch in Barban • Sea-to-Table Lunch in Piran • Celebration Dinner in Dubrovnik.

Taste wine in Hvar • Homemade cakes in Split.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel in a gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice.

Visit an organic farm in Korcula.

City tours of Dubrovnik and Istria, both with Local Experts.

### **VENICE & THE** CROATIAN COAST, A WOMEN ONLY **TOUR**

"I think quests are always entranced by the people of Dubrovnik, who are honest and humble and treat everyone with sincere hospitality. The Dubrovnik people are proud of their independence, liberty, and unique culture, and it's a beautiful thing for us all to absorb." - Tina, Travel Director









FISH FARM, SLOVENIA

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO VENICE

Welcome to the Queen of the Adriatic! Transfers depart from Venice Airport at 11:00 and 13:00 to your hotel.

Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers at 17:30 to enjoy a delightful Welcome Dinner at a nearby restaurant. (DW)

Hotel Continental Venice.

#### DAY 2 THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

**Relaxed Start.** On your orientation, see the Byzantine basilica in St Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. Listen to customary Venetian songs as your gondola glides through the myriad of beautiful canals. (B)

#### DAY 3 THROUGH SLOVENIA ONTO CROATIA

Travel to Slovenia and meet Irena Fonda, a passionate and awarded biologist carrying out important conservation work in the Gulf of Piran. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you accompany her on a short boat ride to see her family's fish farm and learn about the breeding of the highest quality sustainable sea bass.

Indulge in a fresh Sea-to-Table lunch in the atmospheric Old Town of Piran.

Cross the border to Croatia and arrive to Opatija.
(B) (I W)

Hotel Astoria, Opatija.

#### DAY 4 DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA

Join your Local Expert for a trip around the Istria Peninsula. Start in Rovinj, a seaside gem with a prominent Italian heritage, later continue to Pula and visit its well-preserved first-century Roman amphitheatre.

Enjoy a mouth-watering Farm-to-Table lunch in Barban hosted by three generations of women of the Zufič Family. (B) (LW)

#### DAY 5 PRISTINE PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Plitvice Lakes National Park as you walk along the forest paths among 16 interconnecting lakes with a Local Expert, who explains the park's conservation efforts. (B) (DW)

Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

#### DAY 6 THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts enabling employment and engagement in the community. Your journey then takes you to Zadar, where your orientation shows you the market, the Roman Forum and the Sea Organ. Visit Brlog, Croatia's first female-owned co-op brewery for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear the inspiring story of founders Maja Šepetavec and Ana Teskera

Continue towards Split and meet Deana and Ivana Perič to taste their homemade cakes steeped in local folklore. (B)

Hotel President Solin, Split.

#### DAY 7 ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

Explore Split with Insight Choice. Choose to discover Diocletian's Palace and the labyrinthine streets of the Old Town with a Local Expert. Alternatively join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and go on a walk with the local Domine organisation to uncover the stories of the women who helped shape Split's history. Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic this afternoon to Hvar. the sunniest island in the

country. (B) (DW)

Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort.

#### DAY 8 EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR

Relaxed Start. Hvar is often called the Lavender Island but aromatic herbs, citrus fruits, olive trees and grapes also flourish in the warm Mediterranean climate. The Faria Women's Co-op is doing a remarkable job using these indigenous island ingredients to create delicacies and cosmetics. Explore Hvar with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience tasting sustainable chocolates with Fedra Gamulin, the founder of Faria. Alternatively join Ivana Carić for a wine tasting at her family's wine cellar. (B)

#### DAY 9 ONTO KORČULA

Your journey takes you back to the mainland. Pass the fertile and colourful fields of the Neretva Delta before you briefly enter Bosnia & Herzegovina. Continue to the island of Korčula and delight in Croatian fare at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Hotel Liburna / Hotel Marko Polo, Korčula.

#### DAY 10 CAPTIVATING KORČULA

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Korčula with Insight Choice. Choose to immerse yourself in nature as you join a Local Expert for a gentle hike in the healing nature surrounding Korčula Town. Alternatively, grab a sea-view spot and connect with your inner peace as you take part in a yoga class. Visit an organic farm run by the Marovič family offering seasonal homemade products. (B)

### DAY 11 DUBROVNIK, THE PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

This morning, should weather permit, cruise the tranquil waters of the bay of Mali Ston and meet Tomislav, a local oyster farmer.

Enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of the fresh shellfish, accompanied by a glass of wine.

In Dubrovnik's walled Old Town join a Local Expert and walk past Onofrio's Fountain, see the Rector's Palace, Church of St Blaise and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the workshop of Deša, an important educational centre and an advocate for women's rights. (B) (MT)

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace.

#### **DAY 12** A DAZZLING FINALE

**Relaxed Start.** Travel into the heart of the nearby Konavle region and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet Antonia Rusković Radonić, a dedicated artist working to preserve the local silk and embroidery traditions.

This evening, weather permitting, embark on a dazzling cruise before savouring authentic flavours of local specialties at your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 13 DEPART DUBROVNIK**

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)



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1 Central Hotels + Nights

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Place Visited

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14 DAYS
4 COUNTRIES
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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Sarajevo:** Meet a survivor of the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of when the city was under siege for 44 months.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Vienna • Dine-Around options in Ljubljana • Dalmatian Celebration Dinner in Dubrovnik.

Taste Slovenian delicacies as you walk through Central Market in Ljubljana.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by the funicular in Zagreb • Cruise the bay of Dubrovnik.

Visit Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna • Diocletian's Palace in Split.

City tours of Vienna, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Split, Mostar and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

# & THE DALMATIAN RIVIERA

"On this trip, guests love the visit to Sarajevan families in their homes to see how the local people live and to chat with them over a lovely home-cooked meal." – Irina, Travel Director









MOSTAR BRIDGE, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO VIENNA

On arrival at Vienna airport, your transfer will leave for your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, for a pleasant evening of dinner and wine (DW)

Hilton Vienna Park.

#### **DAY 2 EXPLORING STATELY VIENNA**

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace.

Then enjoy a drive around the famous Ring Road, built along the lines of the old city walls. It showcases many of the capital's architectural highlights, including the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. (B)

#### DAY 3 MARIBOR AND LJUBLJANA

In the morning, cross the border into Slovenia and journey to its second largest city, Maribor. After spending time in this charming location, head to Ljubljana. (B)

Hotel Lev Ljubljana.

#### DAY 4 EXPLORING LOVABLE LJUBLJANA

**Relaxed Start.** Your Local Expert will reveal the Baroque elegance of the Slovenian capital. See the medieval castle, City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge.

Spend time in the Central Market, rich with heady aromas. Your Local Expert shares insights into some of the Slovenian delicacies on display and treats you to a tasting.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Lake Bled?

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 5 ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Relaxed Start. Journey to Croatia's capital, Zagreb. Meet your Local Expert for an exploration through Donji Grad, the Lower Town, devoted to art and spacious parks. See the Mimara Art Museum in Roosevelt Square and continue to Ban Josip Jelacic Square en route to the cathedral. Ride the funicular and continue to the medieval Upper Town, to view the former Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower. (B)

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

#### DAY 6 ZAGREB AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** A free day to relax and enjoy a city that is bursting with culture. Perhaps spend time exploring one of the many museums or browsing the shops in Donji Grad? Or join an Optional Experience to the charming village of Kumrovec and meet a local to hear their perspective on the region's history? (B)

#### DAY 7 ON TO PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

**Relaxed Start.** Journey south 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 National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community. (B) (DW)

Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

#### DAY 8 ALONG THE DALMATIAN COAST

Travel to Trogir, a historic town founded by the Greeks 2,300 years ago, and admire the cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace.

Continue to the historic port of Split, where your Local Expert leads you through the labyrinthine streets to the Diocletian's palace. See St. Duje's and the Temple of Jupiter, as well as the Golden Gate. Your exploration then continues underground as you are guided through the cellars. (B)

Hotel President Solin, Split.

#### **DAY 9 EXPLORING SPLIT**

**Relaxed Start.** Always buzzing, lively Split has just the right balance of tradition and modernity. See Dalmatian life as it's lived with a full day free to explore Split and its surroundings. Why not join an Optional Experience to the island of Hvar? (B) (DW).

#### DAY 10 MOSTAR TO SARAJEVO

Cross the border into Bosnia & Herzegovina to reach Mostar and see the famous Stari Most, or Old Bridge, with your Local Expert.

Continue to Sarajevo, a town with a turbulent past.

You are invited into a Sarajevan family home for a dinner with drinks. Savour the authentic cuisine as you hear inspirational stories and experience the local culture. (B) (DW)

Swissotel Sarajevo.

#### DAY 11 SARAJEVO, THE CITY OF CULTURE

Morning sightseeing with a Local Expert introduces you to the Sarajevo War Tunnel Museum. Talk to one of the survivors, for whom the siege of Sarajevo remains a defining moment in their life. Continue to Baščaršija and see the old Ottoman quarter. (B)

#### DAY 12 MEDJUGORJE AND DUBROVNIK

Stop at the small town of Medjugorje for an orientation.

Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik to join your Local Expert. Explore inside the 16th century bastions of the old town and see Onofrio's Fountain, the Rector's Palace and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (B)

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace.

### DAY 13 OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, why not visit Kotor in Montenegro?

As the sun begins to set, and should the weather permit, join your fellow travel companions for a relaxing cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik.

Enjoy a Celebration Dinner of typical Dalmatian Coast cuisine, accompanied by local wines. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 14 DEPART DUBROVNIK**

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)

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**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See Ljubljana's iconic bridges with your Local Expert. (*Photo by @Orsinsight, Day 4, Ljubljana*)



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#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb • Greek-style Celebration Dinner in Athens.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by the funicular in Zagreb.

Visit Plitvice National Park • Diocletian's Palace in Split • Sacred Way in Delphi • Parthenon in Athens.

City tours of Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik, Tirana, Delphi and Athens, all with Local Experts.

See Trogir's Renaissance Cipiko Palace • Kotor • Corfu • Arch of Hadrian and ruins of the Temple of Olympian Zeus in Athens.

## THE EASTERN DISCOVERY

### WITH CRUISE OPTION

"One thing I really love to show guests about the Balkans is the variety of beautful landscapes and the fascinating mosaic of cultures." – Sharon, Travel Director













KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb airport at 11:30 and 14:00.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening with wine. (DW)

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

#### **DAY 2** ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

**Relaxed Start.** 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)

#### DAY 3 THE CRYSTAL LAKES OF PLITVICE

**Relaxed Start.** Take this morning to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities. In the afternoon depart for your next hotel, located inside the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B) (DW)

Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

#### DAY 4 PLITVICE LAKES, TROGIR AND SPLIT

Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

Travel along the coast and visit Trogir, renowned for its beautiful cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace. Continue to the historic port of Split.(B)

Hotel President Solin, Split.

#### DAY 5 DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE

With your Local Expert explore St. Duje's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum. Discover the Temple of Jupiter and see the Golden Gate. (B)

Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik.

#### DAY 6 DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

**Relaxed Start.** Join a Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions.

This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay. Gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic and the mighty city walls rising straight from the cliffs.

Start your dinner with a glass of grappa, before savouring authentic flavours of local specialties and enjoy locally produced wine. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 7 MEDITERRANEAN MONTENEGRO

**Relaxed Start.** Visit the old town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the bay, with its azure waters lapping at the edges of the medieval towns which dot the coastline. Next, make your way along the Adriatic to Budva.

Discover the medieval old town, home to the 9th century Church of Santa Maria in Punta. (B)

Hotel Budva.

#### **DAY 8** SCENIC DRIVE TO TIRANA

Pass spectacular scenery, along ancient olive groves, citrus fields and medieval castles. On arrival in Tirana, join a Local Expert for sightseeing.(B) (DW)

Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana.

#### **DAY 9** ACROSS TO CORFU

Journey across southern Albania, past the Gjerë Mountains, to Greece where you set sail for the cobalt-blue waters of Corfu, renowned for its untamed beauty. (B) (D)

Divani Palace Hotel Corfu.

#### DAY 10 RELAX IN CORFU

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax and enjoy the beautiful island of Corfu. (B)

### DAY 11 DELPHI, CENTRE OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Set off from your island paradise for Delphi, which hosts a spectacular cliff-side ampitheatre. (B)

Amalia Hotel Delphi.

### DAY 12 DELPHI SIGHTSEEING AND ON TO ATHENS

Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert.

Enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in true Greek style. (B) (DW)

Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens.

#### **DAY 13** THE GLORY OF ATHENS

For guests joining the cruise, you will be transferred to the port, in the morning, to board your ship. Those staying in Athens will join a Local Expert for sightseeing.

Enjoy the glory of ancient Greece from the Parthenon and Acropolis to the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of the Wingless Victory and Hadrian's Arch. (B)

#### **DAY 14** DEPART ATHENS

Your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Athens airport. (B)

### POST MEDITERRANEAN LEGENDS CRUISE OPTION

### DAYS 13 - 17 CRUISING TO THE GREEK ISLES

Board your cruise ship and set sail for the lovely island of Mykonos, with its dazzling sugar cube houses and whitewashed windmills. Explore the Turkish port of Kusadasi and visit the ancient ruins of Fohesus.

Sail to the island of Patmos where St. John the Devine was exiled by Emperor Domitian. Dock at Heraklion in Crete, where you visit the site of the ruins of King Minos' Palace of Knossos with a Local Expert. Cruise beneath the sheer cliffs of Santorini and explore the capital of Thira, with its clifftop restaurants and cafes, breathtaking views and amazing sunsets.

Disembark from your cruise in Athens and join a Local Expert for city sightseeing. Enjoy the glory of ancient Greece from the Acropolis with the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion. You will also see the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Enjoy a final afternoon at leisure in Athens.

The next day, your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Athens airport.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served on board daily. Your cruise includes a complimentary drinks package, featuring a selection of alcoholic, soft drinks and hot beverages.

See our website for more details: insightvacations.com/edcruiseathens



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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Dubrovnik:** Visit the workshop of Deša, an important educational centre that supports vulnerable communities and promotes local cultural heritage.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Bran:** Learn about the story of the infamous Count Dracula during a private after-hours visit of Bran Castle, followed by dinner.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Sarajevo: Choose to meet a survivor of the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's astonishing Tunnel of Hope. Alternatively, take a guided nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a picturesque park just beyond the city.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Sarajevo:** You are invited into a Sarajevan family home for a dinner and drinks. Savour the warm hospitality and authentic cuisine as you hear inspirational stories about their culture.

Welcome Dinner in Bucharest • Folklore show with dinner in Veliko Tarnovo • Dine-Around options in Dubrovnik • Hungarian Celebration Dinner at Gundel in Budapest.

Taste Bosnian coffee in Sarajevo.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest • Peleş Castle in Sinaia • Matthias Church and Central Market Hall in Budapest • Tsarevets Fortress • Church of the Holy Nativity in Arbanasi.

City tours of Bucharest, Brasov, Veliko Tarnovo, Skopje, Tirana, Dubrovnik, Mostar, Sarajevo, Sofia, Belgrade and Budapest, all with Local Experts.

## TREASURES OF THE BALKANS

"In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the term Ćefj refers to the ritual of taking time to have a coffee. It's about the time to connect with others or take a quiet moment for oneself."

- Sharon, Travel Director









DINE AT HOME, SARAJEVO

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO BUCHAREST

Transfers depart Henri Coandă International Airport at 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for your hotel.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for your Welcome Dinner, served with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Athénée Palace Hilton, Bucharest,

#### DAY 2 BUCHAREST AND CASTLES OF **TRANSYLVANIA**

Join a Local Expert for sightseeing to view University Square and the former communist headquarters. Visit the immense Parliament Palace, one of the most impressive buildings in the

This evening after the crowds have left enjoy a private visit to the iconic Bran Castle, said to be the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. Learn about Queen Maria of Romania, the last inhabitant of the castle, visit the torture rooms and relive the tales of the infamous Count Dracula.

Finish with a delicious private dinner in the recently renovated Queen Mary's Tea House. (B) (DW)

Aro Palace, Brasov,

#### **DAY 3** BRASOV AND SINAIA

With your Local Expert, walk around Town Hall Square, lined with beautiful red-roofed houses and dominated by the Black Church. Travel along the Prahova Valley to the elegant mountain resort of Sinaia to visit Peles Castle. Led by a local historian. admire the lavish rooms filled with art, armour and tapestries. Continue through the Carpathian Mountains to the charming medieval city of Brasov. (B)

#### **DAY 4** VELIKO TARNOVO

Continue to Veliko Tarnovo.

Enjoy a Highlight Dinner of local specialities and wine, followed by an authentic folklore show. (B) (DW)

Yantra Grand Hotel, Veliko Tarnovo.

#### **DAY 5** TO SOFIA

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**⊞**UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central

Hotels + Nights

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Place Visited

O Optional Place

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Relaxed Start. Meet your Local Expert to visit Tsarevets Fortress for stunning views. At the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Arbanasi,

visit a traditional 17th century merchant's house and the Church of the Holy Nativity. Cross the Balkan Mountains to Sofia and join a Local Expert to explore. (B) (DW)

InterContinental Sofia.

#### DAY 6 SOFIA AT YOUR PACE

Relaxed Start. Enjoy the day at your leisure. Perhaps visit the Rila Monastery? (B)

#### **DAY 7 SKOPJE**

Cross the border and continue to Skopie, the capital of North Macedonia, for sightseeing with a Local Expert. (B) (DW)

Bushi Resort & Spa, Skopje.

#### DAY 8 LAKE OHRID AND TIRANA

Making your way to the border, stop by the scenic Lake Ohrid. Cross into Albania and journey to Tirana. Continue to the landmark Skanderbeg Square for an insider's look at the Albanian capital. (B) (DW)

Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana.

#### DAY 9 KOTOR AND DUBROVNIK

Journey to the Old Town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue to the fortified port of Dubrovnik. (B)

Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik.

#### DAY 10 DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert to see Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace, the city walls and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Visit the workshop of Deša during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This important educational centre supports vulnerable communities and promotes local cultural heritage.

At night, you may choose from a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 11 DUBROVNIK, PARADISE ON EARTH

Relaxed Start. Spend a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Perhaps explore some of the filming locations from 'Game of Thrones'? (B)

#### DAY 12 MOSTAR AND SARAJEVO

Journey to Mostar. With your Local Expert, see the famous Stari Most, the Old Bridge. Explore the cobbled streets of the Old Town, stretching on both sides of the bridge and filled with shops selling souvenirs. Follow the scenic route to Sarajevo.

A unique and rewarding insight into the local way of life awaits, as you are invited into a Sarajevan family for dinner and wine. (B) (DW)

Swissotel Sarajevo.

#### DAY 13 SARAJEVO, CITY OF CULTURE

Explore Sarajevo with Insight Choice. Choose to meet a survivor of the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's astonishing Tunnel of Hope. Alternatively, take a guided nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a picturesque park. (B)

#### DAY 14 THE SERBIAN CAPITAL OF **BFI GRADE**

Relaxed Start. Trace your way along the Drina River. Take in beautiful landscapes of lush, green mountains that create magical forest canyons, winding your way through deep valleys as you make your way to Belgrade. (B) (DW)

Radisson Collection Hotel, Old Mill Belgrade.

#### DAY 15 THE BEST OF BELGRADE

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert to see the best of Belgrade and enjoy a free afternoon to relax. (B)

#### **DAY 16 ACROSS TO BUDAPEST**

Relaxed Start. Travel to Palić and see the picturesque lake.

Continue on through to Budapest. (B)

Corinthia Hotel Budapest.

#### DAY 17 BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Venture into Buda's Castle District with a Local Expert to visit Matthias Church and take in the view from Fisherman's Bastion

In Pest, visit Heroes' Square and wander through the Central Market Hall, a foodie's paradise.

Tonight you are in for a treat with your Celebration Dinner at Gundel. Dine in elegance as you savour hearty, Hungarian delicacies. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 18 DEPART BUDAPEST**

Departure transfers arrive at Ferenc Liszt International Airport at 07:00 and 11:00. (B)





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TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT See the the Stari Most with your Local Expert. (Photo by @Dani\_travels\_the\_world, Day 12, Mostar)



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### **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

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2022

**NOV** 20, 22, 27, 29 **DEC** | 04, 06



#### VIEW ONLINE FOR FULL DATES, PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

This trip combines perfectly with Alpine Christmas Markets, allowing you to experience more of what Austria, Bavaria and Switzerland have to offer during the winter months.

**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

#### 8 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 11 MEALS 8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Berlin: Savour the warm atmosphere of your delicious Welcome Dinner at Kreuzberger Himmel. This popular local restaurant actively supports refugees' integration into German society, including providing apprenticeships.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Dresden: Join a local for a foodie exploration of Dresden Christmas markets, to taste the local christollen.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Berlin • Festive Celebration Dinner in Munich.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Select departures will explore Christmas markets in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber and Munich.

Visit Thomaskirche in Leipzig. City tour of Berlin with a Local Expert.

DAY 1 - 2 Marriott Hotel Berlin.

DAY 3 - 4 Vienna House QF Dresden.

DAY 5 NH Collection Nuremburg.

DAY 6 - 7 Munich Marriott Hotel.



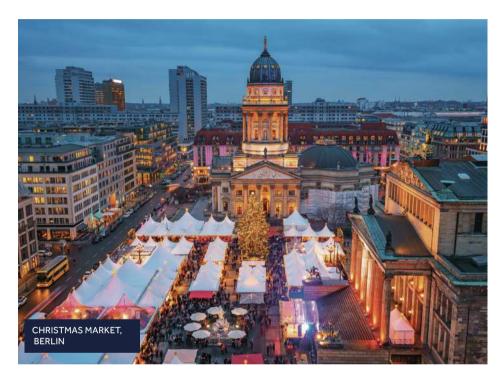
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### CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF

### **GERMANY**

"'Gemütlichkeit' is the German word for a feeling of warmth, coziness, contentedness and good cheer. The feeling you'll have whilst walking through the Munich Christmas markets or inside a busy Bavarian beerhall." - Brianna, Travel Director



Transfers from Berlin's Brandenburg Airport to your hotel depart at 10.30, 13:00 & 16:00. Immerse yourself in the festive spirit as Berlin prepares for Christmas. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a Welcome Dinner, helping refugees integrate into the local community. Soak up the highlights of this once divided city and immerse yourself in the festive spirit as it prepares for Christmas. Visit Bach's St. Thomas Church and the medieval Market Square in Leipzig. In Dresden, delve into the delights of Germany's oldest Christmas market. With a local foodie, taste

the local Christmas cake. 'Christstollen.' and delicious Glühwein. Nuremberg's market stalls are donned in red and white cloth, and offer glass Christmas baubles. handmade figurines and gingerbread. Visit the charming old town of Rothenburgob-der-Tauber on your way to Bavaria's capital. In Munich, stroll around Marienplatz and discover the delicacies and souvenirs of their Christmas Market. On the last day of your trip, departure transfers arrive at Munich airport at 07:00 and 09:00.













#### **CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF**

### POLAND, PRAGUE & GERMANY

"I always teach quests how to say cheers in German, 'prost!' We have a great evening with lots of fun in Berlin and guests raise their glasses with a loud 'prost'!" - Petra, Travel Director



Arrival transfers from Kraków airport to your central hotel depart at 12:30 and 15:00. Stroll through the medieval streets of Kraków, from Wawel Royal Castle to the spectacular Market Square with your Local Expert. In Wroclaw, the 13th century Town Hall watches over its inviting Christmas Market in the Old Town

Join a gingerbread workshop and tasting. Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose a walk through the castle courtyards and a visit to the imposing St Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert on an exploration of the Jewish Quarter.

uncovering the history and traditions of the neighbourhood. Sample a delicious mug of mulled wine, known as Svařák, and the popular Trdelník pastry at the Old Town Christmas Market. Visit Dresden as you arrive in Germany and see the world's largest Christmas pyramid. Berlin awaits with its fascinating history, festive cheer and Christmas markets, dotted all around the city. Celebrate new friendships over a Celebration Dinner, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. On the last day of your trip departure transfers arrive at Berlin airport at

07:00 and 10:00.



#### **TRIP START DATES**

**DEC** | 04, 06 **NOV** | 20, 22, 27, 29



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**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

8 DAYS **3 COUNTRIES** 11 MEALS 9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Berlin: Savour the warm atmosphere of your delicious Celebration Dinner at Kreuzberger Himmel. This popular local restaurant actively supports refugees' integration into German society, including providing apprenticeships.

#### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Wrocław:** Try your hand at traditional Polish pierneki during a gingerbread workshop at a small family business, followed by a tasting.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Praque: Choose to join a Local Expert to explore the courtyards of Prague Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Catherdal. Alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert to hear how the Jewish community has shaped the history of Prague.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Prague: At the Christmas Market, meet a local stallholder and savour a steaming mug of Svařák, traditional mulled wine, along with the local Trdelník pastry.

Welcome Dinner in Kraków.

#### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe. Select departures explore Christmas markets in Kraków, Wroclaw, Prague, Dresden and Berlin.

DAY 1 - 2 Vienna House Andel's Cracow. Krakow.

DAY 3 Radisson Blu Hotel, Wroclaw.

DAY 4 - 5 Hotel Royal Prague.

DAY 6 - 7 Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre.





O Optional Place Visited







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**NOV** 124, 29

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#### VIEW ONLINE FOR FULL DATES. PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Combine this trip with Christmas Markets of Austria & Bavaria to create CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF CENTRAL EUROPE.

@ REGIONAL JOURNEY **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

#### 8 DAYS

**4 COUNTRIES** 10 MEALS 13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Vienna: Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

#### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Ljubljana: The magic of Christmas comes to life as you meet Urban Modic, the esteemed artist who designs Ljubljana's Christmas lights.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Bratislava: Choose to join a Local Expert to see the main sights of the city. Alternatively, an avid foodie takes you around the market on a Christmas food tour.

Choose between two experiences in Vienna.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb • Restaurant dinner in Liubliana • Celebration dinner and concert in Vienna.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe. Select departures explore Christmas markets in Zagreb, Ljubljana, Bratislava and Vienna

DAY 1 - 2 Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 3 - 4 Hotel Lev Ljubljana.

DAY 5 Crowne Plaza Bratislava.

DAY 6 - 7 Hilton Vienna Park.







#### CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF

### CROATIA, SLOVENIA & AUSTRIA

"I am passionate about Europe – its history, the unique and stunning cities, its diverse cuisines and culture. It is a privilege to be a part of our quests' once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences across this continent." - Brianna, Travel Director



Transfers from Zagreb airport to your hotel depart at 11:30 and 14:00. Discover Croatia's two-tiered capital as you drive through the squares of the Lower Town and board the city's funicular to the medieval Upper Town

Visit the world-famous Postojna Caves and admire the stunning rock formations. Marvel at the Baroque elegance of the Old Town in Ljubljana and meet Urban Modic, an esteemed artist. Stroll through the well-preserved and historic city centre in Graz a UNESCO World

Take in the views from Bratislava's Castle and see the quaint Slovakian capital's highlights, before travelling to Vienna Drive around the

araceful Rina Road. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose a tour of the grand hallways and immense grounds at Schönbrunn Palace. Alternatively, ioin a MAKE TRAVÉL MATTER® Experience and attend a community dance lesson. Sample local specialities at the city's fairy tale Christmas markets. On the final day of your journey, the departure transfer arrives at Vienna airport at 08:00





Heritage listed site.

#### CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF

### **CENTRAL** EUROPE

"The charming feeling of Christmas is everywhere we go, full of tradition and joy." - Carl, Travel Director



Transfers from Zagreb airport to your hotel depart at 11:30 and 14:00. Discover Croatia's two-tiered capital In world-famous Postoina Caves. admire the stunning rock formations. Marvel at the Baroque elegance of the Old Town in Ljubljana and meet Urban Modic, an esteemed artist. Stroll through the historic city centre in Graz. Take in the views from the Bratislava's Castle and see the city's highlights, before travelling to Vienna. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and take

part in a fabulous community dance lesson. Alternatively, take a guided stroll through the imposing arounds and vast hallways of Schönbrunn Palace. In Salzburg, see Mozart's family home. Explore Innsbruck with Insight Choice. Choose to join a relaxed horsedrawn carriage ride. Alternatively, visit the quirky headquarters of Swarovski Crystal. Visit Oberammergau and fairy tale Neuschwanstein Castle, on your way to funloving Munich. On the final day of your trip, departure transfers arrive to Munich airport

at 07:00 and 09:00.



#### **TRIP START DATES**

**NOV** | 24, 29



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**❷ DISCOVERY JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

13 DAYS **5 COUNTRIES** 18 MEALS 22 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

GUEST REVIEW

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Vienna: Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

#### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Salzburg: Visit Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia, and musical instruments of the great composer..

Meet an artist in Ljubljana.

#### INSIGHT CHOICE

Innsbruck: Choose to enjoy a horse and carriage ride. Alternatively, visit the magical world of Swarovski Crystal.

Choose between two experiences in Vienna and Bratislava.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb • Restaurant dinner in Ljubljana • Dinner and entertainment in Vienna and Innsbruck • Celebration dinner in Munich

#### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Central Europe. Select departures explore Christmas markets in Zagreb, Ljubljana, Bratislava, Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck and Munich.

Visit Postojna Caves • Neuschwanstein Castle.

DAY 1 - 2 Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 3 - 4 Hotel Lev Ljubljana.

DAY 5 Crowne Plaza Bratislava.

DAY 6 - 7 Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 8 - 9 ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

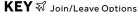
DAY 10 AC Hotel Innsbruck.

DAY 11 - 12 Munich Marriott Hotel.

















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**NOV** | 20, 25, 27, 29 **DEC** | 04, 06



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Combine this trip with Christmas Markets of Austria, Croatia & Slovenia, to create CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF CENTRAL EUROPE.

**© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

8 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 11 MEALS 14 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

feefo<sup>ee</sup> 4.5<sup>/5</sup> GUEST REVIEW ★★★★

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Vienna: Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Salzburg: Visit Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia, and musical instruments of the great composer.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Innsbruck: Choose to enjoy a horse and carriage ride. Alternatively, visit the magical world of Swarovski Crystal.

Choose between two experiences in Vienna.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Vienna • Dinner and Tyrolean entertainment in Innsbruck • Celebration Dinner in Munich

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe. Departures explore Christmas markets in Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck and Munich.

Visit Neuschwanstein Castle.

City tours of Vienna and Salzburg, both with Local Experts.

DAY 1 - 2 Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 3 - 4 ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

DAY 5 AC Hotel Innsbruck.

DAY 6 - 7 Munich Marriott Hotel.



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#### CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF

### **AUSTRIA & BAVARIA**

"This trip offers a great blend of rich cultural cities, along with local insights and experiences. As we visit idyllic villages, you'll love to soak up the atmosphere of the Christmas markets."

- Sara, Travel Director



Transfers from Vienna airport to your hotel depart at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and take part in a fabulous community dance lesson. Alternatively, take a guided stroll through the imposing grounds and vast hallways of Schönbrunn Palace. Visit Mozart's family home in Salzburg and explore the 500-year-old Christmas Market, where the air is filled with the sweet scent of mulled wine. Explore Innsbruck with Insight Choice. Choose to take a horse and carriage ride through the picturesque streets.

Alternatively, visit the Swarovski Crystal Worlds, located in the Alpine Tyrol region.

As you arrive in Germany, visit Oberammergau. famous for its Passion Play, performed since 1634. Visit fairy tale Neuschwanstein Castle, perched on a spectacular Alpine mountainside. Built by Bavarian King Ludwig II, it was mainly inspired by the operas of Richard Wagner. Make your way to fun-loving Munich and after your orientation, delve into the flavours of the traditional Christmas Market in Marienplatz.

On the final day of your trip departure transfers arrive at Munich airport at 07:00 and 09:00.



KEY ¾ Join/Leave Options 🛱 UNESCO Heritage Site 📵 Central Hotels + Nights 🛈 Scenic Hotels + Nights ● Place Visited A Christmas Markets







### **ALPINE**

#### CHRISTMAS MARKETS

"Guests love meeting our Local Expert in Salzburg; visiting the Old Town and the charming Christmas Market is a highlight."

- Carl. Travel Director



Transfers from Munich airport to your stylish hotel depart at 10:00 and 13:00. After your orientation, spend time at the traditional Christmas Market in Marienplatz. surrounded by the fragrance of Bavarian delicacies. Stop in baroque Salzburg, 'alive with the sound of music,' and visit Mozart's family home. Explore Innsbruck with Insight Choice. Choose to enjoy a relaxed horsedrawn carriage ride. Alternatively, visit the quirky headquarters of Swarovski Crystal. Return to Germany and discover the old town

of Lindau, located on a small island in Lake Constance. Visit the lively university town of Freiburg, the jewel of the Black Forest. Cross the mighty Rhine river and visit Strasbourg in the Alsace region. Look out for local bite-sized 'bredele' biscuits at France's oldest Christmas market. Travel to Zurich in Switzerland and soak up the Christmas magic during a delicious Celebration Dinner On your final day, transfers to the airport depart every 15



#### **TRIP START DATES**

NOV | 19, 20, 21, 23, DEC | 04, 06, 07, 08 27, 28, 30



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This trip combines perfectly with Christmas Markets of Germany, allowing you to experience more of what Germany has to offer during the winter months.

**© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY** 

9 DAYS

**4 COUNTRIES** 13 MEALS 14 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Salzburg: Visit Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia, and musical instruments of the great composer.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Innsbruck: Choose to enjoy a horse and carriage ride. Alternatively, visit the magical world of Swarovski Crystal.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Munich • Dinner with Tyrolean entertainment in Innsbruck • Swiss Celebration Dinner in Zurich.

#### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe. Departures explore Christmas markets in Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Strasbourg, Freiburg and Zurich.

DAY 1 - 2 Munich Marriott Hotel.

DAY 3 - 4 AC Hotel Innsbruck.

DAY 5 - 7 Steigenberger Hotel Stadt Lörrach, Loerrach.

DAY 8 Mövenpick Hotel Zürich-Airport.



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### **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

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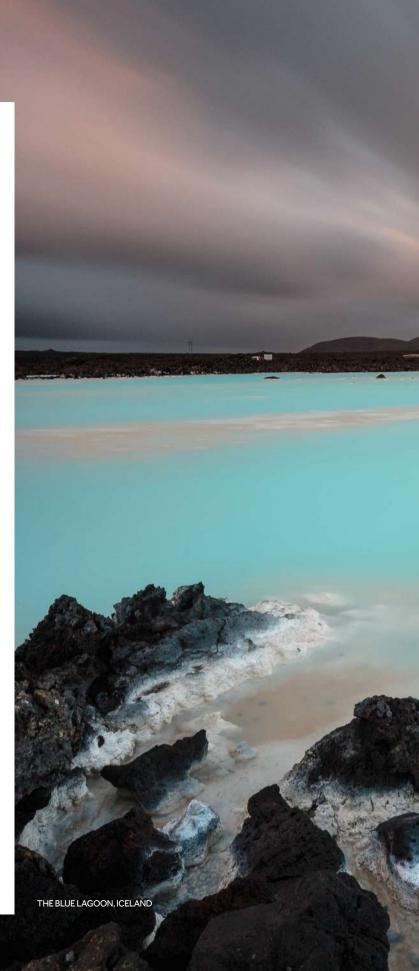
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## NORTHERN **EUROPE & RUSSIA**



 2022
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 MAY | 11,25
 MAY | 10,24

 JUN | 08,22
 JUN | 07,21

JUL | 06, 13, 20 JUL | 05, 12, 19 AUG | 03, 10, 17, 31 AUG | 02, 09, 16, 30



### VIEW ONLINE FOR FULL DATES, PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Combine this trip with **Grand Scandinavia** to create **SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE**.

© REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

12 DAYS
2 COUNTRIES
16 MEALS
19 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Copenhagen:** For your Celebration Dinner enjoy a meal at Cofoco, a restaurant leading the way in minimizing food waste and acting for a sustainable future.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Lyngdal:** Tour the Wild Salmon Centre with a biologist guide, learn about protecting salmon populations and the local ecosystem.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Aarhus:** Choose to join a Local Expert and visit the Den Gamle By Open-Air Museum, offering a trip through 300 years of Danish culture. Alternatively, walk through the Botanical Gardens with your Local Expert and learn about Danish nature and flora.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Dinner with Wine at Zupperia Matbørsen in Bergen • Farm-to-Table Dinner in Aarhus.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel the fjords from Bergen to Stavanger • Cruise Lysefjord • Cruise across the Skagerrak from Kristiansand to Hirsthals

Visit the Hans Christian Andersen Museum in Odense.

City tours of Oslo, Bergen, Aarhus and Copenhagen, all with Local Experts.

### COUNTRY ROADS OF SCANDINAVIA

"One thing I really love about Norway is how people have lived and flourished for thousands of years in harsh, unforgiving yet stunningly beautiful landscapes." – Chad, Travel Director









ROSENBORG CASTLE, COPENHAGEN

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO OSLO

On arrival at Oslo airport, your transfer will leave for the hotel at  $09:30,\,12:00$  or 14:30.

Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at 17:30, to enjoy a Welcome Dinner with wine. (DW)

#### Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo.

#### DAY 2 COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

**Relaxed Start.** Sightseeing with a Local Expert includes views of Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Walk around the Opera House and marvel at the stricking contemporary architecture of the new Bjorvika district.

Wander through Frogner Park, with its intriguing sculptures by Gustav Vigeland. The afternoon is at your leisure to continue exploring as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the most modern ski jump in the world? (B)

#### DAY 3 OSLO CITY TO COASTAL BERGEN

Journey across the Hardanger Plateau, the largest national park in the Nordic countries, to arrive at the historic port of Bergen.

Join your Travel Director for a city orientation and hear about the seafaring traditions of this beautiful harbourside town.

Savour a delicious dinner at Zupperia Matbørsen, a local restaurant offering traditional Norwegian and European flavours with an Asian fusion. (B) (DW)

#### Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz, Bergen.

### DAY 4 ANCIENT HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN

**Relaxed Start.** A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen with a visit to Bryggen, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Centre. Explore its beautiful wooden houses, see the 14th century Haakon's Hall and stroll through the lively fish market with its many stalls.

Enjoy free time to explore all that this exciting town has to offer. Perhaps spend a leisurely afternoon on the traditional train of the Flam Railway? (B)

#### DAY 5 A COASTLINE LIKE NO OTHER

**Relaxed Start.** Travel along this incredible coastline and sail across fjords to reach Stavanger, founded almost 900 years ago. Now the headquarters of the Norwegian oil industry, Stavanger is a fusion of old world charm and cosmopolitan flair. (B)

#### Radisson Blu Atlantic Hotel, Stavanger.

#### DAY 6 THE WONDERS OF LYSEFJORD

Relaxed Start. Cruise through Lysefjord, one of Norway's most breathtaking fjords and be charmed by its stunning natural beauty. See the Preikestolen plateau and Pulpit Rock, a plunging cliff face and one of the most iconic places in Norway. You will also see the mysterious Vagabond's Cave and enjoy the fjord landscape through panoramic windows or from the sundeck. The afternoon is at your leisure to relax or continue exploring Stavanger. (B)

#### **DAY 7 LYNGDAL AND KRISTIANSAND**

In Lyngdal, tour the Wild Salmon Centre with a biologist guide, learn about protecting salmon populations and the local ecosystem. Observe the majestic fish in their own environment, via a unique indoor 'staircase' and viewing area. Your scenic drive around the southern cape of Norway brings





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Explore Denmark's capital with your Local Expert. (Photo by @Aimzilla88, Day 11, Copenhagen)

vou to Kristiansand.

An orientation walk will show you the Dom Kirke and Nupen Fountain.

Savour a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

#### Thon Hotel Parken, Kristiansand,

#### **DAY 8** KRISTIANSAND TO AARHUS

Sail across the Skagerrak to Hirtshals, Denmark. Continue to Aarhus, one of Europe's cultural treasures with world-class museums and modern art. Explore Aarhus with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert to visit Den Gamle By Open-Air Museum, offering a trip through 300 years of Danish culture. Walk among historic houses relocated from all over the country and see traditional workshops. Alternatively, take a walk in the Botanical Gardens with your Local Expert. Learn about Danish nature and flora, as well as international plants in the Tropical Houses.

Join your fellow travellers for a Farm-to-Table dinner of delicious regional specialties made from locally sourced and seasonal ingredients. (B) (D)

#### Comwell Hotel Aarhus.

#### **DAY 9** HISTORIC AARHUS

**Relaxed Start.** Join your Local Expert for an exploration of the city centre. See the City Hall, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum — topped with an immense and interactive artwork — and Dokk 1, the largest public library in Scandinavia. Walk through the cathedral neighbourhood and visit the new township for splendid views of Aarhus Bay. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace. (B)

### **DAY 10** ODENSE AND THE FAIRYTALES OF FYN

Relaxed Start. Cross the Jutland Peninsula to the town of Odense, on the island of Fyn.
Visit the Hans Christian Andersen House and explore the author's creative universe. The newly opened, innovative exhibition is a remarkable homage to one of the most famous Danes. In the evening, visit the glittering lights and enchanting atmosphere of the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. (B)

#### Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

### DAY 11 WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

Relaxed Start. Meet your Local Expert and pay a visit to Hans Christian Andersen's iconic Little Mermaid statue. Later, see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace, the Renaissance Stock Exchange, Copenhagen Cathedral and the unusual Round Tower. The afternoon is at your leisure.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Cofoco restaurant and enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner of sustainable ingredients, as you toast to the end of your Scandinavian adventure. (B) (DW)

#### Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

#### DAY 12 DEPART COPENHAGEN

Departure transfers arrive at Copenhagen airport at 06:30, 09:00 and 12:00, (B)



#### **KEY**

₩ Join/Leave Options

- 1 Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited

🛱 Cruise

### CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travelers.



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22, 29 MAY | 07, 14, 21, 28

**JUN** | 05, 10, 12, 19, 24 26 **JUN** | 04, 09, 11, 18,

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JUL | 02, 07, 09, 16, 22, 24, 31

21, 23, 30

**AUG** | 05, 07, 14, 19, 21, 28 **AUG** | 04, 06, 13, 18,

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© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

15 DAYS 3 COUNTRIES 21 MEALS

23 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Gothenburg:** Enjoy Swedish Fika, coffee and cake at Café Dickson. The cafe provides employment for people fighting poverty and helps with integration in the workplace, offering language courses to those in need.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Nusnas:** Try your hand at whittling after an amazing demonstration by the Olssen family, who have practised the art for generations. Snap a selfie with the handcrafted horses that stand outside.

Explore Uppsala with a passionate storyteller.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Fjaerland:** Choose to visit the interactive Norwegian Glacier Museum, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, to hear more about climate change and how your visit supports their research. Alternatively, take a walk through the village of Fjærland with a Local Expert and learn about life between the fjord and the glacier.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Copenhagen • Farm-to-Table Dinner in Falun • Celebration Dinner in Oslo.

Taste apple cider in Hardangerfjord.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise through Geirangerfjord • Travel on the Flåm Railway.

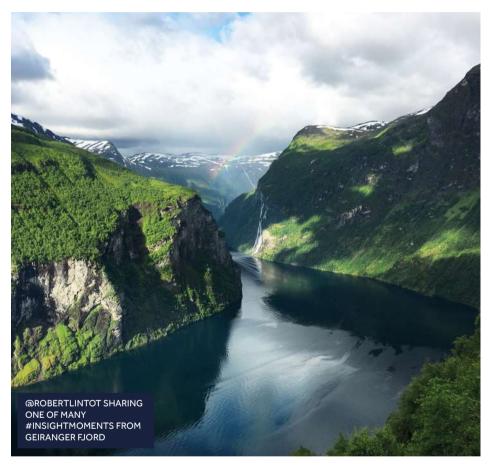
Visit Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen • Stockholm's City Hall • Lom Stave Church.

City tours of Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Stockholm, Bergen and Oslo, all with Local Experts.

### SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA & ITS FJORDS

"Guests love meeting with Ola and Heidi at their orchard, which overlooks the stunning Hardangerfjord. They passionately tell us entertaining and personal stories about their life on the farm."

- Chad, Travel Director









#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

On arrival at Copenhagen airport, your transfer will leave for your hotel at 09:00, 12:00 or 15:00.

At 17:30, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for your Welcome Dinner.

In the evening, visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. (DW)

#### Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

#### **DAY 2 WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN**

A Local Expert will reveal the charm of Denmark's capital. Meet Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid and see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace, the Renaissance Stock Exchange and Copenhagen Cathedral. View the unusual Rundertaarn and enjoy an afternoon at your leisure, relaxing or exploring at your pace. (B)

#### **DAY 3** ON TO GOTHENBURG

Relaxed Start. Continue along Sweden's west coast to the cosmopolitan port city of Gothenburg. On arrival, explore with your Local Expert and learn about the region's culture and nautical history. Enjoy Swedish Fika and cake at Café Dickson, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, supporting employment for people fighting poverty. (B)

#### Elite Park Avenue Hotel, Gothenburg.

#### **DAY 4** SCENIC FARMLANDS OF SWEDEN

Enjoy views of the patchwork of fertile farmlands, as you journey along the shores of Vättern to the Swedish capital. (B)

#### Hilton Slussen Stockholm.

#### DAY 5 STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

See the charms of this fabulous city with your Local Expert. On Gamla Stan, start with the cathedral and wander the Old Town. Stroll through the courtyard of the Royal Palace and visit the imposing City Hall to see its gilded Golden Hall and the Blue Hall, where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. (B)

#### DAY 6 SIGTUNA, UPPSALA AND FALUN

Travel to Sigtuna on Lake Mälaren, to see Sweden's smallest City Hall.

Continue to the historic city of Uppsala and visit the Carl Linneaus Garden with Hans Odoo, a passionate local storyteller.

See the Falun Copper Mine and the Great Pit, a vast crater created by an enormous mine collapse in 1687.

In the evening, enjoy a delightful Farm-to-Table meal at Banken Restaurant.(B) (D)

#### First Grand Hotel Falun.

#### DAY 7 LILLEHAMMER

Travel along Lake Siljan to Nusnäs, home of the Dala horse. Meet the entertaining Olsson family and visit their workshop to witness a colourful wooden horse being made.

Continue to Sälen, the starting point for Vasaloppet, a 90 kilometre cross-country ski race. Cross into Norway, passing Hamar with its Olympic ice skating rink. Journey along Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, to arrive at Lillehammer. (B)

#### Clarion Collection Hotel Hammer, Lillehammer.

#### DAY 8 GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE FJORDS

**Relaxed Start.** Travel through the countryside of 'Peer Gynt', to reach Lom where you visit the Norwegian stave church dating back to 1158. For the next two nights you will stay in the scenic village of Geiranger. (B) (D)

#### Hotel Union Geiranger.

#### **DAY 9** GEIRANGER AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxed start and a day reserved for your leisure amongst breathtaking scenery. (B) (D)

#### DAY 10 FJÆRLAND AND FJORDLAND

**Relaxed Start.** Take a scenic morning cruise through the Geirangerfjord.

Explore Fjærland with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the interactive Norwegian Glacier Museum at the foot of the Jostedalsbreen, the largest icecap

in continental Europe. Alternatively, take a walk through the village of Fjærland with a Local Expert and hear about life between the fjord and the glacier. Your journey continues with a scenic drive onto your hotel in Leikanger.

Delight in a dinner of fresh and locally sourced produce. (B) (D)

#### Leikanger Fjord Hotel.

#### DAY 11 THE FLÅM RAILWAY TO BERGEN

Cross the magnificent Sognefjord and embark on a spectacularly scenic journey aboard the Flåm Railway.

Visit a family-run farm on the Hardangerfjord to hear how eight generations have farmed the land. Sample their fresh apple juice and homemade cider and enjoy a walk through the orchard. Travel on to your hotel in the historic port of Bergen. (B) (D)

#### Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz, Bergen.

#### DAY 12 THE HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN

**Relaxed Start.** A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen. See the lively Fish Market with its many stalls that also include fruits, vegetables, flowers, handicrafts and souvenirs, before continuing on to see the 13th century Haakon's Hall. (B)

#### DAY 13 MOUNTAINS AND FJORDS TO OSLO

Travel along scenic and varied landscapes to Oslo, through some of Norway's most picturesque ski-resorts. Cross the Hardanger Plateau, Europe's greatest mountain plateau and the largest national park in the Nordic countries. (B)

#### Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo.

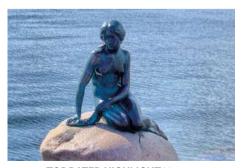
#### DAY 14 COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

**Relaxed Start.** With your Local Expert, see the Royal Palace and the Akershus Castle guarding the harbour. Explore the area around the Opera House and see the strikingly modern architecture of Bjorvika neighbourhood.

Round off your Scandinavian adventure with a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. Over a glass of wine, toast to your travels with your newfound friends. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 15 OUT OF OSLO

Departure transfers arrive at Oslo airport at 07:15 and 10:15. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Meet Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid. (*Photo by @Ebony\_skye, Day 2, Copenhagen*)





#### KEY

₹ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

⊞Train ∰Cruise

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Combine this trip with **Country Roads of Scandinavia** to create **SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE**.

© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY** 

#### 20 DAYS

4 COUNTRIES 30 MEALS 29 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Karasjok:** Visit the Sami Museum, dedicated to preserving the culture of one of the world's oldest tribes. Admire over 5,000 objects in the cultural heritage collection on a visit that actively supports the community's efforts to conserve their heritage for future generations.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Alta:** Meet Trine and her huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Artic dog sled races during a hearty dinner.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Rovaniemi:** Choose to spend time at Santa Claus Village and embrace the spirit of Christmas. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a nature walk in the forest.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Copenhagen • Celebration Dinner in Oslo.

Taste local treats at Helsinki's food market  $\bullet$  Sparkling wine and caviar in North Cape.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel the Baltic Sea by cruise from Stockholm to Helsinki • Cruise Geirangerfjord.

Visit Copenhagen Cathedral • City Hall Stockholm • Helsinki • Rovaniemi • North Cane

### GRAND SCANDINAVIA

"In Norway, when someone departs for a walk, trek, ski tour or a car journey they bid you 'god tur!' This greeting is to wish someone a good trip or a happy journey." – **Chad, Travel Director** 









STOCKHOLM ARCHIPELAGO

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

On arrival at Copenhagen airport, your transfer shuttle service will leave for your hotel at 09:00, 12:00 and 15:00

Join your Travel Director at 17:30, for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner.

Visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. (DW)

#### Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

#### DAY 2 WONDERFUL, 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, Amalienborg Palace and the Renaissance Stock Exchange. Visit the cathedral. (B)

#### DAY 3 ON TO STOCKHOLM, CITY OF **ISLANDS**

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

#### Hilton Slussen Stockholm.

#### DAY 4 STOCKHOLM AND BALTIC SEA CRUISE

Join a Local Expert and visit City Hall. Continue to Gamla Stan to view the cathedral and the Royal Palace

Board your Baltic cruise to Finland and enjoy dinner onboard from your sea-view cabin. (B) (DW)

#### Serenade/Symphony—Tallink & Silja Line Ships.

#### **DAY 5** FASHIONABLE HELSINKI

Relaxed Start. Disembark your Baltic cruise and meet your Local Expert.

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

GLO Hotel Art, Helsinki.

#### DAY 6 LAKES AND FORESTS TO KUOPIO

On arrival in Kuopio, ascend Puijo Tower for stunning views. (B) (D)

Scandic Atlas, Kuopio.

#### DAY 7 THE ROAD TO ROVANIEMI

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

#### Santa's Hotel Santa Claus, Rovaniemi.

#### **DAY 8** ROVANIEMI AND LAPLAND

Relaxed Start. Cross the Arctic Circle today. a highlight for many travellers. With your Local Expert, see the Town Hall and visit Rovaniemi

Explore Rovaniemi with Insight Choice. Choose to meet Santa Claus and embrace the spirit of Christmas. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a nature walk in the forest.(B)

#### DAY 9 ACROSS THE ARCTIC TO IVALO

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

#### Hotel Ivalo.

#### DAY 10 THE NORTH CAPE

Cross the rolling tundra into Norway and stop at Karasjok for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit a Sami National Museum, devoted to preserving the Sami history and culture, and see the Sami Parliament.

Continue through unique scenery en route to North Cape.

Journey to the northernmost point of mainland Europe in search of the midnight sun and enjoy a glass of bubbles and caviar in one of the most special places on Earth. (B) (D)

Scandic Honningsvåg.

#### DAY 11 THROUGH FINNMARK TO ALTA

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

#### Scandic Alta.

#### DAY 12 A WORLD OF ADVENTURE IN ALTA

Relaxed Start. Visit a working husky farm to meet Trine Lyrek, a champion dog sledder. Learn about her Alaskan huskies and her Arctic dog sled races. Meet some of Trine's husky puppies, that may grow to be the best racing dogs in the country.

Afterwards, delight in a wonderful oven-baked Highlight Dinner with seasonal specialities from the region, such as salmon or reindeer. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 13 NARVIK

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

#### Scandic Narvik

#### DAY 14 ACROSS TYSFJORD TO MOSJØEN

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

Fru Haugans Hotel, 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 (R)

#### Scandic Bakklandet. Trondheim.

#### DAY 16 GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE FJORDS

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

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

#### 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 Celebration Dinner, and raise your glass to toast your adventures. (B) (DW)

#### Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo.

#### DAY 19 COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

Relaxed Start. 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)

#### DAY 20 OUT OF OSLO

Departure transfers arrive at Oslo airport at 07:15 and 10:15. (B)



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**⊕**UNESCO Heritage Site

Central Hotels + Nights

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. Cruise

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∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY

10 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 15 MEALS 6 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Tromso:** Delve into the fascinating history of Scandinavia in Tromsø. A Sami family welcomes you into their reindeer camp to share their traditions, culture and history, and to enjoy an evening of dinner and games.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Alta:** Meet Trine and her huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Artic dog sled races during a hearty dinner.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Drink in Helsinki • Welcome Dinner at the Aurora Village hotel • Drinks at an Ice Bar in Alta • Highlight Dinner in Alta • Celebration Dinner in Oslo.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit North Cape and search for the Northern Lights.

See the Opera House and the new Deichmann Library in Oslo.

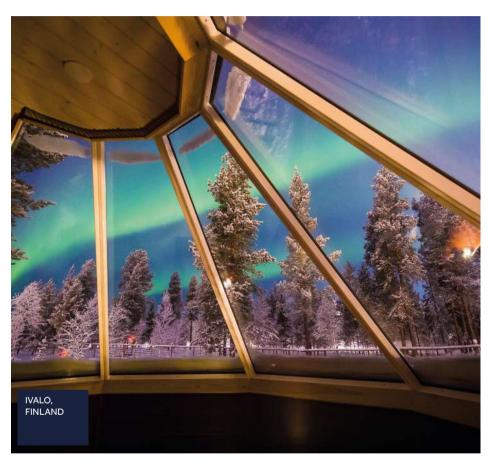
#### **SCENIC DRIVES**

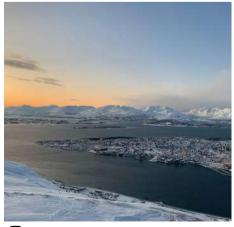
Enjoy the scenery as you travel through of Scandinavia. Catch glimpses of shimmering winter wonderland forests and snow covered mountains, as you cross over the border of Finland and Norway, chasing the northern lights. Watch dramatic coastlines rise from the seas by Alta, tracing your way past Lyngen Alps down the coast to Tromsø.

### NORTHERN LIGHTS OF SCANDINAVIA

"Come to experience true Arctic wilderness, in this remote and little-known northern region. This is an amazing journey into one of the most rugged and most sparsely populated parts of the world."

- Lene, Travel Director









DOG SLEDDING (OPTIONAL)

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO HELSINKI.

Welcome to Helsinki, with its excellent museums and pretty seaside buildings. This beautiful city is set to be your home for the night. At Helsinki airport, transfers depart at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for the grand GLO Hotel Art. Meet your Travel Director at 18:00 for a drinks reception. Decorated in a distinctive Art Nouveau style, this charming four-star hotel is the ideal place to sit back and get to know your fellow travellers, before your Scandinavian adventure begins.

#### GLO Hotel Art, Helsinki.

#### DAY 2 THE GATEWAY TO LAPLAND

Today you'll take a flight to Ivalo, a small yet important centre in Finnish Lapland, 250km above the Arctic Circle. The Gateway to the North, Ivalo is set on the Ivalo River, where the first Lapland Goldrush took place in the 19th century.

### You'll enjoy a Welcome Dinner at your boutique hotel, Aurora Village.

Look out for the dancing northern lights, as you gaze through the glass ceiling from the comfort of your room. Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and therefore sightings cannot be guaranteed. (B) (DW)

#### Aurora Village, Ivalo.

#### DAY 3 IVALO TO HONNINGSVÅG

Today you'll be heading further North through the winter Lapland landscape. Cross the Finnish–Norwegian border as you make your way to Honningsvåg, the northernmost and smallest city in Norway. Your drive will take you along the mighty Porsangerfjord, the fourth largest fjord in Norway. Take the subsea Nordkapp Tunnel to the island of Magerøya, to reach your hotel in this small fishing community. Explore the quaint city by taking a stroll along the waterfront before dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

#### Scandic Bryggen, Honnninsvag.

#### DAY 4 NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORTH CAPE

**Relaxed Start.** You simply can't visit Norway without heading to North Cape (weather permitting).

Dubbed the northernmost point in continental Europe, you'll go in search of the iconic Northern Lights as you sip on bubbles and delight in exquisite caviar with your fellow travellers.

End your day back at your charming hotel, where you'll rest up ahead of tomorrow's adventures. (B) (D)

#### DAY 5 NORTH CAPE TO ALTA

Enjoy a spectacular drive from North Cape to Alta, taking in the country's magnificent fjords and surroundings along the way.

Head to an ice bar with your fellow travellers, for a chilled beverage as you discuss the day's events. Home for the next couple of nights is Scandic Alta, a traditional and relaxing hotel, situated in the heart of Alta. With time at leisure, perhaps visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Rock Art Museum? (B)

#### Scandic Alta.

#### **DAY 6** ALASKAN HUSKIES IN ALTA

**Relaxed Start.** This is a day for dog lovers and a true highlight of the trip. Visit a working husky farm and get to know Trine Lyrek, and her champion dog sledding team. Learn about her Alaskan huskies and the challenges she faces competing in the marathon long Arctic dog sled races.

Indulge in a delectable oven-baked Highlight Dinner, before meeting the dogs themselves. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 7 NORWAY'S GATEWAY TO THE ARTIC

Today you'll head to Tromsø, northern Norway's largest city, located on the island of Tromsøya. You'll be surrounded by snowcapped mountains and ethereal water views. Just a short walk from your hotel, you'll find a high concentration of old wooden houses and a great array of restaurants. (B)

#### Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø.

#### DAY 8 DELVE INTO SCANDINAVIAN HISTORY

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the indigenous Sami community of Scandinavia. Delve into the history of Arctic Norway and join a Sami guide for an immersive journey through their camp, with an invitation to help feed their reindeer herd.

You are invited into a lavuu (a traditional Sami tent) to hear stories of Sami life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional Sami meal with hot drinks. (B) (D)

#### DAY 9 A MERRY FINALE IN OSLO

In the morning, take a flight from Tromsø to Oslo, a modern city located on the shores of the Oslofjord. Surrounded by forested mountains, city dwellers and visitors alike have easy access to nature all year round.

On your orientation, see the Oslo Opera House and the new Deichmann Librabry in the contemporary Bjørvika district. History enthusiasts can delve further into Norway's impressive heritage at the Viking Ship Museum, or for outdoorsy types, a walk through Frogner Park is sure to delight.

Join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant to make a toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, over a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (DW)

Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo.

#### **DAY 10 FAREWELL OSLO**

It's time to say farewell to your fellow travellers. Transfers arrive into Oslo airport at 07:15 or 10:15. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Witness the wonder of the Aurora Borealis. (*Photo by Yeo Yong Meng, Day 2, Ivalo*)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Discover beautiful scenery in Tromsø with your Travel Director. (*Photo by Yeo Yong Meng, Day 7, Tromsø*)



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Looking to experience the Northern Lights? See **SCENIC ICELAND AND THE NORTHERN** LIGHTS.

∧ COUNTRY ROADS **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

9 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 14 MEALS 18 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Fridheimar: Explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes, all the while respecting the surrounding nature.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Reykjavik: Choose to visit Iceland's worldfamous Blue Lagoon. Alternatively, discover Reykjavik's top sights on a walking tour with your Local Expert.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Reception in Reykjavík • Dinner in Höfn • Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Reykjavík.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Geysir • Vatnajökull National Park • Snæfellsjökull National Park.

See Gullfoss waterfall • Skalholt's historic church • Vatnajökull Glacier in Skaftafell • Lake Jökulsárlón • lakeside Egilsstaðir • craters, boiling mud pots and geothermal hot springs at Lake Mývatn • Akureyri • the black lava fields and yellow beach of Búðir • Arnarstapi • Parliamentary Plains in Thingvellir • Reykjavík.

### NATURAL WONDERS **OF ICELAND**

"A trip for a true adventurer, join me to discover the most breathtaking natural wonders. Every coast of Iceland is completely different in a magical way." - Lana, Travel Director









@LANA\_INSIGHTVACATIONS, ICELAND

#### DAY 1 THE SMOKY BAY OF REYKJAVÍK

Welcome to Iceland. On arrival at Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel.

Join your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:15 for a Welcome Drink served with canapés.

#### Fosshotel Reykjavík.

#### DAY 2 HOT SPRINGS, WATERFALLS AND VÍK

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Later, travel on to the ancient bishopric of Skalholt and see the historic church, set in a remote location amid magnificent natural scenery. Continue to the hot springs at Geysir and the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls.

In Friðheimar, learn about Icelandic greenhouse horticulture when you visit a family-run vegetable farm, specialising in tomatoes.

Explore their greenhouses and sample the sweet, unique flavour of their lovingly grown crop.

In the afternoon, visit the majestic south coast waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss before continuing to your hotel in Vik. (B) (D)

#### Hótel Kría. Vik.

# DAY 3 BY GLACIERS AND ICEBERGS TO HÖFN

Travel along the southern coast of Iceland, beside the black sand beaches and basalt rock formations. Continue through the National Park at Skaftafell and see the largest glacier in Europe, Vatnajökull. Travel on to the luminous blue icebergs of Lake Jökulsárlón, the highlight of the day. This dramatic setting was featured in two James Bond films. Arrive in the small harbour town of Höfn, an active lobster fishing hub. From here, your Travel Director will lead a short orientation.

Dine at your hotel's restaurant tonight and experience what the local produce has to offer. (B) (D)

#### Hótel Höfn.

#### DAY 4 EASTERN FJORDS TO EGILSSTAÐIR

**Relaxed Start.** Explore yet another face of Iceland, as you drive through narrow fjords surrounded by steep cliffs and past small fishing villages. Catch a glimpse of Friar Island, once the home of Gaelic monks who settled here before the arrival of the Vikings. Continue to the lakeside town of Egilsstaðir. (B) (D)

#### Icelandair Hotel Herad, Egilsstadir.

## DAY 5 BY DESERT, LAKES AND DIVINE WATERFALLS TO AKUREYRI

Continue on to the beautiful Lake Mývatn and explore the mysterious natural landscape of Iceland, with lava mazes, pseudo-craters, sulphur fields and other phenomena unique to the country. The last stop is by the waterfall Goðafoss, also known as the waterfall of the gods.

Perhaps embark on an optional whale watching experience? (available during whale season) (B)

#### Icelandair Hotel Akureyri.

# DAY 6 FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH TO BORGARNES

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy an orientation of Akureyri, the capital of northern Iceland, first established as a trading centre in 1602.

Travel past mountains, waterfalls and green coastal regions. Later, continue on to the southwest coast of Borgarnes. (B) (D)

#### Icelandair Hotel Hamar, Borganes.

# DAY 7 EXPLORING SNÆFELLSJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the Snæfellsnes Peninsula to Snæfellsjökull National Park, known as the Jewel of West Iceland and home to the country's most famous volcano. See the magnificent Snæfellsjökull glacier surrounded by unspoiled natural beauty. En route, admire the impressive landscapes of Búðir, offering a mixture of sandy hills, black lava fields and a yellow beach. Next, take a stroll along the sea cliffs of Arnastapi with its unique column rock formations and take in the beautiful scenery. (B) (D)

# DAY 8 THINGVELLIR, BLUE LAGOON AND ON TO REYKJAVÍK

Journey south to Thingvellir. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet.

Explore Reykjavik with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon. Alternatively, discover Reykjavik's top sights on a walking tour with your Local Expert and stop along the way to sample local specialties.

This evening, delight in a delicious Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant where you round off your journey in one of the world's most naturally beautiful places. (B) (DW)

#### Fosshotel Reykjavík.

#### **DAY 9 FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK**

Your Icelandic adventure comes to an end, with a transfer to Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the jewel of West Iceland in Snaefellsnes National Park. (*Photo by @\_zsofi\_, Day 7, Buðir*)





**SCENIC DRIVE** Keep an eye out for Icelandic horses as you travel along the southwest coast. (*Photo by @tarrynliddell, Day 6, Borgarnes.*)



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∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

7 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
11 MEALS
15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Hellisheidavirkjun: Visit Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station, the second largest of its kind in the world. Hear about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of the country's energy consumption through renewable energy sources.

Visit a geothermal bakery in Fontana.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Fridheimar:** Explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes, all the while respecting the surrounding nature.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Reykjavik:** Choose to experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride experience at FlyOver. Alternatively, relax in the Blue Lagoon.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Reception in Reykjavik • Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Reykjavik.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Seek out the northern lights in the skies above

Visit the Lava Centre in Hvolsvöllur • Geysir • Icelandic Settlement Centre in Borgarnes.

City tours of Borgarnes and Reykjavík, both with Local Experts.

See Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls • Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull volcanoes • Gullfoss waterfall • Hraunfossar waterfall • Reykholt • Parliamentary Plains in Thingvellir.

# SCENIC ICELAND & THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

"In winter, Iceland only has a few hours of daylight, so we make sure to fill this time visiting the amazing waterfalls, glaciers, tectonic plates and one of the oldest parliament locations in the world."

- Tarryn, Travel Director







GULFOSS WATERFALL

**GEYSIR** 

#### DAY 1 THE VIKING CITY OF REYKJAVÍK

Welcome to Iceland. At Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel.

Join your Travel Director and travelling companions at 18:15 for your Welcome Reception and enjoy the opportunity to get to know each other, over a pleasant evening of wine and a light buffet.

Afterwards, search for the most spectacular show on Earth—the northern lights. See the breathtaking night sky filled with the aurora borealis and its vast spectrum of colour.

Please note the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and therefore sightings cannot be quaranteed. (DW)

#### Fosshotel Reykjavík.

#### DAY 2 SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE TO VÍK

Relaxed Start. Take a journey through the stunning landscape of Iceland's south coast and through the land of Njál's Saga—a region of breathtaking scenery and legendary stories. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun.

Your journey continues, as you witness the majesty of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. Stand awestruck by the beauty of these thundering waterfalls, before venturing on to view more spectacular phenomena. See the magnificent Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull volcanoes. See the magnificent Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull volcanoes and visit the Lava Centre in Hvolsvöllur, dedicated to Iceland's history of volcanic activity and earthquakes. Arrive in the welcoming community of Vík. Later, perhaps enjoy another chance to go in search of the mystical northern lights? (B) (D)

#### Hótel Kría. Vik.

#### DAY 3 THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TO FLÚÐIR

Embark on a day of discovery around Iceland's Golden Circle, taking in some of the famous landmarks this magical country has to offer. Experience the exploding hot springs at Geysir before continuing on to the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. In Friðheimar, learn about Icelandic greenhouse horticulture when you visit a family-run vegetable farm, specialising in tomatoes. Explore their greenhouses and sample the sweet, unique flavour of their lovingly grown crop.

Continue on to your hotel in Flúðir for another chance to catch nature's theatre unfolding in the night sky. (B) (D)

#### Flúðir Icelandair Hotel.

# DAY 4 THINGVELLIR, BORGARNES AND HÚSAFELL

**Relaxed Start.** Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Fontana on a visit to a geothermal bakery. Here, sample delicious rye bread, dug out from the steaming hot ground and served with butter.

Continue to Thingvellir. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge line, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Journey along the trail of Viking warrior and poet Egill Skallagrímsson and stop at Reykholt for an orientation with your Travel Director.

In Borgarnes, visit the fascinating Icelandic Settlement Centre. Enjoy views of the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls as you drive through glorious landscapes. Your travels continue to Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring. (B) (D)

#### Hotel Húsafell.

#### **DAY 5** REYKJAVÍK SIGHTSEEING

Relaxed Start. Journey back to the Icelandic captial, where a Local Expert will show you Old Reykjavík, the 19th century parliament building and Höfði House. In 1986, US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev met here for the famous Reykjavík Summit. Later, visit the colourful harbour and the Hallgrímskirkja, a modern church and landmark that can be seen from almost anywhere in the city.

### The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

#### Fosshotel Reykjavík.

#### DAY 6 CHOICE IN REYKJAVIK

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Reykjavik with Insight Choice. Choose to experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. Alternatively, relax in the Blue Lagoon. Surrounded by lava fields and snowcapped mountains, the Iagoon is a wonder of nature and offers a unique experience for both body and soul.

With your newfound friends, toast to the culmination of your fascinating journey of discovery during a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant.
(B) (DW)

#### **DAY 7** FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Your Icelandic adventure comes to an end, with a transfer to Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Witness the majesty of Seljalandsfoss waterfall. (*Photo @tarrynliddell, Day 2, Seljalandsfoss*)





**INSIGHT CHOICE** Spend time relaxing in the Blue Lagoon. (*Photo by @Dani. green21*, *Day 6*, *Reykjavik*)



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#### **KEY**

₹ Join/Leave Options

Ⅲ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic
Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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Extend your trip to explore **THE GOLDEN RING**.

**園EASY PACE** 

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY** 

8 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 9 MEALS 11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in St. Petersburg • Celebration Dinner in Moscow.

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Travel by hydrofoil to Petrodvorets • Travel by Sapsan Train from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Visit the formal gardens of Petrodvorets and the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg • A cathedral within the Kremlin in Moscow. City tours of St. Petersburg and Moscow, both

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# EASY PACE RUSSIA

"Due to many linguistic, cultural and logistical differences, this country is difficult to navigate alone. With us, you will be in good hands and won't miss anything!" – Maja, Travel Director









PETRODVORETS, ST PETERSBURG

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO ST. PETERSBURG

Airport transfers depart from St. Petersburg airport at 14:30 and 17:00.

Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 19:00 for a friendly Welcome Dinner served with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Crowne Plaza St. Petersburg, Ligovsky.

#### **DAY 2 ST. PETERSBURG SIGHTSEEING**

Morning sightseeing with your Local Expert includes views of St. Isaac's Cathedral, the fortress of St. Peter and Paul and Decembrists' Square. Travel along Nevsky Prospekt for views of the great Cathedral of Kazan and the iconic, onion-domed Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit a local ceramist workshop supporting vulnerable youth. The rest of the day is yours to explore. Perhaps join an Optional Experience and visit the beautiful Catherine Palace in the small town of Tsarskoe Selo, now called Pushkin? Or, if you prefer, relax at your hotel where you can make the most of its luxury facilities. (B)

#### DAY 3 PETRODVORETS BY HYDROFOIL

Relaxed Start. Cruise by hydrofoil along the Baltic shore to Peter the Great's summer residence of Petrodvorets. For over 200 years it was used for official ceremonies, lavish feasts and formal receptions. Explore the perfectly manicured gardens and see the cascading fountains. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the world-famous Alexandrinsky Theatre with a member of the production team. Visit the royal box and see an exhibition of authentic costumes.

Later you are at leisure, or perhaps visit the former residence of the Yusupov family and the scene of Rasputin's murder? (B)

#### **DAY 4** THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM

**Relaxed Start.** Located in the Winter Palace, the Hermitage is one of the world's greatest museums. Marvel at its fabulous collection of paintings and ornaments, ranging from Egyptian carvings to impressionist masterpieces.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore, shop or relax. (B)

# DAY 5 HIGH-SPEED SAPSAN TRAIN TO MOSCOW

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxed start in the morning, or perhaps visit the former residence of the Yusupov family and the scene of Rasputin's murder?

Board your high-speed Sapsan train and relax in modern luxury and comfort as you swoop to Moscow in just a few hours.

On arrival in this fascinating city, you are transferred to your hotel for a leisurely three-night stay. Famous for its unique history and colourful architecture, explore Moscow's enchanting city centre and get lost in its captivating Modern art scene. For those wanting to take a stroll, why not promenade through the delights of Gorky Park, designed in the 1920s by famed architect Konstantin Melnikov and always abuzz with art exhibitions. (B)

#### Radisson Collection Hotel, Moscow.

#### DAY 6 MOSCOW, A RUSSIAN REVELATION

**Relaxed Start.** Begin your exploration of the Russian capital with a Local Expert. Start in Red Square, lined by Moscow's landmark buildings. At one end rises the onion-shaped domes of St. Basil's Cathedral, in front of the Kremlin stands Lenin's Mausoleum, while on the opposite side, the grand GUM department store offers a variety of alamorous goods.

Explore Moscow with Insight Choice. Choose to visit an ornate metro station. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a stroll through the popular Zaryadye Park and enjoy great views of your surroundings. (B)

#### DAY 7 MOSCOW AND THE KREMLIN

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, you are at leisure to relax or explore the Russian capital as you wish. Perhaps visit the Borodino Panorama Exhibition or take an Optional Experience to Zagorsk, the renowned centre of ancient Russian art and architecture

In the afternoon, walk within the walls of the Kremlin Fortress to visit one of the cathedrals. Learn more about Russia's famous Tsars, the history of the Fortress and how its role has changed over the years.

Later, enjoy delicious food, great wine and wonderful company as you toast to your travels during your Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 8 FAREWELL MOSCOW**

Departure transfers will arrive at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport at 05:00, 08:00 and 11:00 and at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport at 05:00, 10:00 and 13:00. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the cascading fountains. (Photo by @lana\_insightvacations, Day 3, Petrodvorets)



**INSIGHT CHOICE** Visit one of the ornate Metro Stations. *(Day 6, Moscow)* 





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the Matryoshka dolls in Red Square market. (*Photo by @ilsezietsman, Day 6, Moscow*)



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O Optional Place Visited

Place Visited

Train

🛱 Cruise

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#### 5 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 8 MEALS 10 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Vladimir: Bring home your own version of the famous Russian souvenir after learning from a professional artist in a special Matryoshka doll-making workshop.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Suzdal: Choose to learn about the art of icon painting. Alternatively, join your Local Expert to visit the Monastery of the Saviour St. Ethimius.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Yaroslavl • Authentic regional lunch in Sudzal.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit the Assumption and Holy Trinity cathedrals in Sergiev Posad • Kremlin and Museum of Enamel in Rostov-the-Great · Church of Elijah the Prophet and Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Yarosavl • Cross Chamber inside the Kremlin in Suzdal • Assumption Cathedral and Museum of Crystal and Varnished Miniatures in Vladimir.

DAY 1 Ring Premier Hotel, Yaroslavl. DAY 2 - 3 Pushkarskaya Sloboda Hotel, Suzdal.

DAY 4 Radisson Collection Hotel, Moscow.







# THE GOLDEN RING

"There is so much more to Moscow than Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral. Beautiful surprises await us behind every corner."

- Maja, Travel Director



Meet your Travel Director at 07:45 at the Radisson Collection Hotel in Moscow to start your adventure and discover ancient Russian towns. Journey to Sergiev Posad, one of the holiest pilgrimage destinations in the country, and then to lakeside Rostov-the-Great before arriving at Yaroslavl. See the Church of St Elijah the Prophet with its conical bell tower and the Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Explore Suzdal with Insight Choice. Choose to meet an Orthodox priest and learn about the ancient art of icon

painting. Alternatively, visit the Monastery of the Saviour St. Ethimius. Later, join a local family for lunch. Visit Vladimir, one of the medieval capital cities of Russia and see the Cathedral of St Demetrius, known for its beautifully carved limestone walls. Take part in a Matryoshka doll-making workshop and round up your trip by returning to Moscow On your final day, transfers arrive at Sheremetyevo Airport at 05:00, 08:00 and 11:00 and Domodedovo Airport at 05:00, 10:00 and 13:00.







# RUSSIA IN DEPTH

"Our Local Experts in St. Petersburg are amazing and guests love to meet them. They are able to share their immense knowledge of this incredible country with lightness, enabling anyone to understand Russia better." - Maia. Travel Director



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REGIONAL JOURNEY **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

12 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 17 MEALS 21 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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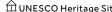
DAY 11 Radisson Collection Hotel, Moscow.

















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8 DAYS 4 COUNTRIES 10 MEALS

11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Warsaw:** Visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Vilnius:** Visit Užupis, a quirky neighborhood of Vilnius, with a local artist. Learn how a small community of artists created this self-proclaimed republic in order to revitalize post-communist Vilnius.

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**Tallinn:** Choose a scenic walking tour of the city with your Local Expert, complete with panoramic views and a visit to Town Hall Square. Alternatively, take a stroll through the fairy-tale Old Town to discover Estonian artisans.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Riga:** Wander through the maze of stalls in the Central Market and sample local delicacies.. Welcome Dinner in Warsaw • Dine-Around Evening in Vilnius • Estonian Celebration Dinner in Tallinn.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Vilnius

• Votive Hill Crosses in Siaulai • Trakai Castle.

City tours of Warsaw, Riga and Tallinn, all with Local Experts.

See the Palace of Culture, Chopin Memorial, Uprising Monument and the Ghetto Heroes Monument in Warsaw • Riga • Old Town and market square in Tallinn.

# WARSAW & THE BALTIC STATES

"My favourite expression in Estonian that I love to teach guests is 'terviseks,' which means cheers. It sounds very charming in my opinion." – **Gennady, Travel Director** 









**VILNIUS** 

#### **DAY 1** ARRIVE WARSAW

On arrival at Warsaw airport, your transfers depart for your hotel at 10:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 18:00.

Your Welcome Dinner is at Restaurant Zapiecek, an authentic local restaurant full of Polish charm that serves delicious traditional meals, accompanied by wine. (DW)

The Westin Warsaw.

# DAY 2 EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

A Local Expert will show you how well the Polish capital was restored after almost complete obliteration during World War II. This incredible restoration can be credited to the amazing detail of Canaletto's paintings! Pass the tiered Palace of Culture and stroll through Łazienki Park to the Chopin Memorial. Take a moment to reflect at the Monument to Ghetto Heroes, built in 1948 to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943. Then walk to the Market Square in the Old Town.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Don't miss the chance to visit Wilanow Palace, the residence of Polish King Sobieski, known as Victor of Vienna, or perhaps attend an exclusive private recital of Chopin music by a celebrated Polish pianist? (B)

# DAY 3 VILNIUS, VENERABLE CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA

Pass Augustów and Suwalki during your scenic journey through Masuria, a region rich in lakes and vast forests. Cross into Lithuania and continue to the capital city of Vilnius. See the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the neoclassical cathedral and the charming Old Town. (B)

Radisson Blu Royal Astorija Hotel, Vilnius.

#### DAY 4 VILNIUS AND THE CASTLE OF TRAKAI

Walk along the streets of bohemian Užupis, a Vilnius neighbourhood that proclaimed itself a republic in 2002. A member of the government introduces you to its quirky history and artistic flair. A highlight of your travels will be a visit to the fortified island castle of Trakai. Originally built in the 15th century and now restored to all its glory, this red-brick castle is located on an island in Lake Galvé

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## DAY 5 THE VOTIVE HILL OF CROSSES AND THE ART NOUVEAU NIRVANA OF RIGA

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Continue your journey to the Latvian capital of Riga, a melange of Teutonic-inspired spires, stylish cocktail lounges and some of the world's most remarkable art nouveau architecture. (B)

Radisson Blu Elizabete Hotel, Riga.





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Wander through the proud Polish captial. (Photo by @Travelling\_insighttim, Day 2, Warsaw)

# DAY 6 RIGA SIGHTSEEING AND ONTO

Explore Riga's Old Town with your Local Expert, including a visit to the old aircraft hangars that now house the Riga Central Market, one of the largest in Eastern Europe.

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Your travels continue along the shores of the Gulf of Riga and across the Estonian border to reach Tallinn. Hailed by travel afficionados as the new Prague, Tallinn is a lively city, where history and modern culture merge. From its brightly coloured architecture to its quirky art scenes, Tallinn is made for the curious and creative. (B)

Swissotel Tallinn.

## DAY 7 SURRENDER TO THE MAGIC OF TALLINN

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Tallinn with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a panoramic walking tour leading to the Town Hall Square. Alternatively, stroll the fairy-tale Old Town and hear about Estonian artisans.

Enjoy free time to browse Tallinn's shops, famous for fine amber and silver jewellery.

Join your travelling companions at a local restaurant for your Celebration Dinner. Toast to your trip, as you savour a freshly prepared meal, rich with traditional flavours and accompanied with wine. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 8 DEPART TALLINN**

Departure transfers arrive at Tallinn airport at 05:00 and 10:00. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See Warsaw's charming Old Town Market Square with your Local Expert. (*Photo by @Travelling\_insighttim, Day 2, Warsaw*)



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Taste local delicacies at Riga's Central Market.

# RUSSIA, WARSAW & THE BALTIC STATES

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**ESTONIAN KRINGLE** 

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Join your travelling companions at a local restaurant for a freshly prepared meal, rich with traditional flavours and accompanied by wine. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 8 ST PETERSBURG: TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Head east to the town of Narva, dominated by the mighty Hermannsburg Fortress. Cross the

River Narva, which forms the Russian border, and continue to St. Petersburg.

For your first meal in Russia, enjoy a friendly dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Crowne Plaza St. Petersburg, Ligovsky.

#### **DAY 9 ST. PETERSBURG SIGHTSEEING**

A morning of sightseeing with your Local Expert includes views of St. Isaac's Cathedral, the fortress of St. Peter and Paul, and Decembrists' Square. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a local ceramist workshop supporting vulnerable youth. Travel along Nevsky Prospekt, for views of the great Cathedral of Kazan and the iconic, onion-domed Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood. (B)

#### DAY 10 PETRODVORETS BY HYDROFOIL

**Relaxed Start.** Cruise by hydrofoil along the Baltic shore to Peter the Great's summer residence of Petrodvorets. Explore the perfectly manicured gardens and see the cascading fountains. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the world-famous Alexandrinsky Theatre with a member of the production team. Admire the ornate splendour as you visit the royal box and see an exhibition of authentic costumes.(B)

#### DAY 11 THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM

**Relaxed Start.** Located in the Winter Palace, the Hermitage is one of the world's greatest museums. Marvel at this fabulous collection of paintings and ornaments, ranging from Egyptian carvings to impressionist masterpieces. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore, shop or relax. (B)

# DAY 12 HIGH-SPEED SAPSAN TRAIN TO MOSCOW

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a relaxed start in the morning, or perhaps visit the former residence of the Yusupov family and the scene of Rasputin's murder? Later, board your high-speed Sapsan train and relax in comfort as you swoop to Moscow in just a few hours. (B)

Radisson Collection Hotel, Moscow.

#### DAY 13 MOSCOW, A RUSSIAN REVELATION

Relaxed Start. Begin your exploration of the Russian capital with a Local Expert. Explore Red Square lined with Moscow's landmark buildings. See the onion-shaped domes of St. Basil's Cathedral, the Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum. Explore Moscow with Insight Choice. Choose to visit an ornate metro station with your Local Expert. Alternatively, take a stroll through the popular Zaryadye Park and enjoy great views of your surroundings. (B)

#### DAY 14 MOSCOW AND THE KREMLIN

**Relaxed Start.** Walk within the walls of the Kremlin Fortress to visit one of the cathedrals.

Enjoy delicious food, great wine and wonderful company as you toast to your travels during your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 15 FAREWELL MOSCOW**

Departure transfers will arrive at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport at 05:00, 08:00 and 11:00 and at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport at 05:00, 10:00 and 13:00. (B)



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ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

**18 DAYS** 8 COUNTRIES 24 MEALS

24 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Berlin:** Savour the warm atmosphere of your delicious Welcome Dinner at Kreuzberger Himmel. This popular local restaurant actively supports refugees' integration into German society, including providing apprenticeships.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Vilnius:** Visit Užupis, a quirky neighborhood of Vilnius, with a local artist. Learn how a small community of artists created this self-proclaimed republic in order to revitalize post-communist Vilnius.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Moscow:** Choose to visit one of the ornate metro stations. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a stroll through the popular Zaryadye Park.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Helsinki:** Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market with your Local Expert and sample local produce, like liquorice or smoked reindeer.

Dinner at a local restaurant in St. Petersburg • Dine Around in Vilnius • Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Warsaw.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel across the Baltic Sea by ferry from Germany to Denmark • Cruise the Baltic Sea from Stockholm to Helsinki • Travel to Petrodvorets by hydrofoil • Travel by Sapsan train from St. Petersburg to Moscow • Fly from Moscow to Minsk.

Visit Tivoli Gardens and Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen • Stockholm's City Hall • Hermitage Museum and Petrodvorets in St. Petersburg • Trakai Castle.

# NORTHERN CAPITALS & RUSSIA

"Witness the vast collection of art at one of the best museums in the world, the Hermitage. Since the mid-18th century, it's surprisingly been home to many cats that guard the priceless art from hungry rodents!" – Maja, Travel Director







STOCKHOLM PIEROGI

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin's Brandenburg Airport, transfers depart at 10.30, 13:00 & 16:00.

At 18:30, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Experience with your Travel Director and travel companions at the Kreuzberger Himmel restaurant. Discover how this establishment helps support refugees as they integrate into German society over a Welcome Dinner with wine. (DW)

#### Marriott Hotel Berlin.

#### DAY 2 THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

**Relaxed Start.** Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the Unter den Linden, past the Humboldt University and Opera House. Stop a while on Museum Island, then pass the Brandenberg Gate to see the Reichstag building and the Tiergarten. (B)

#### DAY 3 ACROSS THE SEA TO COPENHAGEN

Continue to Rostock for the sea crossing to Denmark. A journey through Danish the countryside brings you to Copenhagen. In the evening, delight in the enchanting atmosphere of the Tivoli Gardens. (B)

#### Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

#### **DAY 4** WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

Visit the Christiansborg Palace with a Local Expert. Journey past Copenhagen Cathedral and the university to see Rosenborg Castle, the Renaissance Stock Exchange and Amalienborg Palace, before admiring Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid. (B)

#### DAY 5 TO STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

Enjoy a view of Kronborg Castle, reputedly the Elsinore home of Hamlet, during the short ferry crossing to Sweden.

Your journey then continues along Lake Vättern and on to Stockholm. (B)

#### Hilton Slussen Stockholm.

#### DAY 6 STOCKHOLM AND A BALTIC CRUISE

Visit City Hall with a Local Expert and cross the harbour to see the cathedral and Royal Palace.

Board your cruise ship for the overnight voyage to Finland with a sea-view cabin. (B) (DW)

#### Serenade/Symphony—Tallink & Silja Line Ships.

#### DAY 7 FASHIONABLE HELSINKI

**Relaxed Start.** Disembark your Baltic cruise and explore Helsinki alongside your Local Expert.

Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce like liquorice or smoked reindeer. (B)

#### Klaus K Hotel, Helsinki.

#### **DAY 8** ST. PETERSBURG

Follow the coast of the Gulf of Finland and cross the border to Russia.

Tonight, dine in a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

#### River Palace Hotel, St. Petersburg.

#### **DAY 9** THE GARDENS OF PETRODVORETS

Join a Local Expert to see the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood and the bustling Nevsky Prospect.

Cruise by hydrofoil along the Baltic shore to Petrodvorets, where you can explore the grand gardens and see cascading fountains. (B)

#### DAY 10 HIGH-SPEED TRAIN TO MOSCOW

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#### Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel.

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#### **DAY 12 MOSCOW AT LEISURE**

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a full day set aside to explore Moscow. (B)

#### DAY 13 MINSK, THE SUPREME SOVIET CITY

Take a flight to the Belarus capital of Minsk, rebuilt after the war in utmost Soviet style. (B) (DW)

#### Renaissance Minsk Hotel.

#### **DAY 14 MINSK SIGHTSEEING AND VILNIUS**

**Relaxed Start.** During sightseeing with your Local Expert, see the obelisk in Victory Square and the Church of St. Simon and Helena.

Continue to Vilnius, and choose from a variety of hand-selected local restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, Vilnius.

## DAY 15 VILNIUS AND THE CASTLE OF TRAKAI

Walk along the streets of bohemian Užupis, a Vilnius neighbourhood that proclaimed itself a republic in 2002. A member of the government introduces you to its quirky history and artistic flair. A highlight of your travels will be a visit to the fortified island castle of Trakai. Originally built in the 15th century and now restored to all its glory, this red-brick castle is located on an island in Lake Galvė.

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 16** REJUVENATED WARSAW

Pass lakeside Augustow during a scenic journey through Masuria, a region blessed with a plethora of lakes and forests. (B) (DW)

#### The Westin Warsaw.

#### **DAY 17 EXPLORING WARSAW**

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert to see the Palace of Culture and stroll through Łazienki Park to the Chopin Memorial. Take a moment to reflect at the Monument to Ghetto Heroes, then walk to Market Square in the Old Town.

Join your newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy a fine selection of local dishes, with wine. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 18 DEPART WARSAW**

Your transfers will arrive at Warsaw airport at 07:30 and 10:00. (B)  $\,$ 





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Peterhof Palace and Gardens. (*Photo by @Cheryl. meredith, Day 9, St. Petersbourg*)



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Heritage Site

1 Central

Hotels + Nights
Scenic
Hotels + Nights

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# **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

By our guests and Travel Directors



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ASKLEPION, TURKEY



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(a)TRAVELLINGINSIGHTTIM MASADA, ISRAEL



(a) ERININSIGHT SANTORINI, GREECE





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10 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 11 MEALS 7 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Santorini:** Learn from a local geology expert how the Santorini caldera, one of Earth's natural wonders, was formed 3,500 years ago.

Meet a local captain and cruise Little Venice of Mykonos on a traditional boat.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Santorini:** What better way to start your island adventure than to sip on a cocktail as you take in one of the world's most beautiful sunsets.

Taste local delicacies in Mykonos.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by ferry from Athens, to Santorini and Mykonos.

Visit the Acropolis in Athens.

City tour of Athens with a Local Expert. See the Arch of Hadrian and Temple of Olympian Zeus in Athens.

# GREEK ISLAND HOPPER

"Our guests are so inspired after meeting our geology expert in Santorini. He takes us off the beaten path to hidden churches, caves and unknown lookouts, while sharing all of the scientific insights." – Erin, Travel Director









ACROPOLIS, ATHENS

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO ATHENS

An Insight host will meet you at the airport and take you to the hotel, where there is time to settle in and relax

At 19:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and get to know your fellow travellers over a delightful evening of dinner and wine. (DW)

Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

#### **DAY 2** ATHENS SIGHTSEEING

Today your mythical Grecian discovery encapsulates the intriguing history of ancient Greece. Begin with an exploration revealing the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Acropolis, one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowning the top is the Parthenon, visible from almost everywhere in the city. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### **DAY 3** DEPART FOR SANTORINI

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the port for the early ferry to Santorini. Famed for the scattered white Cycladic houses that rest upon its cliffs, Santorini is a dreamy getaway. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and take time to relax. Why not take a dip in the pool?

In the evening join your fellow travellers for a refreshing cocktail as you watch the sunset over the caldera and the Aegean Sea. (B)

Costa Grand Resort & Spa/Orama Hotel & Spa, Santorini.

#### **DAY 4** SANTORINI

Relaxed Start. Today you'll delve into the geological history of Santorini. In the morning a local geology expert will divulge secrets about this volcanic island and the caldera, revealing the details of its formation. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. Why not head out for a swim at Ammoudi Bay, to visit the Santorini Wine Museum or ask your Travel Director for some restaurant recommendations? (B)

#### **DAY 5** SANTORINI AT LEISURE

With a day at leisure, why not take the opportunity to visit the site of Akrotiri, an ancient city covered by volcanic ash and unearthed in 1967. If shopping is to your liking, spend your time walking the white walled alleyways, browsing the many shops and taking in the breathtaking views of the caldera. (B)

#### **DAY 6 MYKONOS SIGHTSEEING**

**Relaxed Start.** After your breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the port for the ferry sailing to Mykonos. Upon arrival you'll be transferred to your hotel. Explore the town of Mykonos with a Local Expert and discover the maze of pretty alleyways of stunning Cycladic houses, lining the island mountainside

Later, make a welcoming stop to taste a selection of local delicacies and learn the secrets of Mykonian Cuisine. (B)

Royal Myconian/Myconian Imperial, Mykonos.

#### **DAY 7 MYKONOS AT LEISURE**

Relaxed Start. Today you'll have free time to explore as you wish with many exciting adventures to choose from. Why not take a transfer to the picturesque Mykonos Town and explore the beautiful port area, including the famous windmills, the Matoyinnia Alleys? Or perhaps visit Delos, a small island off the coast. (B)

#### **DAY 8 MYKONOS**

**Relaxed Start.** Board your kaiki, a traditional boat and meet a Greek captain and his family to cruise around the stunning, world-famous Little Venice of Mykonos. Sit back and relax as you enjoy views of the iconic windmills. (weather permitting). (B)

#### **DAY 9** DEPART MYKONOS

After breakfast at your hotel you will be transferred to the port of Mykonos to board the ship to Piraeus in Athens. Once here you will be met at the port and transferred to your Athens hotel. There is time in the afternoon for you to do some last-minute sightseeing, souvenir shopping or just relax at your hotel.

Enjoy your last night with your fellow travellers at a Celebration Dinner to toast your experiences.
(B) (DW)

Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

#### **DAY 10 DEPART ATHENS**

Your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Athens airport. (B)



**AUTHENTIC DINING**Taste some of the local delicacies such as Spannakopita. (*Day 6, Myknonos*)



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⊞UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

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# OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE See the famous windmills, the Matoyinnia Alleys. (Photo by @Sarahbrowning, Day 7, Mykonos)



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**Olympia:** Taste unique flavours and savour Greek regional specialties over a colourful Highlight Dinner.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

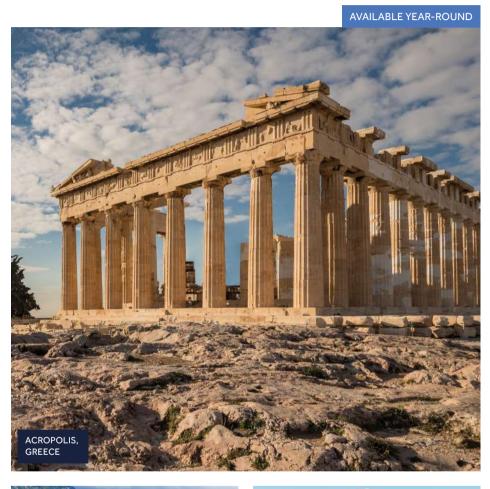
Visit the Acropolis • Meteora monastery • The Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo in Delphi. City tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi and Mycenae, all with Local Experts.

# GLORIES OF GREECE

"Guests love meeting Yorgos, a friend of mine, who cultivates oranges and mandarins in the area of Pyrgos in Peloponnese.

During harvest time, he treats you to fresh aromatic citrus fruits."

- Lisa, Travel Director







METEORA NAFPLIO

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Continue to Thermopylae, famous as the mountain pass where King Leonidas led his Spartan army, along with fellow Greek soldiers, into battle against the Persians in 480 B.C.

See the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his courageous Spartans.

Then on to your hotel in Kalambaka for a delicious dinner from a fresh, seasonal menu. (B) (DW)

### Divani Meteora Hotel/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka

#### **DAY 3** THE PINNACLES OF METEORA

Relaxed Start. With your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora, meaning 'in the air.' The massive pinnacles of smooth rock are ancient, yet could also be the setting for a science fiction tale. Visit one of the monasteries, that adds to the strange and beautiful landscape and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Why not explore with a relaxed walk on the nature trails? Alternatively, you may wish to visit the Natural History Museum. (B)

#### DAY 4 THE SACRED WAY AND ONTO OLYMPIA

Travel south, stopping at the foothills of Mount Parnassus.

Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall, with its interlocking stones still perfectly intact after thousands of years. You'll approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumoured to have successfully predicted events related to the Argonauts expedition and the Trojan War. Your travels continue to Olympia, where dinner is served in your hotel. (B) (DW)

#### Arty Grand Hotel/Amalia Hotel Olympia.

#### **DAY 5** ANCIENT OLYMPIA

It's all in the name. Ancient Olympia is the site where the Ancient Olympic Games began in 776 B.C., in dedication to Zeus.

See the ruined Temple of Zeus that was built to honour the ruler of the gods. Continue your exploration through time to the athletes gymnasium and the Ancient Stadium of Olympia with its characteristic arch. The start and finish points for the sprint track are still marked by stones and there is time to capture your own memory, with a photo at the starting line.

In the evening, join a local cheffor an entertaining cooking demonstration, showcasing classic Greek cuisine. Experience authentic Greek flavours, as you savour dishes prepared for your Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 6 MYCENAE AND NAFPLIO

Today you leave the town of Olympia and begin your journey back to the Greek capital. Stop for a visit at the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Walk through the Lion Gate, visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones, used to build the city walls. Later, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet the artisans at a family-run pottery studio and view beautiful works of art. Travel to the elegant town of Nafplio known for its beautiful architecture, colourful shops and vibrant cafes.

Your journey continues, following the shores of the Saronic Gulf to pass the Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese and mainland Greece, before arriving in Athens

In the evening enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner in true Greek style, paired with fine wine and good company. (B) (DW)

Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

#### **DAY 7** DEPART ATHENS

**Relaxed Start.** This morning after breakfast, your Grecian odyssey comes to an end. Take a complimentary transfer to Athens Airport for your onward journey. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Visit the towering rocks of Meteora with your Local Expert. (*Photo by @Insighttracy, Day 3, Meteora*)





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Walk The Sacred Way and see the Temple of Pronea with your Local Expert. (Photo by @ ErinTDGreece, Day 4, Delphi)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the remains of the Temple of Zeus. (Photo by @Caseyneale, Day 5, Olympia)



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#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Highlight Dinner in Olympia • Greek Celebration Dinner in Athens.

DAY 1 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

DAY 2 - 3 Divani Meteora Hotel/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka.

DAY 4 - 5 Arty Grand Hotel/Amalia Hotel

DAY 6 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

DAY 7 - 9 Costa Grand Resort & Spa/De Sol Hotel & Spa, Santorini.

DAY 10 - 12 Rhenia Mykonos Hotel/Porto Mykonos Hotel, Mykonos.

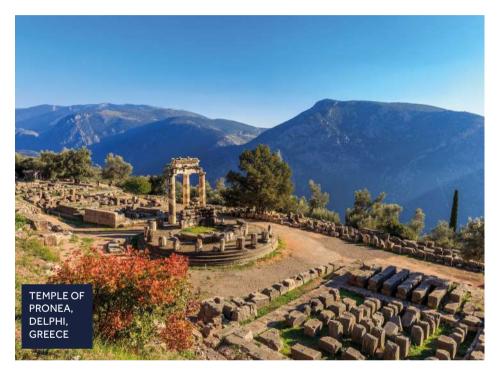
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# TREASURES OF **GREECE & THE ISLANDS**

"The diversity of the amazing destinations on this trip evokes so many emotions. Much of the Greek island architecture is naturally soothing and inspiring." - Lisa, Travel Director



Your transfer from Athens airport takes you to your hotel. Explore the ancient history of the city with your Local Expert, as you stand atop the Acropolis. See the memorial dedicated to legendary Leonidas and his courageous Spartans. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora and explore one of the clifftop monasteries Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi to reach the Temple of Apollo. Learn about the Ancient Olympic Take a walk in the

ruined city of Mycenae

and join a MAKÉ

TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a family-run pottery studio. Take a walk in colourful Nafplio, before returning to Athens. Travel to Santorini and relax in clifftop restaurants, laze on sun-soaked beaches and admire the famous sunset. The deep blue of the Aegean Sea and whitewashed houses of the Cyclades provide an idyllic backdrop for your time on the islands. In lively Mykonos Town, explore the maze of charming alleyways lined with small shops and bars. On your final day, a transfer will take you to







Athens airport.







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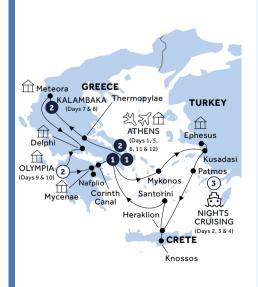
# **GRECIAN LEGENDS**

"Greece is one of the most mountainous countries in Europe, with the highest peak being none other than the sacred home to the Olympian Gods, Mount Olympus." - Erin, Travel Director



Your transfer from Athens airport takes you to your hotel. The deep blue of the Aegean Sea provides the idyllic backdrop for your three-night cruise. While on board, enjoy a variety of Mediterranean dishes, unlimited soft drinks and alcoholic beverages. In lively Mykonos town, explore the maze of charming alleyways, lined with small shops and bars. Call in at the Turkish port of Kusadasi and visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus. Sail to Patmos, where St John the Divine was exiled by the Roman Emperor Domitian.

dock in Heraklion, the site of the ruins of King Minos' Palace of Knossos. Discover Thira, the capital of Santorini, before making your way back to Athens. Explore the ancient history with your Local Expert as you are standing atop the Acropolis. In Mycenae, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a family-run pottery studio. Join a local chef in Olympia for an entertaining cooking demonstration. followed by an authentic Greek dinner. On the final day of your trip a transfer will take you to Athens airport.



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MAR | 24,31

**AUG** | 04, 11, 18, 25

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JUL | 07, 14, 21, 28



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**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

12 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 22 MEALS

13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Mycenae: Discover ancestral pottery methods at an artist's studio that preserves important skills and ancient traditions..

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Olympia: Chef Farije shares with you her passion for local ingredients and high quality products. Learn how to make moussaka and other regional dishes during a fun and immersive cooking demonstration..

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Celebration Dinner in Athens • Breakfast, lunch and dinner, all with drinks, served daily whilst cruising.

DAY 1 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

DAY 2 - 4 MV Celestyal Olympia (or similar)

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DAY 7 - 8 Divani Meteora Hotel/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka,

DAY 9 - 10 Arty Grand Hotel/Amalia Hotel Olympia.

DAY 11 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.



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Journey to Crete and

#### 2022

**MAR** | 29 **AUG** | 02, 09, 16, 23.30

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**SEP** | 06, 13, 20, 27 MAY | 03, 10, 17,

**OCT** | 04, 11, 18 24 31

JUN | 07, 14, 21, 28 JUL | 05, 12, 19, 26



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**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

#### 12 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 24 MFALS 14 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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DAY 11 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.



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# **GRECIAN DREAMS**

"Jana, at the cooking class in Olympia, is a hit with guests. She is vibrant, energetic and manages to get even the reluctant dancers up onto the dance floor after our cooking experience, for a night of fun." - Mia, Travel Director



Your transfer from Athens airport takes you to your hotel. Learn about ancient history with your Local Expert, as you explore the Acropolis. In Mycenae, ioin a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a family-run pottery studio. Join a local chef in Olympia for an entertaining cooking demonstration, followed by an authentic Greek dinner. The deep blue of the Aegean Sea and the bright sun provide the idyllic backdrop for your four-night cruise. Eniov a variety of Mediterranean dishes on board with unlimited soft drinks and alcoholic beverages

In lively Mykonos town, explore the maze of charming alleyways, lined with small shops and bars. Call in at the Turkish port of Kusadasi and visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus. Sail to Patmos where St. John the Divine was exiled by the Roman Emperor Domitian. Enjoy a full day in Rhodes to relax or visit the village of Lindos. Journey to Crete and and perhaps see the ruins of King Minos' Palace of Knossos. Discover Thira, the capital of Santorini, before making your way back to Athens.

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# **GRECIAN FABLES**

"Guests are curious about the evil eye, which can be spotted often in Greece and Turkey. I enjoy telling them the history behind it and they often share superstitions from their own countries."

- Moraig, Travel Director



Your transfer from Athens airport takes you to your hotel. Take in Athens' spectacular sites on a guided sightseeing tour and visit the Acropolis. In Mycenae, meet a family of potters and learn about their craft during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Join a local chef in Olympia for an entertaining cooking demonstration, followed by an authentic Greek dinner. Embark on a majestic sevennight cruise. sailing across the deep blue Aegean Sea. While on board, enjoy a variety of Mediterranean dishes, unlimited soft

drinks and alcoholic beverages. Call in at the Turkish port of Kusadasi and visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus. In Rhodes, visit the village of Lindos. Journey to Crete for a full day, to relax and soak in the spectacular views. Relax and wander the famous white houses in Santorini. Sail to Milos and marvel at its crystal waters and white cliffs. In lively Mykonos Town, enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the maze of charming alleyways. On the final day of your trip, a transfer will take you to Athens airport.



#### TRIP START DATES

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Select departures operate with an alternative cruise itinerary.

**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

15 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 32 MEALS

14 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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DAY 6 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

DAY 7 - 13 MV Celestyal Experience (or

DAY 14 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.











2022

MAR | 12, 19, 26 **AUG** | 06, 13, 20, 27

APR | 02, 09, 16, **SEP** | 03, 10, 17, 24

23,30 **OCT** | 01, 08, 15, 22

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JUN | 04, 11, 18, 25

JUL | 02, 09, 16,

23,30



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**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY** 

8 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 15 MEALS **4 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES** 

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★☆☆

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Drink in Athens • Breakfast, lunch and dinner, all with drinks, served daily whilst

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise the Mediterranean for four-nights.

Visit the Acropolis • the Greek islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini • Ephesus • The Acropolis of Lindos

City tours of Athens and Lindos, both with Local Experts.

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DAY 3 - 6 MV Celestyal Olympia (or similar).

DAY 7 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.



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# **MEDITERRANEAN DREAMS**

"Our quests enjoy meeting Dimitris, our friendly Local Expert in Rhodes, who has lived there all his life. From him you can truly understand the way of life on a Greek island paradise."

- Moraig, Travel Director



Transfer from Athens airport to your hotel by coach. Learn about the ancient history of the Greek capital with a Local Expert as you explore the Acropolis. Soak up the sun on a four-night cruise of the deep blue Aegean Sea and savour a delightful variety of Mediterranean dishes on board. In lively Mykonos Town, explore the maze of charming alleyways, lined with shops and bars. Call in the Turkish port of Kusadasi and visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus, Sail to Patmos, where St. John the Divine was exiled by the Roman Emperor Domitian. In

Rhodes, join a walking tour of the medieval old town and visit the village of Lindos. Journey to Crete, dock in Heraklion. perhaps see the ruins of King Minos' Palace of Knossos. Discover Fira, the capital of Santorini, before making your way back to Athens. Disembark in the morning and enjoy the day at leisure. On your final day, a transfer will take you to Athens airport.















# MEDITERRANEAN **FABLES**

"Greece is such a diverse country with so much to offer, history, beautiful scenery and of course, magnificent islands."

- Mia. Travel Director



Your transfer from Athens airport takes you to your hotel. Learn about the ancient history of the Greek capital as you explore the Acropolis with your Local Expert. The deep blue of the Aegean Sea provides the idyllic backdrop for your seven-night cruise and guests enjoy a variety of Mediterranean dishes on board. Call in the Turkish port of Kusadasi and visit the ancient ruins of

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and stop in the village

of Lindos. Journey to Crete and perhaps explore the ruins of

King Minos' Palace of Knossos. Spend time in spectacular Fira, the capital of Santorini. Sail to Milos and marvel at its crystal waters and white cliffs. In lively Mykonos town, explore the maze of charming alleyways lined with small shops and bars, and take some time to relax

Make your way back to Athens, where you disembark in the morning and enjoy a day at leisure. On your final day, a transfer will take you to Athens airport.



#### **TRIP START DATES**

#### 2022

APR | 07, 14, 21, 28 SEP | 01.08.15.22.

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**DEC** | 01, 08 JUL | 07, 14, 21, 28

**AUG** | 04, 11, 18, 25



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Select departures operate with an alternative cruise itinerary, exploring Greece & Turkey.

**® REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY** 

11 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES 23 MEALS 4 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Drink in Athens • Breakfast lunch and dinner, all with drinks, served daily whilst cruising

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise the Mediterranean for 7 nights.

Visit the Acropolis • the Greek islands of Rhodes, Crete, Santorini, Milos, and Mykonos • Ephesus.

City tours of Athens and Lindos, both with a Local Expert.

DAY 1 - 2 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

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DAY 10 Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

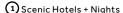


















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## VIEW ONLINE FOR FULL DATES, PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Combine this trip with Israel
Discovery to create ISRAEL AND
JORDAN WITH THE DEAD SEA.

REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: DYNAMIC

7 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
12 MEALS
9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Amman:** Visit the Iraq-Al Amir Women's Cooperative supported by the TreadRight Foundation. Learn some skills behind these traditional handicraft activities from the ladies of the cooperative and admire their work, which helps boost their financial livelihoods.

Dine at Beit Khairat Souf women-owned café.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Wadi Rum:** Join an astronomer in one of the most magical places on earth for a private stargazing session, and sweeping views of the night sky.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Amman: Choose to join a guided tour and discover the highlights of the city. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

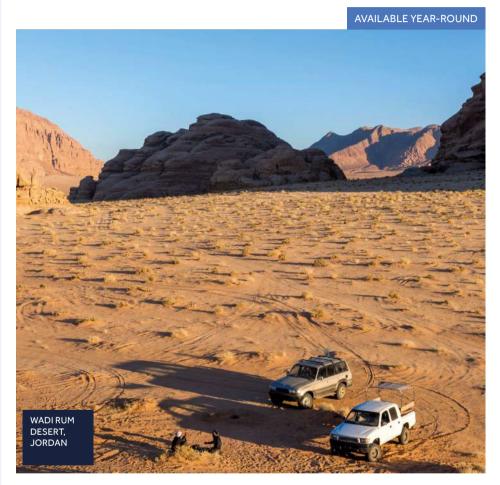
Traditional Jordanian lunch in Jerash • Dine with local Bedouins at the Ammarin Camp in Petra • Traditional Jordanian barbecue dinner in Wadi Rum.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by jeep safari in Wadi Rum. Visit Jerash Ruins • Crusader Fortress of

# JORDAN EXPERIENCE WITH DEAD SEA OPTION

"Guests love their experience in Jordan, making labneh balls at the Iraq Al Amir Women's Co-op, and the positive feeling they get helping to support the locals." – Ahmed, Travel Director







PETRA THE DEAD SEA

Shobak

#### **DAY 1** ARRIVE AMMAN

The landscape of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has changed very little in 2,000 years. On arrival at Amman airport, you are transferred to your hotel to relax and settle in.

Later, join your Travel Director for drinks and a Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Amman Marriott Hotel.

#### DAY 2 EXPLORING AMMAN AND JERASH

After breakfast depart for Iraq Al-Amir for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit a women's cooperative involving women and girls from nearby Wadi Al Seer villages. The Association is supported by Insight Vacations through The TreadRight Foundation and provides training and work opportunities for women in the region. Then, the journey to Jerash reveals the most beautifully preserved example of a Greco-Roman city still in existence. Enter through Hadrian's Arch, to explore the grand ruins of the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, where you can listen to the Whispering Column. Overlook the vast Oval Plaza and Cardo Maximus, the key Roman road.

Enjoy al fresco lunch of natural produce and family recipes at Beit Khairat Souf, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This women-owned café is combatting women's unemployment and aims to build a strong community of female leaders. Return to Amman where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B) (L)

# DAY 3 MADABA, MOUNT NEBO, SHOBAK AND ON TO PETRA

Continue to Mount Nebo, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, where Moses stood and saw before him the Promised Land. At Madaba, visit the famous Greek Orthodox Church of St. George with its amazing 6th century mosaic map depicting the entire Holy Land, stretching from Jordan and Palestine in the north, to Egypt in the south. Follow the King's Highway to visit Shobak, an authentic 12th century crusader fortress, perched on the side of a rocky mountain. Admire the towers and Arabic calligraphy on the external walls before stepping inside to discover the original Crusader chapel, palace complex, and even a set of secret passages!

Then head south for one of the highlights of your journey: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra, voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. (B) (DW)

#### Petra Marriott Hotel.

#### DAY 4 EXPLORING THE LOST CITY OF PETRA

This day is devoted to the beautiful 'rose-red city, half as old as time'. You enter this lost city through a narrow gorge, the Siq, with walls that rise up to 200 metres. Emerge from the path to see the magnificent Treasury, carved out of solid rock and standing over 40 metres high.

Wind your way through the canyon to explore the Roman Amphitheatre, which once seated 3,000 spectators, and the ancient tombs.

Tonight, dine with locals in a stunning backdrop at the Ammarin desert camp. (B) (D)

#### DAY 5 WADI RUM WITH THE BEDOUIN

Head to Wadi Rum. Enjoy beautiful vistas as you make your way on a jeep safari deep into the heart of Wadi Rum's majestic desert.

## Enjoy the spectacular Bedouin hospitality tonight as you dine with locals under the stars.

Wadi Rum is known as one of the world's best place for stargazing. After dinner join an astronomer for a private stargazing session, a magical experience. Stay in elegant simplicity in a desert camp for the night. (B) (D)

Sun City Camp, Wadi Rum.

#### **DAY 6 AMMAN**

If you wish, start the day with sunrise yoga at the Bedouin camp, before returning to Amman. Explore Amman with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided sightseeing to discover the highlights of the city and learn about the history and culture. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffit walking tour.

Later, check in at your hotel where the rest of your day is at leisure.

Join in a lively dinner to celebrate the end of your Jordanian adventures. (B) (DW)

Amman Marriott Hotel.

#### DAY 7 DEPART AMMAN

Your journey concludes with a transfer to the airport. Alternatively, why not extend your stay with a short drive to the lowest spot on earth? The Jordan Valley Dead Sea Resort and Spa is 400 metres below sea level. (B)

#### **OPTIONAL DEAD SEA EXTENSION**

#### DAY 7 ONWARDS TO THE DEAD SEA

**Relaxed Start.** Transfer to the Dead Sea for its warm, soothing mineral-rich waters. Pamper yourself at your resort which offers a wide range of treatments to soothe the body and mind. (B) (DW))

Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa.

#### **DAY 8** DEAD SEA AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy the entire day at your leisure. Lying more than 400 metres below sea level, this is Earth's lowest point on dry land. Its famous hypersaline water makes floating easy. The surrounding desert offers many oases and historic sites to explore. (B) (D

#### **DAY 9 DEPART AMMAN**

After breakfast, you are transferred to Amman Airport for your onward flight. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore the well preserved Greco-Roman City. (*Photo by @travelling\_insighttim, Day 2, Jerash*)





MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Iraq Al-Amir Women's Co-op. (Photo by @travelling\_insighttim, Day 2, Amman)



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#### **KEY**

₩ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

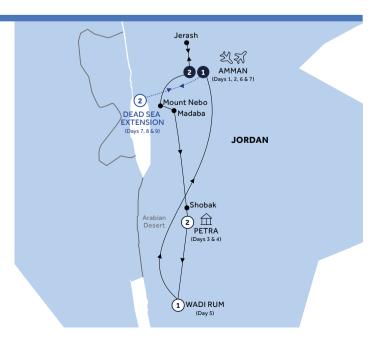
Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

Trip Options

## CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

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Combine this trip with Jordan Experience to form **ISRAEL AND JORDAN**.

Combine this trip with Jordan and the Dead Sea to create ISRAEL AND JORDAN WITH THE DEAD SEA.

© REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

#### 9 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 12 MEALS 13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*\*

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Hula Valley:** Join a ranger for a tour of the Agmon Hahula nature reserve. Visit the ecological garden, protecting endangered plant species native to the region.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Tel Aviv:** Meet a local artist for a private tour of their studio in Jaffa's artists' quarter.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Sea of Galilee:** Choose to join a relaxing cruise on Lake Kinneret. Alternatively, meet one of the archaeologists who found the Ancient Galilee Boat and hear the story of its excavation.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Friday Shabbat Highlight Dinner in Tiberias • Celebration Dinner in Jerusalem.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by cable car to the fortress of Masada • Swim in the Dead Sea.

Visit the Roman and Crusader ruins of Caesarea • Church of Annunciation in Nazareth • Capernaum Synagogue • Garden of Gethsemene in Jerusalem • Yad Vashem Museum • Israel Museum.

City tours of Tel Aviv, Caesrea, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem, all with Local Experts

# ISRAEL DISCOVERY

"You'll love meeting the person in charge of opening and closing the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. His family were given the keys and this responsibility, 800 years ago!"

- Rafael, Travel Director









**CHALLAH BREAD** 

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO TEL AVIV

You will be met at Ben Gurion Airport and driven to vour hotel in Tel Aviv.

At 19:30 meet your travel companions for a Welcome Reception and a short introduction to your Israeli adventures.

#### Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel.

#### DAY 2 EXPLORING VIBRANT TEL AVIV

**Relaxed Start.** Morning sightseeing showcases the highlights of this vibrant city, including the Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square and Carmel Market

Venture along the seashore to the ancient city of Jaffa to see the famous clock tower and the old harbour. Visit the artists' quarter with its galleries, boutiques and picturesque narrow lanes. Walk along the seaside promenade at sunset for spectacular views, as local musicians and street artists take to the stage. Meet a local artist at their

gallery for an insight into their work and inspiration.

#### **DAY 3** CAESAREA TO GALILEE

Travel from Tel Aviv, along the coastal road to Caesarea, to visit the archeological park. The ancient city built by King Herod was once a major port and hub of activity in the Judea province. Explore the ancient Roman and Crusader ruins, including the huge amphitheatre. Travel via Haifa to Acre, fought over for centuries and captured in turn by Saracens and Crusaders, including Richard the Lionheart. See the fortress, the old harbour area and a Crusader crypt.

In Nazareth, visit one of Christianity's most sacred places, the Church of Annunciation, built on the site where the angel Gabriel is said to have appeared to Mary.

Soon, ochre villages and seaside towns are replaced by green hills, rich crops and colourful groves, as you approach Tiberias, your home for the night.

The day concludes with a brief introduction to life on a Kibbutz.

This evening, break traditional challah bread with your travel companions over a cheerful Shabbat dinner. (B) (DW)

#### Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias.

#### DAY 4 HULA VALLEY

**Relaxed Start.** Journey to the vast Hula Valley. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and meet a ranger for a tour of the Agmom Hahula ecological garden. This nature reserve is home to endangered plant species native of the Hula Valley, and also hosts a bird park on one of the most important migration routes in the world. (B)

#### DAY 5 TO THE DEAD SEA

Explore Galilee with Insight Choice. Choose to cruise the serene waters of Lake Kinneret for glorious views of the Golan Heights. Alternatively, find out more about the remains of a 1st century fishing boat that was found embedded at the bottom of the lake.

Visit Capernaum, where Jesus is said to have entered the synagogue to teach, before heading to the Mount of Beatitudes, where he preached the Sermon on the Mount.

Journey through ever-changing landscapes along the Jordan Valley, past ancient Jericho, to take a dip in the buoyant salt waters of the Dead Sea. (B) (D)

Herods Dead Sea, Ein Bokek.





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Travel by cable car to the fortress. (Photo by @insighttim, Day 6. Masada)

# DAY 6 MASADA AND THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM

Take a cable car ride up to the fortress of Masada, where Jewish zealots held out for three years against King Herod's armies.

Travel through the Judean Hills to Mount Scopus for breathtaking views of Jerusalem.

Visit King David's Tomb on Mount Zion, and the Room of the Last Supper. Enter the Old City and follow the winding cobbled alleyways to the magnificent Wailing Wall, the most sacred monument in Judaism. (B)

#### Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem.

#### **DAY 7** EXPLORING JERUSALEM

Today is dedicated to exploring the multiple facets of Jerusalem.

Visit Yad Vashem, a memorial for those who perished in the Holocaust. Continue to the Israel Museum and retrace the history of the city. Visit the Shrine of the Book, home to ancient Dead Sea scrolls, and look out for the most ancient one, the Isaiah scroll, dating from the third century B.C. (B)

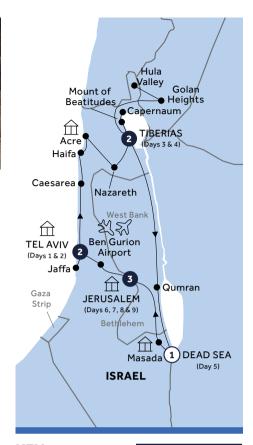
#### DAY 8 OPTIONAL BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a relaxed morning or alternatively choose to meet your Local Expert at the West Bank border and continue to the holy city of Bethlehem. The Optional Experience includes visiting the Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world. The structure is built over the cave that tradition marks as the birthplace of Christ, and is considered sacred by followers of both Christianity and Islam. In the afternoon, visit the Garden of Gethsemene and walk through the Old City to see the Temple Mount, one of Islam's holiest sites. Continue along the Via Dolorosa past the Stations of the Cross, Ecce Homo Arch, and the Pool of Bethesda, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

At night, toast your adventures over a hearty Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 9** DEPART JERUSALEM

Your journey comes to an end with transfers to the airport. (B)



#### **KEY**

¥ Join/Leave Options
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∰ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY** 

9 DAYS 1 COUNTRY

17 MEALS
20 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Cairo:** Cruise to Qursaya Island by high speed boat and meet the members of VeryNile, the first large scale initiative to clean the Nile. The project raises awareness and supports local fishermen to make an income.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Luxor:** Enjoy listening to stories of village life from local residents, when you visit a family home for a tasting of authentic Egyptian sun bread.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

**Aswan:** Follow in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie as you enjoy high tea at Aswan's famous Old Cataract Hotel, as the sun begins to set.

Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on the Nile cruise.

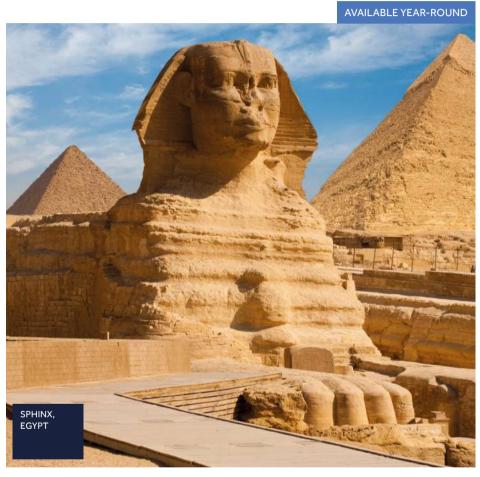
#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise the Nile for four-nights from Luxor to Aswan • Travel with return flights from Cairo • Ride a Nile felucca.

Visit the Karnak Temple Complex • Luxor Museum • Valley of the Kings and Temple Hatshepsut on the West Bank • Luxor Temple • Temple of Kom Ombo • High Dam and Granite Quarries of Aswan • Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae • Egyptian Museum • Pyramids of Giza.

# WONDERS OF EGYPT

"Araby is our Local Expert, who we call the bird watcher. As you sail across the Nile in Aswan with him, he points out the birdlife passing by the nature reserve islands." – Hazem, Travel Director









(O) @JUSTICETRIPS, CAIRO

#### **DAY 1** ARRIVE IN CAIRO

Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

#### Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam 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 four nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts

Get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a welcome drink followed by dinner.

The rest of your evening is at leisure. (B) (L) (DW)

#### MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

#### DAY 3 VALLEY OF THE KINGS TO EDFU

This morning, 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. Visit the massive Luxor Temple complex, which archeologists began excavating in the 1860s and didn't complete until the 1960s. Return to your cruise ship and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu, for your overnight stay. (B) (L) (D)

#### DAY 4 KOM OMBO TO ASWAN

**Relaxed Start.** In the early morning sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods, the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder.

In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on board your ship. (B) (L) (D)

## DAY 5 ASWAN'S HIGH DAM AND NILE FELUCCA

In the morning, visit the Aswan 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, it was the last temple built in the classical Egyptian style.

Later, on a traditional Nile Felucca, meet a sailor and learn about traditional sailing practices.

As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. The likes of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie stayed at this pretty venue, and Christie supposedly wrote "Death on the Nile" from the hotel itself. (B) (L) (AT) (D)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Visit the unique double Temple of Kom Ombo. (*Photo by @Insight.kathleen, Day 4, Kom Ombo*)

#### DAY 6 ASWAN AND BACK TO CAIRO

Relaxed Start. This morning, disembark your cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure in Aswan. Why not join an Optional Experience and travel by air to the magnificent Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Located in a village in Nubia, they are found in Upper Egypt. Otherwise, spend the morning as you wish. Perhaps soak up the African atmosphere in the Nubian bazaar or visit one of the many points of interest nearby, such as the Botanical Gardens, Elephantine Island and the Aga Khan Mausoleum.

Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo for the night. (B)

#### Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

## DAY 7 THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM AND CITADEL

Begin your city sightseeing with your Egyptologist at the world-famous Egyptian Museum. Starring among its attractions is the amazing treasure recovered from Tutankhamun's tomb.

Explore Cairo with Insight Choice. Choose to explore Cairo Citadel and see the Great Alabaster Mosque. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on Qursaya Island, home to the first large scale initiative to clean the Nile.

Later, you will have free time to enjoy as you wish. In the evening, take your seats at the magical Sound and Light Show at the Great Pyramids which literally illuminates the history of Giza—an unforgettable introduction to the world of ancient Eqypt. (B)

#### DAY 8 THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Gain a deeper understanding of the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, during a visit to Giza with your Egyptologist. Meet the enigmatic Sphinx, crouching at the foot of the Chephrenis Causeway and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids.

Nearby lies Memphis, capital of the Old Kingdom, where you can see the colossal statue of Ramesses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to view the Step Pyramid of Zoser, which dates back 2686 B.C., making it the oldest pyramid in the world.

Enjoy free time in the afternoon. (B).

#### **DAY 9** DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Witness the majestic Temple of Isis rising from the waters. (Photo by @Ulla\_insight, Day 5, Philae Island)



#### KEY

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**★** Included Flights

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Luxor:** Enjoy listening to stories of village life from local residents, when you visit a family home for a tasting of authentic Egyptian sun bread.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

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See the Colossi of Memnon • Cairo Citadel • Great Alabaster Mosque • Giza's Sound and Light Show • Statue of Rameses II and the Alabaster Sphinx in Memphis • Sakkara's Step Pyramid of Zoser I.

# SPLENDOURS OF EGYPT

"Guests love visiting a family home in Luxor, to learn about the local culture and taste the traditional Egyptian sun bread."

- Ossama, Travel Director









**@ULLA, PHILAE TEMPLE** 

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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 Welcome Drink followed by dinner.
The rest of the evening is at leisure. (B) (L) (DW)

MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

# DAY 3 EXPLORING DENDERA AND ON TO

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 Caesarian.

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. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the facilities on your cruise ship. Ask your Travel Director for recommendations on things to do onboard or perhaps ask for more insights into Egypt's fascinating history? (B) (L) (D)

#### DAY 6 FELUCCAS AND HIGH TEA

**Relaxed Start.** 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.

As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, just like 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) (AT) (D)

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

**Relaxed Start.** 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.





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings. (Photo by @insight.kathleen, Day 9, Luxor)

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#### DAY 8 CRUISING THE NILE TO LUXOR

**Relaxed Start.** 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)

#### DAY 9 EXPLORE LUXOR AND FLY TO CAIRO

Disembark from your cruise and travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile.

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 ${\sf Cairo\,Marriott\,Hotel\,\&\,Omar\,Khayyam\,Casino}.$ 

#### DAY 10 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.

Later, see history come to life on the pyramids as you witness the magical Sound and Light Show. (B).

#### **DAY 11** 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 12 DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore the magnificent Pyramids of Giza with your Egyptologist. (*Photo by* @*Insightphilip*, Day 10, Cairo)



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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Amman: Visit the Iraq-Al Amir Women's Cooperative supported by the TreadRight Foundation. Learn some skills behind these traditional handicraft activities from the ladies of the cooperative and admire their work, which helps boost their financial livelihoods. Visit Agmon Hahula reserve in Israel.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Wadi Rum: Join an astronomer in one of the most magical places on earth for a private stargazing session, and sweeping views of the night sky.

Meet an artist in Tel Aviv.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Amman: Choose to join a guided tour and discover the highlights of the city. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour.

Choose between two experiences in Galilee.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Friday Shabbat Dinner in Tiberias • Dine with Bedouins in Petra • Traditional barbecue dinner in Wadi Rum • high tea in Aswan.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel with return flights to Luxor • Ride a traditional Nile felucca • Swim in the Dead Sea • Join a Jeep safari in Wadi Rum.

# LAND OF THE PROPHETS

"Three religions come to life on this trip and are combined with modern culture, cuisine and sights." - Rafael, Travel Director









TEL AVIV HARBOUR, ISRAEL

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO TEL AVIV

You will be met at Ben Gurion Airport and driven to your hotel in Tel Aviv.

At 19:30 meet your travel companions for a Welcome Reception and a short introduction to your Israeli adventures.

#### Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel.

#### DAY 2 EXPLORING VIBRANT TEL AVIV

**Relaxed Start.** See the Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square and Carmel Market.

Venture along the seashore to the ancient city of Jaffa to see the famous clock tower and meet an artist for a tour of their studio. (B)

#### DAYS 3 - 4 GALILEE AND HULA VALLEY

In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation. The day concludes with a brief introduction to life on a Kibbutz.

Break traditional challah bread with your travel companions over a cheerful Shabbat dinner.

The following day, journey to the Hula Valley and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Agmon Hahula reserve. With a ranger, visit the ecological garden. (B) (DW) (B)

#### Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias.

#### DAY 5 TO THE DEAD SEA

Explore Galilee with Insight Choice. Choose to cruise the serene waters of lake Kinneret for glorious views of the Golan Heights. Alternatively, find out more about the remains of a 1st century fishing boat that was found embedded at the bottom of the lake.

Visit Capernaum, where Jesus is said to have entered the synagogue to teach. (B) (D)

#### Herods Dead Sea, Ein Bokek.

## DAY 6 MASADA AND THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM

Take a cable car ride up to the fortress of Masada, where Jewish zealots held out for three years against King Herod's armies. In Jerusalem, visit the Room of the Last Supper and see the Wailing Wall (B)

#### Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem.

#### DAYS 7 - 8 EXPLORING JERUSALEM

Visit Yad Vashem, a memorial for those who perished in the Holocaust. Continue to the Israel Museum and retrace the history of the city. Visit the Shrine of the Book, home to ancient Dead Sea scrolls

Enjoy a relaxed morning or perhaps visit Bethlehem?

At night, toast your adventures over a hearty Highlight Dinner with wine. (B) (B) (DW)

#### DAY 9 FROM JERUSALEM TO AMMAN

Travel through the Judaean Desert to the border of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Once at your Amman hotel, relax and settle in before meeting your Jordanian Travel Director for drinks and dinner. (B) (DW)

#### Amman Marriott Hotel.

#### DAY 10 EXPLORING AMMAN AND JERASH

After breakfast depart for Iraq Al-Amir. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit a women's

cooperative, working with women and girls from the nearby Wadi Al Seer villages. The association is supported by Insight Vacations through The TreadRight Foundation and provides training and work opportunities for women in the region. Next, journey to Jerash, the most beautifully preserved example of a Greco-Roman city.

Enjoy an al fresco lunch of natural produce and family recipes at Beit Khairat Souf, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) (L)

#### DAYS 11 - 12 THE RED CITY OF PETRA

Visit Mount Nebo, Madaba and Shobak. Then head south to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra.

Dine with locals at the Ammarin desert camp with a stunning backdrop. (B) (DW) (B) (D)

#### Petra Marriott Hotel.

#### DAY 13 WADI RUM WITH THE BEDOUIN

Enjoy a jeep safari deep into the heart of Wadi Rum's majestic desert.

Dine with locals under the stars, and stay in elegant simplicity in a desert camp for the night.

Join an astronomer for a magical stargazing experience in the Jordanian desert. (B) (D)

#### Sun City Camp, Wadi Rum.

#### **DAY 14 AMMAN**

Explore Amman with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided sightseeing experience, highlighting the city's history, architecture and culture.

Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour.

Join in a lively dinner to celebrate the end of your Jordanian adventures. (B) (DW)

#### Amman Marriott Hotel.

#### DAY 15 AMMAN TO CAIRO

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel (R)

#### Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

#### DAYS 16 - 22 CRUISE THE NILE

Visit Luxor Temple and the Temple of Hathor in Dendera. Venture to Aswan's High Dam and granite quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk and explore the Temple of Isis. In Kom Ombo, visit the only temple in Egypt dedicated to two gods.

Enjoy a high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel. (B) (L) (D)

#### MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

# DAYS 23 - 25 EXPLORE LUXOR AND FLY TO CAIRO

Visit a local family home and witness the making of authentic Egyptian bread.

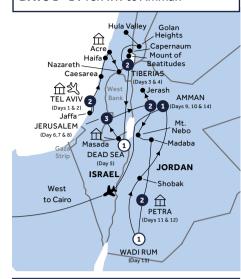
Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. Spend the last three days of your adventures exploring the city, including a visit to the Egyptian Museum with your Egyptologist, and step inside a pyramid. (B) (B) (B)

#### Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

#### **DAY 26 DEPART CAIRO**

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)

#### DAYS 1 - 14 Tel Aviv to Amman



#### DAYS 15 - 26 Cairo and Nile Cruise



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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Ayvalik:** Visit the vibrant Copmadam workshop which produces one-of-a-kind items made from recycled packaging, creating employment opportunities for local women.

#### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Cappadocia:** Join a Cappadocian local, who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house to learn more about their unique way of life.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Istanbul • Sema performance in a stone house followed by dinner in Cappadocia • Celebration Dinner in Istanbul.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

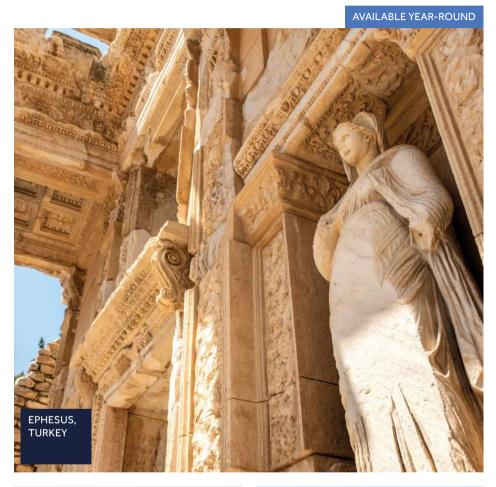
Travel by ferry across the Dardanelles • Cruise along the Bosphorus.

Visit Gallipoli Peninsula • Troy • Asklepion in Pergamon • Ephesus • Seljuk Caravanserai in Anatolia • Göreme open-air museum • Mausoleum of Atatürk in Ankara • Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.

# WONDERS OF TURKEY

"A local that guests love to meet is Fatma, who has lived in a cave house in Cappadocia for 40 years now. She has many interesting stories to share about her life in a cave dwelling."

- Orhan, Travel Director







ISTANBUL

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

Welcome to Istanbul. On arrival, a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for a Welcome Dinner, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers. (DW)

Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

#### DAY 2 GALLIPOLI AND ANZAC COVE

Make your way along the shores of the Sea of Marmara to historic Gallipoli. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery. (B)

#### Kolin Hotel, Canakkale,

#### DAY 3 TROY, PERGAMON AND IZMIR

Begin your day with a trip to Homer's city of Troy. the focal point of the Trojan War. A replica of the mighty Trojan horse, which helped the Greeks capture the city in 1200 B.C., can be seen beside the city's walls.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Copmadam, a women's co-op turning recycled materials into unique items, and addressing women's employment issues.

Continue your journey to Pergamon. Once a powerful ancient Greek city, you'll find the Asklepion temple here, built in honour of Asklepios, the god of medicine.

End your day in the coastal city of Izmir. (B) (DW)

#### Swissotel Büyük Efes, Izmir.

#### DAY 4 ANCIENT EPHESUS AND KUSADASI

Relaxed Start. Start your morning with a trip to the nearby town of Selçuk. Home to the House of the Virgin Mary and the Temple of Artemis, you'll begin with an educational visit to the Archaeological Museum. Delve into the area's history as you explore the museum's exhibits.

Later, explore the famous site itself. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of

Celsus and the huge Amphitheatre, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, a famous Catholic shrine. (B) (DW)

#### Charisma De Luxe Hotel, Kusadasi,

#### DAY 5 THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE

This morning, head to a local organic farm and meet the agricultural director, who will take you on a walking tour of the eco-friendly lands. You'll have the satisfying task of picking fruits and vegetables from his fields

Delight in a mouth-watering Farm-to-Table lunch, prepared with fresh produce from the farm. Next, make your way to Pamukkale. Visit the ruins of the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis. founded in 190 B.C. You'll see the city's wellpreserved theatre and its turquoise travertine pools. (B) (L) (DW)

#### Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pammukale.

#### DAY 6 KONYA, THE WHIRLING DERVISHES AND CAPPADOCIA

Today, you'll explore Konya. The home of the Whirling Dervish, this city offers tradition in ahundance

Visit the Mevlana Tekke museum, with its recognisable turquoise dome. See the Karatay Madrasa, built in 1251, before moving on to the Ince Minaret, a 13th century madrasa. Continue your journey to Urgup, an historic town in the heart of Cappadocia.

Your abode for the night is the unique Alfina Cave Hotel Cappadocia, built in old cave dwellings. (B) (DW)

#### Alfina Cave Hotel Cappadocia.

#### DAY 7 WOMEN OF GÖREME

Move on to Göreme, a striking town in the Cappadocia region of Turkey, to explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings. Move on to the Pasabag Valley, located on the road to Zelve. You'll find otherworldly earth pillars here, 'fairy chimneys' and troglodyte dwellings. Visit the underground city of Özkonak, where you'll have time to explore its tunnels and caves with your Travel Director. Later, join a

Cappadocian local who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house. You'll learn more about their unique way of living, local traditions and family life.

Complementing the day's events, dinner tonight will be accompanied by a performance of Whirling Dervishes. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 8** ANKARA

This morning, learn about the art of earthenware pottery making in Avanos.

On your way, stop off at one of the best-preserved Seliuk Caravanserais in Anatolia.

Continue your journey to Ankara, where you'll visit the Hittite Museum and Anit Kabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk—Turkey's greatest modern leader. (B)

#### Ankara HiltonSA. Ankara.

#### DAY 9 TO ISTANBUL

It's time to head to Istanbul. A glorious fusion of east and west, this popular city offers something for everyone, with history, culture, modernity, delicious cuisine and of course, the friendliest of faces. Board a cruise along the Bosphorus. As you make your way from Eminönü to the Black Sea, witness the area's beautiful Ottoman palaces and fortresses lining the waterfront. (B)

#### Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

#### DAY 10 ISTANBUL & THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Take in the sites of Istanbul. In the morning, visit the historic Blue Mosque with its tiled interiors. See the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held, before exploring Hagia Sophia. Built in A.D. 537, it is famous for its domed roof. Visit the Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar.

In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 11** FAREWELL ISTANBUL

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#### **KEY**

₹ Join/Leave Options

**⊞**UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Visit Troy and view the huge reconstructed Trojan Horse. (Photo by @Susz7, Day 3, Troy)



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A special ANZAC departure spends two nights in Gallipoli and attends the ANZAC Day Dawn service.

**© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

15 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 24 MEALS 22 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Uchisar: Enjoy the unique flavours of Anatolia at Uchisar Kadineli Restaurant, where every dish is homemade with love. This remarkable establishment provides employment for more than 65 women from the village.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Cappadocia: Join a Cappadocian local, who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house to learn more about their unique way of life.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by cruise along Bosphorus • Ride a ferry across the Dardanelles.

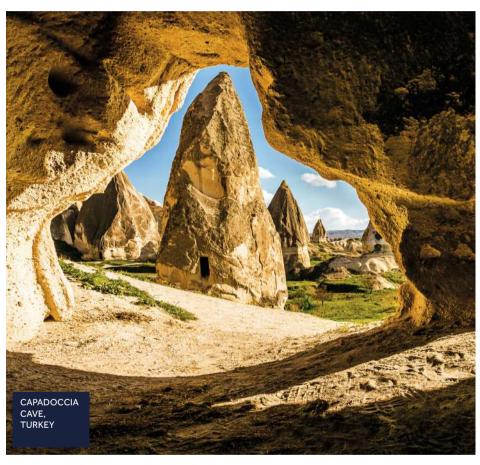
Visit Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul • Grand Mosque, Green Mosque and Mausoleum in Bursa • Mausoleum of Atatürk in Ankara • Pasabag Valley in Göreme • Mevlana Tekke Museum in Konya • Seljuk Caravanserai in Anatolia • Roman Theatre in Aspendos • Archaeological Museum in Ephesus • Troy • Asklepion in Pergamon • Gallipoli Peninsula.

City tours of Göreme, Konya, Pergamon and Istanbul, all with Local Experts.

# **TREASURES OF TURKEY**

"Turkey is packed with cultural heritage, amazing food and unbelievable scenery. There is truly something for everyone."

- Daghan, Travel Director









(O) @DAGHANER, EPHESUS

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

Welcome to Istanbul. On arrival, a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for a Welcome Dinner, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers. (DW)

Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

#### **DAY 2** BOSPHORUS CRUISE AND BURSA

Embark on a cruise along Bosphorus Strait. Travel towards the old city and see the beautiful Ottoman palaces and fortresses, on the waterfront. Later, leave Istanbul for Bursa.

This evening, venture to a local restaurant for a tasty meal. (B) (DW)

Mövenpick Bursa Hotel and Thermal Spa.

#### DAY 3 CUMALIKIZIK AND GORDION

Begin your day of culture in Bursa with a visit to the Green Mosque, the Grand Mosque and the Mausoleum complex.

Continue to the charming village of Cumalikizik. Later move on to Gordion, before making your way to Ankara. (B)

Ankara HiltonSA, Ankara.

#### **DAY 4** SOPHISTICATED ANKARA

Sightseeing includes a visit to the Hittite Museum and Anit Kabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk. Later, head to Avanos in Cappadocia. Famed for its unique geological formation, Cappadocia is a scenic delight with golden hills and panoramic views. (B) (DW)

DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia.

# DAY 5 THE UNDERGROUND CITIES OF CAPPADOCIA EXPERIENCE

Today, you'll travel to the striking town of Göreme. Explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Uçhisar Kadineli Restaurant and get a taste of Anatolia's regional flavours. This establishment provides employment for the women of the village and supports their financial freedom.

Next, continue on to the Pasabag Valley and visit the underground city of Özkonak. You will be welcomed into the home by a local Cappadocian living in an authentic cave house. Explore this unique way of living, learning about local traditions and family life.

Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant, later you'll witness a performance of Whirling Dervishes.
(B) (L) (DW)

#### **DAY 6 KONYA**

Learn more about traditional pottery making in Avanos before journeying along the famous Silk Road to visit a 13th century caravanserai. Later, travel to Turkey's most religious city, Konya. See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret, and visit the Mevlana Museum. (B) (DW)

Novotel Konya Hotel.

#### **DAY 7** THROUGH THE TAURUS MOUNTAINS

Take a scenic drive down the Taurus Mountains to Aspendos, an ancient city in Antalya province. (B) (DW)

Akra Barut Antalya.

#### DAY 8 ANTALYA'S OLD TOWN

Visit Antalya's pretty Old Town. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the leisure facilities at your hotel. (B)

#### DAY 9 THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE

Cross the Taurus Mountains to see the remains of the ancient city of Hierapolis.

Next to the ruins, you can see the gleaming white travertine terraces of Pamukkale. (B) (DW)

Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale.

#### DAY 10 IZMIR

Visit the Temple of Aphrodite in Geyre. End your day in the quaint Aegan port of Izmir. (B)

Swissotel Büyük Efes, Izmir.

#### **DAY 11** ANCIENT EPHESUS

Journey to one of the world's finest archaeological sites, Ephesus. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheatre, before visiting the house of the Virgin Mary. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 12 PERGAMON, TROY AND ÇANAKKALE.

Start your day in Pergamon, where you find the Asklepion.

Next, head to Homer's city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan war and the backdrop to one of history's most famous love stories. A replica of the mighty Trojan Horse can be found beside the city's walls. After some time exploring, continue your journey to Canakkale. (B)

Kolin Hotel, Canakkale.

#### DAY 13 GALLIPOLI AND ANZAC COVE

Cross the Dardanelles Strait by ferry to the Gallipoli Peninsula. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that, for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought, in an attempt to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and pay your respects at the Lone Pine Cemetery. Later, return to Istanbul. (B)

Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

# DAY 14 ISTANBUL AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

In the morning, visit the historic Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and see the Hippodrome where Roman chariot races were held. Visit the Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, the primary inlet of the waterway. Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar.

In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 15** FAREWELL ISTANBUL

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INSIGHT EXPERIENCE Meet a Cappadocian local and tour their cave house. (Photo by @Susz7, Day 5, Cappadocia)



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# **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

# By our guests and Travel Directors



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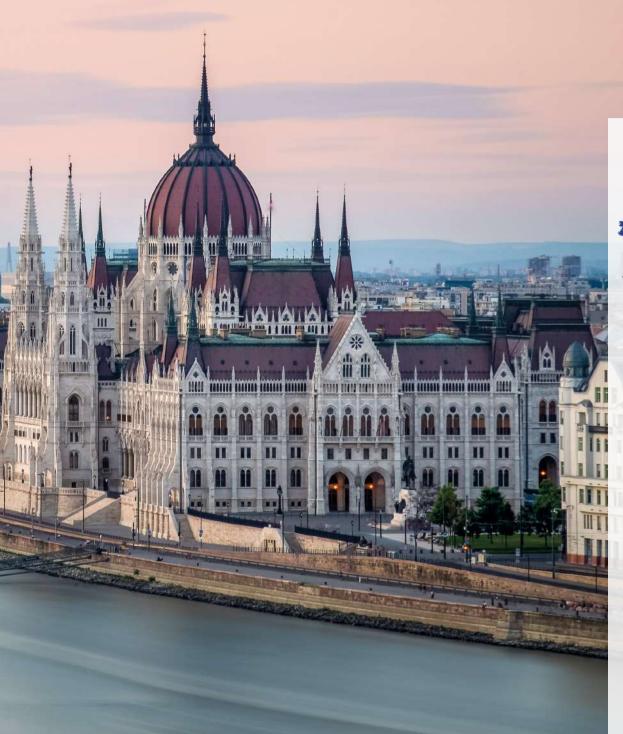
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#### 9 DAYS

4 COUNTRIES
12 MEALS
11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Mount Stanserhorn:** Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn and appreciate unrivalled views of snow-capped peaks. Meet a Swiss ranger and learn about the local wildlife and flora over a conservation talk.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Paris:** Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies.

Choose between two experiences on Mount Stanserhorn.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Sea-to-Table lunch in Cinque Terre • Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne • Celebration Dinner in Paris.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

City tours of Rome, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts.

See Colosseum in Rome • Duomo, Plaza della Signoria in Florence • Notre-Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Louvre, Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

# FLAVOURS OF EUROPE

"The UNESCO World Heritage Cinque Terre cliff sides are so steep that locals use a monorail system to harvest the grapes. There are over 50 monorails and some are 1,000 metres in length."

- Gary, Travel Director









LION MONUMENT, LUCERNE

# DAY 1 WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Rome is one of the world's most historic cities, filled with classical antiquities, medieval buildings, renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers to your hotel depart Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Then this extraordinary city is yours to discover.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and enjoy the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers. (DW)

Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome.

#### DAY 2 ROME WITH THE LOCALS

**Relaxed Start.** Your morning walking tour with a Local Expert will show you what Rome is all about. See the Colosseum, toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain and see the Pantheon. (B)

#### DAY 3 THE VATICAN AND FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides special priority entry to avoid the crowds and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica.

In Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo, before continuing to Piazza della Signoria. (B)

Hotel Adler Cavalieri. Florence.

# DAY 4 THE CINQUE TERRE AND ITALIAN RIVIERA

With a Local Expert, visit the famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Approach one of the fishing villages by boat (weather permitting) and explore the medieval quarter or relax on the beach.

Savour authentic Italian cuisine with a delicious Seato-Table lunch at Ristorante Da Ely in Monterosso.
Continue by train to Levanto, then on to your resort in Rapallo. (B) (LW)

Grand Hotel Bristol Resort & Spa, Rapallo.

#### DAY 5 ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Pass Milan as you head north for the Italian Lake District via Lake Lugano. Continue into the heart of the Swiss Alps, passing through the Saint Gotthard Tunnel, one of the longest road tunnels in the world. Travel alongside towering mountains and past rushing torrents, down to scenic Lake Lucerne, where you are at leisure for the rest of the afternoon. (B)

Renaissance Lucerne Hotel.

# DAY 6 LUCERNE'S LAKES, MOUNTAINS AND LION

In the morning, embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and open-top cable car to the summit of the stunning Mount Stanserhorn. Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to take a walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see marmots and other native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL® Experience and listen to a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Back in Lucerne, your Travel Director takes you on a walking tour of Lucerne, and shows you the emotive Lion Monument.

The rest of the day is at leisure to shop for fine watches and delectable chocolates.

In the evening, enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 7 SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wines, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light.

During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

#### DAY 8 THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies.

Indulge in refined French cuisine during your Celebration Dinner at the iconic restaurant, La Coupole. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 9** AU REVOIR PARIS

Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar option. (B)



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**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Walk the covered Chapel Bridge to see the Jesuit Church. (*Photo by @Alansportscamman, Day 6, Lucerne*)





**INSIGHT CHOICE** Join an avid foodie to sample local treats and delicacies. (*Photo by @wendy\_giles, Day 8, Paris*)



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⊕ DISCOVERY JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

11 DAYS
7 COUNTRIES
14 MEALS
12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Venice:** Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Vienna: Be pampered by locals with traditional coffee and cake. An experience like no other, this cosy café provides companionship, and promotes well-being and support for the community, in addition to crafting delicious treats.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Prague:** Choose to join a Local Expert to explore the courtyards of the Prague Castle and to visit the imposing St Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert to hear how the Jewish community has shaped the history of Prague, and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam • Scenic dinner cruise in Budapest • Savour dinner and a cocktail in Venice.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train • Travel by private boat in Venice.

Visit Würzburg Residence with a Local Expert • Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert.
City tours of Prague, Budapest and Vienna, all with Local Experts.

# EUROPEAN RHAPSODY

"I love to teach guests how to greet the locals in their own language. For example, in Hungarian, 'Szia' for a simple 'hello', 'Köszi' to say 'thanks' and 'Hogy vagy?' to ask 'how are you'?" - Orsolya, Travel Director









AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy the city.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

#### **DAY 2** LONDON TO AMSTERDAM

At 07:00, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Reception.

Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at Humphrey's Restaurant. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

#### DAY 3 RHINE VALLEY TO WÜRZBURG

Relax with a scenic drive along the Rhine Valley to Würzburg.

On arrival, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert. Marvel at intricate decorations and lavish staterooms. (B) (DW)

Maritim Hotel Würzburg.

#### DAY 4 ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Venture to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Continue east to the Czech border, to reach the Golden City of Prague. (B)

Hotel Royal Prague.

#### DAY 5 PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Join a Local Expert in the morning for guided sightseeing of one of the most beautiful and intact historic centres in Europe.

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the Castle District. Alternatively, walk through the Jewish Quarter and taste delicious Trdelník. (B)

#### DAY 6 THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST

Start the day with a journey through the beautiful forested countryside of Bohemia. Travel to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest.

In the evening, join a Local Expert to enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, gliding past UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The city's spectacular nighttime beauty earns it the nickname 'Pearl of the Danube'. (B) (DW)

Hilton Garden Inn, Budapest.

#### **DAY 7** THE FLAVOURS OF BUDAPEST

Drive along the beautiful Andrassy Avenue to Heroes' Square.

Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda and admire sweeping views from the Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert.

Stand atop Gellért Hill where the colossal Liberty Statue stands in front of the Citadella watching over the city. Marvel at extensive panoramic views as you look out over the famous river dividing Buda and Pest - the two sides linked by the mighty Chain Bridge and the elegant, newer Elizabeth Bridge. Continue your travels to the Austrian border and through pleasant farming country to Vienna. (B)

Hilton Vienna Park.

#### **DAY 8** VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

In the morning, there is the option to join a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Later, join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt, the first district and historic core of Vienna. Get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence and Parliament building.

Sit down for traditional coffee and delicious treats and mingle with locals at a cosy café. (B)

#### DAY 9 LAKE WÖRTHERSEE TO VENICE

Travel into the Carinthian Lake District, passing the Wörthersee, to cross into Italy. Then follow mountain valleys and cascading streams on your way to the unique city of Venice.

This evening is truly a special experience, starting with a private boat to arrive at your central hotel.

Stroll past the entrance doors of the famous Opera House to La Fenice restaurant for a magical Celebration Dinner. Indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce.

Sip a cocktail at Café Florian at twilight whilst being serenaded by an ensemble of talented musicians, and admire the peace of St. Mark's Square long after the day-trippers have gone to their mainland hotels. (B) (DW)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

#### DAY 10 THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

**Relaxed Start.** See St Marks Basilica and its immense Campanile and Doge's Palace, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B)

#### **DAY 11** ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)





**AUTHENTIC DINING** Enjoy a scenic dinner cruise whilst admiring the city's night time beauty (*Photo by @chantal\_insight*, *Day 6*, *Budapest*)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore Venice on an orientation tour with your Travel Director. (*Photo by @Keyphan06, Day 10, Venice*)



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# **EUROPEAN FLAIR**

"Our Farm-to-Table dining in Salzburg truly is a magnificent experience. Burga explains the family life on a farm and we gain insight to dairy farming in particular. They prepare a magnificent dinner, which is served in their traditional chalet."

- Betty, Travel Director





GLASS BLOWING, VENICE







SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy a city that is famous for its pomp and pageantry.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

# DAY 2 DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

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Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Hilton Amsterdam.

#### **DAY 3** ONTO WÜRZBURG

Cross into Germany, through the Rhine Valley and continue on to Würzburg, to see the mighty Marienburg Fortress.

With a Local Expert, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at intricate decorations and lavish staterooms boasting with French, Austrian and Venetian influences. (B) (DW)

Maritim Hotel Würzburg.

#### DAY 4 ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning venture to Rothenburg-ob-der -Tauber, one of Germany's jewels and the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road.

Continue east to the Czech border, passing the town of Pilsen renowned for its beer, to reach the Golden City of Prague. (B)

NH Collection Prague City.

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#### DAY 5 PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter to learn about a different side of the history of Prague and taste Tredlník, traditional chimney cakes. (B)

#### DAY 6 SALZBURG, CITY OF MOZART

**Relaxed Start.** Journey through South Bohemia and continue to Salzburg, the city of Mozart and the 'Sound of Music.' A Local Expert shows you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residence Square, the imposing fortress, the immense cathedral and Mozart's birthplace on the lively Getreidegasse.

In the evening, experience authentic Farm-to-Table dining at a local organic farm and enjoy the flavours of homemade dishes. (B) (DW)

ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

#### DAY 7 THE TAUERN MOUNTAINS TO VENICE

**Relaxed Start.** Continue to Venice, where your hotel is perfectly located in one of the quietest, peaceful and authentic Venetian districts. (B)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

# DAY 8 VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

**Relaxed Start.** Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre.

Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square where the city's former wealth and power is evidenced by the riches of St. Mark's Basilica. Admire the Doge's Palace and its adjoining Bridge of Sighs.

With the rest of the day free, why not cruise the Venetian lagoon to the island of Burano for a meal of local specialties and wine? (B)

#### DAY 9 ONTO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Head into the Apennine Mountains and the peaceful landscapes of Tuscany and Umbria. Your journey continues as you follow the course of the Tiber to your hotel in the Eternal City of Rome.

Enjoy a Celebration Dinner with Italian wines accompanied by your newfound companions.
(B) (DW)

Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome.

#### DAY 10 ROME WITH THE LOCALS

**Relaxed Start.** Your morning walking tour with a Local Expert will show you what Rome is all about. See the Colosseum, toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain and see the Pantheon. (B)

#### **DAY 11** THE VATICAN

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides special priority entry to avoid the crowds and gives you behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, before visiting St. Peter's Basilica.

The rest of the day is at your leisure; perhaps shop in the trendy boutiques or relax at a sidewalk cafe? (B)

#### **DAY 12 ARRIVEDERCI ROMA**

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Cruise in a glass-topped boat through the historical waterways. (Photo by @Chantal\_insight, Day 2, Amsterdam)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the facades of the immense Salzburg Cathedral with a Local Expert. Perhaps choose to visit inside in your own time?. (Photo by Valentphoto, Day 6, Salzburg)



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Combine this trip with **European Rhapsody** to create **ROMANTIC EUROPEAN**.

⊕ DISCOVERY JOURNEY
 ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

11 DAYS 5 COUNTRIES

15 MEALS
12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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**Mount Stanserhorn:** Choose to embark on a walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger.

Choose between two experiences in Paris.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner at La Fenice in Venice • Savour dinner and a cocktail in Venice • Olive oil tasting and lunch in Umbria • Wine tasting and light lunch at Machiavelli's house in Tuscany • Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne • Celebration Dinner at La Coupole in Paris.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by private boat in Venice.

City tours of Florence and Rome, both with Local Experts.

# EUROPEAN DREAM

"Guests are always amazed by the glorious Alpine panorama from Mount Stanserhorn. The striking views are unforgettable."

- Philip, Travel Director









MOUNT STANSERHORN





#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO VENICE

Welcome to the Queen of the Adriatic. Transfers by water taxi depart Venice Marco Polo Airport for the hotel at 11:00 and 13:00

What better way to start your dream holiday than in true Venetian style? Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at the magical La Fenice restaurant.

Savour a cocktail at twilight whilst being serenaded, and admire the tranquillity of St. Mark's Square long after the day-trippers have gone to their mainland hotels

Return to your hotel by a canal in the quiet, peaceful authentic Cannaregio neighborhood. (DW)

#### Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

#### DAY 2 THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

**Relaxed Start.** See St Marks Basilica and its immense Campanile and Doge's Palace, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B)

#### DAY 3 TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Journey through the lush Tuscan countryside. Meet your Local Host for a guided tour through the house of the Italian Renaissance diplomat and writer, Nicolo Machiavelli.

Savour a light lunch and a tasting of wines made from the vineyards surrounding the estate.

Your journey continues as you follow the course of the Tiber to your hotel in the Eternal City of Rome. (B) (LW)

Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

#### DAY 4 PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides special priority entry to avoid the crowds and gives you behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

#### DAY 5 UMBRIA AND ONTO FLORENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Meet chef Lorenzo at his family farm in Umbria.

Learn the secrets of the rich flavours of the Umbrian olive oil during a tasting, followed by an aromatic lunch. (B) (LW)

Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

#### **DAY 6** RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. You also visit the open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces in Piazza della Signoria and see the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods.

In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the Renaissance capital. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit the Tuscan town of Pisa and see the Leaning Tower? (B)

#### DAY 7 ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Head north towards the Italian Lake District and continue into the heart of the Swiss Alps, before travelling alongside towering mountains and past rushing torrents, down to scenic Lake Lucerne. Upon arrival to Lucerne, see the town's proud Lion Monument, the covered Chapel Bridge and the baroque Jesuit Church. (B)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

#### **DAY 8** LUCERNE AND MT. STANSERHORN

Embark on a scenic journey to the summit of the stunning Mount Stanserhorn.

Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see marmots and other native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger.

At night, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 9** SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wines, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light.

During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

# DAY 10 THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies.

Indulge in refined French cuisine during your Celebration Dinner at the iconic restaurant, La Coupole. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 11** AU REVOIR PARIS

Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar option. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Take a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stansernhorn. (*Photo by @chelseatheshire, Day 8, Lucerne*)



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Trip Options

CHOOSE YOUR

**GROUP SIZE** 

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13 DAYS

7 COUNTRIES 17 MEALS 15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in the heart of Paris • Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne • Dinner at a local restaurant in Venice • Tuscan lunch at Il Poggio • Celebration Dinner with musicians in Rome.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train • Private boat in Venice.

City tours of Pisa and Florence, both with Local Experts.

# **ROAD TO ROME**

"Our Local Experts in Rome truly bring this ancient city and the Vatican to life. The fast-tracked entry to the Vatican Museums allows you to soak up the history and beauty, without the crowds." - Gigi, Travel Director









CHAPEL BRIDGE, LUCERNE

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy a city that is famous for its pomp and pageantry. Perhaps relax with a walk along the Serpentine in Hyde Park or window shop in the elegant boutiques of Knightsbridge. Alternatively, you may want to stroll along the Thames to the iconic Tower Bridge and Tower of London.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

#### DAY 2 LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR

Meet your Travel Director at 07:30 and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the highspeed Eurostar. Alternatively, join in Paris.

At 17:00 join your Travel Director for a fabulous Welcome Dinner at a local brasserie. (B) (DW)

Crowne Plaza Paris - Republique.

#### DAY 3 PARIS, THE 'CITY OF LIGHT'

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. (B)

#### **DAY 4** BURGUNDY AND LUCERNE

Travel through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wine. Later, arrive in glorious lakeside Lucerne.

A range of enticing options are available for your Dine-Around Evening. Choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. (B) (DW)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

#### DAY 5 LUCERNE & MOUNT STANSERHORN

Journey by funicular railway and open-top cable car to the summit of the stunning Mount Stanserhorn. Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see marmots and other native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora.

Upon return to Lucerne, see the Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge to the ornate Jesuit Church. (B)

#### **DAY 6** LUCERNE TO INNSBRUCK

Relaxed Start. Start the day with a journey to the heart of the Alps to visit the Principality of Liechtenstein. See its tiny capital, Vaduz. Continue through the Arlberg Tunnel to mountainringed Innsbruck. Your Travel Director will show you the impressive Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)

AC Hotel Innsbruck.

#### DAY 7 THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Leave Innsbruck to travel across the impressive Europa Bridge and through the Dolomites.

Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savour a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini. Continue to the romantic city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic

Long after the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the islands with dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Hotel Continental Venice.

#### DAY 8 THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

Relaxed Start. See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connect to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B)

#### DAY 9 TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Visit II Poggio organic farm for a guided walk and learn about organic food and wine production.

On the veranda, take in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, as you taste the farm's wines and freshly produced olive oil. Enjoy an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients.

Explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert and see the Leaning Tower. (B) (LW)

Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence,

#### **DAY 10 FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING**

Relaxed Start. Walk with your Local Expert to the marble-clad cathedral and baptistery to see the Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria, and the area around Santa Croce Basilica. (B)

#### DAY 11 CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ASSISI AND **ONTO ROME**

Journey through the vineyards of the Chianti region passing Lake Trasimeno, and continue up the foothills of the Apennine Mountains to reach delightful Assisi, a stone-built town spilling over the steen hillside

With a Local Expert, visit the tomb of St. Francis and see the beautiful frescoes by Giotto in the

Journey along the valley of the River Tiber towards the Eternal City of Rome. (B)

Kolbe Hotel Rome.

#### DAY 12 PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

To avoid the crowds and maximise your time, Insight has arranged special priority access to the Vatican Museums. Your Local Expert will guide you through the halls of artwork and take you behind the scenes to view the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture normally not open to the public. Visit the Sistine Chapel to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling and continue to St. Peter's Basilica.

Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and overlook Circus Maximus.

Enjoy an elegant four-course Celebration Dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant, with a private performance of some of Italy's best-loved operas. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 13** ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



Central Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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**INSIGHT CHOICE** Take a walk along

beautiful scenic pathways on Mount Stanserhorn. (*Photo by* (@alansportscamman, Day 5, Lucerne)



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**& DISCOVERY JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

14 DAYS

**8 COUNTRIES** 18 MEALS 17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Venice: Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art. Join an inclusive dance workshop in Vienna.

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DAY 1 - 3 Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

DAY 4 - 5 Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

DAY 6 Hotel Lev Ljubljana.

DAY 7 - 8 Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 9 AC Hotel Innsbruck.

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DAY 12 Maritim Hotel Königswinter.

DAY 13 Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.



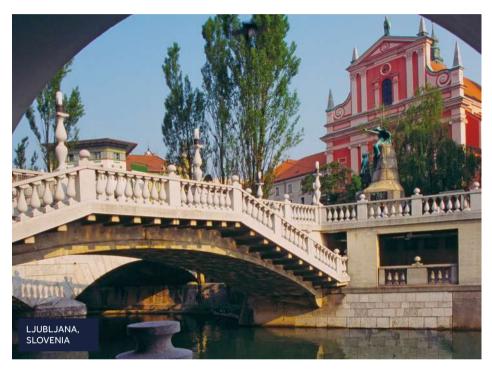
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# SPLENDID **EUROPE**

"I love to teach quests the word 'stroll' in Italian, 'passeggiata.' I recommend taking a passeggiata after dinner to meander through the historic city centers, which are splendidly illuminated at night."

- Chris, Travel Director



Arrival transfers depart Rome Fiumicino airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Join your Local Expert to visit the Vatican Museums and the mighty St. Peter's Basilica, In Venice, sip on a cocktail at the iconic Café Florian in St Mark's Square. Get to know charming Ljubljana with your Local Expert. Explore imperial Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to savour local specialities at an elegant café. Alternatively, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz lesson. On your way to Lucerne, enjoy spectacular alpine views in Tyrol, Liechtenstein

old-time funicular train and an open-top cable car take you to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to walk alongside scenic pathways. Alternatively, hear a talk from a Swiss ranger. Marvel at the peaceful

Rhine Valley, lined with vineyards and visit one of the castles. Glide along the canals of Amsterdam on your private cruise. On your final day, departure transfers arrive at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport at 08:00 and 10:00. Alternatively, take the Return Eurostar option to London





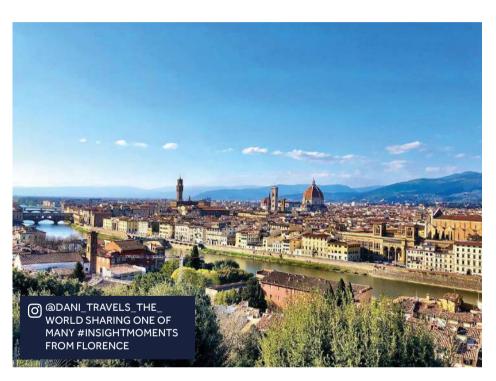


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# **MEDITERRANEAN JOURNEY**

"A favourite on this trip is the pintxos night in San Sebastián. Guests are introduced to a local who tells them all about this tradition and leads them from bar to bar for tastings."

- Lola, Travel Director



Meet your Travel Director in London or in Paris. Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively. join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Drive through the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Loire Valley to Bordeaux. Enter Spain and dine with the locals in San Sebastian, as you sample a selection of pintxos. Discover royal Madrid and vibrant Barcelona with your

Table dining experience of traditional French home-style cuisine. Relax in elegant Nice or stroll the spectacular promenade. Visit the Monte Carlo Cathedral in glitzy Monaco on your way to Italy. In Tuscany, marvel at the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Renaissance Florence. Join your Local Expert in Rome and visit the Vatican Museums with priority access to the Bramante Staircase and mighty St. Peter's Basilica. On your final day, departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino airport at 07:00 and



#### **TRIP START DATES**

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**Q** DISCOVERY JOURNEY **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

17 DAYS **6 COUNTRIES** 20 MEALS 19 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

feefoee 4.3/5 GUEST REVIEW ★★★☆☆

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Madrid: Join the female pillars of the local community on a neighbourhood walking tour and learn the history of the women's movement in Spain, firsthand.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums, and see the Bramante Staircase and admire the Sistine Chapel.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Paris: Choose to shop in quaint boutiques with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a foodie for a gourmet walk.

DAY 1 Park Plaza Victoria, London.

DAY 2 - 3 Crowne Plaza Paris - Republique.

DAY 4 Pullman Bordeaux Lac. Bordeaux.

DAY 5 Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAY 6 - 7 Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid.

DAY 8 - 9 Hilton Barcelona.

DAY 10 Cloître Saint-Louis, Avignon.

DAY 11 Hotel West End, Nice.

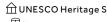
DAY 12 - 13 NH Firenze, Florence.

DAY 14 - 16 Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.













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15 DAYS
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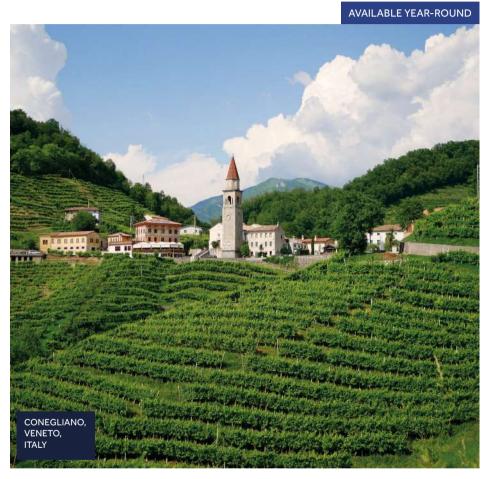
#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam • Dine-at-Home in Rome • Restaurant Dinner in Venice • Choice of Dine-Around options in Baveno • Restaurant Dinner in Florence • Celebration Dinner in the heart of Paris.

Taste prosecco in Conegliano.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF EUROPE

"Guests particularly love meeting Massimo and his family, as we taste excellent prosecco and local snacks at his vineyard in the breathtaking hills around Conegliano." – Philip, Travel Director









HEIDELBERG CASTLE, GERMANY

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO LONDON

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#### Amba Hotel Marble Arch, London.

# DAY 2 DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

At 07:00, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Reception.

Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

#### Hilton Amsterdam.

#### DAY 3 THE RHINE VALLEY AND HEIDELBERG

Take a scenic drive through the Rhine Valley to see quaint villages, hilltop castles and hear the legend of the Loreley Rock.

Follow the Neckar River to Heidelberg and visit Heidelberg Castle with a Local Expert. (B)

#### Marriott Hotel Heidelberg.

#### **DAY 4** MOUNTAIN-RINGED INNSBRUCK

Stop beneath the royal castles of Hohenschwangau and King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein, rumoured to have inspired Walt Disney's iconic castle.

In Innsbruck, tour the architectural jewels of the Old Town, seeing the Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)

#### AC Hotel Innsbruck.

#### DAY 5 ACROSS THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Relaxed Start. Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savour a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini.

Continue to the romantic city of Venice. (B) (DW)

#### Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena.

#### DAY 6 THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

**Relaxed Start.** Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square and admire the richly decorated Basilica. (B)

#### DAY 7 THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Pass through Tuscany and Umbria, to reach the Eternal City of Rome.

You're invited into the home of a Roman local to experience Italian hospitality at its best, as you enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal with your host. (B) (DW)

#### Welcome Piram Hotel, Rome.

#### DAY 8 PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of the Vatican Museums and the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. Your priority visit includes fast-track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase. Then explore St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

#### DAY 9 THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

On arrival in Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo. Continue to Piazza della Signoria.

In your free time, perhaps visit the Accademia Gallery and see Michelangelo's David?

Savour an authentic meal at a local trattoria in the heart of Florence. (B) (DW)

#### NH Firenze, Florence.

#### **DAY 10** LAKE MAGGIORE

**Relaxed Start.** Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District.

For your Dine-Around Evening, enjoy your preferred dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. (B) (DW)

#### Hotel Simplon, Baveno

#### DAY 11 THE ALPS AND ONTO LUCERNE

**Relaxed Start.** Cross the Swiss border before embarking on a scenic journey to the summit of the stunning Mount Stanserhorn.

Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Take a walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see marmots and other native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. (B)

#### Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

#### **DAY 12 LAKESIDE LUCERNE**

**Relaxed Start.** View the emotive Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge. (B)

#### **DAY 13** SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through storybook scenery of forests and imposing mountain ranges, crowned by famous snowy peaks. Continue through the Burgundy region to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B)

#### Crowne Plaza Paris - Republique.

# DAY 14 THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies

Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the historic restaurant La Coupole. Delight in French cuisine and delicious wine. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 15** AU REVOIR PARIS

Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, choose to continue to London via Gare du Nord, with the Return Eurostar option. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** spend time in the beautiful Italian lake district. (*Photo by @belindainitaly, Day 10, Lake Maggiore*)



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# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travelers.



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This tour is a combination of **European Flair** and **Flavours of Europe**.

**⊕** DISCOVERY JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED** 

17 DAYS

9 COUNTRIES 23 MEALS 18 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Paris:** Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies.

Choose between two experiences in Prague and on Mount Stanserhorn.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam • Farm-to-Table dining in Salzburg • Sea-to-Table lunch in Cinque Terre • Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne • Celebration Dinner in Paris

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel by funicular railway and cable car on Mount Stanserhorn • Cruise the canals of Amsterdam • Private boat in Venice.
Visit Würzburg Residence with a Local Expert.
City tours of Prague, Salzburg, Rome,

City tours of Prague, Salzburg, Rome, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts.

# EUROPEAN DISCOVERY

"An afternoon spent with our Local Expert in Salzburg always leaves guests with lasting memories. Her charm and effervesence brings to life the city of Mozart in the most fun and meaningful way." – Gary, Travel Director









PRAGUE

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy the city.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

#### DAY 2 DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

At 07:00, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome

Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Hilton Amsterdam.

#### DAY 3 LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE

Continue on to Würzburg. With a Local Expert, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B) (DW)

Maritim Hotel Würzburg.

#### DAY 4 ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Relaxed Start. In the morning, venture to Rothenburg-ob-der -Tauber. Continue onto Prague. (B)

NH Collection Prague City.

#### DAY 5 PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert through the Jewish Quarter and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry. (B)

#### DAY 6 SALZBURG, CITY OF MOZART

Relaxed Start. Continue to Salzburg. A Local Expert shows you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residence Square and Mozart's birthplace.

In the evening, experience authentic Farm-to-Table dining at a local organic farm and enjoy the flavours of homemade dishes. (B) (DW)

ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

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#### DAY 7 THE TAUERN MOUNTAINS TO VENICE

Relaxed Start. Continue to Venice, where your hotel is perfectly located in one of the quietest peaceful and authentic Venetian districts. (B)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

#### DAY 8 THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

Relaxed Start. See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connect to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as vou witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B)

#### DAY 9 ONTO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Your journey continues to the Eternal City of Rome. (B) (DW)

Hotel Mediterraneo. Rome.

#### DAY 10 ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Relaxed Start. Your morning walking tour with a Local Expert will show you what Rome is all about. Toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain and see the Pantheon. (B)

#### **DAY 11** THE VATICAN AND FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides special priority entry to avoid the crowds and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica.

In Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo, before continuing to Piazza della

Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

#### **DAY 12** THE CINQUE TERRE

With a Local Expert, visit the stunning coastline of the world-famous Cinque Terre. Approach one of the fishing villages by boat (weather permitting).

Savour authentic Italian cuisine with a delicious a Sea-to-Table lunch at Ristorante Da Ely. (B) (LW)

Grand Hotel Bristol Resort & Spa. Rapallo.

#### DAY 13 ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Pass the Italian Lake District en route to scenic Lake Lucerne. (B)

Renaissance Lucerne Hotel.

#### DAY 14 LUCERNE'S LAKES AND MOUNTAINS

Journey by funicular railway and open-top cable car to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to explore scenic pathways, with a chance to see native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora.

Enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 15 SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey to the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

#### DAY 16 THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF **PARIS**

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#### **DAY 17** AU REVOIR PARIS

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**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore Salzburg with a Local Expert. (Photo by @ insight\_megachandler, Day 6, Salzburg)



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⊕ DISCOVERY JOURNEY
 ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

27 DAYS

11 COUNTRIES 34 MEALS

34 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Madrid:** Join the female pillars of the local community on a neighbourhood walking tour and learn the history of the women's movement in Spain, firsthand.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Vatican City:** Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Paris: Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies.

Choose between two experiences in Vienna, Madrid and on Mt. Stanserhorn.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in the heart of Paris • Dine with locals in San Sebastian • Farm-to-Table dining in Provence • Sip a cocktail before dinner in Venice • Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne • Celebration Dinner in Amsterdam.

Taste olive oil in Provence.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train • Travel by private boat in Venice • Cruise the canals of Amsterdam.

Visit Chenonceau Castle • Monaco Cathedral. City tours of Bordeaux, Madrid, Barcelona, Florence, Ljubljana, Vienna and Salzburg, all with Local Experts.

# EUROPEAN GRANDEUR

"Join us to explore the great breadth of Europe and understand its incredible diversity. Every day is different than the day before — this is truly a trip of a lifetime!" — Gary, Travel Director









CAFE CENTRAL, VIENNA

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy the city.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

#### DAY 2 LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR

Meet your Travel Director at 07:30 and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join in Paris.

At 17:00 join your Travel Director for a fabulous Welcome Dinner at a local brasserie. (B) (DW)

Crowne Plaza Paris - Republique.

#### DAY 3 PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose between shopping in quaint boutiques with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie, to sample local treats and delicacies. (B)

#### **DAY 4** ONTO BORDEAUX

Take a scenic drive along the Loire Valley. Visit the majestic Chenonceau Castle. Continue to bustling Bordeaux. (B)

Pullman Bordeaux Lac. Bordeaux.

#### DAY 5 BORDEAUX AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Join a Local Expert for a guided tour of Bordeaux.

Journey to San Sebastián, where you visit a variety of pintxos bars to mingle and dine with locals.
(R) (D)W)

Barceló Costa Vasca. San Sebastián.

#### DAYS 6 - 7 MADRID

Pass Burgos on the way to Madrid. Join your Local Expert for a sightseeing tour of Madrid's Old Town as well as, along the elegant Paseo de la Castellana and past the fountain in the Plaza de Cibeles. Explore Madrid with Insight Choice. Visit the Reina Sofia Museum with an art historian to see Picasso's Guernica. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on a neighbourhood walking tour to learn about the history of women's movements in Spain. (B) (B)

Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid.

#### DAYS 8 - 9 BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDI

Continue to the vibrant port of Barcelona. Join your Local Expert to explore the heart of the Gothic Quarter.

Hilton Barcelona.

#### DAY 10 AVIGNON, THE CITY OF POPES

Journey to Avignon.

Learn about olive oil and enjoy a tasting, before indulging in a Farm-to-Table dinner. (B) (DW)

Cloître Saint-Louis, Avignon.

#### DAY 11 ON THE SHORES OF NICE

Journey along the French Riviera to Nice. (B)

Hotel West End. Nice.

## DAYS 12 - 13 MONACO, PISA AND FLORENCE

Visit the cathedral in Monaco. Later, join your Local Expert to see the incredible Leaning Tower of Pisa. In Florence, walk with your Local Expert to the baptistery, Piazza della Signoria and around Santa Croce Basilica. (B) (B)

NH Firenze, Florence.

#### DAYS 14 - 16 THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Arrive at the Eternal City of Rome.

## On your first evening, enjoy a traditional meal at a local restaurant.

The following day, enjoy Insight's special fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. In the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Enjoy a final day at leisure to enjoy Rome at your own pace. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Pompeii?

Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

# DAYS 17 - 18 THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Arrive at the glorious city of Venice by water taxi.

### Savour a cocktail at sunset before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

On your second full day in Venice, admire the Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square and the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B) (DW) (B)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

#### DAY 19 VENICE TO ELEGANT LJUBLJANA

**Relaxed Start.** In Ljubljana, a Local Expert shows you the highlights of the city. (B)

Hotel Lev Ljubljana.

## DAYS 20 - 21 VIENNA AND THE HASBURGS

Pass Maribor and Graz on the way to Vienna. Join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialities. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a Viennese Waltz workshop designed to support the visually impaired community. (B) (B)

Hilton Vienna Park.

#### DAY 22 SALZBURG AND ONTO INNSBRUCK

In Salzburg, join a Local Expert for a visit to the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace. (B)

AC Hotel Innsbruck.

# DAYS 23 - 24 LIECHTENSTEIN, LUCERNE AND MOUNT STANSERHORN

Journey to the Principality of Liechtenstein. Visit Lucerne's proud Lion Monument. Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to walk along beautiful scenic pathways. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger.

Enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (B) (DW)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

#### DAY 25 LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE

Relax with a scenic drive in the Rhine Valley. (B) (DW)

Maritim Hotel Königswinter.

#### DAY 26 THE CANALS OF AMSTERDAM

Join a private visit of a Rhineland castle. In Amsterdam, embark on a canal cruise.

Toast to your adventure during a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

## DAY 27 DEPART AMSTERDAM OR RETURN LONDON OPTION

Transfers arrive at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport at 08:00 and 10:00 or you can return to London with the Eurostar option. (B)



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1 Central Hotels + Nights

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Trip Options

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This tour is a combination of **European Rhapsody** and **European Dream**.

⊕ DISCOVERY JOURNEY
 ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

19 DAYS 10 COUNTRIES 26 MEALS

23 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Prague:** Choose to join a Local Expert to explore the courtyards of the Prague Castle and to visit the imposing St Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert to hear how the Jewish community has shaped the history of Prague, and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Choose between two experiences on Mt. Stanserhorn and in Paris.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam • Scenic Dinner Cruise in Budapest • Dinner and cocktail in Venice • Light lunch and wine tasting at Machiavelli's villa • Olive oil tasting and lunch in Umbria • Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne • Celebration Dinner at La Coupole in Paris.

# ROMANTIC EUROPEAN

"This trip is a wonderful combination of the vibrant Western and the picturesque Eastern parts of Europe. We travel to so many countries. You'll hear a range of languages and savour delicious foods." – Nathalie. Travel Director









VILLA MACHIAVELLI, ITALY

#### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy the city.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

#### DAY 2 LONDON TO AMSTERDAM

At 07:00, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Reception.

Embark on a canal cruise, before enjoying dinner and wine at Humphrey's Restaurant. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

#### DAY 3 RHINE VALLEY TO WÜRZBURG

Relax with a scenic drive along the Rhine Valley. Visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert. (B) (DW)

Maritim Hotel Würzburg.

#### DAY 4 ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In the morning venture to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, one of Germany's most beautiful towns. Continue onto Praque. (B)

Hotel Royal Prague.

#### DAY 5 PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert through the Jewish Quarter and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry. (B)

#### DAY 6 THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST

Journey through the beautiful forested countryside of Bohemia to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest.

In the evening, join a Local Expert to enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, whilst looking out over beautiful city views. Budapest boasts one of the most spectacular night time vistas, earning it the nickname 'Pearl of the Danube'. (B) (DW)

Hilton Garden Inn, Budapest.

#### DAY 7 THE FLAVOURS OF BUDAPEST

Your orientation takes your along the grand Andrassy Avenue to Heroe's Square. Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda and admire sweeping views from the Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert. Stand atop Gellért Hill before continuing your travels to the imperial capital of Vienna. (B)

Hilton Vienna Park.

#### **DAY 8 VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS**

In the morning, there is the option to join a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ring Road. Later, join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt.

Sit down for traditional coffee and cake and mingle with locals at a cosy café.(B)

#### DAY 9 LAKE WÖRTHERSEE TO VENICE

Arrive by private boat to your hotel for the night.

Enjoy dinner at the magical local restaurant, La Fenice. Then sip a twilight cocktail at the oldest café in the world, Café Florian, and admire St. Mark's Square. (B) (DW)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

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#### DAY 11 VILLA MACHIAVELLI AND ROME

Meet your Local Host for a guided tour through the house of Nicolo Machiavelli.

Savour a light lunch and a tasting of wines made from the vineyards surrounding the estate. (B) (LW)

Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

#### DAY 12 PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides special priority entry to avoid the crowds and gives you behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

#### **DAY 13 UMBRIA AND ONTO FLORENCE**

**Relaxed Start.** Meet chef Lorenzo at his family farm in Umbria.

Learn the secrets of the 'rich flavours of the Umbrian olive oil during a tasting, followed by an aromatic lunch. (B) (LW)

Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

#### **DAY 14 RENAISSANCE FLORENCE**

With your Local Expert, view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery. (B)

#### DAY 15 ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

See Lucerne's proud Lion Monument, the covered Chapel Bridge and the baroque Jesuit Church. (B)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

#### DAY 16 LUCERNE AND MT. STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see marmots and other native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora.

At night, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 17 SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

# **DAY 18** THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in quaint boutiques. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to sample local treats and delicacies.

Indulge in refined French cuisine during your Celebration Dinner at the iconic restaurant La Coupole. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 19 AU REVOIR PARIS**

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**⊕** DISCOVERY JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED** 

10 DAYS
4 COUNTRIES
12 MEALS
9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**London:** Experience the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show, an inspiring and enjoyable showcase of fabulous floral displays and cutting-edge garden design. Immerse yourself in colour and ingenuity as you enjoy the very best show gardens, flowers, and gardening from around the world.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Scenic Dinner Cruise on the river Thames in London • In Amsterdam enjoy the scenery as you cruise the UNESCO World Heritage site canals while be dine onboard • Dinner at a local restaurant in Bruges

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Aalsmeer Flower Auction • Floriade Expo 2022 • Château de Versailles • Chenonceau Castle and Chateau de Chambord visit both with Local Experts. • Guided visit to Giverny Gardens.

Travel by cruise on the canals of Amsterdam. Walking tour of Bruges • Sightseeing Tour of Paris.

# EUROPEAN AFFAIR & THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

The flurry of early morning activity at Aalsmeer Flower Auction where 20 million flowers are sold and dispatched onsite daily is a rare insight into a niche and joy bringing commercial world. It stood out as something really different to see even to me as a Travel Director, and I've seen a lot!" - Caroline, Travel Director









BRUGE CHOCOLATE, BELGIUM

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO LONDON!

On arrival, you are transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore London. This evening join your Travel Director for a Welcome Drink and trip briefing at the hotel.

The Rubens at the Palace, London.

#### **DAY 2** CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Enjoy a full day to experience the famous Chelsea Flower Show – the 'mecca' of all garden shows. It brings together the very best show gardens, flowers and gardening from around the world. You will see magnificent floral displays, model gardens, English garden tools and a host of garden structures and artefacts.

This evening we dine on a spectacular Thames River Dinner Cruise. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 3** LONDON TO AMSTERDAM

Travel to Dover for the channel crossing to Calais, and transfer to Amsterdam. Later we board our canal boat and dine as we gently glide along the canals, past traditional Dutch-gabled houses built right on the water's edge, and under picturesque bridges. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel Amrath / Hilton Amsterdam.

#### **DAY 4 FLORIADE**

Start your day at the famous Aalsmeer Flower Auction, the largest of its kind in the world. Experience the intoxicating bustle of the auction floor and witness the incredible number of blooms sold every day. Later visit the Floriade Expo 2022, a once-in-a-decade horticultural and international garden exposition. The theme is "Growing Green Cities", you will have time to visit the Green Island and other districts focusing on food, energy and health. (B)

#### **DAY 5** AMSTERDAM TO BRUGES

Continue to medieval Bruges in Belgium. Stroll along the cobbled streets lined with high, gabled houses from the Golden Age of the 16th century. Visit the market square dominated by the 272ft Belfry of the Market Hall. Then explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall and glorious frescoes on the walls of the Holy Blood Chapel.

Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing canal cruise before dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Hotel NH Bruage.

#### **DAY 6** BRUGES AT LEISURE

A free day to explore medieval Bruges at your own pace. Don't forget to try some of the tempting chocolates or beers for which Belgium is renowned for. (B)

#### **DAY 7** BRUGES TO PARIS

Depart Bruges for glittering Paris. Enjoy sightseeing with a Local Expert, taking in the imposing facades of the Louvre and Garnier Opera House. See the obelisk in the Place de la Concorde and drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe and see the Eiffel Tower, completed for the World Exhibition in 1899. (B)

Le Meridien Etoile / Crowne Plaza Republique, Paris

#### **DAY 8** LOIRE VALLEY EXCURSION

Today take a day trip from Paris to visit two of the most famous Chateaux of the Loire Valley: the picturesque Château de Chenonceau, and perhaps most magnificent of them all, the Château de Chambord. You'll witness the glamour and grandeur of French royalty and aristocracy, and gain insights into 'castle life' in these iconic Renaissance riverside estates. (B)

#### **DAY 9 VERSAILLES AND GIVERNY**

Spend the day admiring two of Europe's most celebrated gardens, Versailles and Giverny. France's royal history is revealed at King Louis XIV's majestic palace of Versailles which, along with its magnificent garden, became the quintessential model for palaces in Europe. Visit the luxurious Grand Apartments, the chandelier-lit Hall of Mirrors and the Chapel of Versailles. Then we head to Giverny to view the gardens that inspired many of Impressionist Claude Monet's paintings. (B)

#### **DAY 10 FAREWELL PARIS**

Your memorable journey comes to an end as you bid your Travel Director farewell. Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08.30 and 11.00. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Flower Auction Aalsmeer (*Day 4, Amsterdam*)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** The picturesque Château de Chenonceau. (*Day 8, Loire Valley*)



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#### **KEY**

₹ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

Flower Show



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⊕ DISCOVERY JOURNEY
 ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

18 DAYS
7 COUNTRIES
26 MEALS
17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Woking:** Explore the beautiful Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden, picturesque orchard and the huge cathedral like glass house.

**London:** Experience the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show, an inspiring and enjoyable showcase of fabulous floral displays and cutting-edge garden design. Immerse yourself in colour and ingenuity as you enjoy the very best show gardens, flowers, and gardening from around the world.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner Cruise in Amsterdam, enjoy the scenery as you cruise the UNESCO World Heritage site canals • Traditional dinner at a local restaurant in Rothenburg • Local restaurant dinner in the heart of Munich • Dinner at a local restaurant in Bolzano • Dinner at a local restaurant in Bolzano • Hotel Dinner in Dijon • Highlight Dinner in Paris • Hotel Dinner in Tunbridge Wells • Scenic Celebration Dinner Cruise on the river Thames in London.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Floriade Expo • Aalsmeer Flower Auction • Neuschwanstein Castle • Isola Bella Cruise with Palace & Garden visit • Château de Versailles • Claude Monet's House • Sissinghurst Gardens • Wisley Garden

City Tour of Maastricht • Orientation Tour of Rothenburg • Orientation Tour of Munich • Orientation Tour of Innsbruck • Orientation Tour of Soave • Walking Tour of Dijon.

See Grindelwald "Valley of Waterfalls"  $\bullet$  Stop at Montreux.

# CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW & SPRINGTIME IN THE ALPS

"I love teaching our guests how to toast in all four of the national languages of Switzerland: "Santé!" in French, "Prost!" in German, "Salute!" in Italian and "Eviva!" in Romance."

- Phillip, Travel Director









CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW, ENGLAND

#### **DAY 1** ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam. Complimentary transfers are departing the airport at 09.00, 11.30 and 14.30.

Later join your Travel Director as you board your canal boat and dine while gliding along the canals. (DW)

#### Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

#### DAY 2 KEUKENHOF AND FLORIADE

Visit Keukenhof Gardens, then off to Floriade Expo 2022, a once-in-a-decade horticultural and international garden exposition. The theme is "Growing Green Cities". (B)

#### **DAY 3** AMSTERDAM TO MAASTRICHT

For the early risers, join a trip to Aalsmeer Flower Auction. Later head to the pretty town of Maastricht for a guided visit of the city, where the European Union was created in 1993. (B)

#### Designhotel, Maastricht.

#### **DAY 4** MAASTRICHT TO ROTHENBURG

Travel to Rothenburg, the most well-preserved town on part of the "Romantic Road". Walk through the narrow-cobbled streets lined with high, gabled houses to the market square dominated by its Renaissance town hall.

Dine tonight in an old town restaurant. (B) (DW)

## Hotel Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

#### **DAY 5** ROTHENBURG TO MUNICH

Continue on the "Romantic Road", heading for the Bavarian capital of Munich. An orientation on arrival shows the Olympic Stadium, University, Victory Arch and the Marienplatz. (B) (DW)

#### Pullman Munich Hotel.

#### **DAY 6** NEUSCHWANSTEIN EXCURSION

In the heart of Bavaria visit the fairy tale castle of Neuschwanstein. Perched on a spectacular Alpine mountainside, it features exuberantly decorated apartments, including the impressive Throne Room. Then return to Munich via the Alpine Road. (B)

#### DAY 7 MUNICH TO THE DOLOMITES

This morning travel to Austria to visit Innsbruck, set in a valley surrounded by snow-capped mountains. Continue through the Italian Alps before arriving at the stunning town of Bolzano. (B) (DW)

#### Four Points by Sheraton Bolzano.

# DAYS 8 - 9 THE DOLOMITES TO ITALIAN LAKES

Descending the Dolomites, head to the medieval walled town of Soave, a middle-age wine village situated in the region of Veneto in Italy. Continue through picturesque scenery to the Italian Lakes District, a flavourite haunt for artists and travellers, where a full day is set aside to relax and enjoy. Take a cruise to Isola Bella for a guided tour of this privately owned palace with its stunning Botanical Gardens. (B) (DW) (B)

#### Hotel Simplon, Baveno

## DAYS 10 - 11 ITALIAN LAKES TO SWISS ALPS

Travel across the border into Switzerland and ascend the Swiss Alps. Marvel at the dramatic glacial views as you travel along Grindelwald Valley, and follow the sparkling Lutschine River to Lauterbrunnen at the head of the "Valley of Waterfalls". (B) (B)

## Romantik Schweizerhof Grindelwald / Hotel Royal St Georges Interlaken.

#### **DAY 12 SWISS ALPS TO DIJON**

Visit Chillon Castle, set on a rocky inlet, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. We stop in the nearby resort town of Montreux, with time for lunch before continuing to Burgundy and historic Dijon. Enjoy a walking tour through the medieval streets where you are sure to appreciate the wealth and elegance of the city's architectural heritage. (B) (DW)

# Hotel Mercure Dijon Centre Clemenceau, Dijon.

#### **DAY 13** DIJON TO PARIS

Travel through the countryside before arriving at the Château de Versailles, one of the most beautiful achievements of 18th century French art. Visit the Château and the extensive gardens which in Louis XIV's view were just as important as the Château itself. In glittering Paris tonight, perhaps see one of the world-famous cabaret shows for an evening of glamour? (B)

# Le Meridien Etoile / Hyatt Regency Etoile, Paris.

#### **DAY 14 PARIS & MONET'S GARDEN**

Travel to Giverny to visit the charming house and gardens. Former home of the greatest impressionist painter, Claude Monet, and inspiration for his famous water lilies paintings.

Return to Paris where this evening, a highlight dinner in true French style. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 15 PARIS TO TUNBRIDGE WELLS

After crossing the channel this morning from Calais, continue to Sissinghurst, one of the best known and admired gardens in the world. Explore the amazing series of garden spaces and climb the tower for a fabulous view. Then to your hotel in picturesque Kent. (B) (DW)

The Spa Hotel Tunbridge Wells or similar.

#### **DAY 16** WISLEY GARDENS TO LONDON

The Gardens of Wisley were gifted to the Royal Horticultural Society in 1903 and since then it has evolved into a world class garden. Explore the beautiful Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden, picturesque orchard and the huge cathedral like glass house. Continue to London to your hotel located by Buckingham Palace. (B)

#### The Rubens at the Palace, London.

#### **DAY 17 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW**

Transfer to the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show. Bringing together the very best show gardens, flowers, and gardening from around the world.

This evening dine on a spectacular Thames River Cruise, a perfect way to complete your memorable journey! (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 18 FAREWELL LONDON**

After breakfast bid your Travel Director farewell and transfer to London Heathrow airport to meet your ongoing flight. (B)





# **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT**Neuschwanstein Castle. (*Photo by @Susie Lee, Day 6, Neuschwanstein*)



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Place Visited



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ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

15 DAYS
2 COUNTRIES
25 MEALS
18 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★☆☆

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Bath:** Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Woking:** Explore the beautiful Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden, picturesque orchard and the huge cathedral like glass house.

**Chipping Campden:** Visit Hidcote Manor Gardens, one of the most influential Arts and Crafts gardens in Britain.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Local restaurant Dinner in London • A traditional Pub Lunch in London • Hotel Dinner in Cornwall • Hotel Dinner in Cheltenham • Lunch in a Local Restaurant at the Cotswolds • A traditional Afternoon Tea in Wales • Local Dinner in Wales • Hotel Dinner in Lake District • Lunch in a local restaurant in Bakewell • Scenic Thames River Dinner Cruise in London.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

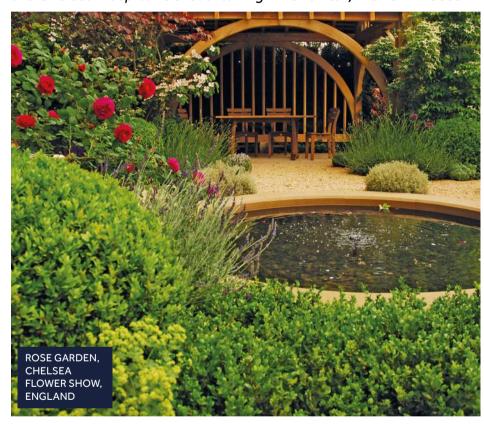
Visit the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show
• Hampton Court Palace • Lost Gardens
of Heligan • Roman Baths • Hidcote Manor
Gardens • Trentham Gardens • Bodnant
Gardens • Hill Top, the home of Beatrix Potter
• Topiary Gardens • Chatsworth Estate •
Blenheim Palace.

City Tour of London with a Local Expert • Orientation of Bibury village, Hawkshead and Bampton by Travel Director.

Ride on the London Eye • Travel on Snowdon Mountain Railway.

# THE GARDENS OF ENGLAND & WALES WITH CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

"The Climax of our trip is the Chelsea Flower Show, a dream come true with beautiful displays of all sorts of flowers and gardens - and to top it off, a display of thousands of handmade poppies in front of the Chelsea Hospital is breathtaking." - Chantal, Travel Director









BIG BEN, LONDON

#### **DAY 1** ARRIVE LONDON

On arrival you are transferred from London Heathrow airport to your hotel. This evening join your Travel Director for a welcome drink and trip briefing at your hotel.

The Rubens at the Palace, London.

#### **DAY 2** CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Transfer to the famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Enjoy the extensive displays of show gardens and magnificent floral displays

Later, enjoy a glass of champagne and a bird's-eye view of London from the London Eye before dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 3** LONDON SIGHTSEEING

Join your Local Expert this morning, see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Trafalgar Square. Witness the pomp and pageantry of the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace (if operating).

Enjoy lunch in a typical English pub. (B) (LW)

## **DAY 4** KEW GARDENS & HAMPTON COURT PALACE

This morning visit the famous Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. Explore inside the vast Victorian glasshouses and see the indoor galleries. Later, discover the wonders of majestic Hampton Court Palace, home to the Kings and Queens of Britain since the time of Henry VIII. Discover the magnificent State Apartments and explore the riverside gardens. (B)

#### DAY 5 WISLEY GARDENS TO CORNWALL

Today travel to the gardens of Wisley, renowned as the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society. Then continue to the county of Cornwall. (B) (D)

The Carlyon Bay Hotel, St Austell or similar.

# DAY 6 LOST GARDEN OF HELIGAN & THE CORNISH COAST

We visit Heligan, one of the most mysterious estates in England. Unveiled in 1992 from under decades of overgrowth, the Lost Gardens were restored on a shoestring budget and hailed by The Times as "the garden restoration of the century". Today the mysterious gardens and estate offer over 200 acres for exploration! (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 7** CORNWALL TO CHELTENHAM

Our journey takes us through the English countryside to Bath. Visit the 18th Century Pump Room and the ancient Baths, then enjoy some free time to browse the quaint streets. Then it's on to the town of Cheltenham where we stay for the next two nights. (B) (D)

Mercure Gloucester Bowden Hall or similar

#### **DAY 8 COTSWOLDS EXCURSION**

A full day of sightseeing of the Cotswolds begins with a visit to Hidcote Manor Gardens, once of the greatest arts and crafts gardens in England. Our drive through the Cotswolds brings us to Bibury described as the 'prettiest village in Britain'.

Enjoy a delicious included lunch, before returning to our hotel. (B) (LW)

# DAY 9 CHELTENHAM TO POWIS CASTLE & ONTO NORTH WALES

This morning stroll through the award-winning Trentham Gardens with its mile long, Capability Brown designed. Trentham Lake.

#### Later enjoy a traditional afternoon tea.

Next, visit Powis Castle gardens with its spectacular terraces and stunning vistas. (B) (AT) (D)

Hilton Garden Inn Snowdonia.

#### DAY 10 BODNANT GARDEN EXCURSION

Visit Bodnant Gardens, one of the most beautiful gardens in the UK. Later move onto the village of Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon, Yr Wyddfa, at 3,560 feet, the highest peak in Wales. Enjoy a fabulous trip onboard the Snowdon Mountain Railway. (B)

# DAY 11 NORTH WALES TO ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT

We bid farewell to Wales and continue north to the picturesque English Lake District where you see some of the most beautiful countryside in the world. We visit the village of Hawkshead, famous for its whitewashed cottages and cobbled lanes. Continue to your hotel close to Lake Windermere. (B) (DW)

Castle Green Hotel, Windermere or similar.

# DAY 12 ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT EXPERIENCE

A day devoted to this scenic wonderland, beginning with a visit to Hill Top, the home of Beatrix Potter and where she spent much of her life. Next admire the Topiary Gardens, the finest, oldest and most extensive garden in the world at Levens Hall. (B)

# DAY 13 LAKE DISTRICT TO CHATSWORTH & ONTO NOTTINGHAM

Heading through the rolling Derbyshire countryside we arrive at the Chatsworth Estate, home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Visiting the house, we see the elegant interiors and admire the art collection of 16 generations of the Cavendish family. Our guided walking tour of the gardens provides an insight into the principle historic features of the garden before an included lunch. (B) (LW)

Jury's Inn Nottingham / Jury's Inn, Derby.

# DAY 14 BLENHEIM PALACE TO BAMPTON VILLAGE, THEN ONTO LONDON

This morning explore the magnificent house and gardens of Blenheim Palace, home of the Duke of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Continue to the village of Bampton to see the street where many scenes from the "Downton Abbey" TV series were filmed.

Later, return to London for a spectacular Thames River Dinner Cruise! (B) (DW)

The Rubens at the Palace, London.

#### **DAY 15 FAREWELL LONDON**

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**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Llanberris to Snowdon Steam Rail. (*Day 10, Snowdonia National Park*)



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**₩** DISCOVERY JOURNEY **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

15 DAYS **5 COUNTRIES** 20 MEALS 13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

Milan: Visit La Scala Opera House, regarded as one of the leading opera and ballet theatres in the world

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in the heart of Rome • Cooking demonstration culinary experience in Umbria region • Wine and Oil tasting with light lunch in Lucca • Dinner at a local restaurant in Milan • Restaurant dinner in Lucerne • Traditional French Style Dinner in Paris • Celebration Dinner Cruise in Amsterdam through the UNESCO World Heritage site

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica • Galleria Borghese • Uffizi Gallery • Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie to see "The Last Supper" • La Scala Opera House • Top of Mount Stanserhorn • Ateiler des Lumières • Louvre Museum at night • Musée d'Orsay • Rijksmuseum • Van Gogh Museum. Orientation Tour of Beaune • Orientation Tour of Paris.

See Ghent.

# AN ART LOVER'S TASTE OF EUROPE

"Our local experts in Rome do an amazing job of bringing this ancient city as well as the Vatican to life! Being fast tracked into sites allows you to focus on the history and art; the beauty of a true Roman experience." - Gigi, Travel Director









CANAL DINNER, AMSTERDAM

#### **DAY 1** ARRIVAL IN ROME

Welcome to Rome! On arrival complimentary transfers are departing the airport at 09.30, 12.30

Later, meet your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant. (DW)

Kolbe Hotel Rome.

#### **DAY 2 ROME SIGHTSEEING**

The day is devoted to the Fternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums with Insight's special priority entry to avoid the crowds. Enjoy behind-the scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel where the Popes are elected and admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica to wonder at another of his works and stand beneath the dome which was completed after his death. (B)

#### DAY 3 GALLERIA BORGHESE AND FREE TIME

A highlight for art lovers today is a visit to the Galleria Borghese, which houses a substantial part. of the Borghese collection of paintings, sculptures and antiquities. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 4 ON TO THE RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Traveling into the heart of Italy, we take in the flavours of Umbria region.

Learn about the ingredients and Italian food culture when we join a local chef for a fascinating cooking demonstration, followed by lunch and a glass of

We then continue through the idyllic landscapes into Tuscany and on to Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. (B) (LW)

Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence,

#### **DAY 5** RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

With a Local Expert, visit the Uffizi Gallery, one of the oldest and most famous art museums in Europe. Then embark on a sightseeing trip to see the multi coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry, adorned by Ghiberti's "Gate of Paradise". (B)

#### **DAY 6** FLORENCE TO MILAN

We travel to Lucca and indulge in a wine and oil tasting with light lunch before heading to the fashion capital Milan

This evening, we are treated to a dinner of local flavours. (B) (DW)

Hotel NH Milano Touring/Crown Plaza Hotel,

#### DAYS 7 - 8 EXPLORE MILAN

Visit the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, an outstanding work of architecture and perhaps more famous for its connection to Leonardo da Vinci's fresco of "The Last Supper" which is preserved inside its refectory\* (dining hall). Later, visit La Scala Opera House, regarded as one of the leading opera and ballet theatres in the world. \*Tickets to The Last Supper entirely subject to availability. (B)

#### **DAY 9 MILAN TO LUCERNE**

We say farewell Italy and travel into the mountains of Switzerland. Climb to the top of Mount Stanserhorn by old-timer railway and the worlds only Cabrio cable car. At the peak, there's time to enjoy glorious views of the central Alpine chain, explore the hiking trails or just relax and enjoy the panoramic terrace before descending and continuing to lakeside Lucerne. (B) (DW)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

#### **DAY 10** LUCERNE TO PARIS

Travelling into the Burgundy wine region of France, we stop in the walled town of Beaune. After an orientation, continue to the French capital, Paris. This evening we enjoy a typical French style dinner.

Concorde Montparnasse / Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

#### DAY 11 THE BEST OF PARIS

This morning on your orientation of Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, the facades of the Louvre, the obelisk in the centre of the Place de la Concorde and enjoy a drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. Visit Paris's first digital art Museum, Ateiler des Lumières. This evening visit the renowned Louvre Museum at night, offering a totally different perspective. Formerly a royal palace, the Louvre has embraced the history of France for eight centuries and features works admired across the globe, including the Mona Lisa. (B)

#### DAY 12 MUSÉE D'ORSAY

Join your Local Expert to visit the Musée d'Orsay. The former Gare d'Orsay of Beaux-Arts architecture is now one of the largest museums in Europe and home to the largest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces in the world. (B)

#### **DAY 13** PARIS TO AMSTERDAM

Travel into Belgium today and stop in the canal city of Ghent. Its centre is known for medieval architecture such as the 12th century Gravensteen Castle and Graslei. Relax at a café terrace, shop for Belgian chocolates, or simply take in the atmosphere. Our journey today ends in the Dutch capital of Amsterdam, a vibrant metropolis and still a living museum of the 17th Century. (B)

Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

#### **DAY 14 ARTISTIC AMSTERDAM**

Admire world famous masterpieces in the Rijksmuseum. Among the collection are works by Rembrandt, Frans Hals and Johannes Vermeer. Then onto the Van Gogh Museum, home to the largest collection of Van Gogh paintings and drawings in the world.

This evening enjoy dinner while cruising through the canals and celebrate our time on this extraordinary journey. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 15** FAREWELL AMSTERDAM

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#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

Vienna: A private, guided exploration of Schönbrunn Palace will have all your senses tingling. Stand beneath frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded Rococo frames where Mozart performed as a child prodigy.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner with Wine in Barcelona • Hotel Dinner with Wine in Lourdes • Hotel Dinner with Wine in Brive-la-Gaillarde • Hotel Dinner with Wine in Dijon • Local Restaurant Dinner with Wine in Engelberg • Dinner in Oberammergau • Celebration Dinner with Wine complemented by Concert of Viennese classic music.

#### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Barcelona: Venture inside Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família and marvel at the contrasts of architecture. Above see its giant, tree-like pillars and spectacular vaulting. Admire the wonderful rainbow of the incredible stainedglass windows.

Guided sightseeing tour with a Local Expert in Barcelona, Montserrat, Lourdes, Rocamadour, Nevers, Salzburg and in Vienna • Orientation tour in Lucerne

Experience the spectacular Passion Play that has made this town famous. Watch from your premium seat as local villagers perform as they have since 1634 in this once in a decade event. An emotive and critically acclaimed performance depicting Christ's last days, this is an event not to be missed.

Visit Basilica at Montserrat, the statue of the Black Madonna • Join a Rosary and candlelight procession in Lourdes • The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette Grotto • Lascaux II cave near Montignac • Shrine of St. Bernadette in Nevers • Journey to the top of Mount Stanserhorn on a panoramic, open-top cable car, meet a Swiss Ranger.

# **EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE INCLUDING OBERAMMERGAU**

"Spain is such a culturally diverse, vibrant and enthralling country. It often feels like a dozen small countries rolled into one. One can argue that is where you can find the best food, wine, and landscapes in Europe." - Philippe, Travel Director









#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, as you get to know your fellow travellers over Spanish delicacies and regional wines. (DW)

Melia Sarria / Hesperia Presidente, Barcelona.

#### DAY 2 BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDI

Join a Local Expert in the heart of the Barri Gotic, the Gothic Quarter, and walk through the Roman Gate to see its narrow lanes and old squares. You are driven along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to behold Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia. (B)

## DAY 3 MONTSERRAT AND THE BLACK MADONNA

Ascend the sacred mountain of Montserrat, Catalonia's most important pilgrimage site for a thousand years. Enjoy the spectacular panoramic views before entering the dark, ornate "Basílica Real" and reaching the mystical Black Madonna. (B)

#### DAY 4 BARCELONA TO LOURDES

Cross into France and stay overnight in Lourdes, home to another of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage. Join the nightly Rosary and candlelight procession for a memorable spiritual experience. (B) (DW)

Hotel Mercure Lourdes Impérial.

#### **DAY 5** LOURDES SIGHTSEEING

This morning enjoy a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette, including "Boly Mill and Cachot." Later, enjoy some time at leisure to explore the town. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 6 LOURDES TO BRIVE LA GAILLARD

Travel to Rocamadour and enjoy free time to explore this medieval town perched on a cliff side above the Alzou River and known as a resting place for pilgrims on their way to Spa. Continue to the beautiful town of Sarlat-la-Canéda. (B) (DW)

Hotel Le Quercy, Brive-la-Gaillarde.

#### **DAY 7 LASCAUX EXCURSION**

**Relaxed Start.** Start the day with a morning drive into the stunning Valley of Dordogne to visit Lascaux II where the world-famous prehistoric cave paintings have been faithfully reproduced. (B)

#### DAY 8 BRIVE LA GAILLARD TO DIJON

After breakfast, depart for Nevers where Bernadette Soubirous joined the Sisters of Charity at St. Gilard in Nevers in 1866. Visit the Convent of St. Gildard, see the body of St. Bernadette and walk in her footsteps through the convent gardens before continuing to Dijon. (B) (DW)

Dijon La Cloche / Le Jura Dijon.

#### **DAY 9** FREE TIME IN DIJON

Relaxed Start. Enjoy the Burgundy capital of Dijon. Its many handsome buildings recall the time when the Dukes of Burgundy were more powerful than the Kings of France. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit the wine capital of Burgundy, Beaune? In the evening, don't miss the chance of an optional Burgundy wine tasting and traditional dinner in the Premier Cru village of Fixin. (B)

#### **DAY 10 DIJON TO ENGELBERG**

Cross the Swiss border before we arrive at lakeside Lucerne. Upon arrival see the town's proud Lion Monument, the covered Chapel Bridge, and the baroque Jesuit Church. Enjoy some free time before we head to Engelberg, an alpine town in central Switzerland. In the centre of the town is Kloster Engelberg, a 12th-century Benedictine monastery, founded in 1120 where, to this day, Monks still live and teach (B) (DW)

Hotel Krone Sarnen / Bellevue-Terminus or similar, Engelberg.

#### DAY 11 ENGELBERG

In the morning, embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and open-top cable car to the summit of stunning Mount Stanserhorn, where you will meet a Swiss Ranger and learn about the local wildlife. Take in the pristine mountain air and on a clear day you can see as far as Alsace and the Black Forest. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B)

#### DAY 12 ENGELBERG TO OBERAMMERGAU

Travelling to charming Oberammergau, on arrival take your reserved seats to witness the world famous Passion Play, re-enacting the last days of Christ on earth. After a break for dinner the captivating performance continues into the evening. (B) (DW)

Oberammergau and surrounding villages.

#### **DAY 13** OBERAMMERGAU TO VIENNA

A short drive over the Austrian border leads to Salzburg, 'alive with the sound of music'. Sightseeing with a Local Expert will reveal the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, the imposing fortress, the cathedral in the Old Town and Mozart's birthplace. After some free time for lunch, head for the Austrian capital of Vienna. (B)

InterContinental Vienna / Renaissance Wien Hotel. Vienna.

#### **DAY 14 VIENNA SIGHTSEEING**

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Schönbrunn Palace and marvel at its frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers, mirrors, and gilded ornaments, before spending some time in the perfectly manicured gardens. See the city's highlights including St. Charles' Church, the Hofburg Palace, Parliament, and State Opera House.

Experience an extraordinary concert of Viennese classic music performed by highly acclaimed soloists and dancers, complemented by a delicious meal of Austrian fare and wine for your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 15** DEPART VIENNA

Your pilgrimage concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Vienna airport at 07.00 and 09.00. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Visit Gaudi's Sagrada Familia with your Local Expert. (Day 2, Barcelona)



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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Agra: Visit the 'Sheroes Café', a local business run by women survivors of acid attacks.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Kathmandu: Hear an inspirational talk led by women who summited Mount Everest, the highest point above sea level on Earth.

Visit a pottery workshop in Kathmandu • Join an Aarti chanting ceremony on the Ganges

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Jaipur: Choose to visit the royal observatory. Alternatively, walk through the city's old lanes. Choose between two experiences in Agra.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Jaipur: Enjoy a special outdoor dining experience at the esteemed Dera Amer. With elephants roaming free on its land, the venue's primary purpose is to maintain an area of natural beauty, while protecting its

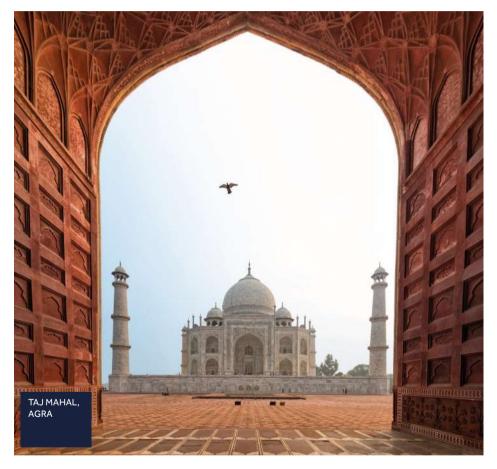
Welcome Dinner in Kathmandu • Lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur • Celebration Dinner in Varanasi.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Sacred Swayambhunath and Dubar Square in Kathmandu • Tomb of the Emperor Humayun in Delhi • Flower Market, Spice Market and Amber Fort in Jaipur • Taj Mahal and Agra Fort • Sarnath in Varanasi.

# **CLASSICAL INDIA** WITH NEPAL

"India is the most alluring and diversified destination to travel, rich in culture and heritage." - Virendra, Travel Director









### **DAY 1** WELCOME TO KATHMANDU

Welcome to Nepal. On arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport you will be greeted by a representative and transferred to your hotel.

At 17:00 meet your Travel Director and venture out in Thamel on a rickshaw ride. Later, head to a local restaurant for a Welcome Reception, drinks and dinner. (DW)

Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu.

### DAY 2 KATHMANDU THE CITY OF BEAUTY

Start with a morning visit to the city of Kathmandu and see the tranquil Swayambhunath temple.

Later, stop in Patan, the third largest city in Nepal, for lunch

In the afternoon, explore the city's stunning architecture with a Local Expert. Highlights include the Golden Temple, Durbar Square and Mul Chowk.

Enjoy the flavours of the region in the evening with an indulgent dinner. (B) (L) (D)

### DAY 3 KATHMANDU'S SPIRITUAL HISTORY

Delve into Kathmandu's spiritual history with a morning visit to the Pashupatinath Temple on the banks of the Bagmati River and take in the impressive Boudhanath Stupa.

Next you'll head to the city of Bhadgaon, before visiting a local pottery workshop, where a local craftsman will provide a demonstration. In the evening, head to an inspirational talk by a woman who summited the Earth's highest mountain above sea level, Mount Everest. (B)

### DAY 4 ON TO VIBRANT DELHI

Head to the airport for your flight to Delhi, India. On arrival, you'll be taken to your modern hotel. Later, join your group and Travel Director for a trip to the Akshardham Temple. Also known as Swaminarayan Akshardham, this Hindu temple is a spiritual and cultural campus dedicated to devotion, learning and harmony. (B)

Le Méridien, New Delhi.

### DAY 5 EXPLORING NEW AND OLD DELHI

Relaxed Start. This morning, head on an exciting sightseeing tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk bazaar in Old Delhi and drive past the Red Fort, the main residence of the Mughal dynasty until 1856. In the afternoon, visit a Sikh temple and its community kitchen, a place preparing and serving free vegetarian meals to those in need. Later, drive past the President Palace, India Gate and Parliament House, before ending the day with a tour of Humayun's Tomb. (B)

### DAY 6 THE PINK CITY

**Relaxed Start.** Move on to Jaipur, more affectionately known as the Pink City. Before lunch, enjoy a visit to the Heritage Transport Museum in Haryana, a fascinating showcase of the evolution of transport in India.

Later, join your Travel Director for an evening visit to a flower and spice market.

Dine at the esteemed Dera Amer. Situated in the wilderness close to Jaipur, this outdoor dining experience truly connects you to nature. With elephants roaming free on its land, the venue's primary purpose is to maintain an area of natural beauty. (B) (L) (D)

Hotel ITC Rajputana, Jaipur.

### **DAY 7** DELVE INTO JAIPUR

Ascend by jeep to Amber Fort. Built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh, its royal halls mesmerise with their ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings.

Experience India's spiritual majesty, with a special blessing ceremony.

In the afternoon, take a city tour of Jaipur and see the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, and visit the City Palace Museum.

Explore Jaipur with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the royal observatory and see Jantar Mantar, featuring the world's largest stone sun dial. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the city's old lanes and see artisans working with age-old techniques. (B) (D)

### DAY 8 JAIPUR TO AGRA

In the morning depart for Agra, home to the spectacular Taj Mahal.

Along the way stop for lunch at the beautiful Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur.

When you arrive in Agra, the evening is yours at leisure. Why not make the most of the amenities at your hotel, Jaypee Palace? (B) (L)

Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra.

### DAY 9 THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early for a visit to the Taj Mahal in its best light, and continue on to Agra Fort. Explore Agra with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided walk through Kachhpura to discover the life of local farmers. Enjoy tea and pakora on a rooftop with views of the Taj Mahal. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit the 'Sheroes' Café. This local business supports female victims of acid attacks who refuse to give up and instead fight for a better life.

Catch up with your fellow travellers over dinner at your hotel this evening. (B) (D)

### **DAY 10** ON TO VARANASI

Take a flight to Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in Hinduism.

In the evening, participate in an Aarti on the ghats, where you'll offer prayers to the River Ganges. This spiritual ceremony is performed daily to honour the River Goddess Ganga. (B)

Taj Ganges, Varanasi.

### DAY 11 THE HOLY CITY OF VARANASI

Wake early for a sunrise boat cruise on River Ganges, followed by a visit to an Akhara. Return to your hotel for breakfast before heading on a tour of Varanasi. See the Sarnath, a sacred deer park where Gautama Buddha first taught the Dharma and the Buddhist Sangha first came into existence through Kondanna's enlightenment.

Later, enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner at your hotel. (B) (DW)

### DAY 12 LEAVE VARANASI FOR DELHI

End your trip with a relaxing early morning yoga session at your hotel, before breakfast.

Transfer to the airport and head back to Delhi before your onward flights. Please do not schedule flights before 9pm. (B)



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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Kandy: Meet members of the Digana community during a tour of Tamarind Gardens and lunch. The project supports the villagers with access to water, food, and creates a sustainable future for the families.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Kandy: Visit Rahju's Contemporary Art Gallery, enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea.

Visit Colombo with a photographer and wildlife enthusiast • Ritigala Jungle with a Buddhist.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Sigiriya: Choose to climb Sigiriya Rock for magnificent views. Alternatively, visit Sigiriya Water Gardens, some of the oldest landscaped gardens in the world.

Choose between two experiences in Anuradhapura.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Nuwara Eliya: Your mouthwatering Celebration Dinner features the best of Sri Lankan cuisine

Welcome Dinner in Colombo • Celebration Dinner in Nuwara Eliya.

Taste tea in Nuwara Eliya.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Travel through Colombo streets in a tuk-tuk • hike in World's End.

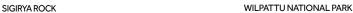
Visit Wilpattu National Park • Dambulla Cave Temple • Polonnaruwa Archaeological Park • Sacred Tooth Relic Temple • tea plantations and garden in Nuwara Eliya.

# CLASSICAL **SRILANKA**

"I became a Travel Director because of my passion to meet new people and the opportunity to showcase the diversity of this paradise island." - Lucky, Travel Director









### DAY 1 WELCOME TO SRI LANKA

Welcome to Sri Lanka. On arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to your luxury hotel, the Taj Samudra, Colombo. A contemporary building situated on the seafront, it provides an idyllic ambience at sunset.

Unwind and rejuvenate before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director at 19:00, for a Welcome Dinner with drinks. (DW)

### Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo.

### **DAY 2 EXPLORE COLOMBO**

In the morning, head on a leisurely walking tour of Colombo with Mark Forbes, a photographer and wildlife enthusiast, and discover the city's hidden treasures. Journey through a myriad of buildings that date back to the 17th century and were erected mostly during Dutch and British rule. Visit Pettah Market, where locals head to pick up fresh fruit and vegetables, garments and jewellery. This market place is older than the buildings around it and an area best explored with a local. Later, head out to explore Colombo's oldest neighbourhoods by tuk-tuk. Cruise the city streets as the sun descends over the Indian Ocean and the city lights spring to life around a pulse of evening

### DAY 3 WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

activity. (B)

**Relaxed Start.** After breakfast, begin your journey to Wilpattu National Park. On arrival, check into your luxury safari camp located on the border of the park, a quintessential glamping experience and a satisfying blend of comfort and nature. Enjoy relaxing in your spacious living room, with views of the lush, green jungle just steps away. In the evening, explore the park by jeep safari in search of Sri Lanka's big four—leopards, elephants, sloth bears and deer. (B) (L) (D)

### Mahoora Safari Camp, Wilpattu National Park.

### **DAY 4 JUNGLE SAFARI**

Enjoy journeying through the jungle on your full day safari. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles, buffalos, mongooese and turtles. (B) (L) (D)

### **DAY 5** WILPATTU TO SIGIRIYA

In the morning head south, making your way to Sigiriya.

Visit Anuradhapura with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the temple complex, sprawling with a rich collection of archeological wonders. Alternatively, visit the small community of Puranagama, to experience traditional village life.

Meet a practicing Buddhist and embark on a guided walking tour of the Ritigala jungle's enveloped paths. Hear the tales and secrets of the forest dwelling monks, a community that once inhabited the monastic reserve and today devote their lives to simple living in the forest. (B) (D)

### Hotel Aliya Resort & Spa, Sigiriya.

# DAY 6 EXPLORING SIGIRIYA'S ANCIENT KINGDOM

Explore Sigiriya with Insight Choice. Choose to climb Sigiriya Rock. Alternatively, visit Sigiriya Water Gardens

Later, visit the historic city of Polonnaruwa, the second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms. During a tuk-tuk ride, explore the ancient remains of temples and tombs.

Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site before heading back to your hotel. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Anuradhapura temple. (Day 5, Sri Lanka)

# DAY 7 COLOURFUL CAVES AND RAINFORESTS

Today you'll visit the colourful Dambulla Caves. Also known as the Golden Temple caves, this World Heritage Site is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka.

Stop at Tamarind Gardens for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and lunch. This local farm has been working to supply community members with access to clean water, nutritional food, and supports the village towards a sustainable future. Later, arrive in Kandy. Once here you'll enjoy

### Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy.

performance. (B) (L)

a cultural evening of drums and a dance

### **DAY 8** TEA COUNTRY HILLS

Relaxed Start. Visit the Sacred Tooth Relic. Located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, it is home to Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic, a tooth of Buddha. Later meet Rahju, a local artist, at his contemporary art gallery. Enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea. Continue to Nuwara Eliya, a green haven of tea plantations and tea gardens.

In the evening, participate in a cooking demonstration. Learn to cook Sri Lankan and South Indian cuisine with a local chef, before indulging in the fruits of your hard work. (B) (D)

### Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya.

### **DAY 9** EXPLORING NUWARA ELIYA

Discover Horton Plains on a hike to World's End, where a stunning escarpment plunges 880 metres down to the jungle floor. Stand in awe and capture incredible views of the expansive plateau, before mist and cloud obscure the scene.

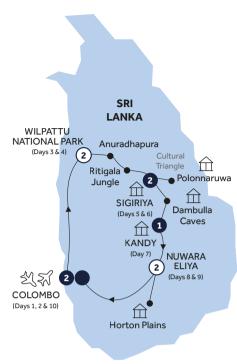
In the afternoon, learn everything there is to know about Ceylon tea during a visit to a tea plantation and garden.

Walk through the plantation during plucking time and spend time with a tea plucker to learn about their life, before enjoying a tasting session hosted by an expert.

In the evening, toast to your travels with your new friends over a Celebration Dinner at your hotel.
(B) (DW)

### DAY 10 GOODBYE COLOMBO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers, as your journey comes to an end. You'll be driven back to Colombo airport for your onward flight. A stop will be made in Colombo for those extending their stay. (B)



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Meet the ladies of Pink City Rickshaw Company in Jaipur • Visit the Seva Mandir organisation in Udaipur.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Jodhpur: Meet a local astrologer who uses her mystic skills to try and predict your future by studying the palm of your hand, or the alignment of the stars based on your birthday.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Delhi:** Choose to get creative and hands on as you take part in a jewellery making class. Alternatively, enjoy abhyangam, an Aryuveda massage practice where oil is applied to your body by two skilled therapists.

Choose between two experiences in Jaipur.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in New Delhi • Lunch in an old private mansion in Delhi • Lunch on your way to Jaipur • Cooking Demo in Jaipur • Dinner at the opulent 1135 AD Restaurant in Jaipur • Lunch in the village of Chandelao • Highlight Dinner at Khaas Bagh • Al fresco lunch at Mountbatten Lodge • Celebration Dinner in

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

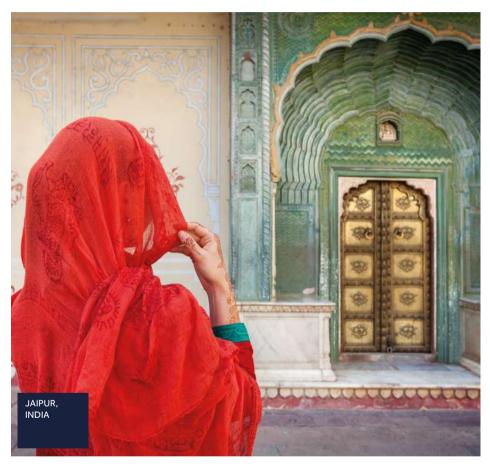
Experience the magic of Diwali Festival in

Visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort • Tomb of the Emperor of Humayun in Delhi • Amber Fort and Palace of the Winds in Jaipur • Mehrangarth Fort in Jodphur • Jain Temple Complex in Ranakpur • City Palace in Udaipur.

# INSPIRATIONAL INDIA, A WOMEN **ONLY TOUR**

"A favorite local expression I share is 'namaste' which extends honour and greetings to those you meet."

- Virendra. Travel Director







DIWALLI PINK CITY RICKSHAW

### DAY 1 WELCOME TO DELHI

After your arrival at Delhi's Indira Gandhi Airport, you are transferred to your hotel.

Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow female travellers for a welcome drink, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

Le Méridien. New Delhi.

# DAY 2 THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF OLD DELHI

**Relaxed Start.** Dive into Old Delhi's symphony of sounds, smells, tastes and colours as you wander down beautiful narrow lanes and taste authentic Delhi street food

Visit an elegant haveli, an old private mansion, and enjoy a delicious lunch with a local family.

Later, visit the Sikh temple Bangla Sahib Gurdwara and take a walk through their community kitchen where you witness the practice of langar: serving food free of charge to anyone who is hungry. (B) (L)

### **DAY 3** EXPLORING NEW DELHI

Pay a visit to the 16th century Tomb of Emperor Humayun, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site in New Delhi.

Explore Delhi with Insight Choice. Choose to get creative and hands on as you take part in a jewellery making class. Alternatively, enjoy abhyangam, an Aryuveda massage practice whereby oil is applied to your body by two skilled therapists. (B)

### DAY 4 DELHI TO AGRA

Journey to Agra and visit its historical fort complex resembling a walled city. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Sheroes Café and meet the inspiring women behind it who are survivors of acid attacks. (B) (AT)

Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra.

# DAY 5 THE UNMATCHED BEAUTY OF THE TAJ MAHAL

Put on a traditional saree for your visit to the Taj Mahal, a true highlight of your journey. Marvel at this monument dedicated to love.

Later, enjoy lunch on your way to Jaipur, the stunning capital city of Rajasthan state.

In the evening visit the local market and shop for a traditional Indian dress for the upcoming Diwali celebrations. (B) (L)

### Hotel ITC Rajputana, Jaipur.

### DAY 6 JAIPUR THROUGH THE LOCALS' EYES

On your city tour see the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of the Winds, boasting a lace-like facade with its 953 windows. Visit the Jantar Mantar Royal Observatory, and the neighbouring City Palace, housing a fabulous collection of Rajasthani and Muqhal art.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet the ladies of the Pink City Rickshaw Company, dedicated to empowering women from low-income households. Explore Jaipur with Insight Choice. Choose to take part in a demonstration of the art of Mehndi, the traditional henna body painting. Alternatively, learn a few new moves at an energetic Bollywood dance class.

Tonight, join a local family to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Get involved in the preparations and take part in the celebrations.

Learn how to prepare traditional meals by watching a cooking demonstration before feasting on a delicious dinner. (B) (D)

### DAY 7 THE PINK CITY

Start your day with a yoga session led by a female guru. Explore Jaipur with Insight Choice. Choose to go on a walking tour in the bazaars where you will meet the colourful characters involved in gempolishing, tie die or bangle-making. Alternatively, visit a Blue Pottery workshop and see how this characteristic local pottery is made. Later, ascend the hilltop Amber Fort and experience India's spiritual majesty with a special Hindu blessing ceremony.

Feel like royalty as you dine at the opulent 1135 AD Restaurant and savour mouthwatering Rajasthani cuisine. (B) (L) (D)

# DAY 8 CHANDELAO AND THE BLUE CITY OF JODHPUR

Meet the female artisans of the Sunder Rang Arts and Crafts Project in Chandelao village, producing traditional Rajasthani textiles and handicrafts. After lunch, continue to the Blue City of Johdpur and take a stroll through the Ghanta Ghar, the clock tower market. (B) (L)

### WelcomHotel Jodhpur.

### **DAY 9** EXPLORING JODHPUR

Venture to a nearby village and meet the Bishnoi people, who for 500 years have protected nature to ensure the survival of endangered species. On the return to Jodhpur, visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort and see the marble cenotaph of Jaswant Thada.

Indulge in a Highlight Dinner at Khaas Bagh, a worthy tribute to the legendary lifestyle of princely India. (B) (L) (D)

### DAY 10 RANAKPUR AND UDAIPUR

Travel to Ranakpur to explore the elaborate carvings and classic architecture of the Jain Temples before meeting a priest and attending a special prayer ceremony.

Enjoy an al fresco lunch served under a 300-yearold banyan tree at Mountbatten Lodge. Continue to Udaipur. (B) (L)

### Taj Aravali Resort & Spa.

### **DAY 11 EXPLORE UDAIPUR**

**Relaxed Start.** Explore the City Palace complex, visit the Jagdish Temple and explore the Garden of the Maids of the Honour. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Seva Mandir Organization, working to empower women by building stronger and more ethical communities.

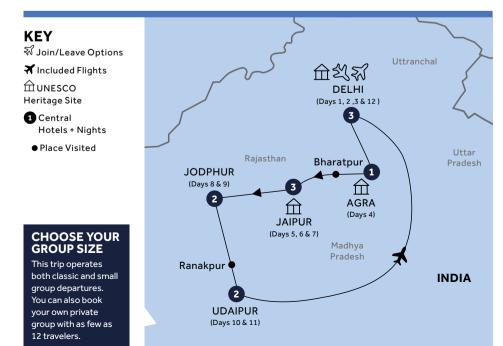
Tonight, experience Bedla hospitality at your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

### DAY 12 FLY TO DELHI

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before you fly to Delhi and your journey comes to an end. For your onward travels please schedule your flight after 21:00 from Delhi. (B)



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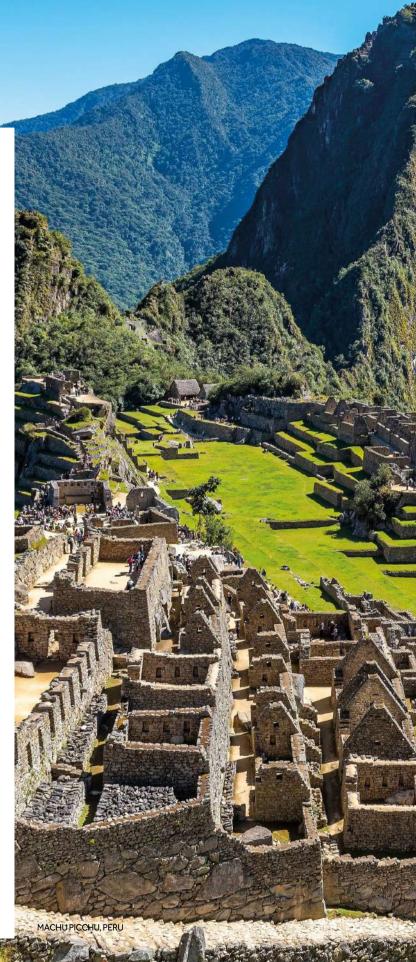


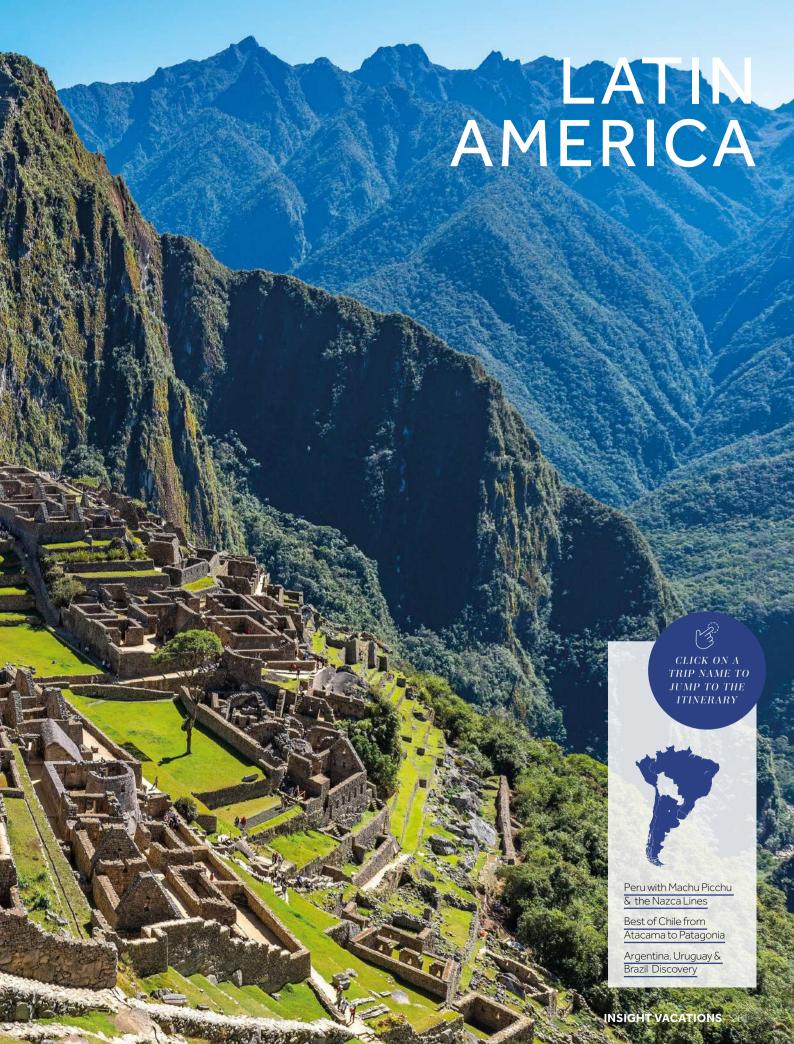


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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Sacred Valley: Visit a local traditional Quechua weaver in the Sacred Valley for a private textile presentation. You'll learn about ancient weaving techniques and the importance these textiles have in shaping personal and regional identities.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Cusco: Learn about mythic Andean culture through astronomy, cosmology and the importance of the stars from a Local Expert during your after-hours guided visit to the Cusco Planetarium.

Visit Machu Picchu in small groups as your Local Experts reveal the significance of the citadel

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

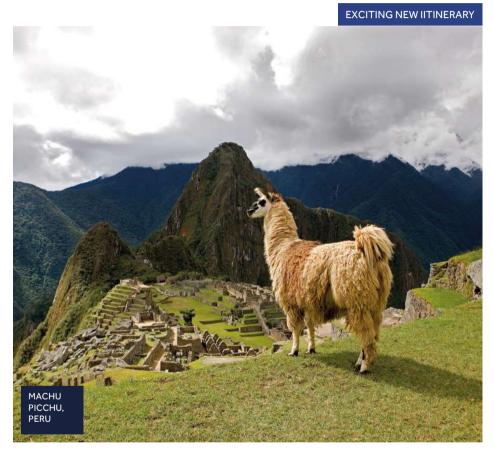
Cusco: Choose to head on a guided hike to Puca Pucara. Alternatively, visit the bohemian neighborhood of San Blas and visit the art galleries.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Lima • Highlight Lunch at Museo Larco • Pachamanca Highlight Lunch • Dinner with wine at Hacienda Huayoccari • Highlight Dinner in Machu Picchu • Celebration Dinner in Cusco.

# PERU WITH MACHU PICCHU & THE NAZCA LINES

"Peru remains on of the few places in the world where ancient remnants of a lost civilization can be seen in every glance of this landscape." - Byron, Travel Director







NAZCA LINES FLIGHT

MORAY

### **DAY 1** THE NAZCA LINES

Arrive in Lima for the first day of your Nazca excursion. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers at the hotel bar for a welcome drink.

### MGallery Lima.

### **DAY 2** COASTAL PARACAS

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, head on a leisurely coastal drive to the beach town of Paracas. Fly over the mysterious Nazca Lines and see this UNESCO World Heritage Site from above. (B) (DW)

### Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort.

### **DAY 3** BALLESTAS ISLANDS

**Relaxed Start.** Head on a scenic cruise to the Ballestas Islands, famous for its rock formations and marine life.

Explore this beautiful area before heading to the nearby city of Ica for lunch and a pisco distillery for a tasting.

After visiting a local museum, your evening is free. (B) (L)

### DAY 4 COASTAL PERU AND LIMA

The final day of your Nazca extension will introduce you to coastal living with a local fisherman, followed by lunch and a tour of a historic hacienda where you will learn about a dark chapter in Peruvian history.

If you are joining the Peru with Machu Picchu journey today, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Unwind at your luxury abode, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers in the evening for a Welcome Dinner with drinks. (B) (L) (DW)

### MGallery Lima.

### **DAY 5** EXPLORE LIMA

**Relaxed Start.** Explore with your Local Expert this morning, including the Cathedral of Lima, the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace and City Hall.

Visit the San Francisco Monastery and its underground cemetery and head to Museo Larco.

Indulge on a Highlight Lunch in its 18th century garden setting.

After lunch, meet a local guide who will take you around the museum's private collection. (B) (L)

### DAY 6 LIMA TO SACRED VALLEY

Fly to Cusco this morning.

Begin your tour of the Sacred Valley while taking in impressive views on your scenic drive.

Enjoy lunch at Altar Inca, surrounded by some of the most impressive views of the region.

Arrive at your hotel for a leisurely evening. We recommend that you rest in order to adjust to the altitude comfortably. (B) (L)

### Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness.

### **DAY 7** EXPLORE SACRED VALLEY

Relaxed Start. Start with a visit to the Maras salt pans. Move on to an Incan laboratory in Moray, an archeological site close to Cusco. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience as you visit a local traditional Quechua weaver. Learn about ancient weaving techniques and the importance these textiles have in shaping both personal and regional identifies

Make your way to Laguna Piuray where you'll enjoy your Highlight Lunch of Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast.

In the evening, transfer to Hacienda Huayoccari, a gem of the Sacred Valley.

Explore its grounds and sit down for a special Peruvian Dinner. (B) (L) (DW)

### DAY 8 EXPLORE MACHU PICCHU

Transfer to the station for your 360° IncaRail train

Enjoy lunch on your way to Machu Picchu pueblo. On the way, visit the Ollantaytambo ruins. Visit a local house in the village and meet the family living there

In the afternoon, visit Machu Picchu, where you'll meet your Local Experts for a guided visit in small groups. They will take you through the ruins and explain their historical and archaeological significance, as well as the importance of their location.

End your day with a relaxing dinner and drinks at your hotel. (B) (L) (DW)

Inkaterra Forest, Machu Picchu.

### DAY 9 MACHU PICCHU AT LEISURE

Take in Machu Picchu for a second time. Spend your morning exploring at your own pace. The afternoon is yours at leisure.

Spend the evening as you please before sitting down to a Highlight Dinner with your fellow travellers. (B) (DW)

### DAY 10 on to cusco

After breakfast, return by train to Ollantaytambo, where you will transfer to the ancient city of Cusco. Once you arrive, head out on a walking tour with a Local Expert. Visit its cathedral and the Korikancha temple, the most important temple in the Inca Empire..

The evening is yours at leisure. (B)

### JW Marriott El Convento Cusco.

### **DAY 11 EXPLORING CUSCO**

Start your day with a walking tour of Cusco, before heading to Sacsayhuaman. Afterward, choose to join a local expert on a guided hike of the Inca ruins at Puca Pucara. Alternatively you can explore the artisan bohemian neighborhood of San Blas and visit the prestigious art galleries.

### Enjoy lunch at Pachapapa.

Visit San Blas Church and the surrounding streets, before making your way to San Pedro Market. Later, make your way to the city's planetarium for a private, after-hours tour, sample some local delicacies and hot wine as you gaze at the night sky. (B) (L)

### DAY 12 LEISURE TIME IN CUSCO

**Relaxed Start.** Today, explore Cusco at your own pace. Perhaps head out on an optional visit to Rainbow Mountain, or to the ChocoMuseo to learn about chocolate making. Or maybe relax and unwind at your hotel, set in a beautiful 16th century building.

In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a memorable Celebration Dinner at Calle del Medio, where you will toast to your adventures. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 13 DEPART CUSCO**

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers as your trip comes to an end. Take a private transfer to Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport. (B)



**AUTHENTIC DINING** Pachamanca Highlight Lunch. (*Day 7, Laguna Piuray*)



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### KEY

₹ Join/Leave Options

Heritage Site

1 Central
Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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Train

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Trip Options

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Extend your tour to Easter Island. Combine this trip with **PERU WITH** MACHU PICCHU AND NAZCA LINES.

**© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: DYNAMIC** 

11 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 21 MEALS 11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

GUEST REVIEW

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Torres del Paine National Park: Savour delectable meals at Hotel Las Torres Patagonia featuring organic produce from the region's oldest garden, grown using biointensive sustainable methods.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Torres del Paine National Park: Choose to join a Patagonian Ranch Cultural Experience and learn about the baqueano (cowboy) way of life. Alternatively, take a tour of the region's oldest organic farm inside the Reserva Cerro Paine.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Santiago • Lunch in Valparaiso • Wine tasting in the Casablanca Valley • Dinner with wine in Atacama • Lunch with wine in Santiago • Patagonian Dinner with wine • Celebration Dinner in Torres del Paine.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise a Patagonian fjord to see the Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers.

Visit Casablanca Valley • Atacama Desert • Moon Valley • Andes Highlands • Atacama Geysers • Atacama Salt Flats • Torres del Paine National Park.

# **BEST OF CHILE** FROM ATACAMA TO PATAGONIA

### WITH FASTER ISLAND OPTION

"The Atacama Desert is truly a marvel. Despite being the driest desert in the world, you will encounter El Tatio geysers, glaciated landscapes and over 500 species of flora."

- Byron, Travel Director









VALLEY OF THE MOON

### **DAY 1** ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO

Welcome to Santiago. A picturesque city set against the spectacular, snowcapped Andes, it offers a metropolitan world of museums, top restaurants and historic finds. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel.

In the evening meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel as you enjoy a Welcome Dinner. (DW)

The Singular Santiago Lastarria Hotel.

# DAY 2 VALPARAISO AND THE CASABLANCA WINE COUNTRY

Begin your day with a visit to the coastal city of Valparaiso. Explore the UNESCO protected site with a Local Expert as you discover its church-dotted hillsides and unique ampitheatre-like layout. After lunch, visit the Kingston Family Vineyard for a private wine tasting in the Casablanca Valley. The evening is yours at leisure to relax or have a night out on the town. (B) (LW)

### **DAY 3** ON TO ATACAMA

Take a transfer to the airport for your flight to Calama, a city based in the Atacama Desert. On arrival you'll head to San Pedro.

You'll then be driven to the Moon Valley for a guided visit. A nod to its name, this moon-like area is made up of dunes, caves and caverns. Learn more about its history and the land formations from a Local Expert. (B)

Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama.

### **DAY 4** EXPLORE ATACAMA

This morning, take a guided visit to the Atacama Geysers known as El Tatio Geysers, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. Located in the Andes Mountains, you'll be 14,170 feet (4,230 metres) above sea level. Enjoy a visit to the Puritama Hotsprings before taking a scenic drive back to your hotel. (B) (D)

### **DAY 5** ATACAMA SALT FLATS

Explore the Atacama Salt Flats, the largest in Chile. One of the driest parts of the world, the area stretches for over 40,000 square miles (103,600 kilometres). Keep your eyes open for species of wild birds including the Andean and James flamingos on the shores of the Chaxa, Miscanti and Minque Lagoons. This afternoon, make your way to Toconao, a traditional colonial village known for is volcanic rock architecture. (B) (L)

### **DAY 6** ATACAMA TO SANTIAGO

Wake up for your transfer and flight back to Santiago.

Enjoy lunch at El Galeon restaurant, located in the heart of the Central Market.

Continue to the Plaza de Armas and the cathedral, traveling to the heart of the city along the famous Alameda, Santiago's vibrant main avenue. Continue your tour by crossing the Mapocho River to reach the bohemian Bellavista district on your way to the San Cristobal Hill. (B) (LW)

The Singular Santiago Lastarria Hotel.

### DAY 7 ON TO PUERTO NATALES

Fly to Punta Arenas where you'll then drive to Puerto Natales, a port city, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park and starting point for explorers in search of the Patagonian fjords. This afternoon, you'll have leisure time in the day to rest and rejuvenate before heading to dinner.

Famous for its spiced meat and seafood dishes, tonight's meal will have you savouring typical Patagonian dishes. (B) (DW)

Hotel Remota, Puerto Natales,

# DAY 8 BALMACEDA AND SERRANO GLACIERS EXCURSION

Wake for a scenic breakfast before starting your day. Head out on a Balmaceda & Serrano Glacier Cruise to view these majestic ice formations. On return, the rest of your day is at leisure. (B) (L)

### DAY 9 TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Join your local expert on an excursion of the Torres del Paine National Park. Situated in Chile's Patagonia region, this park is famous for its glaciers, grasslands, imposing mountains and the three granite towers it is named after.

This afternoon, explore Torres del Paine with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Patagonian Ranch Cultural Experience and learn about the baqueano (cowboy) way of life. During your time with them, you will learn about their special clothing, saddles and other horse tack. You'll also be shown how to properly saddle a horses, nail a horseshoe and of course how to ride. Alternatively, choose to join a tour of the region's oldest gardens at Resrva Cerro Paine which produces seasonal fruits and vegetables using bio-intensive sustainable methods. (B) (L) (DW)

Hotel Las Torres Patagonia.

### DAY 10 SIGHTSEEING IN TORRES DEL PAINE

Today you'll spend the day sightseeing in Torres del Paine as you keep a look out for the park's guanacos, a rare creature similar to the llama, as well as Andean condors. Witness the sharp peaks of Cuernos del Paine and marvel at the emerald waters of the park's lakes.

After a day exploring, join your Travel Director and new friends as you toast to your travels at a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (L) (DW)

### **DAY 11** BACK TO SANTIAGO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers as your trip comes to an end. Head to Punta Arenas where you'll fly to Santiago International Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, extend your journey with an exciting three-day Easter Island Option. (B)

### **EASTER ISLAND OPTION**

### DAY 12 - 14 EXPLORE EASTER ISLAND

Arrive on Easter Island, the cradle of an enigmatic culture that persists to this day. Meet your local expert and transfer to your hotel. Afterwards, embark on an excursion to Orongo. Start by driving up to Rano Kau, an extinct volcano that offers stunning views of the island and Crater Lake. Then continue onwards to the stone ceremonial village of Orongo. Visit the Ana Kai Tangata cave, where you'll observe the intricate rock paintings as you hear stories about the Birdman culture. Uncover more of Easter Island's mysteries with a visit to the bay of Hanga Te'e and the unrestored Ahu Vaihu where the toppled "moais" are surrounded by spectacular views. From there, you'll visit Akahanga, the burial site of King Hotu Matua. Afterward, visit the Rano Raraku, an UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to almost 900 moais. Your exploration of the island continues to Ahu Tongariki and Ahu Te Pito Kura. End your tour at Anakena beach to enjoy some sun and the Pacific Ocean

See the restored Ahu Akivi, where seven identical "moais" were built in the center of the island. View the unrestored, tumbled "moai" at Ahu Hanga Poukura and visit the Puna Pau volcano quarry. You'll end your tour at Tahai, a ceremonial site and the only place on the island where eyes were re-instated into a statue. Your journey ends with a transfer to the airport for your flight to Santiago.





### **KEY**

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⊞ UNESCO Heritage Site

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11 DAYS **3 COUNTRIES** 18 MEALS 9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Rio de Janeiro: Join an experienced local botanist for an special guided visit to Rio's Botanical Garden, a preservation site for a rare collection of bromeliads and orchids, as well as old trees and exotic plants. See the biodiversity of the Atlantic Forest through the eyes of an expert researcher and scientist.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Mendoza: Choose to head on a Malbec winery tour and sample some of the regions finest wines and witness their elaborate processes. Alternatively, choose to visit the Villavicencio Natural Reserve and join a Local Expert on a guided hike to explore the scenery of the

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Buenos Aires • Argentinian Barbecue Highlight Dinner • Lunch with wine in Colonia del Sacramento • Dinner with wine in Mendoza • Highlight Dinner in Iguassu • Highlight Lunch and Celebration Dinner in Rio de Janeiro.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Ride a cable car up to Sugarloaf Mountain. Visit Mercado San Telmo • Colonia del Sacramento • a local olive oil farm • Mendoza wine country • Iguassu Falls.

# ARGENTINA, **URUGUAY & BRAZIL DISCOVERY**

"Discover the natural wonders of South America and its passionate cultures as you enjoy a traditional BBQ with locals in Buenos Aires. taste some of the best Malbecs in Mendoza's wine country, find history and charm in a colonial fort city in Uruquay and immerse yourself in the lush jungles of Iquassu falls and Tijiuca National Park in Rio." - Byron, Travel Director





MENDOZA WINE COUNTRY



BOTANICAL GARDEN, RIO





### DAY 1 ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES

Nicknamed the "Paris of South America", this glamorous destination really does live up to its European counterpart. Neoclassical, Art Nouveau and Art Deco buildings line its streets, attracting equally as sophisticated travelers. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your luxury hotel, the Alvear Icon. Located on the banks of the Río de la Plata in Puerto Madero, it's a modern venue that offers panoramic views of the city.

Relax and unwind before meeting your Travel Director and fellow guests for a three-course Welcome Dinner with wine. (DW)

Alvear Icon Hotel, Buenos Aires,

### **DAY 2** EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES

**Relaxed Start.** Start your first full day in Buenos Aires with a city tour. Take in the capital's key sights including the Metropolitan Cathedral, Casa Rosada and Plaza de Mayo.

Later, visit the historic Mercado San Telmo. Built in 1897, this indoor market is situated in the Tango District, in the heart of the San Telmo neighbourhood.

Witness a private demonstration and performance by professional tango dancers at an authentic "conventillo" in La Boca, where you will be introduced to this passionate dance and upbeat

In the evening, enjoy an authentic Asado Porteno (Argentinian barbecue) with a local chef. (B) (DW)

### DAY 3 ON TO COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

Today you'll travel by ferry across the Rio de la Plata, otherwise known as the River Plate.

Visit the city of Colonia del Sacramento, with its charming cobbled streets and historic buildings. Now a UNESCO World heritage site, this colourful destination was originally founded by the Portuguese in the 1600s.

Enjoy lunch with wine at a local olive farm, Viñedos y Olivares del Quintón, known for their characteristic terrain and thermal air, the perfect setting for vineyards and olive groves.

12 travelers.

In the afternoon, take a guided walking tour of the protected old city and its 16th century buildings. It is your third and final night in Bueno Aires, so why not head out into the city to watch a tango performance or ask your Travel Director where is best to enjoy a relaxing dinner? (B) (LW)

### DAY 4 BUENOS AIRES TO MENDOZA

It's time to head to the wine country of Argentina, the city of Mendoza. Board your flight to this bustling location. From the Art Deco buildings that line its streets, to its quaint coffee shops and esteemed wineries, you'll be taken to the heart of Argentinian culture. (B)

Diplomatic Hotel, Mendoza.

### **DAY 5** FLAVOUR OF MENDOZA

**Relaxed Start.** Today, choose to enjoy a leisurely three winery tour with Malbec tastings and lunch. Alternatively, choose to visit the Villavicencio Natural Reserve and join a Local Expert on a guided hike for exquisite views of the region and a picnic style lunch.

Take in the area's spectacular scenery, with the Andes as your backdrop.

## Later, indulge in a delicious dinner with wine at Abrasado. an Argentinian steakhouse.

Situated in Downtown Mendoza, you'll be close to some of the city's best wine bars, shops and restaurants. Why not end the evening with a nightcap? (B) (LW) (DW)

### DAY 6 MENDOZA TO IGUASSU FALLS

With over 270 waterfalls, rare flora and fauna, and lush rainforest, your destination really is as impressive as the photos suggest. Meaning "big water" in the Guaraní language, the stunning falls land in both Argentina and Brazil. Have a night at leisure within the National Park as you take in your beautiful surroundings. (B)

Gran Melia, Iguassu Falls.

### DAY 7 SIGHTSEEING AT IGUASSU FALLS

**Relaxed Start.** Take in breathtaking views of the jungle and falls, before heading out with a Local Expert to explore the Argentinian side of the park. Take an optional boat ride to Devil's Throat, the largest and perhaps most famous water cascade in the park.

Your Highlight Dinner will be served at The Argentine Experience. The restaurant serves traditional Argentinian cuisine complemented with local wine. (B) (DW)

### DAY 8 THE BRAZILIAN SIDE

Wake up and enjoy breakfast with a tropical view. Today you'll take a guided visit to the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls. While the walk around the Brazilian side is shorter, its no less impressive.

Your Local Expert will show you panoramic views of San Martin Island, before you head to the airport for your flight to Rio. On arrival to the capital of samba, the rest of the evening will be at leisure. Either relax at your hotel or head out and explore the area's local nightlife. (B)

Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana.

### DAY 9 EXPLORE RIO DE JANEIRO

With spectacular seaview rooms, you'll start the day at the idyllic Fairmont hotel.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a local botanist for a special guided visit to Rio's Botanical Garden, a preservation site for a rare collection of bromeliads and orchids, as well as old trees and exotic plants.

Enjoy a Highlight Lunch with a caipirinha at Casa Camolese, a contemporary restaurant situated next to the garden.

Conclude your day with a cable car ride up to Sugarloaf Mountain. (B) (L)

### DAY 10 LEISURE TIME IN RIO DE JANEIRO

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, take a tour of Tijuca Forest National Park, where you'll find Mount Corcovado, home to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue.

Spend the afternoon at leisure. Why not soak up the sun on Copacabana Beach or ask your Travel Director for the best spot to grab a Brazilian coffee?

In the evening, commemorate your holiday as you join your new friends for a memorable Celebration Dinner at a traditional Brazilian churrascaria, offering views of the Sugarloaf Mountain. (B) (DW)

### DAY 11 DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers as your trip comes to an end. Take our organised transfer to Rio de Janeiro-Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport. (B)



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# **#INSIGHTMOMENTS**

By our guests and Travel Directors





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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Anchorage:** Connect with locals to learn about Alaska's Native People at the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Center. Enjoy a private Agutak ice cream making demonstration and discover the cultural legacy of this unique food.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Denali National Park:** Meet a local climber at a private presentation in Denali National Park and hear first-hand about their experience climbing the highest peak in North America.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Begin your vacation in culinary style at MUSE, a bespoke restaurant and atrium café located within the Anchorage Museum.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Journey on the world-famous Alaskan Railroad • Cruise Prince William Sound and College Fjord.

Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center • a local farm in Matanuska Valley • Chulitna River on jet boat.

City tour of Anchorage.

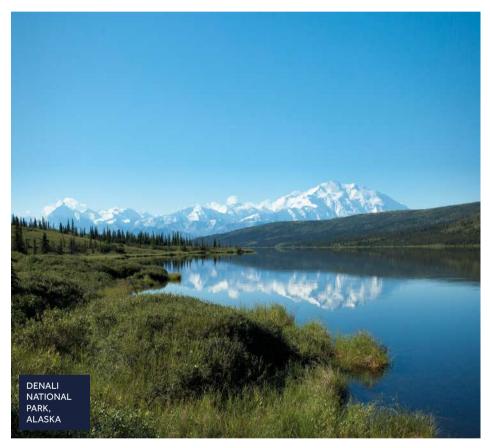
See the majestic surroundings from your glass-domed railcar • the stunning wilderness of Denali National Park • sweeping views of the mountains and sea on the way to Girdwood • glaciers and wildlife.

Enjoy the scenery along George Parks Highway and the dramatic views of Turnagain Arm along the Seward Highway, a National Scenic Byway.

# JEWELS OF ALASKA

# WITH GLACIER DISCOVERY CRUISE OPTION

"One experience not to be missed is your tour of Denali National Park. Other than hiking, it's the only way to explore its six million acres." – Joel, Travel Director









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# DAY 1 ANCHORAGE, THE CITY OF LIGHTS AND FLOWERS

Welcome to Alaska, an adventurous land of wildlife, mountains, national parks and glaciers. Upon arrival at Anchorage International Airport, you'll be transferred to your hotel.

Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Sheraton Anchorage Hotel and Spa.

# DAY 2 ANCHORAGE SIGHTSEEING AND THE MATANUSKA VALLEY

Get acquainted with Anchorage on an immersive city tour.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Alaska Native Heritage Center and discover how the culinary traditions passed on by generations of Alaska's first people became a key component in the survival of the culture. Witness firsthand a private demonstration of Agutak ice cream making and how this culinary link to the past helps breathe new life into the indigenous culture of today. This afternoon, travel through the fertile Matanuska Valley and stop at a local farm to see how the long summer days and glacial silt create the perfect environment for growing vegetables and flowers.

Head to the quaint community of Talkeetna, nestled at the base of Mount Denali, North America's tallest peak. The evening is yours at leisure. Feel free to ask your Travel Director for suggestions on the best spots to grab a bite. (B)

### Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge.

### **DAY 3** TALKEETNA SIGHTSEEING

This morning, enjoy an immersive jet boat tour up the Chulitna River and make a visit to a trapper's cabin. Learn about the fascinating lifestyle of hunting and trapping in Interior Alaska. The rest of the day is yours to explore, perhaps discovering more of Talkeetna or joining an optional experience such as a flightseeing tour of

the Alaska Range, or a dryland dog sledding ride. (B)

# DAY 4 JOURNEY ALONG THE ALASKAN RAILROAD

Relaxed Start. Board the world-famous Alaska Railroad train after a morning at leisure and embark on a spectacular journey over swift-rushing streams, toward Denali National Park and Preserve. Later, meet a local climber who will share stories about what it's like to brave a climb up the tallest land-based mountain in the world.

For tonight's dinner with wine, the choice is yours between a charming local brewery or your lodge's rustic restaurant during your Dine-Around evening. (B) (DW)

### Grande Denali Lodge, Denali National Park.

# DAY 5 DENALI NATIONAL PARK, THE CROWN JEWEL OF THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS

Relaxed Start. With the Denali National Park and Preserve just a short drive away from your hotel, you'll find a number of ways to enjoy the Alaskan wilderness on your own, or spend the day partaking in one of our optional experiences. From an exciting rafting trip down the Nenana River to a helicopter flightseeing tour or a Denali Wilderness walking tour, the choice is yours – just don't forget your camera! End the day back at your lodge and where you'll enjoy panoramic views of your surroundings at night. (B)

### DAY 6 GIRDWOOD AND MOUNT ALYESKA

Depart Denali and enjoy a scenic journey on the George Parks Highway.

Stop in Big Lake and meet four-time Iditarod winner, Martin Buser and learn about the challenges of competing in the 1,049-mile (1,688 kilometre) dogsled race while enjoying lunch at his home

Journey on the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm with its dramatic views, before arriving in the town of Girdwood, home of the Alyeska Resort.

In the evening, join your Travel Director for a wonderful Celebration Dinner, complete with wine and good cheer. (B) (L) (DW)

### The Hotel Alyeska, Girdwood.

# DAY 7 PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND CRUISE AND DEPART ANCHORAGE

**Relaxed Start.** Take this morning to enjoy the surroundings and amenities at the beautiful Alyeska resort.

Travel to Whittier to board the 26 Glacier Cruise for a 100-mile (160-kilometre) boat tour of Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord with the chance to see the glaciers up close.

Visit with the Captain in the wheelhouse to learn how he expertly navigates the icy waterways and sit down to a sumptuous lunch against incredible backdrops.

For those saying farewell today, travel back to Anchorage where you will arrive at the Anchorage Airport at approximately 20:00. (B) (L)

### POST TRIP CRUISE OPTION

# **DAYS 7 - 14** YOUR GLACIER DISCOVERY CRUISE:

If you're continuing your journey on the Glacier Discovery Cruise from Whittier, you will be transferred to the ship pier to board the MS Nieuw Amsterdam or MS Noordam, where you'll enjoy dinner and set sail in the evening. While on board, the cruise line will provide you with options and activities for the day. Whether you want to stay on the ship or explore more on land, the choice is yours. You'll also have a wide range of meal options to choose from throughout your journey. Enjoy your ship's facilities over the next week as you watch the ever-changing panorama. Behold Glacier Bay National Park, its Sitka-spruce forests alive with grizzlies and wolves. You'll be struck by the thunderous boom of building-size icebergs calving into the sea from vast rivers of ice. Explore picturesque Haines, located on America's longest fjord and browse the rustic shops and gold rush era saloons of Juneau. At Ketchikan, hear the stories behind the collection of native totem poles. A range of optional shore excursions and additional sightseeing will also be offered and can be prebooked online with Holland America Line before your cruise begins. (B) (L) (D)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Journey on the world famous Alaskan Railroad. (Day 4, McKinley National Park)



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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Black Hills:** View Crazy Horse Memorial, which is dedicated to protecting and preserving the culture, tradition and living heritage of the Native Americans. Ascend 563 feet to the top of the memorial and stand fact to face with the world's largest mountain carving, named for the Lakota Warrior.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**UCross:** Choose to go on a scenic country horseback ride. Alternatively, try your hand at trout fishing.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Salt Lake City • ranch-style Highlight Dinner at UCross • lively Celebration Dinner with wine in Custer.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

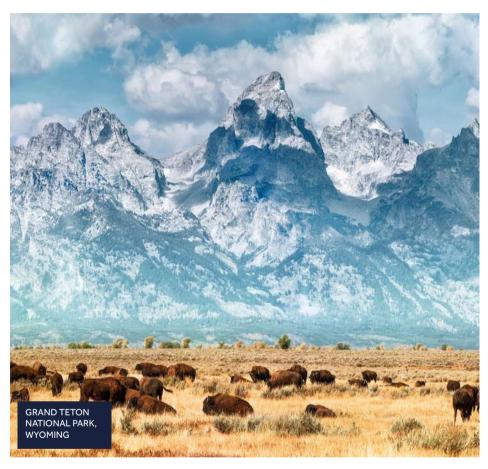
Visit Grand Teton National Park • Yellowstone National Park • UCross • Spearfish Canyon • Custer State Park.

See Jenny Lake in Grand Teton NP • Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park • Devils Tower • Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Enjoy the scenery on your drive through Shoshone Canyon and Absaroka Rocky Mountains and the stunning geology of the Black Hills.

# AMERICAN PARKS TRAIL

"One thing I really love about showing guests my home state of Wyoming is that we are home to the world's first National Park (Yellowstone), the first National Forest (Shoshone) and the first National Monument (Devils Tower)." - Ann, Travel Director









YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

### DAY 1 ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY

Welcome to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah. Situated between Wasatch Range and the Great Salt Lake, this mountainous city is perfect for outdoorsy types, with a strong focus on skiing and fishing.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine, where you will meet your fellow auests.

If time permits, visit Temple Square and the State Capitol. (DW)

### Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

### **DAY 2 JACKSON AND THE TETONS**

Travel onward from Salt Lake City, take in the iconic Temple Square and the State Capitol building, before heading north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson. Have your cameras ready for the famous elk antlers that adorn the central square, while eager shoppers may choose from a number of charming traditional boutiques to browse. (B)

### SpringHill Suites, Jackson.

### **DAY 3** YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

This morning, you have the opportunity to partake in an optional scenic float down the Snake River inside Grand Teton National Park.
Enter Yellowstone, known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and

abundant wildlife. (B)

National Park Lodges.

### **DAY 4** GEYSERS AND COLOURFUL MUDPOTS

**Relaxed Start.** Walk among hot springs and watch erupting geysers on an informative stroll with your Travel Director.

See Old Faithful and behold the powerful Lower Yellowstone Falls. (B)

### DAY 5 THE RANCH AT UCROSS

**Relaxed Start.** Set off on your travels to the Wild West town of Cody.

Learn about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre.

Dine like cowboys as you enjoy a ranch-style Highlight Dinner with wine. (B) (DW)

Ranch at UCross, Clearmont.

# DAY 6 DEVILS TOWER INTO THE BLACK HILLS

Relaxed Start. Explore the Black Hills with Insight Choice. Choose to head out on a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand. Alternatively, try your hand at fishing or simply relax and take in the beautiful scenery. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature that protrudes out of the surrounding Black Hills. Next, experience Spearfish Canyon. (B)

Spearfish Canyon Lodge.

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In Deadwood, join Kevin Costner's Original Deadwood Tour with a Local Expert. End the day in Custer State Park. (B)

State Game Lodge, Custer State Park.

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### DAY 9 DEPART RAPID CITY OR DENVER

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TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT See Jenny Lake. (Day 2, Grand Teton National Park)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Devil's Tower. (Photo by @Margotlojek, Day 6, Black Hills)







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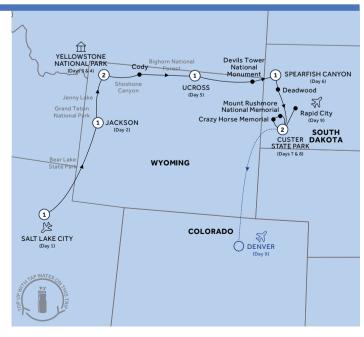
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© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

10 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 13 MEALS

10 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Paso Robles: Join a Farm-to-Table dinner at Thomas Hill Organics. Established to support local agriculture by showcasing fresh, organic and straight-from-the-earth ingredients, this collaborative of local farms spans ten acres and two restaurants.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Los Angeles:** Visit the historic Los Angeles Theatre with a Local Expert for a private, behind-the-scenes tor of the most iconic movie palace in the Broadway District, closed to the public since 1994.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Los Angeles: Choose to learn everything worth knowing about transportation and the humble automobile at the Petersen Automotive Museum. Alternatively, step into the world of movie making at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures or sojourn through the galleries at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Join your Amtrak's rail journey from San Diego to Los Angeles, and from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara.

**Yosemite National Park:** Ride an open-air tram in Yosemite National Park.

Visit Hollywood • Paso Robles • Mission Santa Barbara • Monterey • Yosemite National Park.

# BEST OF CALIFORNIA

"The Amtrak route from San Diego to Los Angeles has operated since 1938, bringing you down the tracks into living history. When you arrive in downtown Los Angeles, the renaissance is clear when you see the restored grand old monuments like the Los Angeles Theatre and the Bradbury Building." – Jason, Travel Director









LOS ANGELES THEATRE

### DAY 1 WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO

After your arrival at San Diego Airport, you are transferred to your hotel on the downtown waterfront.

Perhaps take a walk along the bay before joining your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. (DW)

InterContinental San Diego.

### **DAY 2 SAN DIEGO SIGHTSEEING**

Discover America's finest city as you embark on a sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. Journey through the Gaslamp Quarter, the historic heart of San Diego and Balboa Park, one of North America's most iconic urban parks. Finally, stroll among the atmospheric old and historic adobe ranch homes of the Old Town State Historical Park. This afternoon, board the Pacific Surfliner and enjoy farreaching ocean views as the train hugs the coast. Travel through Orange County to the Mission Modern-style Union Station in Los Angeles. (B)

### InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown.

### **DAY 3** LOS ANGELES SIGHTSEEING

An exciting day awaits as you set out to explore lively Los Angeles. Ride on the landmark Angel's Flight funicular for a taste of early 20th-century nostalgia. Continue to the Los Angeles Theatre, one of the former grand movie palaces of the Broadway District, for a private guided tour. In legendary Hollywood, view the famous hillside Hollywood sign and stroll along the Walk of Fame. Look for the hand and footprints of cinema's greatest celebrities at the historic TCL Chinese Theatre.

In the afternoon, explore Los Angeles with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the innovative Petersen Automotive Museum, a captivating experience about the history and artistry of motorized transportation. Alternatively, head to the new Academy Museum of Motion Pictures and take a deep dive into the history of filmmaking. Another option is to visit the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, a fantastic collection of artworks from ancient times to modern day.

To top off your perfect day, dine at Nick and Stef's, an outstanding steak house in Downtown LA. (B) (DW)

# DAY 4 TRAIN JOURNEY TO THE AMERICAN RIVIERA

Return to the Union Station and board your Pacific Surfliner train. Travel through the valleys around Los Angeles before arriving at the coast where the shoreline wraps around to Santa Barbara. Spend time on State Street, a palm tree-lined avenue of shops and eateries before you further explore Santa Barbara with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the 18th-century Old Mission, one of the original 21 California Missions founded by Spanish Franciscans. Alternatively, take a relaxing stroll through the Botanical Gardens and learn about California's diverse native plants. (B)

### Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort.

### **DAY 5** PASO ROBLES WINE COUNTRY

**Relaxed Start.** Join your Amtrak rail journey one more time and soak up sweeping ocean views as you ride along the coast to San Luis Obispo. Later, arrive to Paso Robles in the heart of wine country and spend time at the City Park. In the afternoon visit the Eberle Winery for a tour of the vineyard and the unique underground caves.

Tonight, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a farm to table dinner at Thomas Hill Organics—a 10 acre collaborative supporting local agriculture with a focus on fresh, organic and straight-from-the-earth ingredients. (B) (DW)

Allegretto Vineyard Resort Paso Robles.

### **DAY 6** GIANT SEQUOIAS

Journey to the majestic Yosemite National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stop at the Mariposa Grove, home to over 500 mature sequoias and admire these gigantic trees. The oldest tree in the Grove is the Grizzly Giant, which dates back around 3000 years and stands 209 feet (64 metres) tall. (B)

Yosemite Valley Lodge.

# DAY 7 EXPLORING YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Relaxed Start. Join a park ranger and embark on a guided tram tour of the Yosemite Valley floor. Get up close to the magnificent Yosemite Falls that cascade from a height of 2,425 feet (739 metres). See the Half Dome, a rock formation with a distinct shape, and El Capitan, a granite rock monolith rising 3000 feet (914 metres) above the valley floor. Take in the spectacular scenery from Tunnel View, encompassing towering mountains, dense forests and the Bridalveil Falls. Spend the rest of your day at leisure. Perhaps join an activity and explore further by renting a bike, going on a hike or visiting the Ansel Adams Gallery. (B)

### **DAY 8** ON TO SAN FRANCISCO

Travel towards the coast, cross the Bay Bridge and arrive in buzzing San Francisco. Head to the Fisherman's Wharf, once home to the city's colourful fishing fleet and today a popular district full of restaurants, cafes and shops. This afternoon, join your Travel Director for a stroll across the legendary Golden Gate Bridge, a symbol of California, then continue on a short drive to the quaint town of Sausalito. Enjoy some leisure time before taking the ferry back to San Francisco, passing the infamous Alcatraz Island. (B)

Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, San Fransisco.

### DAY 9 SAN FRANCISCO SIGHTSEEING

Relaxed Start. This morning, venture across the road to the Ferry Building and shop among the stalls at one of America's most famous farmers markets. On your city sightseeing tour, journey past lively Union Square and the vast Golden Gate Park, before passing through the SoMa District and Mission Bay. See the incredible growth and urbanization of the city here, ahead of a culinary exploration of the Mission District with your Travel Director. Later, visit Balmy Alley and see the most concentrated collection of urban murals in San Francisco.

Tonight, toast to your travels at a local restaurant at your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 10 FAREWELL CALIFORNIA**

After breakfast, you are transferred to San Francisco Airport where your journey comes to an end. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Yosemite Falls. (Day 7, Yosemite National Park)



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☐ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

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© REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

**7 DAYS** 1 COUNTRY

10 MEALS 12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Monument Valley:** Take a journey through Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park with your Navajo Local Expert. Hear firsthand about the tribe's heritage and learn more about life on their beautiful land.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Zion National Park:** Choose to head out on a hike to the Emerald Pools with your Travel Director. Alternatively, visit the Zion Human History Museum.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Scottsdale • Highlight Dinner at the Grand Canyon • Scenic Celebration Dinner with wine in Zion National Park.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise Antelope Canyon • Ride a private Zion Canyon Shuttle with live commentary.

Visit Sedona • Grand Canyon National Park • Lake Powell • Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park.

See the magical landscape of Monument Valley and the odd-shaped monoliths known as hoodoos in Bryce Canyon National Park.

Enjoy the scenery old Route 66 in Arizona, along the rim at Bryce Canyon National Park, and Zion Canyon Scenic Byway.

# ENCHANTING CANYONLANDS

"I love to see how guests respond to the drive into Zion National Park in Utah, because just after leaving the delicate spires of Bryce Canyon, the massive features of Zion leave them at a loss for words." – Carol, Travel Director









# DAY 1 ARRIVE IN PHOENIX AND TRAVEL TO SCOTTSDALE

Welcome to Arizona, famous for road trips, Monument Valley, and of course the Grand Canyon. Your airport transfer will whisk you to your hotel in Scottsdale.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at Zuzu, where you will have the opportunity to mingle and get to know one another. (DW)

Hotel Valley Ho, Scottsdale.

# 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. Explore bohemian Sedona with its shops and galleries, or simply take in the exceptional beauty of Red Rock Country before heading to the Grand Canyon.

Meet your Local Expert Canyon Tim at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon to learn about its wonders. You'll discover the origins of the five-million-year-old canyon, and the bountiful flora and fauna.

This evening, dinner will be served in the Thunderbird Private Room. With a perfect location overlooking the Grand Canyon's South Rim, settle down with a glass of wine on the private terrace while taking in flawless sunset views. (B) (DW)

National Park Lodges.

# DAY 3 MONUMENT VALLEY AND LAKE POWELL

Early risers will take advantage of the lodge location to witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Travel along the South Rim Desert View Drive, skirting the southern rim of the canyon until you exit the park. Head to the Cameron Trading Post, one of the oldest and most historic general stores in Arizona. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, where Navajo Local Experts guide

you through the history, culture and heritage of the tribes. This carefully prepared tour keenly exemplifies the relationship of respect with the land in the valley and the importance placed on preserving the natural treasures found here. Spend the rest of the day relaxing at your lakefront resort. (B)

Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas.

### **DAY 4** LEISURELY LAKE POWELL

**Relaxed Start.** Spend your day at leisure or partake in one of our popular optional experiences. As an optional activity this morning, let yourself be tempted by a gentle float trip down the Colorado River., past some of the most awe-inspiring sites, like the iconic Horseshoe Bend and Petroglyph Beach. (B)

# **DAY 5** BRYCE CANYON AND ZION NATIONAL PARKS

Take a cruise on Lake Powell with views of the stunning waterscape that are unsurpassed. Journey across a wide-open landscape punctuated by colourful sandstone cliffs and high ridges dotted with piñon pine and juniper.

Travel through Bryce Canyon Country on a portion of the Scenic Highway 89, recognized by National Geographic as the No. 1 Driver's Drive in the world. You will be struck by the beauty of Bryce Canyon National Park, an otherworldly landscape of red rock pillars known as hoodoos, pink cliffs, and endless vistas. (B)

Zion National Park Lodge.

### **DAY 6** ZION NATIONAL PARK

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a Relaxed Start this morning, as you have a full day to explore the park. After a leisurely breakfast we will tour the canyon aboard a privately chartered open-air vehicle, with live commentary from a Local Expert to show you the many scenic highlights of the canyon. Explore Zion National Park with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Travel Director for a guided hike to the Emerald Pools. Alternatively, visit the Zion Human History Museum.

Wrap up your adventure at a Celebration Dinner hosted at the lodge, and a last chance to share travel memories with your new friends. (B) (DW)

### DAY 7 DEPART SALT LAKE CITY

This morning you'll bid farewell to the beautiful national parks and your fellow travellers. You will be taken to Salt Lake City International Airport, where you will arrive at approximately 15:00. Please be aware when arranging your flights. Alternatively, a transfer to the Hilton Salt Lake City Center hotel is also provided should you wish to extend your stay. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** hoodoos. (Day 5, Bryce Canyon National Park)



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Cruise Antelope Canyon. (Photo by @Margotlojek, Day 5, Lake Powell)



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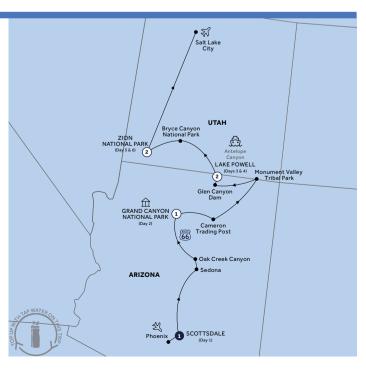
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This trip is a combination of **Enchanting Canyonlands** and **American Parks Trail**.

**奥 DISCOVERY JOURNEY**ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED** 

15 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 20 MEALS 24 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Black Hills:** Join a carefully prepared visit to the Crazy Horse Memorial. Dedicated to preserving the culture, tradition and living heritage of Native Americans, this expert-led Tour explores the story of the Lakota warrior as depicted in the world's largest mountain carving.

Join your Navajo guide on a journey through the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Zion National Park:** Choose to join your Travel Director on a guided hike to the Emerald Pools. Alternatively, visit the Zion Human History Museum.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Scottsdale • Highlight Dinner at the Grand Canyon • Highlight Dinner in Zion National Park • ranch-style Highlight Dinner at UCross • lively Celebration Dinner with wine in Custer.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

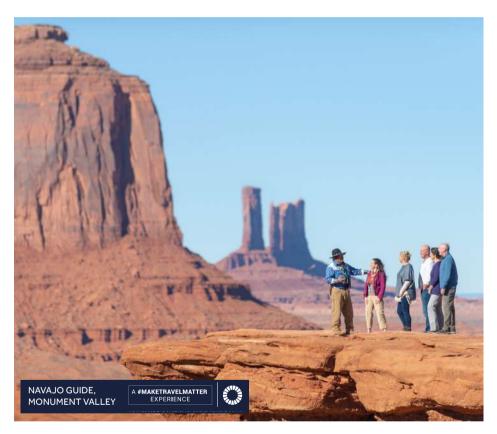
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See the vastness of the Grand Canyon • magical landscapes of Monument Valley • hoodoos in Bryce Canyon NP • Jenny Lake in Grand Teton NP • Old Faithful in Yellowstone NP • Devils Tower • Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Enjoy the scenery along old Route 66 in Arizona and Shoshone Canyon on your way to Cody.

# AMERICA'S MAGNIFICENT NATIONAL PARKS

"Volcanologists believe that the Devil's Tower is the remnant of an ancient volcano. You can feel the immense presence of this natural wonder as you follow the footpath through the surrounding boulders and forestry." – Byron, Travel Director









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Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas.

### **DAY 4** LEISURELY LAKE POWELL

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Trip Options

12 travelers.

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Zion National Park Lodge.

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Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

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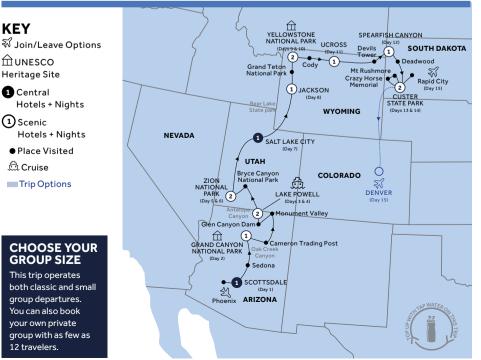
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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

Monument Valley: Take a journey through Monument Valley Navajo Tribal park, meeting Navajo Local Experts on a guided journey across tribal land. Learn about Navajo history, culture and heritage, plus the careful balance maintained here between the tribes and the land.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Grand Canyon:** Choose a scenic hike along the Grand Canyon with your Travel Director. Alternatively, join a Local Expert to learn about the canyon's unique geology.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Las Vegas • Dinner with wine at the Grand Canyon • Navajo cookout Highlight Lunch in Monument Valley • Dine-Around evening Moab • Celebration Dinner at Bryce Canyon National Park.

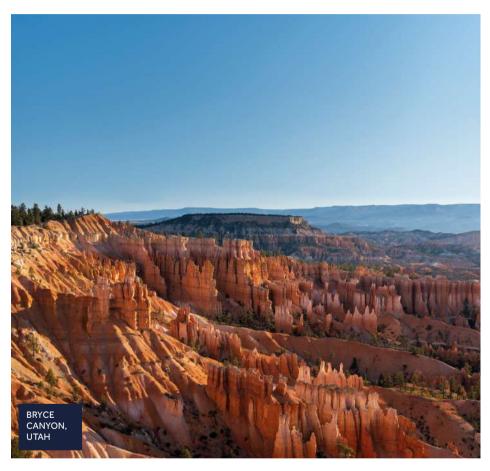
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# WONDERS OF THE AMERICAN WEST

"In my opinion, the most memorable part of the trip is the Celebration Dinner, experienced at an outside venue set up next to the rim of Bryce Canyon at sunset."

- Carol, Travel Director









### **DAY 1** ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS

Welcome to glittering Las Vegas. On arrival at Las Vegas International Airport, your transfer will take you to your hotel.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director and companions for a Welcome Dinner with wine at the award-winning Bacchanal Buffet. (DW)

Caesars Palace, Las Vegas.

# DAY 2 THE WONDERS OF THE GRAND CANYON

In the morning, depart for the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park and the historic Grand Canyon Lodge. Explore the Grand Canyon with Insight Choice. Choose to hike along the scenic Rim Trail with your Travel Director. Alternatively, join a Local Expert, Canyon Tim, for a discussion about the canyon's geology and the local flora and fauna.

Following an evening wine reception, enjoy dinner at your lodge as the sun sets over the most spectacular scenery in the world. (B) (DW)

### National Park Lodges.

### DAY 3 GRAND CANYON AND LAKE POWELL

Wake up to the backdrop of the Grand Canyon and enjoy some peace and tranquility before the day trippers arrive. Depart for the majesty of Lake Powell. Stop at Glen Canyon Dam to learn about its impact on the Colorado River before arriving at your lakefront resort.

Check in to your room and enjoy the evening at leisure. Watch the sunset as you dine or relax by the pool. (B)

### Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas.

### DAY 4 A LEISURELY DAY AT LAKE POWELL

Relaxed Start. Spend the day doing entirely as you please. Perhaps join an optional float trip (signed liability waiver required ) down one of the most scenic stretches of the Colorado River, or take a leisurely optional cruise through the scenic Antelope Canyon and its steep, sandstone walls. (B)

# DAY 5 MONUMENT VALLEY AND THE NAVAJO NATION

In the morning, head to the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park and board all-terrain vehicles• for a tour of the valley floor, led by Navajo Local Experts. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, with a guided journey across the protected lands of the tribes and their heritage.

For today's Highlight Lunch, pause to enjoy a traditional Navajo cookout in the great outdoors, set against an unrivaled backdrop.

Make your way to Mesa Verde National Park, where the day draws to a close. Your lodge inside the park offers sweeping vistas that reach into three states. (B) (L) (DW)

### Far View Lodge, Mesa Verde.

### DAY 6 MESA VERDE AND MOAB

Enjoy an in-depth visit to the fascinating Mesa Verde National Park. View the ancient pueblo dwellings known as Cliff Palace.

Settle in for a relaxing stay at your modern hotel with Western flair, superbly located just a block away from Main Street.

Enjoy a Dine-Around evening and choose from a hand-picked selection of restaurants. (B) (DW)

### Homewood Suites, Moab.

# DAY 7 DELVE INTO CANYONLANDS AND ARCHES NATIONAL PARKS

In the morning, visit Arches National Park, housing the greatest concentration of natural arches in the world. Stop and take a short hike to the Delicate Arch Viewpoint to view the iconic arch.

Then it's on to Canyonlands National Park for a drive onto the Island in the Sky - a mesa resting 1,000 feet (305 metres) above the surrounding countryside, offering spectacular views over the dramatic sandstone formations.

Back at the hotel, your evening is at leisure. Perhaps enjoy the outdoors or relax in this beautiful natural setting. (B)

# DAY 8 CAPITOL REEF AND BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

Magnificent scenery awaits at Capitol Reef National Park, best known for its Waterpocket Fold, a 100-mile-long (160 kilometre) warp in the earth's crust. Journey along scenic Byway 12 - one of the most beautiful roads in the world, winding through the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Head to the sandstone cliffs of Bryce Canyon National Park in Southern Utah. Here you will be met by pine trees and red rock pillars. Take a leisurely walk along Sunset Point to view the great amphitheatres of the odd-shaped monoliths, known as hoodoos. (B)

### The Lodge at Bryce Canyon.

# DAY 9 WHIMSICAL BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

**Relaxed Start.** Start the day travelling through Bryce Canyon National Park, also known as the great natural amphitheatre. The whimsical eroded rock formations that characterize this National Park feature some of Utah's most unusual shapes. With your Travel Director, learn how wind, erosion and iron oxidation created the spellbinding hoodoos.

In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a memorable Celebration Dinner set overlooking the park's orange and red rock formations. (B) (D)

# DAY 10 ZION NATIONAL PARK, BACK TO LAS VEGAS

Enjoy a last look at Bryce Canyon, glowing in the early morning light.

Head on to Zion National Park - one of the most scenic canyons in the United States. Here, join a guided tour by a private Zion Canyon Shuttle, with live commentary, and views of the park's best sites. Your journey ends with a departure transfer to Las Vegas International Airport, arriving at 16:00. (B)

For activities marked with • in the day-by-day itinerary, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required.

**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Capitol Reef Park (Day 8, Capitol Reef National Park)



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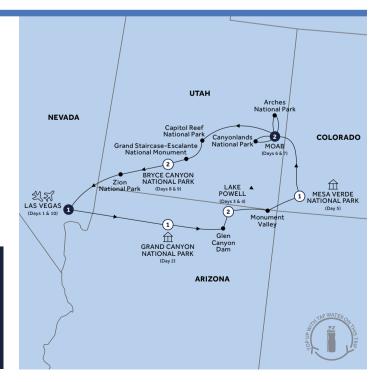
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Place Visited

# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

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8 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 12 MEALS

11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Scottsdale: Take a guided tour of the Heard Museum which is dedicated to the advancement of Native American art and presents stories of Native American people from a first-person perspective.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Palm Springs: A history and architectural expert will take you on a mid-century architecture tour. Learn about those who have shaped the landscape of Palm Springs. Meet local astronomers in Saguaro National Park

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Scottsdale: Choose to embark on a smallgroup golf-cart tour of Old Town Scottsdale. Alternatively, choose to visit the Museum of the West.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Palm Springs • Handson cooking at the Chef's Table Dinner in Scottsdale • Private guided foodie tour in Tucson • Celebration Dinner in Tucson

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tram • Visit Joshua Tree National Park • Journey across Mt. Jacinto State Park • Experience the Heard Museum • See Saguaro National Park • Tour historic Tombstone

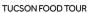
# **DESERT ESCAPES OF CALIFORNIA** & ARIZONA

"The best experiences are when we are able to not just 'show' quests a national park or a place, but to immerse them with the stories of the people along with the music and food of the area."

- Carol, Travel Director









PALM SPRINGS

### **DAY 1** ARRIVE IN PALM SPRINGS

Welcome to Palm Springs. A star-studded city nestled in the Sonoran Desert of southern California. Once you have arrived at the airport a transfer will take you to your hotel.

Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 18.00 for a Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Miramonte Indian Wells Resort & Spa.

### DAY 2 OUT AND ABOUT IN PALM SPRINGS

Start the day with a tour of Palm Springs' midcentury architecture, guided by a history and architectural expert. Learn about the architects that have shaped the landscape of Palm Springs, including Richard Neutra, John Lautner, Donald Wexler and the Alexander brothers.

This afternoon, board the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway in the world's largest rotating tram car and journey along the breathtaking cliff tops to the pristine wilderness of Mt. San Jacinto State Park. As you ascend on your 10-minute journey, the tram car rotates slowly, offering amazing vistas of the valley floor below.

A Highlight Dinner at a local restaurant introduces you to the best of what the area has to offer. (B) (DW)

# DAY 3 EXPLORING JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

This morning you'll depart from your hotel for an excursion to Joshua Tree National Park, which is characterized by the strangely shaped Joshua trees, rugged rock formations and stark desert landscapes. The ecosystems of the Mojave and the Colorado come together here with a variety of plants and animals that thrive in this surreal environment shaped by winds and occasional rainfall.Your knowledgeable Travel Director will bring the park's history and geology to life. Later, enjoy some time at leisure this evening as you get to know this desert oasis on your own terms. (B)

### DAY 4 PALM SPRINGS AND SCOTTSDALE

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Scottsdale as you join Local Experts for a guided tour of the Heard Museum. Established to both preserve and advance Native American art, the museum has a mission to be the most preeminent of its kind. (B)

Hotel Valley Ho, Scottsdale.

### **DAY 5** FLAVOUR OF ARIZONA

**Relaxed Start.** Start the day with a guided tour of your famous hotel, Valley Ho. Meet a Local Expert who will take you on a guided walk of the property while telling you stories about its glitzy Hollywood history and architecture.

Later, meet with the chef of this evening's experience for a walk through the stalls of the Old Town Farmers Market.

Explore Scottsdale with an Insight Choice. Choose to take a small-group tour of Old Town Scottsdale on qolf carts. Alternatively, visit the Museum of the West.

In the evening, you'll be introduced to the authentic flavours of the region as you head to a cooking demonstration and hands-on experience. You'll learn to cook classic Southwestern and Mexican staples such as enchiladas, spicy meat dishes and Spanish rice. Once you've learnt from the expert, sit and indulge in your tasty masterpiece. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 6** GASTRONOMIC TUCSON

Wake for a hearty breakfast at your hotel before joining a guided tour of Taliesin West, the winter home of Frank Lloyd Wright and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (All groups subject to museum availability until Fall 2022). Afterwards move on to Tucson, which is known for its farmer's markets, annual food festivals and fairs that specialise in Southern Cuisine.

Meet a Local Expert who will guide you through the city on a Foodie Tour, with a lunch stop along the way. (B) (L)

JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, Tucson.

# DAY 7 TUCSON AND SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

In the morning you'll make your way to historic Tombstone, where a guided tour with a Local Expert will introduce you to the once bustling boomtown of the Wild West. This very spot once offered much-needed entertainment to the many miners that spent hours underground. This afternoon you'll visit Saguaro National Park. Situated in southern Arizona on either side of the city of Tucson, this beautiful park seduces visitors with its wild, rugged features and striking views of the desert landscape.

Later this evening, toast to your travels with new friends at your Celebration Dinner before your trip comes to an end tomorrow.

Following your meal, take some time for stargazing with a professional astronomer. Look up to the stars through the largest moving compound telescope in the world, as an expert explains the science behind what you're seeing. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 8** DEPART TUCSON OR PHOENIX

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. Take our organised transfer to Tucson International Airport at your leisure or Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport arriving at 11:00. You will also have the option to extend your stay at JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa. (B)



**INSIGHT EXPERIENCES** Mid-century architecture tour. (*Day 2, Palm Springs*)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Ride the aerial tramway. (Day 2, Palm Springs)



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☐ UNESCO Heritage Site

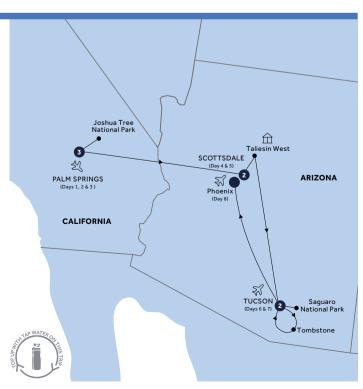
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∧ COUNTRY ROADS **ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY** 

12 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 19 MEALS

24 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

GUEST REVIEW

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Memphis: Visit the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, and embark on a poignant and important tour through five centuries of the Civil Rights Movement. Pay your respects to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and learn about his impact on the world.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Lafayette (AL): Learn about joyous and eclectic Cajun and Zydeco music, a genre that stems from the ballads of the Frenchspeaking Acadians from a local accordion maker and musician.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Nashville: Choose to visit the National Museum of African American Music. Alternatively, visit the historic Greenbrier Distillery.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Nashville • Highlight Dinner in Memphis • Highlight Dinner and cooking demonstration in Greenwood • Highlight Lunch in Lafayette • Highlight Lunch and Celebration Dinner in New Orleans •

Taste Tennessee whiskey at the Green Brier Distillery and sample a Cajun Seafood Boil.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Ride in a specially designed crawfish boat in Lafayette.

Visit the Ryman Auditorium • Country Music Hall of Fame • Grand Ole Opry • Nashville Farmers' Market • Nelson's Green Brier Distillery • National Civil Rights Museum • Graceland • Antebellum Mansion • Acadian Cultural Center • Tabasco® Factory • Southern Food and Beverage Museum.

# **COUNTRY ROADS** OF THE DEEP SOUTH

"Music oozes from every pore of the Deep South. Whether it's Elvis, country and western, blues, jazz, gospel or zydecotheir roots are all firmly planted in southern soil."

- Ann, Travel Director









JAZZ MUSIC

### **DAY 1** ARRIVE IN NASHVILLE

Welcome to Nashville, the capital of Tennessee and the USA's glittering centre stage. Your airport transfer will whisk you to your hotel.

Relax and unwind before meeting your Travel Director and mingling with guests at 18:00 followed by a Welcome Dinner with wine. (DW)

### Renaissance Hotel, Nashville

### DAY 2 TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN NASHVILLE.

Pass by the city's lively honky-tonks and performers on Broadway as you embark on an orientation tour of the city. Later, visit the original home of the Grand Ole Opry - the Ryman Auditorium. In the afternoon, pay a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Tonight, attend a live broadcast of the Grand Ole Opry, the longest-running radio broadcast in US history. (B)

### **DAY 3** A DAY OF LEGENDS

Go behind the scenes of a Nashville recording. studio. This intimate experience introduces you to a performing artist, musicians and the techniques behind a song's development.

Make a stop at Nashville's Farmers' Market and Market House to explore its artisanal crafts and

Explore Nashville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Nelson's Green Brier, a local Tennessee distillery and home of the Original Tennessee Whiskey. Alternatively, visit the National Museum of African American Music, which shares the story of the American soundtrack through history and interactive technology.

Tonight's dinner at Puckett's Grocery & Restaurant will introduce you to the colourful flavours of Nashville. Perhaps try the crabmeat cheesecake. (B)(D)

### DAY 4 HEADING BACK HOME TO MEMPHIS

This morning you'll head to Memphis. Spend the morning on a sightseeing tour of the city, followed by a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the National Civil Rights Museum. While there, you'll be guided through centuries of Civil Rights Movement history and its impact on our culture today.

End your day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a private evening at the Stax Museum of American Soul Music. The museum is part of The Soulsville Foundation, which aims to prepare young adults for life success and inspire future artists. (B)

### The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis.

### DAY 5 A DAY DEDICATED TO THE KING

Begin you day with a visit to Sun Studio, the "birthplace of rock and roll", where legends B.B. King, Johnny Cash and Elvis recorded. Make your way to the magnificent Graceland, the former home of Elvis Presley.

Dinner this evening will be served at The Beauty Shop, a former parlour turned whimsical New American eatery where Elvis' ex-wife, Priscilla, was said to get her hair done. (B) (DW)

### DAY 6 MEMPHIS TO GREENWOOD

Travel through the Mississippi Delta down the Mississippi Blues Trail, a route that tells the stories of bluesmen and women.

Explore the Delta town of Greenwood at your own pace, before heading to the Viking Cooking School for a hot tamales cooking demonstration - a regional specialty.

Later, dine on a mouthwatering dinner at a James Beard Award finalist restaurant that features southern inspired dishes that include produce local to the area. (B) (DW)

### The Alluvian, Greenwood.

### DAY 7 MOVING ON TO NATCHEZ

Learn more about Southern history and hospitality as you head to Natchez.

Tour the historic antebellum mansions, and discover the preservation efforts of later generations to tell the story of African-Americans through the decades, understanding that slavery and cotton allowed plantation owners to build these mansions.

Later, test your mixologist skills as you concoct a traditional Southern cocktail, the Mint Julep. In the evening, enjoy time at your leisure. (B)

### Monmouth Historic Inn and Gardens.

### DAY 8 NATCHEZ TO LAFAYETTE

Move on to Lafavette for a taste of the Caiun and Creole culture. Get to know more about Cajun culture and how it is defined by its roots. Head to the Acadian Cultural Center followed by a unique Caiun music experience.

A genre rooted in the ballads of the Frenchspeaking Acadians, it is both eclectic and joyous. Learn more about this fast tempo music and its history from a local accordion maker and musician.

In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner with your fellow travellers. (B) (D)

### DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette.

### DAY 9 LAFAYETTE FOR FOODIES

After breakfast, start the day with a crawfish farm

You will be joined by a Local Expert who will help you catch your lunch the old-fashioned way, using hand nets. Learn how to prepare a traditional boil before sitting down to enjoy a plate of crawfish, or an equally delicious seasonal speciality. Later, enjoy time at leisure or head out on an optional swamp tour. (B) (L)

### DAY 10 WELCOME TO THE BIG EASY

New Orleans is a lively and dynamic city, known for its vibrant culture and electric jazz festivals. On the way down south, stop at the Tabasco® Factory for a self-guided tour and discover how the world-famous red hot pepper sauce is made. This afternoon, head to the Southern Food and Beverage Museum, where you'll learn more about the city's diverse cuisine with a guided tour and included lunch. (B) (L)

### Kimpton Hotel Fontenot, New Orleans.

### DAY 11 FESTIVITIES IN NEW ORLEANS

Relaxed Start. Get to know the city with a Local Expert as you discover each neighborhood's unique architecture and explore the vibrant art

In the afternoon, take your pick of optional activities to get to know the city's distinct culture.

End your day by joining your fellow travellers at a Celebration Dinner at the Palace Cafe - a contemporary and upbeat Creole restaurant at the foot of the French Quarter. (B) (DW)

### **DAY 12 DEPART NEW ORLEANS**

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your adventure comes to an end with a departure to the airport. (B)



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Heritage Site

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**❷** DISCOVERY JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED** 

16 DAYS 2 COUNTRIES 22 MEALS

12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Ottawa: Learn about the Manitobah Mukluks Storyboot Project, a key initiative that aims to revive the traditional arts by creating partnerships with elders and artisans who fashion mukluks and moccasins in the traditional way. After receiving the prestigious TreadRight Heritage Initiative grant, the project now endeavours to expand its partnerships, teaching opportunities and artisan support network.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Ottawa:** Gain new culinary skills and learn more about regional cuisine with a local chef during a cooking demonstration at C'est Bon.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**New York City:** Choose to visit the Top of the Rock for sweeping views of the city. Alternatively, choose to explore Central Park on a scenic bike ride.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Toronto • Cooking Demonstration and three-course Highlight Dinner in Ottawa • Dine-Around Evening in Quebec • Highlight Dinner with lobster in Bar Harbor • Celebration Dinner in Washington, D.C.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Embark on a cruise to the base of Niagara Falls.
Visit historic Kingston • Notre-Dame Basilica
of Montreal • Ile d'Orleans • Quebec City
• Acadia National Park • Kennebunkport •
Boston's Freedom Trail • Times Square in NYC
• Philadelphia's Liberty Bell • Washington D.C.

City tours of Montreal, Quebec City and New York City with Local Experts; Washington, D.C.

# BEST OF EASTERN CANADA & USA

Uncover the best of Eastern Canada and the USA as you explore these diverse countries in style. From delicious regional delicacies such as maple syrup on Ile d'Orleans, to the sweeping skylines of New York City, you'll be taken aback by Canada's natural wonder and the U.S.'s revolutionary history.









NIAGARA FALLS

### **DAY 1** THRILLING TORONTO

Welcome to Canada. On arrival at Toronto International Airport, a transfer will take you to your hotel

At 18:00, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Hilton Toronto.

# DAY 2 TORONTO AND THE THUNDERING FALLS OF NIAGARA

**Relaxed Start.** See Queen's Park and the Parliament Buildings, before venturing on to spectacular Niagara Falls.

View this great natural wonder up-close on a cruise to the base of the falls. (B)

### **DAY 3 KINGSTON AND OTTAWA**

Journey to historic Kingston, and view the limestone buildings, churches and fortifications. Continue to the Canadian capital of Ottawa. Join a cooking demonstration at C'est Bon, where you'll learn new culinary skills and discover more about local cuisine. Ingredients include Canadian staples such as maple sugar, haskaps, labrador tea and wild flowers.

End the experience with a delicious three-course dinner that highlights the region's unique flavours. (R) (DW)

The Westin, Ottawa.

### DAY 4 CANADA'S CAPITAL TO MONTREAL

Spend the morning exploring Ottawa on a tour of the city. Then, you'll join your Indigenous Cultural Ambassadors and experience a lively traditional Pow Wow dance. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll learn about the Manitobah Mukluks Storyboot project which aims to revive the traditional arts by creating partnerships with elders and artisans. Continue to Montreal, which is in the French-speaking province of Quebec. (B)

Hotel Bonaventure Montreal.

### DAY 5 MONTREAL, THE ROYAL MOUNTAIN

Join a Local Expert who will guide you around Old Montreal, Mount Royal, and the iconic Notre-Dame Basilica.

The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you please. (B)

### DAY 6 MONTMORENCY FALLS PARK TO QUEBEC CITY

**Relaxed Start.** Depart Montreal and head to Montmorency Falls today.

Stop at a traditional Sugar Shack and learn how maple syrup is created and harvested.

After lunch, continue onwards to Montmorency Falls Park where you will experience that natural wonder that towers 272 feet (83 metres) tall. Walk the full width of the falls on a suspension bridge, or if you're feeling adventurous, you can take the panoramic staircase down along the cliffside. Continue on to Quebec City. (B) (L)

Hilton Quebec City.

### **DAY 7** QUINTESSENTIAL QUEBEC

**Relaxed Start.** Discover more of Quebec's unique European charm with a Local Expert. You'll see the Latin Quarter, Plains of Abraham, City Hall and Palace Royale, plus views of the grand Château Frontenac.

The rest of the day is yours at leisure.

In the evening you'll choose from a selection of top local restaurants on a Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

### **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)

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.
You'll also have time to explore Bar Harbor.

The evening is saved for a delectable Highlight Dinner with your new friends, as you feast on authentic Maine lobster. (B) (DW)

# DAY 10 COASTAL NEW ENGLAND TO BOSTON

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

**Hyatt Regency Boston.** 

### DAY 11 BOSTON, THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY

Join your Travel Director as they guide you through parts of the Freedom Trail and share its historic significance. (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 the Top of the Rock Observation Deck with stunning views of the New York skyline. Alternatively, take a scenic bike tour of Central Park and explore its iconic sights. (B) (DW)

New York Marriott Marquis.

### **DAY 13** A MANHATTAN MASTERPIECE

**Relaxed Start.** Explore the 'City that Never Sleeps' with your Local Expert, before heading out on your own. (B)

### DAY 14 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 illumination tour to see the capital's sights in a new light. (B)

Fairmont Washington D.C. Georgetown

# DAY 15 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. The rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps make a visit to the National Air and Space Museum, or the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Celebration Dinner and toast to new friends and fantastic memories. (B) (DW)

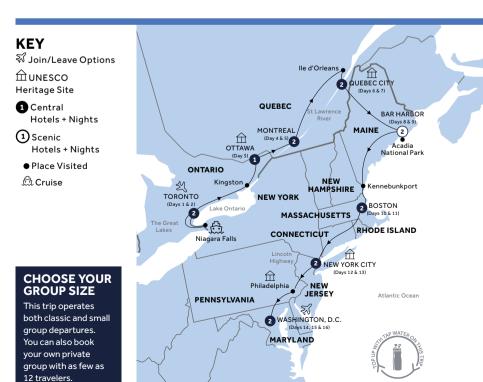
### DAY 16 DEPART WASHINGTON, D.C.

A morning transfer will take you to Dulles International Airport or Reagan National Airport for your flight home. (B)



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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Chase:** Partake in a Smudging Ceremony and witness a traditional spiritual ritual conducted by a member of the local indigenous community.

**Fort Macleod:** Meet a Blackfoot elder and uncover the legacy of Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo-Jump.

### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Athabasca Glacier:** Board a specially designed Ice Explorer led by an expert driver guide to discover the frosty flow of the Athabasca Glacier before the crowds arrive.

Stroll along Glacier Skywalk, a glass-floored walkway rising 918 ft (280 metres) above the Sunwapta Valley after hours.

### **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Seattle:** Choose to tour the iconic Space Needle with views across the cityscape. Alternatively, visit the Chihuly Gardens and Glass Exhibit.

### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Vancouver • Dine-Around Evening in Victoria • Dinner with wine in Chase • Dinner with wine at Glacier View Lodge • Dinner with wine in Banff • Celebration Dinner at Ivar's in Seattle.

### **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Take the ferry as you travel between Vancouver and Victoria • Cruise the serene waters of Maligne Lake • Board a historic Red Jammer bus in Glacier National Park.

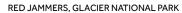
# CANADIAN ROCKIES & PACIFIC COAST

### WITH ALASKA CRUISE OPTION

"Driving onto the Athabasca Glacier on the Ice Explorer and stepping onto one of the largest ice fields in the world is a thrilling experience. Now imagine discovering the beauty and immensity of the glacier before the crowds of the day arrive – that is truly magical for our quests." – Anina, Travel Director









**GLACIER VIEW LODGE** 

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO VANCOUVER

On arrival, your airport transfer takes you to your hotel.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and an opportunity to mingle over wine. (DW)

#### The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver.

# DAY 2 CRUISE THE GULF ISLANDS TO VICTORIA

Embark on a tour of Vancouver, exploring Gastown and the famous totem poles in Stanley Park followed by a visit to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. This afternoon, board a ferry and sail through the beautiful Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island, an idyllic place known for its fishing and art communities. (B)

## Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria.

# **DAY 3** BUTCHART GARDENS

Start your day wandering through world renowned Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada. Enjoy a sightseeing tour, including Canada's oldest Chinatown, the bustling Inner Harbour and stately Legislative Buildings.

At night, choose from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

# DAY 4 VICTORIA TO CHASE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

This morning, cruise back to the mainland and continue on your scenic journey to the Secwepemc Territory at Little Shuswap Lake. Upon arrival, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness and partake in a Smudging Ceremony, a traditional spiritual ritual conducted by a member of the local Indigenous community.

As you settle in at your lakeside lodge this evening, you'll enjoy a Dinner with authentic regional flavours. (B) (DW)

# Quaaout Lodge and Spa at Talking Rock Golf Resort, Chase.

# DAY 5 THE ALPINE WONDERLAND OF JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Today, your journey takes you along the legendary Yellowhead Highway towards Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. En route, a stop will be made at the Mount Robson Visitor Center in Mount Robson Provincial Park.
Arrive in the wonderland of Jasper National Park with its soothing mineral hot springs, rugged glaciers, colourful meadows, and majestic mountains. (B)

# The Crimson Jasper.

# DAY 6 EXPLORING JASPER AND THE COLUMBIA ICEFIELD

Start the day with a walk along the trails of the beautiful Maligne Canyon. Then, embark on a narrated cruise on the iconic Maligne Lake with a stop at Spirit Island. Travel along the majestic Icefields Parkway and arrive at the Columbia Icefield. After a welcome reception in the Moraine Lounge, head out to a special after-hours Glacier Skywalk tour, when all visitors are gone. Enjoy a private guided tour of the cliff-edged glass-floor walkway.

Tonight you'll enjoy a gourmet dinner at your lodge.
(B) (DW)

# Glacier View Lodge.

# DAY 7 ICEFIELDS, GLACIERS AND LAKES TO BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Following a hearty breakfast, your local Expert will escort you to a special before-hours glacier tour where you'll explore Athabasca Glacier in a massive Ice Explorer.

After this morning's icy adventure, continue south to Lake Louise and admire Victoria Glacier. Continue to Banff, your home for the next two nights.

This evening, dine in town and unwind in your stunning natural surroundings. (B) (DW)

# Fairmont Banff Springs.

# DAY 8 THE UNSPOILED WILDERNESS OF BANFF NATIONAL PARK

**Relaxed Start.** Choose from several optional experiences, including a helicopter flight over the Canadian Rockies, or a ride onboard the Banff Gondola. (B)

# DAY 9 BUFFALO AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Head-Smashed-

In-Buffalo Jump. Meet a local Blackfoot elder who will share how the Indigenous Plains people used this cliff to hunt herds of bison.

Later, cross the U.S. border into Montana, towards Glacier National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

# Many Glacier Hotel, Glacier National Park.

# DAY 10 GOING-TO-THE-SUN AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Board a private, historic Red Jammer bus for a journey along the Going-to-the-Sun Road. During your narrated trip, take in the stunning views from Logan Pass, before arriving at historic Lake McDonald Lodge. (B)

# Lake McDonald Lodge

# DAY 11 LAKE COEUR D'ALENE AND SPOKANE

Continue on to the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, and arrive in Spokane to stay at The Historic Davenport, Washington State's grandest hotel. (B)

# The Historic Davenport, Autograph Collection, Spokane.

# **DAY 12** WONDERFUL WINES EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE

Wine connoisseurs rejoice. Today you'll head through the wide, endless horizons of the wine-producing area of Washington State. This afternoon, enjoy a tasting of local wines at your Highlight Lunch, focusing on fresh, local and artisanal ingredients. Then it's on to Seattle for an evening at leisure at your hotel. (B) (LW)

# The Charter Hotel Seattle.

#### **DAY 13** THE SOARING SIGHTS OF SEATTLE

Enjoy an Insight Choice in Seattle. Choose to visit the iconic Space Needle. Alternatively, visit the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Celebration Dinner at Ivar's Acres of Clams on Seattle's waterfront. (B) (DW)

# **DAY 14** DEPART SEATTLE

It's time to say goodbye to Seattle as your trip comes to an end. A transfer will take you to Seattle SeaTac International Airport.Guests taking the optional Alaska Glacier Bay Inside Passage Cruise will be transferred to the port before boarding their ship. (B)

# POST TRIP CRUISE OPTION

# DAYS 14 - 22 JOIN YOUR ALASKA CRUISE:

If you're continuing your journey on the Alaska Cruise, you will take a flight from Seattle to Anchorage in Alaska (flight not included) for an overnight. The following morning you will start your Alaska Cruise adventure and transfer from Anchorage to Seward where your ship awaits. Spend the next week gliding through the coastal waters and witness the monumental scenery surrounding you in this remote corner of the world, surrounded by stunning mountain backdrops. Conclude your journey in Vancouver, where you will be transferred to the airport and arrive at approximately 10:30, or choose to extend your stay in this exciting city. (B) (L) (D)



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# **KEY**

∜ Join/Leave Options

☐ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic
Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

🛱 Cruise

# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE







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Guaranteed Room Share is not available on Land and Train combination.

This trip experiences high elevations, we recommend quests with preexisting medical conditions talk with a doctor prior to travel.

**& DISCOVERY JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: DYNAMIC** 

# 9 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 14 MEALS 7 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

**GUEST REVIEW** 

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# MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Banff: Join a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert and learn how their ancestors survived off the land and used the plants as medicine. Listen to amazing stories about First Nations culture and their relationship with local nature.

# **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Athabasca Glacier: Board a specially designed Ice Explorer led by an expert driver to discover the frosty flow of Athabasca Glacier before hours.

Stroll along Glacier Skywalk after hours, a glass-floored walkway rising 918 ft (280 metres) above the Sunwapta Valley.

# **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Lake Louise: Choose to ride the sightseeing gondola and enjoy a leisurely hike with panoramic views. Alternatively, join your Travel Director for a relaxing stroll along the lake and try your hand at canvas painitng.

Banff: Choose to play nine holes of Golf at Banff Springs. Alternatively, take a scenic gondola ride up Sulphur Mountain. Another option is to partake on a guided horseback ride.

# **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Banff National Park • Lake Louise • Jasper National Park • Maligne Canyon.

# **SPECTACULAR ROCKIES** & GLACIERS OF ALBERTA

# WITH ROCKY MOUNTAINEER OPTION

Take a spectacular guided tour to the Rocky Mountains and witness Alberta's breathtaking wilderness. Discover the natural wonders of Banff National Park, the grand Columbia Icefield as well as the Jasper National Park.









ICEFIELDS, ICE EXPLORER

# DAY 1 WELCOME TO BANFF

After your arrival at Calgary Airport, you are transferred to the Castle in the Rockies, your historic mountain resort in Banff. Built in the distinctive Canadian Château style, it is one of the earliest examples of the country's grand railway hotels

Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. (DW)

#### Fairmont Banff Springs.

#### **DAY 2 EXPLORING BANFF**

Connect with nature as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with your First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert. Embark on a guided walk in the Boreal forest and discover the Indigenous world of plant medicines. Learn about the historical and modern day uses of plants and listen to fascinating stories about the First Nations culture. Choose from a range of optional experiences available to make the most out of your day. Play a round of golf, take the gondola up Sulphur Mountain and go on a hike, or enjoy a horseback ride. (B)

# DAY 3 A TRIP TO LAKE LOUISE

Relaxed Start. Explore Lake Louise with Insight Choice. Choose a journey on the sightseeing gondola and look out for local wildlife as you enjoy a hike surrounded by panoramic views. Alternatively, join your Travel Director for a relaxed stroll along iconic Lake Louise and put paint to canvas to create your own masterpiece.

Indulge in a delicious lunch before returning to Banff and enjoying the rest of your day at leisure.
(B) (L)

# **DAY 4** LAKES, MOUNTAINS AND GLACIERS

**Relaxed Start.** Start your day with a visit to the glacier-fed Moraine Lake in the Valley of the Ten Peaks. Take a moment to absorb the view of the stunning turquoise lake hidden among steep mountains, waterfalls, and rock piles. Your journey continues on the Icefields Parkway, one of the most beautiful drives on the planet. Admire the dramatic scenery of the Rockies with plenty of photo opportunities.

Later, a warm welcome greets you at the country's first and only glacier-view resort where you will savour a Canadian inspired, locally sourced dinner.

After your meal take advantage of the long daylight hours and set out for a private visit to the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, a glass-floored walkway above the Sunwapta Valley. Once night falls, step out on your hotel's viewing deck and take your chances at stargazing undisturbed by light pollution. (B) (DW)

# Glacier View Lodge.

#### **DAY 5** GLACIER ADVENTURE

Before other travellers arrive, venture onto the Athabasca Glacier in a massive Ice Explorer for your special visit. Join your Local Expert and walk on the frozen flow of ice. Discover the beauty and immensity of the glacier as you learn about the history and geology of the region. Continue along the magnificent Icefields Parkway and arrive at Jasper National Park with its soothing mineral hot springs, colourful meadows and majestic mountains. (B)

# Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre, Jasper National Park.

# **DAY 6** EXPLORING JASPER

Join your Travel Director for an informative walk on the trails of Maligne Canyon, the deepest gorge in the Jasper National Park. Weather permitting, embark on a narrated cruise across the serene waters of Maligne Lake and stop at Spirit Island, one of the most photographed sites in the Canadian Rockies. (B)

# **DAY 7** RELAXING IN KANANASKIS

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy your scenic drive to Kananaskis and your upscale hotel nestled in the wilderness. Relax at the resort surrounded by mountainous beauty and modern comforts.

Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a festive Celebration Dinner and toast to your wonderful trip in the Canadian Rockies. (B) (DW)

Kananaskis Mountain Lodge, Autograph Collection.

# DAY 8 DEPART CALGARY OR BOARD THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Bid farewell to your group today and get transferred back to Calgary (airport arrival approx. at 12 pm). Or add the the spectacular Rocky Mountaineer Journey and get transferred back to Banff from Kananaskis to board the Rocky Mountaineer. Your journey on this luxurious train begins westward bound through the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. With more than three decades experience, Rocky Mountaineer has perfected the art of comfort and service. Prepare for spectacular views and flavourful food as you indulge in this unforgettable experience. You will see a spectacular array of scenery as you travel across ranchlands, along rocky lakeshores, over high mountain passes and through the remarkable tunnels that make up the rich rail history of the Canadian Rockies. Today's highlights include Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven, the climb over Rogers Pass, Kicking Horse Canyon, the Spiral Tunnels and, of course, the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Rockies. This evening you will disembark in Kamloops where you will overnight at your inviting hotel. (B) (L)

#### Assigned by Rocky Mountaineer, Kamloops.

# DAY 9 CONTINUE YOUR ROCKY MOUNTAINEER JOURNEY

Depart Kamloops this morning and continue vour journey on the Rocky Mountaineer to the coastal city of Vancouver, in the heart of British Columbia's interior. As you travel along you will see dramatic changes in scenery, from the desert-like environment of the British Columbia interior, the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley, and forests and winding river canyons surrounded by the peaks of the Coast and Cascade Mountains. Highlights include the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canvon and the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River. On arrival in Vancouver you will bid farewell to this incredible experience and transfer to the airport for your flight home, or alternatively choose to extend your stay in this exciting city. (B) (L)

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE** Choose to extend your trip on the Rocky Mountaineer. (*Day 9, The Rockies*)



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#### **KEY**

₩ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

Trip Options

# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE



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ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

8 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 12 MEALS 3 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

# MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**North Conway:** Learn about the wildlife and ecology of the North Woods with expert naturalist Chris Lewey.

# **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Lively Welcome Dinner in Boston • Highlight Dinner at the Austrian-style Trapp Family Lodge and Von Trapp Brewery • Celebration Dinner with lobster in Portland.

Taste the flavours of Ben and Jerry's ice cream on a guided tour • try Vermont's traditional 'sugar on snow'.

# TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Ride the scenic Gondola Skyride at Loon Mountain Resort.

Visit the Norman Rockwell Museum • The Vermont Country Store • Billings Farm and Museum • Ben and Jerry's Factory • Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks • Diana's Baths.

City tour of Boston.

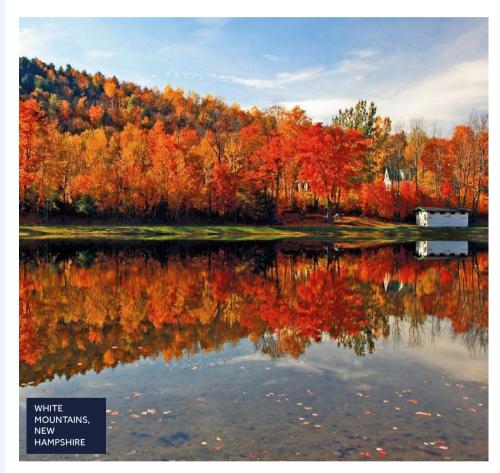
See the red-brick Freedom Trail • rolling Berkshire hills • Woodstock's covered bridge • Franconia Notch • Silver Cascade Waterfall • Bretton Woods • Mount Washington.

Enjoy the scenery of Massachusetts, the stunning fall foliage of Vermont, the striking hues of the Kancamagus Scenic Byway in New Hampshire and the coastlines of Maine and New Hampshire.

# NEW ENGLAND'S FALL FOLIAGE

"I love seeing guests come to the realisation that no pictures or videos could prepare them for the reality of nature's drama when surrounded by the majesty of the Fall landscapes in New England."

- Manuel, Travel Director









**BILLINGS FARM** 

# **DAY 1** WELCOME TO BOSTON

Affectionately known as Beantown, this revolutionary city is one of the oldest in the United States. On arrival at Boston Logan International Airport, a transfer will take you to your centrally located hotel, which is situated next to Boston Common, the city's largest park. After settling in, perhaps take a stroll to Downtown Crossing or historic Faneuil Hall. For those looking to shop, Quincy Market offers big brands and local products, set indoors and surrounding the columns of a regal 19th century building.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine and an opportunity to mingle with fellow quests at your hotel. (DW)

## Hyatt Regency Boston.

#### DAY 2 BEANTOWN TO WILLIAMSTOWN

Today you'll discover some of Boston's most famous sights as you delve into the city's transformative past.

You'll follow part of the red-brick Freedom Trail that brings the story of the American Revolution to life. Sights include Beacon Hill, Newbury Street, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the Old South Meeting

This afternoon, explore Stockbridge with an Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Norman Rockwell Museum, home to the largest and most significant collection of original Rockwell art. Alternatively, choose to take a guided tour of Chesterwood, the former summer home and studio of renowned 20th century sculptor Daniel Chester French. Travel on through the rolling hills of the Berkshires to your boutique hotel. Tucked away in the heart of Williamstown, this beautiful property is a prime example of timeless elegance. (B) (DW)

# The Orchards Hotel, Williamstown.

# DAY 3 THE LEGENDS OF THE FALL AND STOWE

Say goodbye to Massachusetts and journey through the bronze fall foliage of Vermont. Visit the Vermont Country Store for a unique shopping experience - you'll step back into history with their nostalgic assortment of products.

Explore the Rockefellers' renowned Billings Farm and Museum, a captivating working dairy and farm life museum, followed by a stop in the quintessential Vermont village of Woodstock with its picturesque, covered bridge.

End your day in the northern Vermont town of Stowe, home to the breathtaking alpine setting that attracted the real Von Trapp family of "The Sound of Music" fame in the late 1940s.

Enjoy Austrian-style lagers during your Highlight Dinner at Bierhall Restaurant, followed by a tour of the on-site microbrewery. (B) (DW)

#### Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe.

# **DAY 4** A TASTE OF VERMONT

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy Vermont's beautiful scenery ablaze with fall's golden red colours.

Experience a guided tour of the Ben and Jerry's Factory and get behind the scenes of their iconic flavours.

Return to the enchanting town of Stowe where the rest of the day is yours. From wandering its quaint streets to hiking in the woods or relaxing back at your lodge, make the most of your last evening at this mountain resort. (B)

# DAY 5 NORTH CONWAY AND THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Move on to Vermont's pretty capital, Montpelier. You'll travel to Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, where maple syrup is "tapped" from the trees. Taste a Vermont tradition, the unusually named 'sugar on snow', a combination of maple syrup and packed snow. This tasty treat is traditionally served with a doughnut and pickle.

Journey to New Hampshire's White Mountains and enter striking Franconia Notch.

Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRide at Loon Mountain Resort. On a clear day, you'll have superb panoramic views of New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New York and Canada.

Later, journey through the dazzling crimson and orange hues of the famed Kancamagus Scenic Byway to North Conway. This spectacular section of Route 112 is unspoiled by industry and boasts 34.5 miles of untouched natural beauty. (B) (DW)

# $North\,Conway\,Grand\,Hotel,\,North\,Conway.$

# DAY 6 SIGHTSEEING IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Relaxed Start. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you enjoy an insightful talk by a naturalist on the North Woods' wildlife and ecology. Expert Chris Lewey is the Executive Director and Founder of Raven Interpretive Programs. He holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies and will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

Then, more spectacular fall foliage awaits as you journey through Crawford Notch, an arresting pass through the White Mountains.

Stop for pictures at the Silver Cascade Waterfall and Bretton Woods, which offers stunning views of Mount Washington.

Your Travel Director will guide you on a scenic hike to Diana's Baths, which features a series of small cascading waterfalls.

Return to your hotel where you can enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

# DAY 7 THE RUGGED MAINE COAST

**Relaxed Start.** Cross from New Hampshire into Maine this morning and visit Portland Head Light on the shores of Fort Williams Park. This popular landmark is one of the most visited lighthouses in the country and is the oldest lighthouse in the state. Visit the historic town of Cape Elizabeth, and spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

In the evening, enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner featuring Maine lobster with your fellow travellers.
(B) (DW)

# Westin Portland Harborview, Portland.

## **DAY 8** BACK TO BOSTON

Visit the coastal town of Kennebunkport, summer retreat of the rich and famous. Travel along Ocean Drive with more stunning views of the Maine coastline, before driving back to Boston. Guests departing Boston will arrive at Boston Logan International Airport at 12:30. Those extending their stay will return to the Hyatt Regency Boston hotel. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Woodstock's Covered Bridge. (*Day 3, Vermont*)



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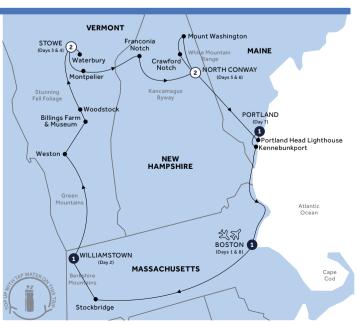
⊞ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE



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8 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
14 MEALS
8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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# **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Plymouth:** The Plimouth Patuxet Museum strives to create meaningful encounters with history built on thorough research about the Indigenous and European people with lineage on the land. The museum conducts ongoing research and scholarship, including historical archaeological excavation and curation both locally and abroad.

# **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Newport:** Home of America's Cup, sail aboard an 80-foot (24 metre) schooner learning about the coastline's rich and famous inhabitants, both past and present.

# **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Newport:** Choose to visit the Breakers, former home of the Vanderbilt family. Alternatively, visit the Elms, another distinct summer mansion. Another option is to visit the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

# **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Boston • Sea-to-Table Highlight Dinner with wine in Edgartown • Celebration Dinner with New England cuisine in Newport.

# **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise by ferry to the island of Martha's Vineyard • Take a high-speed catamaran to the picturesque island of Nantucket.

Visit the Pilgrim Hall Museum with a Local Expert and direct descendant of the Mayflower settlers • Sandwich Glass Museum • Cape Cod National Seashore • the 'qingerbread cottages' of Oak Bluffs.

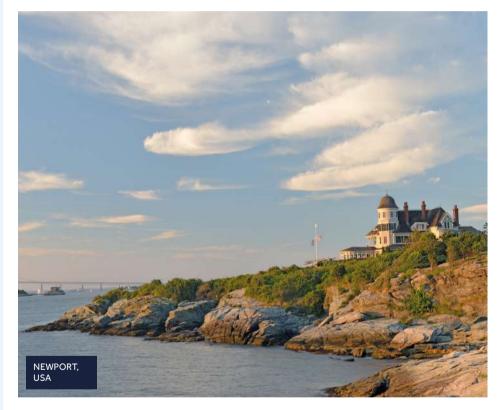
City tours of Boston, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Island.

# BOSTON, CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

# WITH CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CRUISE OPTION

"The beauty of Cape Cod and the Islands is like no other, with roadsides covered in sand and scrub pines everywhere. From Newport's Gilded Age Mansions to the unique vibe of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, the Cape holds many unique stories."

- Robin, Travel Director







BOSTON SEAFOOD DINNER

# DAY 1 BOSTON, THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY

Welcome to Boston, described by many as the most European city in the U.S. On arrival, you'll transfer from Boston Logan International Airport to your downtown hotel.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine and an opportunity to mingle with fellow guests. (DW)

Hyatt Regency Boston.

#### **DAY 2 HISTORIC BOSTON**

**Relaxed Start.** Explore the city with your Travel Director and learn about the city's transformative past.

You'll follow part of the red-brick Freedom Trail that brings the story of the American Revolution to life. Sights include Boston Common, the Old Corner Bookstore and the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown.

The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

# DAY 3 PILGRIM HERITAGE AND ON TO SANDWICH

This morning you will discover Plymouth's history at the first pilgrim settlement.

Visit Pilgrim Hall Museum, the oldest continuously operating public museum in the country and America's museum of Pilgrim possessions. Meet a direct descendant of the Mayflower party that landed on America's shores in 1620 and hear their family stories.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Plimouth Patuxet museum. This living memorial is dedicated to preserving the histories of the Native and English inhabitants of this region and educating the public on early settlers and the Wampanoag People in an immersive and engaging environment.

Later you'll get to know the Cape more intimately as you make your way to the coastal haven of Sandwich.

Experience the techniques of the English and Irish alassmakers at the Sandwich Glass Museum.

Relax at your charming inn tonight and indulge in a Dinner with wine. (B) (DW)

Dan'l Webster Inn and Spa, Sandwich.

# DAY 4 SANDWICH, OLDEST TOWN ON THE CAPE

Head out to Salt Pond on Cape Cod's National Seashore and learn about the natural wonder and human history represented on the Cape, from its First People and European settlement to modern lifestyles and communication technology. An optional experience on the Sand Dunes of the National Seashore may present itself later today. (B)

# DAY 5 MARTHA'S VINEYARD, A PRESIDENTIAL PARADISE

Board a ferry this morning to Martha's Vineyard. Home to pristine sandy beaches, outdoor attractions and heavenly harbour towns, this summer hangout is no stranger to presidential visits.

After disembarking, make your way to Oak Bluffs, known for its rainbow-coloured, gingerbread-like cottages.

Get acquainted with the island, accompanied by your Travel Director, before reaching your hotel.

Tonight's Sea-to-Table Highlight Dinner at Bettini Restaurant is sure to delight with the season's freshest offerings from local farms, fishing boats, foragers and markets. (B) (DW)

Harbor View Hotel, Martha's Vineyard.

# **DAY 6** NANTUCKET ISLAND

Depart Martha's Vineyard in style on a high-speed catamaran for the picturesque island of Nantucket. Not only has it retained the charm of a bygone era, it is one of the most exclusive coastal communities in the U.S. (B)

Hotel Viking Newport.

# DAY 7 NEWPORT, THE QUEEN OF SUMMER RESORTS

Relaxed Start. This morning choose the visit the Breakers, the grandest of Newport's summer cottages. Alternatively, choose to visit the Elms, a distinct mansion inspired by 18th century French chateaus. Another option is to visit the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Explore in nautical style onboard the Adirondack II, an 80-foot (24-metre) schooner, as your captain takes you on a cruise around the coastline.

Meet your new friends in the evening for a Celebration Dinner at La Forge Casino restaurant, known for its local fare, fresh seafood and many New England favourites. (B) (DW)

# **DAY 8** BACK TO BOSTON

For those heading home today there will be complimentary transfers to Boston Logan International Airport, arriving at 11:00.
Alternatively, you may return to the Hyatt Regency Boston if you wish to extend your stay. For those embarking on the Canada & New England Discovery cruise, you will stay in Boston and transfer to the port the following morning to board the MS Zaandam. (B)

# POST TRIP CRUISE OPTION

# DAYS 9 - 16 YOUR CANADA & NEW ENGLAND DISCOVERY CRUISE:

If you're continuing your journey on the Holland America Line Canada & New England Discovery cruise, get ready to board the MS Zaandam for a vovage along the Canadian and New England coasts. Continue north to Bar Harbor, gateway to Acadia National Park. Next, you'll head to Halifax, a maritime destination which offers a perfect mix of sea breezes and cultural charm. Cruise past the Highlands of Nova Scotia to the port of Sydney. Call in at Charlottetown where red doubledecker buses motor along streets lined with regal Victorian houses. The Gulf of St. Lawrence is defined by stunning coastline and beautiful islands. Continue on to Quebec City, known for its strong French influence both in its culture and architecture. As you travel the St. Lawrence River, witness its showcase of lighthouses, old fishing villages and exciting landscapes. Your trip ends in the old-world French city of Montreal. A departure transfer to Montreal International Airport is provided, arriving at approximately 10:30. (B) (L) (D)



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# **KEY**

₩ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

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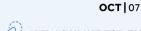
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© REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

9 DAYS
2 COUNTRIES
12 MEALS
9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*\*

# MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Gettysburg:** Learn how the Gettysburg Foundation works to preserve the artifacts from the battlefield, and their education efforts to promote democracy and freedom, the longstanding longstanding result from the battle

Join an eco-tour aboard a floating classroom on Cayuga Lake.

# **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**New York City:** Choose to cruise the Hudson River with views of the Manhattan skyline. Alternatively, take a bike tour through tranquil Central Park and experience its iconic locations.

# **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Washington, D.C. • Dinner with wine in Harrisburg • Highlight Lunch at a winery at Niagara Falls • Celebration Dinner in New York City.

# **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise the base of Niagara Falls.

City tours Washington, D.C. and New York with a Local Expert.

See the White House, Washington Monument and National Mall in Washington, D.C. • the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Chrysler Building and Rockefeller Center in N.Y.C.

# WASHINGTON, D.C., NIAGARA FALLS & N.Y.C.

"The trip captures a wide range of the American experience - key events leading to the American Revolution and the founding of the Republic, one of the county's great natural wonders and the 'wow' of New York City." - Jacki, Travel Director









CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK

# DAY 1 A MONUMENTAL TIME IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Welcome to Washington, D.C., the nation's capital and a haven for history and art buffs alike. On arrival at the airport, your transfer will take you to the luxurious Fairmont Hotel Georgetown.

Join your Travel Director and meet fellow guests at a private Welcome Dinner with drinks at 18:00. (DW)

#### Fairmont Washington D.C. Georgetown

# DAY 2 WASHINGTON, D.C. SIGHTSEEING

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, learn about the proud heritage of a nation. View the stately White House, striking Washington Monument, and sprawling National Mall. Reflect on the country's most turbulent days at the Lincoln Memorial and the somber World War II Memorial. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Ask your Travel Director for their sightseeing and dinner recommendations to help you to make the most of America's capital. (B)

#### DAY 3 GETTYSBURG AND HARRISBURG

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Gettysburg as you meet your Local Expert at the site of one of the Civil War's most pivotal, and fatal battles. Today the Gettysburg Foundation focuses not just on preserving artifacts from the battlefield but also on education to promote democracy. Move on to Harrisburg, the state capital of Pennsylvania situated on the Susquehanna River. This historic hub is now a beautiful and vibrant city.

Enjoy Dinner with wine at a local restaurant in Harrisburg. (B) (DW)

# Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel.

# **DAY 4** ON TO NIAGARA

Make your way to the Corning Museum of Glass, where you can learn about the art, history, culture, technology, science, craft, and design that tells the riveting story of the museum's single material, glass. Sandblast your own keepsake before watching master artisans at work.

Cross the Canadian border to arrive at Niagara Falls, where your hotel overlooks the majestic Horseshoe Falls – the largest of the three waterfalls in this area. (B)

# Niagara Falls Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa.

# DAY 5 NIAGARA UP-CLOSE

View thundering Niagara Falls during a thrilling cruise to the base of the cascades.

Visit Vineland Estates Winery for a tour and tasting with lunch. This stunning venue with extensive vineyards also showcases several restored historic buildings.

This afternoon witness the falls in a new light from below and behind, as you descend 150 feet (46 metres) by elevator to observe the phenomenon. This evening, you'll have time to relax on your own. (B) (LW)

#### DAY 6 THE FINGER LAKES OF NEW YORK

This morning you'll leave the falls behind and travel to the Finger Lakes region of New York. This beautiful natural setting features 11 glacial lakes situated among forested hills and quaint small towns.

Pay a special visit to the Three Brothers Wineries and Estates near Seneca Lake, featuring wineries, a microbrewery, slushie hut and cafe all focused on local sustainability.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience aboard the MV Teal to see a floating classroom in action on a scenic cruise, run by the non-profit Discover Cayuga Lake. Their focus is on local ecosystem preservation efforts, such as raising native trout for release in local streams and to provide lake access and activities for local families in need, at no cost. (B)

# Ithaca Marriott Downtown on the Commons, Ithaca.

#### DAY 7 A BITE OF THE BIG APPLE

Take a bite of the Big Apple on a tour of the city's highlights with a Local Expert.
See the Empire State Building and the mirrored peak of the Art Deco Chrysler Building as you admire one of the world's most iconic skylines.
Afterward, ascend to the Top of the Rock – the 70th floor of the Rockefeller Center Building – for a sweeping view of the skyscrapers, parks, rivers and urban canyons that make up the teeming isle of

Conrad New York Midtown, New York City.

# DAY 8 EXPLORING N.Y.C.

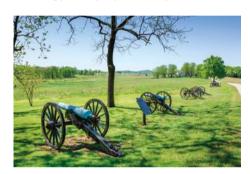
Relaxed Start. This morning, choose to enjoy a harbour cruise with impressive views of the Manhattan skyline, Ellis Island, and the towering Statue of Liberty. Glide down the Hudson River and get a glimpse of several stunning landmarks. Alternatively, if it's tranquillity you're after, relish the calm of Central Park with a scenic bike ride. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you please.

A lively Celebration Dinner this evening concludes your journey. Join your fellow travellers at Redeye Grill, a sophisticated, timeless, and comfortable dining experience in Midtown Manhattan. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 9 DEPART NEW YORK CITY**

It's time to say goodbye to the Empire State. A morning transfer will take you to JFK International Airport, LaGuardia Airport or Newark Liberty International Airport for your flight home.

Alternatively, choose to see more of New York by extending your stay at your own rhythm. (B)



**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER** Row of cannons. (Day 3, Gettysburg National Military Park)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Lady Liberty looking out over New York. *(Day 8, Statue of Liberty)* 



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# KEY

₹ Join/Leave Options

Ĥ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

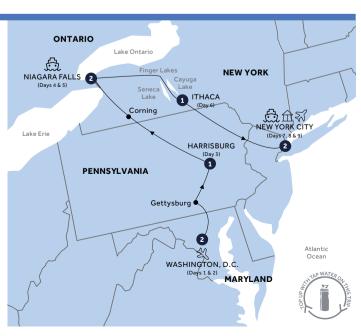
1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

🛱 Cruise

# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travelers.



Manhattan. (B)

2022 2023

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

12 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
17 MEALS
19 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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# **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Prince Edward Island:** Visit the Abegweit Mi'kmaq Nation, the indigenous community living on Prince Edward Island, for a special experience. Chief Junior Young will greet you and take you on a guided tour of the reservation where you'll learn about the community's projects aimed at developing new skills for the indigenous community and partake in a Smudging Ceremony.

# **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Halifax:** Choose to visit the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site. Alternatively, tour the Maud Lewis Gallery of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21.

**Prince Edward Island:** Choose between a lighthouse and winery tour or a scenic bike ride on Prince Edward Island.

# **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Halifax • Cape Bretonstyle Dinner with wine • Highlight Lunch in Georgetown • Highlight Lunch with wine while cruising Shediac Bay • Celebration Dinner and scallop demonstration in Digby.

# **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Embark on a cruise of Bras d'Or Lake • Take a whale watching cruise on the Bay of Fundy.

Visit Peggy's Cove • the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic • Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site • Green Gables Heritage Place • Cape Breton Highlands, Prince Edward Island and Fundy National Parks.

# LANDSCAPES OF THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

"One of the things that guests find the most memorable about the trip is the friendliness of the people and the overall hospitality that only Maritimers can give visitors to this part of Canada."

- Max, Travel Director









**HOPEWELL ROCKS** 

# **DAY 1** WELCOME TO HALIFAX

Arrive in Halifax, your quintessential maritime destination. You'll be picked up from Halifax International Airport and taken to your downtown hotel

Relax next to the waterfront before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at 18:00. (DW)

Marriott Harbourfront, Halifax.

# DAY 2 SIGHTSEEING AND RELAXATION IN **ΗΔΙΙΕΔΥ**

Relaxed Start. Delve into Halifax's nautical history at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, where your Local Expert will engage you in stories of key historic events, including the Halifax Explosion and the tragic sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Join a Local Expert for an informative exploration

of eclectic Halifax. This afternoon, explore Halifax with Insight Choice.

Choose to visit the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site. Alternatively tour the Maud Lewis Gallery, or the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. (B)

#### **DAY 3** HISTORIC LUNENBURG AND PEGGY'S COVE

Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lunenburg and meet a Local Expert for a walking tour. Hear tales of the fishing industry's impact on the region before visiting scenic Peggy's Cove.

Eniov a Highlight Dinner with live music back in Halifax. (B) (DW)

## DAY 4 CAPE BRETON ISLAND AND **BLOOMING BADDECK**

on a picturesque boat cruise across Bras d'Or Lake with your fellow travellers (weather permitting).

and Cape Breton-style home cooking at your waterfront hotel.

Continue your night with traditional music and song at a Ceilidh, a Celtic Evening where you'll enjoy a night of Acadian hospitality and entertainment. (B) (DW)

Inverary Resort, Baddeck.

#### DAY 5 THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE CAROT TRAIL

Immerse vourself in a unique experience at The Gaelic College, devoted to the study and preservation of the Gaelic and Celtic cultures. Learn about the tradition of fabric milling and see a kilt-making demonstration in action. Enjoy a relaxing drive along the Cabot Trail, one of the world's most scenic routes. Travel past Cape

# **DAY 6** BADDECK AND CHARLOTTETOWN

Breton Highlands National Park. (B)

In the morning, embark on an insightful visit to the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. Ferry across the Northumberland Strait to magical Prince Edward Island and quaint Charlottetown, where you'll spend the next three nights. This little city is a nautical dream, with its colourful fisherman's cottages and picturesque harbour. (B)

#### Delta Prince Edward, Charlottetown.

# **DAY 7 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SIGHTSEEING**

Discover picturesque Prince Edward Island with a Local Expert before heading on to Cavendish. Here you'll visit the Green Gables House, the fabled home that provided inspiration for L.M. Montgomery's children's classic, "Anne of Green Gables." Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience as you visit the Abegweit Mi'Kmaw Nation, an Indigenous community located east of

You'll be met by your local Knowledge Keeper who will welcome you to the community, before introducing you to the Seven Sacred Teachings and how they guide the Mi'kmaq people. (B)

# **DAY 8** INSIGHT CHOICE IN **CHARLOTTETOWN**

Relaxed Start. Head for the quaint seaside fishing village of Georgetown in eastern Prince Edward

Enjoy a delicious Highlight Lunch of island blue mussel cooked fresh by the fisherman. Then, take a short stroll through the village to the historic Georgetown Inn, where you'll be invited by the owner to continue your meal featuring fresh, locally arown produce.

Meet a local fisherman who will regale you with tales of life at sea and teach you all about the area's lobster and mussel industry

Explore Prince Edward Island with Insight Choice. Choose between a lighthouse tour with a winery visit and tasting. Alternatively, rent a bike and explore the city at your own pace. (B) (L)

# DAY 9 THE TIDES OF HOPEWELL ROCKS

Cruise the waters of Shediac Bay aboard a private lobster boat (weather permitting) and get a glimpse into the fascinating world of these sea creatures, as well as the lobster industry.

You'll also indulge in a delicious seafood Highlight Lunch with wine

Travel on to Hopewell Rocks on the shores of the bay, before arriving in the exciting city of Moncton. (B) (I W)

Crowne Plaza Moncton.

### DAY 10 LIVELY MONCTON TO DIGBY

Travel along the Fundy Trail Parkway, hugging the coast with stunning views in every direction and visit Fundy National Park. Board a ferry bound for Digby. (B)

Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa.

# DAY 11 DELIGHTFUL DIGBY AND ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Relaxed Start. Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime whale watching cruise (weather permitting) on the Bay of Fundy

Move on to the historic town of Annapolis Royal where you'll take a stroll with a costumed interpreter.

In the evening, meet a former scallop fisherman for a culinary demonstration and Celebration Dinner featuring the highly prized seafood. (B) (DW)

# **DAY 12 FAREWELL HALIFAX**

It's time to wave goodbye to Halifax and your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. Stops will be made at Halifax International Airport and The Marriott Harbourfront Halifax for guests wishing to extend their stay. Airport arrival will be at 12:00. (B)



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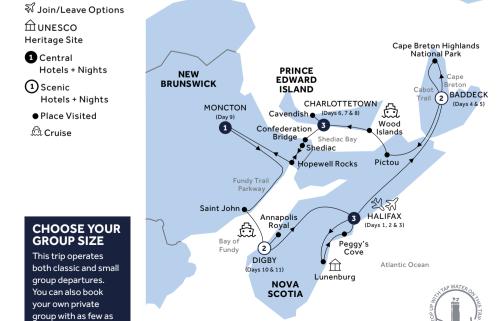


Journey to Cape Breton Island. In Baddeck, embark

In the evening, experience warm hospitality

**KEY** 

12 travelers.



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7-DAY Oahu and Maui option also available.

**Q** DISCOVERY JOURNEY **ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED** 

# 10 DAYS

1 COUNTRY 16 MEALS

11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

GUEST REVIEW

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# MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Oahu: Join an eco-tour with your Local Expert in the Hawaiian Legacy Forest and plant a native Milo tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem.

# **INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

Pearl Harbour: Explore the Pearl Harbour National Memorial and visit the USS Arizona Memorial- the final resting place of 1,102 sailors and marines.

# **INSIGHT CHOICE**

Maui: Choose to visit to Haleakala National Park. Alternatively, partake in a snorkeling trip on Molokini Island.

# **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome dinner in Waikiki • Farm-to-table Highlight Lunch on Oahu • Dine-Around Evening on Maui • Farm-to-table Highlight Lunch on Maui • Oceanfront Celebration Dinner on Hawaii.

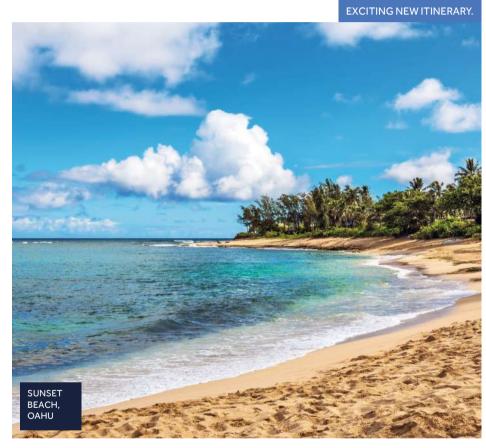
# **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Maui: Explore natural beauty of Iao Valley State Park and view the iconic 1,200-ft lao Needle.

Maui: Take a guided tour through the working Maui Gold Pineapple Plantation.

# HAWAII WITH OAHU, MAUI & THE BIG ISLAND

"I love taking visitors to the North Shore of Oahu and showing them another side of the island that goes beyond the expected. Known as an artist enclave and surfer's paradise, this corner of Hawaii also offers some of the most breathtaking sunsets in the world." - Matthew, Travel Director









**SNORKELING** 

#### DAY 1 ALOHA HAWAII

After your arrival at Honolulu Airport, the traditional lei greeting kicks off your Hawaii vacation. You are transferred to your oceanfront resort in Waikiki. The hotel was the setting for Blue Hawaii, Elvis Presley's 1961 movie and it is the birthplace of the legendary cocktail of the same name.

Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner with the Pacific Ocean as your backdrop. (DW)

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort,

# **DAY 2 PEARL HARBOUR**

Skip the line as you visit the Pearl Harbour National Memorial commemorating the tragic day of December 7th 1941. Walk through the Visitor Centre and take a short boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial, the final resting place of 1,102 sailors and marines. Listen to the moving and award-winning audio guide and recount the events that led the US to join World War II

From here head to the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It honours all those who served in the US Armed Forces and lost their lives during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Return to Waikiki and spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

# DAY 3 A TRIP AROUND OAHU

Set out to explore Oahu on an exciting island tour. Take in the epic views from Pali Lookout towards the Kaneohe Bay and the Windward Coast. The valley below was the scene of a bloody battle in 1795 when King Kamehameha I extended his rule over the island with an army of 10,000 men. Journey beneath the towering Ko'olau Cliffs and along the rugged coastline. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you join an eco-tour with your Local Expert in the Hawaiian Legacy Forest and plant a native Milo tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem as you join an eco-tour in the Hawaiian Legacy Forest and plant a native Milo tree.

Delve into an al fresco, sustainably sourced Farmto-Table lunch while enjoying epic views of the North Shore.

Continue to Sunset Beach where in the winter months waves can reach 30ft making it a favourite spot among big wave surfers worldwide. Visit Haleiwa, the social and artistic hub of the North Shore. Grab some shaved ice and stroll among small boutiques and plantation-era buildings to soak up the laid-back ambiance. Finally, return to Waikiki after your eventful day and enjoy your evening at leisure. (B) (L)

# DAY 4 MAUI, THE VALLEY ISLE

Take a short flight to Kahului on Maui. This slice of Hawaiian island paradise offers magnificent nature and a wide variety of activities. Visit the awe-inspiring lao Valley State Park and see the 1,200-foot landmark lao Needle. This greenmantled rock outcropping overlooks sacred lands and was used as a burial site for Hawaii's chiefs for centuries.

Journey to Lahaina, once a busy whaling port and plantation settlement. Join your Travel Director for a walk through the Historic District before continuing to your oceanfront resort.

In the evening you are invited to choose your own dining experience from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. Your options include a magical evening at the Wailele Luau for a taste of traditional Polynesian cuisine, dance and storytelling, or one of the resort's other acclaimed restaurants. (B) (DW)

The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali Beach, Maui.

#### **DAY 5 UPCOUNTRY MAUL**

**Relaxed Start.** Stroll along Kaanapali Beach and lay by the pool or shop in the boutiques of Whaler's Village. Later this morning, head to Upcountry Maui and discover a different face of the island.

Indulge in a Farm-to-Table lunch at the Hali'imaile General Store. Originally a plantation shop in the early 20th century, the restaurant is known for its outstanding island cuisine. At its peak, Hawaii produced 75% of the world's pineapples and the tropical fruit became a symbol for the state. Visit one of the last working pineapple farms with a fun and knowledgeable Local Expert. Discover the deep impact these plantations had on the islands and sample some of the extra sweet Maui Gold variant. Return to your resort and spend the evening at your leisure. (B) (LW)

# DAY 6 INSIGHT CHOICE IN MAUI

Explore Maui with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Haleakalā National Park offering an astonishing volcanic landscape. Hear the Hawaiian legends about the dormant volcano and see the unique Haleakalā Silversword plant. Alternatively, set sail to the crescent shaped Molokini island for a memorable snorkelling trip. Marvel at the colourful tropical fish and enjoy a light lunch on board.

Tonight, get together with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

# DAY 7 TO THE BIG ISLAND

Take a short flight to Hawai'i, the largest island of the archipelago. Upon arrival, spend time in easy-going Kailua-Kona, once the home of Kamehameha I, Hawaii's great ruler.

Travel from the beach to the cloud forest and join a Local Expert to learn about Kona coffee. Enjoy a tasting of this gourmet speciality that only grows on the slopes of two local active volcanoes. See native plants, fruits and the organic coffee fields on your tour around the plantation.

Continue to your luxurious resort accommodation

Hilton Waikola Village.

# DAY 8 THE VOLCANOES OF HAWAII

and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

Rise early for an unforgettable trip around the island. Journey through the historic Parker Ranch, a huge working cattle farm spread across 130,000 acres. Marvel at the beauty of the Hamakua Coast as you travel past lush tropical rainforests and tranquil green valleys. After a luscious lunch enter the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Take the stunning Crater Rim Drive around the Kilauea Caldera and walk through the otherworldly Thurston lava tube. Hear the legends of Pele, the goddess of volcanoes and fire and the creator of the Hawaiian Islands. Stop by the magical Rainbow Falls on your way back to your resort. (B) (L)

# DAY 9 A DAY TO RELAX

**Relaxed Start.** Spend your day by the pool, enjoy a spa treatment or snorkel in the local lagoon looking for the rare green sea turtles. You can also join an Optional Experience to the summit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii's highest point.

Tonight, come together at an oceanfront restaurant for a Celebration Dinner and toast to your travels. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 10 FAREWELL HAWAII**

You are transferred to Kona Airport where your journey comes to an end. (B)



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#### KEY

₹ Join/Leave Options

**★** Included Flights

Heritage Site

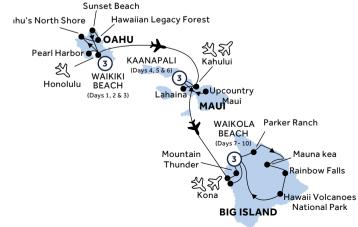
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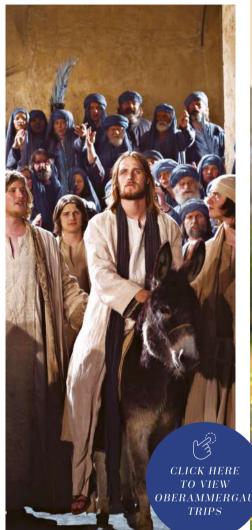
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SUMMARY BOOKING AND CANCELLATION TERMS									
	Level 1	Level 2	Oberammergau	Additional Air Tickets	Extra Accommodation	Chargeable Transfers			
Deposit per person due on booking	\$200	\$350	\$760	As per airline policy	No additional deposit required	No additional deposit required			
Final payment due (before trip start date)	60 days	90 days	90 days	As per airline policy	In accordance with guided vacation	In accordance with guided vacation			
No. of days (before trip start date)	Cancellation Charges (per person) if you cancel your vacation								
120 days and over	Deposit	Deposit	Deposit	\$75plus airline charges	\$35	\$35			
119 – 90 days	Deposit	Deposit	Deposit	\$75plus airline charges	\$35	\$35			
89 - 60 days	Deposit	30%	100 % of Oberammergau supplement + 30% of land only price excl. Oberammergau	\$75plus airline charges	\$35	\$35			
59 - 16 days	30%	60%	100 % of Oberammergau supplement + 30% of land only price excl. Oberammergau	\$75plus airline charges	Higher of \$35 or 25% of accommodation price	Higher of \$35 or 25% of transfer price			
15 - 8 days	50%	90%	100 % of Oberammergau supplement + 50% of land only price excl. Oberammergau	\$75plus airline charges	Higher of \$35 or 30% of accommodation price	Higher of \$35 or 30% of transfer price			
7 - 1 days	90%	100%	100% of Oberammergau supplement + 90% of land only price excl. Oberammergau	\$75plus airline charges	100% of accommodation price	100% of transfer price			
Departure Day/No show	100%	100%	100%	\$75plus airline charges	100% of accommodation price	100% of transfer price			

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Level 2: These trips are listed at insightvacations.com/Booking-Levels but are generally trips which include cruise/ferry, train or intra-trip flight elements

# YOUR VACATION BOOKING

For the purposes of this document reference to "you" or "your" includes all guests in the party, Insight Vacations (Canada) Ltd is the "Sales Company. The 'Operator' for the trips will be as described in the table below. Collectively these companies are referred to as "insight."

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USA & Canada, Central America, South America	Destination America		

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Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is highly recommended for all guests covering all

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This insurance should cover; trip interruption, personal injury, medical expenses, evacuation and repatriation cover including during pandemic events. The choice of insurer is yours

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# RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Your trip will be confirmed after receipt of a non-refundable deposit as detailed in the Summary Booking and Cancellation Terms table.

Air-inclusive bookings may require an additional non-refundable deposit or payment in full at the time of booking, see Air Airangements section. Final payment for your trip reservation will be due prior to departure no later than as detailed in the Summary Booking and Cancellation Terms table.

# BOOKING CHANGES

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# CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellation by Traveller: Travel arrangements for any member of the party may be cancelled at any time by written notice by the person who made the booking. If notice of cancellation is received by Insight before final payment is due (see Summary Booking and Cancellation table), the deposit will be retained. If cancel-lation is made after final payment is due cancellation fees will apply (see Summary Booking and Cancellation table). Please also refer to Air Cancellation Section where

All cancellations fees as per the Summary Booking and Cancellation table are additional to any cancellation fees or other charges that may be levied by your travel advisor.

Travel Protection Plan premiums are non-refundable.

**Cancellation by Insight:** Insight reserves the right, to modify or cancel any trip (definite or not), accommodation, in-destination activity or arrangement at any time.

#### Cancellation due to Failure to Pay

to the full payment is not received by the due date (see Summary Booking and Cancel-lation table), Insight has the right to cancel your reservation and no refund will be made. Insight will not be responsible for lost reservations.

# Cancellation due to Force Majeure Events

If Insight cancels a trip as a result of a Force Majeure Event, a future travel credit (FTQ) to the value of funds paid to date less any third-party costs incurred will be provided. All FTCs will be valid for 24 months from date of sisue. Where a trip is terminated mid-trip due to a Force Majeure event, if we provide you

with any alternative services or assistance (such as hotels or travel) then you agree to nay for these costs

#### Cancellation due to Events other than Force Maieure Events

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If the cancellation by Insight is not as a result of a Force Majeure Event, Insight will
provide an alternative comparable trip (if available) if an alternative is not available
then a refund will be made. Insight is not liable for any cancellation or change cost
or penalties incurred on other travel arrangements, including air travel, that may
be affected thereby.

Insight is not responsible for other travel arrangements that you or your party have made outside Insight and which are affected by our cancellations.

# OBERAMMERGAU AND PASSION PLAY

All Oberammergau inclusive vacation prices are subject to change including, but not limited to, hotels, meals, sightseeing inclusions, itineraries, transfers and transportation.

No Book Early Discount nor any other discounts are applicable to the Oberammer gau portion of the trip.

Deposit protection guarantee is not available on trips including Oberammergau. Insight has secured hotel accommodation either in Oberammergau or close by in the Insight has secured hotel accommodation either in Oberammergau or close by in the picturesque villages of the Bavarian Alps. Please note that single and triple rooms are not available for the Oberammergau stay. Solo travellers and triple share guests will be matched and accommodated in a twin room with a fellow solo Insight traveller (of the same gender) for the duration of the stay. All services in Oberammergau are provided by a local agent, and hotel details will be advised by the Travel Director during the trip. NOTE: Where Oberammergau specific terms and conditions conflict with those for vacations excluding Oberammergau, the specific Oberammergau terms and conditions shall prevail.

conditions shall prevail.

# FLIGHT RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS

Reservations/ Ticketing: Air-inclusive bookings and some intra-trip flights require an

additional non-refundable deposit or full payment may be required for your airfare additional noth-retundation expession of full payment may be required for your airrare at the time of booking. On receipt of full air payment your airrare, taxes and all flight surcharges are final. Insight does not hold an allocation of air seats and all flight researchations are made on request and are subject to the terms and conditions of the airline. Changes to flight flineraries and name changes and/or corrections may either not be allowed or may result in penalties charged by the airline. These are the guest's responsibility along with the fees charged as described above.

Air Changes or Cancellation: After deposit has been received any changes, including cancellations incur a service fee, plus any airline penalties. Airline imposed penalties may be up to 100% of the air licket price. Published Fares, Priced Match Fares, Promo Fares and some other airfaires booked are non-refundable.

Not showing up for your outbound flight as booked and ticketed will be considered a no-show, and all the connecting flights associated with this one, even a return flight will be cancelled and no refund will apply.

# FINANCIAL PROTECTION

# We provide financial protection for our package holidays.

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The company participates in The Ontario Travel Industry Compensation Fund which compensates consumers who paid for but did not receive travel services because of the bankruptcy or insolvency of a registered Ontario travel agency or travel wholesaler to a maximum of \$5,000,000 per incident. Consumers may also be eligible for reimbursement from the Compensation Fund if they booked and paid for airline or cruise line travel services from an Ontario registered travel retailer and have not received the travel services due to the bankruptcy or insolvency of the airline or cruise line buffield also consumers may be eligible for reimbursement up to \$5,000. cruise line. Individual consumers may be eligible for reimbursement up to \$5,000 per person, subject to the provisions of Ontario Regulation 26/05 pursuant to the Travel Industry Act, 2002.

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# **CONDITIONS FOR SAVINGS & DISCOUNTS**

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS

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Discounts and savings only apply to the land portion of your holiday, may not be available on all trips and departures, and are not applicable with extra nights' accommodations, optional extensions, air fares, taxes and fees, flight supplements, surcharges and airport transfers. Sometimes more than one discount can apply See the relevant trip page on our website for savings details, availability and restrictions for each trip.

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PAST GUEST DISCOUNT

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#### SECOND TRIP DISCOUNT

Book two Insight trips of seven days or more and save on the lower priced trip. Take three trips and save on two. All trips must be booked at the same time and on the same booking number to qualify. Savings may vary by trip—see individual trip page on our website for details. Does not apply

to Egypt, Israel, Jordan or India trips or trips with trains, cruises or cruise extensions.

ROOMMATE MATCHING
If travelling alone, we will match you with someone of the same gender, so you don't have to pay the single room supplement. Roommate matching will be accommodated in non-smoking twin rooms and is not applicable on all Russia titheraries, all cleand titneraries. Ancient Civilizations, Golden Ring, WW1 Battlefields, Malta tours, or tours with cruises.

# SINGLE SUPPLEMENT SAVINGS

Not available on all trips. Trip departures have a limited number of single rooms.

## TRIPLE ROOM DISCOUNT

Triple rooms are suitable for two adults and one child (three adults may find rooms too small as they often have one double and one foldaway bed and limited suitcase space). Triple rooms are limited on cruises and not available on all trips. Asavings or supplemental charge may apply depending on the trip. See individual trip page on our website for details. Can be combined with other discounts.

# YOUNG TRAVELLER SAVING

Must be aged 5-17 at time of travel and accompanied by at least one adult sharing a twin room. Discounts are limited to one per room and are not available on our Israel, Jordan and Egypt trips, or trips with cruises. Can be combined with other discounts.

# SMALL GROUP DISCOUNT

Travel with us and enjoy benefits on bookings of nine or more travellers. Contact groups@insightvacations.ca or call 1877 262 8504 for journey ideas and savings.

# **DEPOSIT PROTECTION**

Should your plans change and you cancel your booking before final payment is due, you will receive a credit of C\$200 per person, valid for up to five years from date of cancellation. This credit cannot be used as a deposit against your future booking and can only be used as a credit against your final payment. Only one credit per person can be applied to each booking.

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as for pre-existing conditions. For details, please consult the policy.

## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE -**

vices Provided by Active Claims Management Inc. (operating as "Active Care Management" or "ACM")

# TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT PROTECTION

Trip Cancellation: Up to Total Trip Cost Insured

Reimburses the non-refundable Insight Vacations cancellation penalties imposed if you must cancel your trip for a specified reason such as illness, injury or death to you, a travelling companion, or an immediate family member. Other eligible reasons for cancellation include delays to your Common Carrier due to inclement weather, jury duty, subpoena, or a documented traffic accident en-route to departure, and other reasons as cited in the policy.

# The Insight Vacations "Pre-Departure Any Reason" Cancellation Waiver

With the Insight Vacations "Pre-Departure Any Reason" Cancellation Waiver, you will be reimbursed 100% of the cancellation charges in the form of a Insight Vacations travel credit certificate, should you cancel your trip more than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure for any reason that is not eligible for cash reimbursement under the Trip Cancellation section of the policy. Please note that to be eligible for the "Pre-Departure Any Reason" Cancellation Waiver, you must enroll and pay for your policy within 72 hours of your initial trip deposit. The certificate is subject to terms and conditions as explained by Insight Vacations.

Trip Interruption: Unlimited after departure **Trip Delay:** Up to C\$3,500 (C\$350/day)

The above information is a summary-we have highlighted just a few of the policy benefits, terms,conditions, and exclusions. If you have any questions regarding Manulife Travel Insurance for The Travel Corporation or to request a copy of the policy, please call 1-866-298-2722 and reference our ID code:

# COVID-19 Pandemic Travel Plan

For a greater level of insurance and peace of mind, Manulife now offers a supplemental COVID-19  $Pandemic\ Travel\ Plan,\ available\ to\ Canadians\ travelling\ in\ Canada\ and\ internationally,\ including\ to\ countries\ with\ a\ Level\ 3\ Travel\ Advisory.$ 

Please note, this is a supplemental insurance plan, to be purchased in addition to any existing Travel and Medical Insurance plan you may have.

 $For plan \, details, questions, or to \, request \, a \, copy \, of \, the \, Manulife \, COVID-19 \, Pandemic \, Travel \, Plan \, policy, and the contraction of the covid policy and the covid policy of the covid policy and the covid policy of the covid p$ 

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\*NOTE: The Emergency Medical benefits of this plan are subject to a maximum benefit limit of C\$25,000  $\,$ for those persons who, at the time of claim, do not have valid hospital and medical insurance under a Government Health Insurance Plan of a province or territory of Canada.

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Email inquiries to: travel\_referral@manulife.com
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TRIPLE ROOM DISCOUNT



**SAVE UP TO 10%** 

YOUNG TRAVELLER SAVING 5-17 YEAR OLDS

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